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To read a librarian’s book review of Bryan Stevenson’s Campus Read Just Mercy, visit page two of The Open Book!
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson has won numerous awards, including the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. It has also been chosen as this year’s Campus Read book. It is part autobiographical, part informational, and the book consistently tugs at your heartstrings as you read about men (and a few women) on death row.

Lawyer Stevenson, a young Harvard graduate, founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice that takes on poor clients on death row, many of them wrongly condemned. Much of the book focuses on Walter McMillian, who is condemned to die even while numerous people know he did not commit the crime as they saw him and spent time with him the day of the murder. The author compares McMillian to Tom Robinson of To Kill a Mockingbird since McMillian grew up outside Monroeville, the setting of To Kill a Mockingbird. Fortunately in this case, the lawyer was able to stop the murder of the defendant.

I would highly recommend this book, not only because it is the university’s selection for this year, but because it is one that will enlighten and perhaps move readers to justice.

Copies of the book can be picked up at the circulation desk in Karrmann Library.

Gerritsen Collection Women’s History Online, 1543-1945

In the late 1800’s, Dutch physician Aletta Jacobs and her husband C.V. Gerritsen began collecting books, pamphlets and periodicals reflecting the evolution of a feminist consciousness and the movement for women's rights. The Gerritsen Collection has since become the greatest single source for the study of women's history in the world.

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