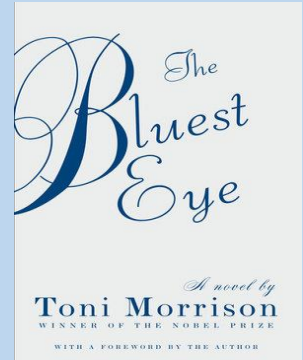


Parish Discussion Book: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Materials to Enrich your Reading

The Bluest Eye is the first novel written by Toni Morrison, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart, she yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in.



Yet as her dream grows more fervent, her life slowly starts to disintegrate in the face of adversity and strife. A powerful examination of our obsession with beauty and conformity, Toni Morrison's virtuosic first novel asks powerful questions about race, class, and gender with the subtlety and grace that have always characterized her writing. *(From the publisher).*

The Parish Anti-Racism Committee will host a discussion of the book via Zoom on 9/28/21 at 7 pm. Stay tuned for a registration link for this discussion event.

Please consider supporting a local [black-owned book retailer](#) if you plan to buy your book.



Learn more about the author, Toni Morrison, in this PBS [documentary](#)

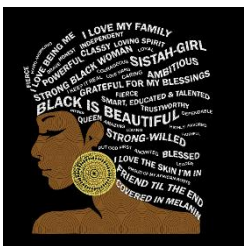


Understanding themes and motifs through [poetry](#) inspired by the book

Exploring the psychology of racial identity in the landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* [court case](#)



Illuminating children's [awareness of race](#) through *Brown v. Board of Education*

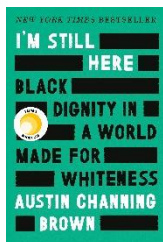


Learn about how to fight racialized beauty [standards](#)

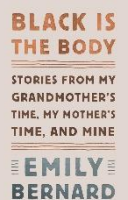


Understanding social concepts of beauty through the [Dolls Test](#)

Non-Fiction to complement your reading:
I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown



Non-Fiction to complement your reading:
Black Is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time, and Mine by Emily Bernard



Further reading suggestions from the STV Parish anti-racism committee can be found on the parish [website](#).