

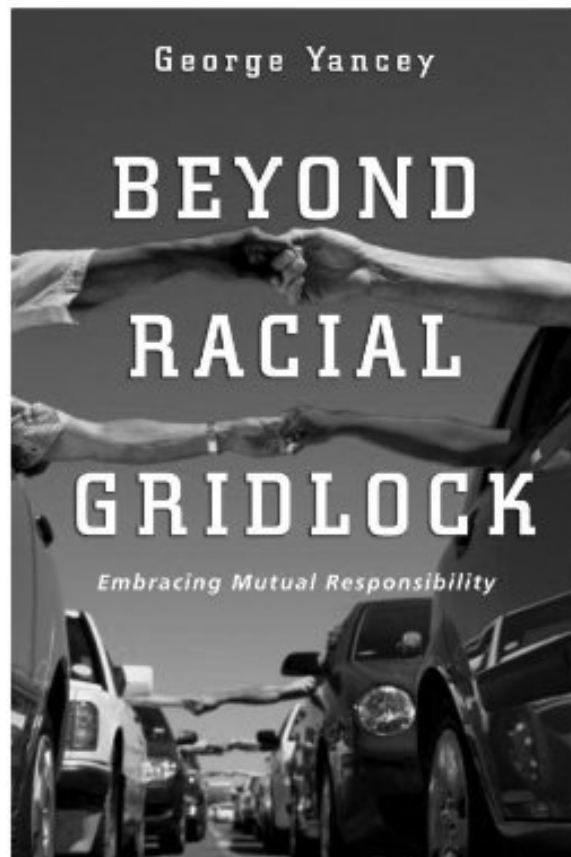
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George Yancey : Beyond Racial Gridlock: Embracing Mutual Responsibility before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beyond Racial Gridlock: Embracing Mutual Responsibility:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great overview of our responsibility to combat racismBy Andrew CoffmanI really appreciated this book, a look at racism and the various attempts to "solve" the problem, from a Christian perspective. The author details why each 'solution' is incomplete, at at some times, full of fault itself. I found the initial chapters a bit academic and dry, but I understood the need to define each component before diving deeper

into the issue. From this point the book moves on and hits its stride, delving into Jesus' guidance into the issue of race, personal stories, and more. I'm glad I read this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great primer as an entry point for discussion. While I was looking for something a little more detailed with a deeper conversation, this text does best where it talks at you the least. It is a great conversation starter and something that should whet the appetite of the reader to investigate further and think more deeply. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book. I purchased book for Social and Cultural Issues class. The Author helps you to see the problems we face with racism, the different solutions and the best solution.

Christians have struggled with racial issues for centuries, and often inadvertently contribute to the problem. Many proposed solutions have been helpful, but these only take us so far. Adding to this complex situation is the reality that Christians of different races see the issues differently. Sociologist George Yancey surveys a range of approaches to racial healing that Christians have used and offers a new model for moving forward. The first part of the book analyzes four secular models regarding race used by Christians (colorblindness, Anglo-conformity, multiculturalism and white responsibility) and shows how each has its own advantages and limitations. Part two offers a new "mutual responsibility" model, which acknowledges that both majority and minority cultures have their own challenges, tendencies, and sins to repent of, and that people of different races approach racial reconciliation and justice in differing but complementary ways. Yancey's vision offers hope that people of all races can walk together on a shared path--not as adversaries, but as partners.

. . . This book is useful not only for casual readers who wish to develop a broader perspective on the issue of racism but also for seminary courses on race relations. (Missiology, July 2007) If pastors and lay leaders were to read this book and humbly take its principles to heart, we could see a change in race relations in this country, and our churches could be a multiracial witness to the world of reconciliation, healing and grace. (Greg Bowman, Baptist Standard, February 5, 2007) "George Yancey has taken the complexity of the racial issue and has distilled it into a clear and comprehensive diagnosis. The best part about his work is that he gives us the ultimate solution that attacks the race problem at its core. Anyone who wants to have a serious discussion about racial issues in American culture must crack open this book!" (David Anderson, Founder and Senior Pastor of Bridgeway Community Church, President of BridgeLeader Network, and nationally syndicated radio talk show host) "In *Beyond Racial Gridlock*, George Yancey once again challenges us to think in fresh ways about the ministry of reconciliation. His assessment of the pros and cons of current strategies is extremely helpful in understanding the present state of racial reconciliation. Yancey's creative thinking further leads the reader to examine racism and the need of reconciliation in new ways using a central premise from an ancient source--the Bible. This book is a much-needed resource for pastors, students, professors, laypersons and others who hunger for a united church in a divided world." (Curtiss Paul DeYoung, associate professor of reconciliation studies, Bethel University, and author of *Coming Together*) "I am so drawn to this book. It gets me beyond my guilt, denial and defensiveness. Yancey, as a black man, is coming along beside me, a white man, and acknowledging that this is our mutual task to figure out how to treat one another well. I don't feel condemned; I feel welcomed into a conversation. What a winsome and inviting way of framing the racial divide in our country." (Mark R. McMinn, Rech Professor of Psychology, Wheaton College, and author of *Finding Our Way Home*) "A much-needed book! George Yancey proposes to do what is long overdue--systematically analyze race and race relations to suggest a thoughtful Christian approach to racial problems. And I cannot think of a better person to write this book. Dr. Yancey has been working in the area of race relations for many years, written several influential books on the subject and knows how to write readable, to-the-point books for Christians." (Michael O. Emerson, Allyn and Gladys Cline Professor of Sociology, Founding Director of the Center on Race, Religion and Urban Life, Rice University, and coauthor of *Divided by Faith and United by Faith*) About the Author George Yancey (PhD, University of Texas) is professor of sociology at the University of North Texas, specializing in race/ethnicity, biracial families and anti-Christian bias. He is the author, coauthor or coeditor of books such as *Compromising Scholarship: Religious and Political Bias in American Higher Education*, *Dehumanizing Christians: Cultural Competition in a Multicultural World*, *There Is No God: Atheists in America*, *Beyond Black and White*, *Beyond Racial Gridlock* and *Just Don't Marry One*. He is working to start the first academic unit on a secular campus that focuses on research that serves Christians and Christian organizations.