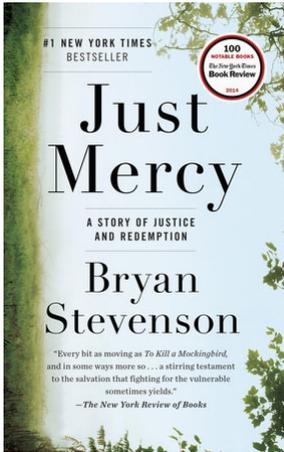


Social Justice Book Club

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

18 November, 11 am at Rinconada Library



Just Mercy is Bryan Stevenson's account of his decades-long career as a legal advocate for marginalized people who have been either falsely convicted or harshly sentenced. Though the book contains profiles of many different people, the central storyline is that of the relationship between Stevenson, the organization he founded (the Equal Justice Initiative, or EJI), and Walter McMillian, a black man wrongfully accused of murder and sentenced to death in Alabama in the late 1980's. Throughout the book, Stevenson provides historical context, as well as his own moral and philosophical reflections on the American criminal justice and prison systems, ultimately arguing that society should choose empathy and mercy over condemnation and punishment. ISBN 978-0812984965

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Get Involved with these Local Organizations!



The following organizations serve locally incarcerated individuals:

- **Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County Justice Empowerment programs** (catholiccharitiesscc.org/justice-empowerment) provide vocational and educational services for youth and adults in the criminal justice system, juvenile hall services, and adult inmate supportive services at Main and Elmwood jails. Their inmate support services programs rely heavily on volunteers and welcome your interest.
- **Legal Research Associates** (Iranet.com) provides corrections agencies throughout California with effective and affordable programs to support inmate access to the courts, as required by law.



Santa Clara County offers robust reentry resources through local partners:

- **Santa Clara County's Reentry Resource Center** (sccgov.org > Reentry Services) is a one-stop shop providing support to formerly incarcerated residents, including health and mental health referrals, food and housing assistance, counseling and mentoring, as well as alternative custody programs and faith-based services offering hope, compassion, forgiveness, trust and accountability.
- Both **Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto** (clespa.org) and **Mills Community Law Clinic** (law.stanford.edu/community-law-clinic) provide criminal record expungement services.



A number of locally active **anti-death penalty** and **criminal justice organizations** include advocacy groups **ACLU** (aclunc.org/issue/criminal-justice-and-drug-policy) and **Amnesty International** (amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/death-penalty), as well as faith-based organizations, such as **California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty** (californiapopleoffaith.org).

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