

Fw: finished reading Dear White Christian

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MEMO to FiLE

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From: Aaron Layton <relate2color@gmail.com>
To: M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 11:00:32 AM CST
Subject: Re: finished reading Dear White Christian

Just FYI, I am in the process of writing a follow up book to Dear White Christian. I hope to have it done by late spring or early summer. Which would mean it would probably come out sometime in late fall of next year.

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:58 AM **Aaron Layton** <relate2color@gmail.com> wrote:

Bret, thank you so much for kind and very heartfelt words. It really does mean alot to me. Your email expresses the intention for my book in what you experienced, and I am so encouraged by your email. I keep a file of emails and messages that encourage my heart and also remind me that God really did inspire me to write the book. Thanks again to my brother for taking the time to send me this email.

Blessings

On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 5:14 PM M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Aaron Layton
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Mr. Layton,

I just finished reading [*Dear White Christian: What every white Christian needs to know about how black Christians see, think, & experience racism in America.*](#)

The thoughts expressed in this book have given this middle-class, middle-aged white American cause to pause and reflect. Your book is very well written and your use of clear language to express your position has been helpful for me as I try to understand racism.

As a white American I often do not interpret many of the flash-point events noted in your book as being racially motivated, that is why it is good for me to continue to read books like yours that challenge my belief system. As a Christian I thank you for the tone of your book; it is clear that you are deeply concerned with divisions in God’s family and are working to heal deeply felt wounds.

May we continue to go before our Father and ask Him for wisdom and guidance as we seek to love one another and carry out Zech. 7:9-10.

Again, thanks for the book and your desire to unify God’s people.

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