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PEACEFUL READERS INFORMATION SHEET

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Book Title	<i>A Politics of Love: A Handbook for a New American Revolution</i>
Book Author	Marianne Williamson
Book Publication Date	2019 & 2021
Book Publisher	HarperCollins
Print Length	240 pages

Book Club Event Information

Event Dates	April 11, 2022 & May 9, 2022, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm EDT
Event Registration Link	Here
Event Webpage	Here

Where to Borrow or Buy Your Copy

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- Check your public library, or a college library if you have access. If they do not have copies in circulation, they *may* be able to acquire a copy through interlibrary loan.

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- Amazon and Barnes & Noble are two larger booksellers with online and in-store purchasing options.

Book Description

“In this stirring call to arms, the activist, spiritual leader, and *New York Times* bestselling author of the classic *A Return to Love* confronts the cancerous politics of fear and divisiveness threatening the United States today, urging all spiritually aware Americans to return to—and act out of—our deepest value: love.

America’s story is one of great social achievement. From the Abolitionists who fought to outlaw slavery, to the Suffragettes who championed women’s right to vote, to the Civil Rights proponents who battled segregation and institutionalized white supremacy, to the proponents of the women’s movement and gay rights seeking equality for all, citizens for generations have risen up to fulfill the promise of our nation. Over the course of America’s history, these activists have both embodied and enacted the nation’s deepest values.

Today, America once again is in turmoil. A spiritual cancer of fear threatens to undo the progress we have achieved. Discord and hatred are dissolving our communal bonds and undermining the spirit of social responsibility—the duty we feel toward one another. In this powerful spiritual manifesto, Marianne Williamson offers a tonic for this cultural malignancy. She urges us to imitate the heroes of our past and live out our deepest spiritual commitment: where some have sown hatred, let us now sow love.

Williamson argues that we must do more than respond to external political issues. We must address the deeper, internal causes that have led to this current dysfunction. We need a new,

whole-person politics of love that stems not just from the head but from the heart, not just from intellectual understanding but from a genuine affection for one another. By committing to love, we will make a meaningful contribution to the joyful, fierce, and disruptive energies that are rising at this critical point in time. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "we must think anew, and act anew . . . and then we shall save our country."

Book reviews available, including from [audible](#) and [goodreads](#).

Reflection Questions

- What is my biggest takeaway from "A Politics of Love"?
- What did I learn about American systems?
- How are youth suffering in this country and what is the cost of chronic trauma (as described by Marianne)?
- What did I learn about the history of post-reconstruction in America?
- What are my understandings of the immigrant story in this country?
- What are my thoughts on cultivating peace rather than investing more money in war? Reflect on Marianne's discussion on war and peace in the 21st century.
- Do I agree with Marianne's vision of a politics of love? Why or why not?
- How can I engage in local politics or in an issue or cause that I care about?
- How will I feel when I participate in positive change?

Learning Resources

- "[On Politics and Morality](#)" YouTube video (2:27)
- "[We Can Turn Love into a Political Force](#)" YouTube video (4:50)
- "[Marianne Williamson Speaks about a 'Politics of Love' in Los Angeles](#)" YouTube video (28:58)
- "[A Politics of Love](#)" YouTube video (34:52)
- "[A Politics of Love: Handbook for a New American Revolution](#)" YouTube video (1:04:39)
- "[A Politics of Love & Belonging](#)" YouTube video (1:24:37)
- "[The Politics of LOVE](#)" YouTube video (1:45:09)

Take Action

- Commit to a daily spiritual practice.
- Learn more about American history and civic education.
- Learn more about social justice movements and revolutionary community organizers.
- Learn more about "trickle-down economics" and how this system impacts average Americans today.
- Learn about trauma and its effects on the body, mind, and soul.
- Learn how to heal your nervous system and the impact of past trauma.
- Learn more about African American history in the US.
- Learn more about the current refugee crisis in the world and how it directly impacts US immigration.
- Learn more about the military industrial complex and the big business of weapons and defense contractors.
- Watch the videos found in Learning Resources above and continue to engage with this material.
- Commit to taking action in your local community.
- Discuss what you learned from the book with friends and/or family.

Help Promote the Peaceful Readers Book Club

Suggested “Formal” Message for Facebook and Instagram

@calvertpeaceproject is beginning its reading and discussion of Marianne Williamson’s “A Politics of Love.” We will discuss the book April 11 and May 9, 2022! Register for the Peaceful Readers Book Club at <https://peacethroughaction.org/bookclub>.

Suggested “Formal” Message for Twitter

@calvertpeace book club meets April 11th! We will discuss “A Politics of Love: A Handbook for a New American Revolution” by Marianne Williamson. #CalvertPeaceProject #PeaceBeginsInCalvert #PeacefulReaders Join us: <https://peacethroughaction.org/bookclub>

Suggested “Personal” Social Media Messages

I just heard about this Peaceful Readers Book Club by @CalvertPeaceProject and I’m going to take part. Want to join me? Learn more and sign up at <https://peacethroughaction.org/bookclub>. Let me know if you join it. #CalvertPeaceProject #PeaceBeginsInCalvert #PeaceThroughAction #PeaceBeginsWithWe #PeacefulReaders

I know some of my people like to read books about social issues. Just found out about the Peaceful Readers Book Club by @CalvertPeaceProject. I’m going to join it. Check it out at <https://peacethroughaction.org/bookclub>. #CalvertPeaceProject #PeaceBeginsInCalvert #PeaceThroughAction #PeaceBeginsWithWe #PeacefulReaders.

Some of us have been talking about reading social justice books together. I found a Peaceful Readers Book Club by @CalvertPeaceProject. How cool is that! Check out <https://peacethroughaction.org/bookclub> and then let’s talk. #CalvertPeaceProject #PeaceBeginsInCalvert #PeaceThroughAction #PeaceBeginsWithWe #PeacefulReaders