

## SIDE 1: BOOKS

### GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO RESPONDING TO POVERTY FROM A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

**Poverty and Justice Bible** by the American Bible Society (Available from Kalahari.net)

This paperback Bible has highlighted all 2,000 references to poverty and justice. A great resource for small groups.

**Good news to the poor: The Gospel Through Social Involvement** by Tim Chester

**When Helping Hurts** by Steve Corbett and Mike Fikkert

Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty, resulting in the use of strategies that do considerable harm to poor people and themselves. *When Helping Hurts* provides foundational concepts, principles and relevant applications.

**Ministries of Mercy** by Tim Keller

Like the wounded man on the Jericho road, there are needy people on our path. Keller demonstrates that caring for needy people is the job of every believer.

**Justice, Mercy and Humility** by Tim Chester

Chester explores the challenges of integral mission among the poor today to strengthen the work and witness of the evangelical church worldwide and encourage more effective relief and development to poor communities.

**Walking with the Poor** by Bryant Myers (A more technical, academic book)

Theology, spirituality and social science are synthesized in the definitive book. Myers explores Christian views of poverty, its causes, and how it is experienced differently in different cultures.

**Being Human: Confessions of a Christian Humanist** by John W. de Gruchy (Normally available at Exclusive Books)

**The Irresistible Revolution** by Shane Claiborne  
Claiborne's chatty and compelling narrative is magnetic - his stories draw the reader in with humor and intimacy, only to turn the most common ways of practicing religion upside down.

**Make Poverty Personal** by Ash Barker

Poverty is not new. And neither is God's deep concern for the poor. Yet sadly, Christians have too often been blind to this emphasis, or they have been paralyzed into inaction by feelings of helplessness. In this urgent, provocative book, Ash Barker offers both challenge and hope.

**TEAR Fund** website resource section:  
See [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

### EMBRACING A LIFESTYLE OF SIMPLICITY

**Three books by Richard Foster:**

Freedom of Simplicity, Celebration of Discipline, and Money, sex and power

**Books by Dallas Willard:**

The Divine Conspiracy, Renovations of the Heart, and The Great Omission

# BOOK AND MOVIE LIST

## HISTORY OF CAPE TOWN AND SOUTH AFRICA

**A History of South Africa** by Frank Welsh

**Country of My Skull** by Antjie Krog

This book by Antjie Krog is primarily about the findings of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

**Steering by the Stars** by Mamphela Ramphele

Sixteen teenagers grew up in Crossroads, Cape Town, in the 1990s. A decade later they find themselves in markedly different circumstances. What has made the difference?

**The Power of One** by Bryce Courtenay

This novel is set in South Africa during the 1930s and 1940s. After his mother has a severe psychological breakdown, Peekay is sent to boarding school. Being the only English speaking boy in the largely Afrikaner school, Peekay soon becomes the target of the other boys.

Publications from **The Institute of Justice and Reconciliation**

See [www.ijr.org.za/publications.php](http://www.ijr.org.za/publications.php)

## AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time** by Greg Mortenson with David Oliver Relin

**Khayelitsha: uMlungu in a Township** by Steven Otter

**Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust** by Immaculee Ilibagiza with Steven Erwin

**Long Walk to Freedom** by Nelson Mandela



## SIDE 2: MOVIES

### MOVIES RELATED TO APARTHEID AND RESTITUTION

**Forgiveness** Tertius Coetzee was a police officer during the Apartheid era and was responsible for the torture and death of Daniel Grootboom, a young freedom fighter. After being granted amnesty by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he travels to the West Coast fishing village of Paternoster to visit Daniel's family and ask for their forgiveness.

**Amandla! A revolution in four-part harmony** is a 2002 award-winning documentary depicting the struggles of black South Africans against the injustices of Apartheid through the use of music. The film takes its name from the Nguni word *amandla*, which means power.

**Invictus** The film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite South Africa. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team as they make their historic run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship match.

**Skin** is a 2009 biographical film about Sandra Laing, a South African woman born to white parents but was classified as "coloured" during the Apartheid era.

### EDUCATION, HIV/AIDS AND OTHER SOCIAL ILLS

**Testing Hope: Grade 12 in the new South Africa** chronicles the lives of young people facing their future in the evolving democracy of South Africa. The film follows four students as they work towards their crucial Matric exams which one student calls "the decider."

**Themba** is the moving story of a young Xhosa boy who dreams of being a soccer star and longs for his absent father to return home. Against all odds, he realizes his soccer dream and plays for Bafana Bafana. This gives him the courage to take a public stand and tell the world that he is HIV positive.

**Tsotsi** In Johannesburg, the small time criminal Tsotsi is a teenager without feelings, hardened by his tough life. Tsotsi hijacks a car. While driving the car, he finds that there is a baby on the back seat. For six days the baby changes his behavior, arousing and developing the sense of empathy and humanity in the cold blood killer.

**Yesterday** tells the story of a young mother, called Yesterday, who discovers she has AIDS. Her husband, a migrant mine laborer, who originally gave her the disease, rejects her. Her ambition becomes to live long enough to see her daughter, Beauty, go to school.

**District 9** In 1982, a massive star ship bearing an alien population, nicknamed "The Prawns," appeared over Johannesburg, South Africa. The refugee camp where the aliens were located has deteriorated to squalor. In 2010, the munitions corporation is contracted to forcibly evict the population.

**Sarafina!** is a South African musical by Mbongeni Ngema depicting students involved in the Soweto Riots, in opposition to apartheid. It was adapted into a 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg and Leleti Khumalo.

### MOVIES SET BEYOND SOUTH AFRICAN BORDERS

**Amazing Grace** is a 2006 film about the campaign against the slave trade in 19th century Britain, led by William Wilberforce, who was responsible for steering anti-slave trade legislation through the British parliament. The title is a reference to the hymn "Amazing Grace" and the film also recounts John Newton's writing of the hymn and highlights his influence on Wilberforce.

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**Slumdog Millionaire** The story of Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India's "Kaun Banega Crorepati?" (Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?) But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating; how could a street kid know so much? Desperate to prove his innocence, Jamal tells the story of his life. Each chapter of Jamal's story reveals where he learned the answers to the show's seemingly impossible quizzes.

### DOCUMENTARIES

**The Age of Stupid** This ambitious documentary hybrid stars Pete Postlethwaite as an archivist in the devastated world of the future, asking the question: "Why didn't we stop climate change when we still had the chance?" He looks back on footage of real people around the world in the years leading up to 2015 before runaway climate change took place.

**God Grew Tired of Us** In 1987, Sudan's Muslim government pronounced death to all males in the Christian south: 27,000 boys fled to Ethiopia on foot. In 1991, they were forced to flee to Kenya; 12,000 survived to live in a U.N. camp in Kakuma. The film follows three young men who repatriate to the U.S.

**Born into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids** is a 2004 documentary about the children of prostitutes in Sonagachi, Kolkata's red light district. The widely acclaimed film won a string of accolades including the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature in 2004.

### OTHER FILMS

**Rich** by Rob Bell

The **UCT library** has a selection of movies. Try to find a student who has a card and look at the selection there.

