



FIRST FRIDAYS BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION:

# Caste

## The Origins of Our Discontents

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Isabel Wilkerson** is a native of Washington, D.C., and a daughter of the Great Migration, the mass movement that she would go on to write about. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing in 1994, as Chicago Bureau Chief of The New York Times, making her the first African-American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in journalism. She then devoted fifteen years and interviewed more than 1,200 people to tell the story of the six million people, among them her parents, who defected from the Jim Crow South.



### ABOUT THE BOOK

*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is a nonfiction book by the American journalist Isabel Wilkerson, published in August 2020 by Random House. The book describes racism in the United States as an aspect of a caste system – a society-wide system of social stratification characterized by notions such as hierarchy, inclusion and exclusion, and purity. Wilkerson does so by comparing aspects of the experience of American people of color to the caste systems of India and Nazi Germany, and she explores the impact of caste on societies shaped by them, and their people.

Participants will join the Office of Equity and Inclusion in this new book discussion while we navigate in this 90-minute conversation facilitated by Sharon Wilder, CEIO and and led by Dr. André Brown, Professor of Psychology, at Montgomery College.



**Friday, March 4, 2022**

**Friday, April 1, 2022**

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



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