About the Author
Bryan Stevenson is a public-interest lawyer, social activist, and author. He founded the Equal Justice Initiative and is a clinical law professor at New York University School of Law. He attended Eastern University for undergraduate studies and attended Harvard University for his law degree and Master of Public Policy graduate degree. For more about Bryan Stevenson, visit his biographical page.

*SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM in HENDRIX THEATRE*

A LibGuide has been created and is available at [http://libguides.ecu.edu/PirateRead2016](http://libguides.ecu.edu/PirateRead2016). Please refer to the Pirate Read website for more information as it develops—[www.ecu.edu/pirateread](http://www.ecu.edu/pirateread).

About the Pirate Read
The purposes of the summer read program are to:

- Orient students to the academic community by encouraging intellectual dialogue and critical thinking.
- Prepare students for the college-level environment.
- Allow students to share a common reading experience with fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.
- Enable students and faculty to discuss ideas from the book across the curriculum.

**REQUIRED:**

**ARTS & SCIENCES: ENGLISH**
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**RECOMMENDED:**

**SOCIOLOGY**
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ECONOMICS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
EDUCATION
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**PIRATE READ 2016**

**ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS FALL 2016/Spring 2017**

**OFE - Fall Book Club**
Sessions from different perspectives led by Heidi Bonner (JUST), Dean William Downs (POLS), and Chris Oakley (HIST)
September 23, 2016
October 7th & 28th

**Ledonia Wright Cultural Center**
40th Anniversary Celebration featuring Angela Davis
7:00pm Wright Auditorium
October 6, 2016

**Film—Raising Bertie**
6:00pm Hendrix Theater
October 12, 2016

**Picture Me Reading Day**
Free T-shirts
#pirateread
October 20, 2016

**Author on Campus**
7:00pm Hendrix Theater
November 10, 2016

**Interdisciplinary Faculty Panel on Sentencing Minors to Life in Prison**
4:00pm—5:00pm
November 14, 2016

**A Diversity Reading Book Discussion: Between the World and Me led by Dr. Kennetta Perry**
12:00pm Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
November 15th & 29th

**Center for Counseling & Student Development**
Pirate Read Reflections
Spring 2017

**To Kill a Mockingbird Screening Panel Discussion**
Spring 2017

**Creative Writing Event**
Faculty/Students Reception & Awards Joyner Library
Spring 2017
This student guide is meant to assist you in understanding the book *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. While the questions posed are not discipline-specific, you are encouraged to consider how the text relates to your future academic studies and the real world applications the text may present.

**ENGAGE WITH JUST MERCY**

- **READ** *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*
- **WATCH** Bryan Stevenson’s [Ted Talk](http://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson) and [interview on the Daily Show](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/bryan-stevenson-interview/) to learn more about Bryan’s work
- **Participate** in the events related to the book: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*
- **HEAR** Bryan Stevenson on November 10th at 7:00pm in Hendrix Theatre
- **APPLY** connected course material and themes from the book to impact your community

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

Need to process further?

We understand that *Just Mercy* can produce distressing and/or complex thoughts and feelings. We have resources available to help you further explore these feelings, while deepening your understanding of the content. Resources and websites are listed below:

- Center for Counseling and Student Development
  www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter
- Library Research Guide
  http://libguides.ecu.edu/PirateRead2016
- Student Veteran Services
  http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/
- Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
  www.ecu.edu/lwcc