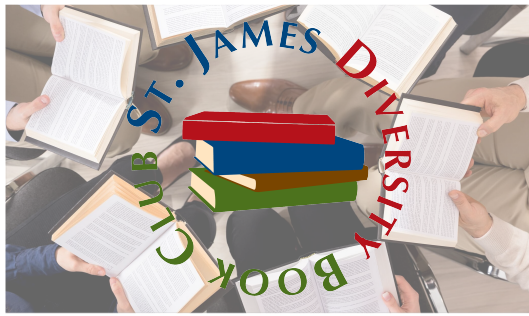


# Diversity Book Club



## Diversity Book Club Next Discussion May 18-12PM Lakeside Room

The Tulsa Massacre on tap for next installment of St. James' Diversity Book Club

The critically acclaimed *Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* by Brandy Colbert, is the next installment of the Spring 2025 Diversity Book Club at St. James Episcopal Church, 96 East Genesee St., Skaneateles.

The discussion will be held at noon on May 18, 2025 in the Toppie Bates Lakeside room at St. James. All are welcome to attend even if you have not read the book.

Colbert's work takes on new significance today as countless numbers of books written about and by black, brown, indigenous, LGBTQ and women authors are being removed from public schools, public libraries and even the nation's top military academies under the guise of purging DEI materials and policies from the public space.

For almost a century, the Tulsa Massacre was denied and covered up by the white people who murdered more than 300 black residents and burned their homes and businesses. City officials buried the story and few survivors talked about it out of fear for their lives.

On January 11, 2025, the U.S. Justice Department released a new report about the Tulsa Massacre, calling it "a coordinated, military-style attack" by white citizens."

"The Tulsa Race Massacre stands out as a civil rights crime unique in its magnitude, barbarity, racist hostility and its utter annihilation of a thriving Black community," Kristen Clarke, assistant attorney general for civil rights, said in a statement (NYT Jan. 11, 2025). "In 1921, white Tulsans murdered hundreds of residents of Greenwood, burned their homes and churches, looted their belongings and locked the survivors in internment camps."

"*Black Birds in the Sky*" is their story. In 2022, Colbert was told she could not discuss her book during a Black History Month program for high school students in Texas. She withdrew from the program.

Please join us for this important discussion of a piece of our history.



### May 18

*Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* by Brandy Colbert

You can attend these discussions on Zoom:  
ZOOM MEETING  
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## THE WIND KNOWS MY NAME BY ISABEL ALLENDE

**Feb. 23:** *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende, Chilean-American novelist, feminist, philanthropist and founder of the Isabel Allende Foundation to support the empowerment of women and girls worldwide.

## SOLD BY PATRICIA MCCORMICK

**Mar. 30:** Sold by Patricia McCormick, two-time National Book Award finalist and author of several critically acclaimed novels. Sold is listed on the American Library Association's Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2023.



## BLACK BIRDS IN THE SKY: THE STORY AND LEGACY OF THE 1921 TULSA RACE MASSACRE BY BRANDY COLBERT

**May 18:** *Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* by Brandy Colbert, award-winning author of several books for children and teens. In 2022, Colbert was told she could not discuss her book during a Black History Month program for high school students in Texas. She withdrew from the program.

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