Reading List for Reparation

Britain Yearly Meeting — Reparation Working Group

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Purpose

This reading list brings together scholarship, testimony, historical research and contemporary reparations thinking relevant to the Reparation Working Group. It is intended to support collective learning about enslavement, colonialism, Quaker involvement, their continuing legacies, and the possibilities and practice of reparation.

This list exists to help answer one question: what does reparation require of a religious body whose historical identity includes both resistance to enslaving and participation in colonial and enslaving systems?

The list is organised thematically rather than chronologically. It distinguishes between core reading, wider scholarship, research resources and RWG working papers.

Reading Pathway

If you are new to this subject — start here:

1. Olúfẹ́mi O. Táíwò — Reconsidering Reparations
2. David Olusoga — Black and British: A Forgotten History
3. Sir Hilary Beckles — Britain's Black Debt: Reparations for Caribbean Slavery and Native Genocide
4. Larry Gragg — The Quaker Community on Barbados
5. Ana Lucia Araujo — Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade

If you want to understand colonialism:

1. Aimé Césaire — Discourse on Colonialism
2. Frantz Fanon — The Wretched of the Earth
3. Walter Rodney — How Europe Underdeveloped Africa
4. Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o — Decolonising the Mind
5. Achille Mbembe — On the Postcolony

If you want to understand Quaker history:

1. Brycchan Carey & Geoffrey Plank (eds.) — Quakers and Abolition
2. Larry Gragg — The Quaker Community on Barbados
3. Jean R. Soderlund — Quakers and Slavery: A Divided Spirit
4. Vanessa Julye & Donna McDaniel — Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship
5. Primary sources — George Fox and Anthony Benezet

If you want to understand reparations:

1. Olúfẹ́mi O. Táíwò — Reconsidering Reparations
2. Ana Lucia Araujo — Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade
3. Sir Hilary Beckles — Britain's Black Debt
4. CARICOM — Ten Point Plan for Reparatory Justice
5. Michael Banner — Britain's Slavery Debt: Reparations Now!

If you want to understand the RWG's own research:

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1. Starting Points: Reparation

Core reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Olúfẹ́mi O. Táíwò — Reconsidering Reparations	A forward-looking account of reparations as a programme of structural transformation rather than simply compensation for historical injury.
[Book] Ana Lucia Araujo — Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade: A Transnational and Comparative History (Bloomsbury, 2017)	A comparative history of reparations claims, debates and movements across former slave societies in the Americas, the Caribbean and Africa, tracing demands back to the eighteenth century.
[Book] Michael Banner — Britain's Slavery Debt: Reparations Now! (Polity, 2024)	Examines the continuing consequences of British involvement in enslaving and makes the case for contemporary British reparations, proposing a wealth-tax-funded settlement disbursed at CARICOM's own discretion.

Further reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] David Scott — Omens of Adversity: Tragedy, Time, Memory, Justice (Duke University Press, 2014)	Explores Caribbean political thought, catastrophe and the problem of repair through the case study of the Grenada Revolution's collapse.
[Book] Lenny Henry & Marcus Ryder — The Big Payback: The Case for Reparations for Slavery and How They Would Work (Faber, 2024)	Accessible UK-focused case for reparations, opening from the fact that enslavers were compensated in 1833 while enslaved people were not, and that British taxpayers only finished paying off that compensation debt in 2015. Draws on interviews with reparations experts, economists, and campaigners including Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Robert Beckford, and Kehinde Andrews.
[Book] Sir Hilary Beckles — Britain's Black Debt: Reparations for Caribbean Slavery and Native Genocide	A major Caribbean contribution to the historical and political case for reparations. Beckles chairs the CARICOM Reparations Commission.

Literary and narrative works

The list is almost entirely non-fiction for adults, despite the power of narrative for collective learning — the children's section already trusts fiction. These three begin to correct that.

Title & Author	Summary
[Primary source] Olaudah Equiano — The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano (1789)	Primary source: the most influential first-person narrative of enslavement and the Middle Passage published in the English-speaking world during the abolitionist era itself, written by a formerly enslaved man.
[Novel] Toni Morrison — Beloved (1987)	Novel confronting the psychological afterlife of enslaving through the story of a formerly enslaved woman haunted by the daughter she killed rather than see enslaved; widely regarded as the most significant literary treatment of enslaving's intergenerational trauma.
[Novel] Barry Unsworth — Sacred Hunger (1992)	Novel following a Liverpool slave ship and the mutiny of its crew, dramatising the economic machinery of the trafficking and enslaving of Africans from the perspective of those who profited from it.

2. What Does Reparation Mean in Practice?

Reparation is not one thing. Practical repair can take many forms, including:

- Financial compensation
- Restitution and return
- Land
- Reparative redistribution
- Institutional wealth
- Community-controlled funds
- Education
- Health
- Community investment
- Memorialisation

- Truth-telling and acknowledgement
- Archives and access to historical records
- Apologies — and their limitations
- Institutional transformation
- Reparative governance
- Racial justice
- Accountability and governance
- Measuring whether repair has actually occurred

The literature below gives each of these forms a concrete case or text to read, rather than leaving them as categories alone.

Land, restitution and return

Title & Author	Summary
[Case study] Barbados National Task Force on Reparations — the Drax Hall case (2021–present)	Barbados's ongoing, live dispute with UK MP Richard Drax over the 400-year-old Drax Hall plantation — the most developed real-world land restitution case in the current Caribbean reparations movement, including the government's 2025 pause on a proposed cash purchase after public objection that land, not money, should change hands. Documented in reporting by TIME, the Guardian, and ABC News Foreign Correspondent.
[Essay] Theodore Francis — "Reparations, Praxis and Public Policy: The Bermuda Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses" (2021)	Examines Bermuda's official commission of inquiry into historic Black land loss as a policy model for land-based reparations.

Community-controlled funds and reparative redistribution

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC) — Preliminary Ten-Point Reparations Program	Proposes a National Reparations Trust Authority — an independent, Black-led body empowered to receive and distribute reparative funds through subsidiary trusts for culture, economic development, education, and health, rather than direct individual payments administered by government.

Direct financial compensation, education and health

Title & Author	Summary
[Case study] Georgetown University — the Reconciliation Fund and the Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation (2019–present)	Georgetown's response to the 1838 sale of 272 enslaved people: a university-funded $400,000-a-year Reconciliation Fund for descendant-community health, education, and legal-clinic projects, plus a separately Jesuit-funded $27 million foundation. A concrete, named-figure case of financial compensation applied specifically to education and health — and a documented example of an institution falling well short of its own funding promises, worth reading precisely for that shortfall.

Measuring whether repair has occurred

Title & Author	Summary
[International instrument] UN General Assembly — Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation (Resolution 60/147, 2005)	The standard international legal framework defining what counts as a remedy — restitution, compensation, rehabilitation, satisfaction, and guarantees of non-repetition — and so the closest thing available to a checklist against which to measure whether repair has actually occurred.

Memorialisation, truth-telling and archives

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Ana Lucia Araujo — Shadows of the Slave Past: Memory, Heritage, and Slavery (Routledge, 2014)	Transnational study of how enslaving has been memorialised through monuments, museums, and heritage sites across Africa, the Americas, and Europe, and whose narratives those memorials centre.

Indigenous and settler-colonial comparison

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada — Calls to Action (2015)	Ninety-four concrete recommendations produced by Canada's TRC into the residential schools system; the most developed official truth-and-reconciliation framework available as a comparator for what an equivalent Quaker or British process might contain.

Caribbean campaigner and government voices

Title & Author	Summary
[Institution] Jamaica National Council on Reparation — official government body, chaired by Verene Shepherd and Laleta Davis Mattis	Jamaica's own reparations advisory body, mandated by parliamentary resolution to formulate the country's claim against Britain and consult nationally on what reparatory justice should look like — a live example of a government process, not an academic study, actively defining the remedy from the claimant side.

Reparative governance, apologies and their limits, and who defines the remedy

These questions are addressed directly by texts already listed elsewhere in this reading list, rather than repeated here:

- Olúfẹ́mi O. Táíwò — Reconsidering Reparations (Section 1) — his "constructive view" of reparation is precisely an argument about who defines the remedy and what counts as repair.
- Alan Lester — Deny and Disavow (Section 11) — examines how apology and acknowledgement can function as a way of avoiding rather than delivering repair.
- Church Commissioners for England — Healing, Repair and Justice (Section 12) — the most developed live UK example of a faith institution attempting to build reparative governance structures, including the contested question of who should govern the resulting fund.
- Association of Charitable Foundations — Origins of Wealth Toolkit (Section 12) — sets out a practical governance framework foundations can use to decide what accountability and reparative action should follow from historical findings.

First-person literature and testimony from campaigners themselves, as opposed to the institutional voice above, is flagged as a gap in the appendix at the end of this document.

3. Colonialism, Race and Decolonisation

Core reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Essay] Aimé Césaire — Discourse on Colonialism (1950)	Foundational critique of European colonialism and its relationship to racism and violence.
[Book] Frantz Fanon — The Wretched of the Earth (1961)	Foundational analysis of colonial domination, decolonisation, and the psychological and political dimensions of liberation.
[Book] Frantz Fanon — Black Skin, White Masks (1952)	Analysis of racialisation, identity and the psychological consequences of colonial society.
[Book] Stuart Hall — Familiar Stranger: A Life Between Two Islands (Duke University Press/Penguin, 2017)	Hall's posthumous memoir, written with Bill Schwarz, tracing his migration from Jamaica to England and the formation of his thinking on race, identity, and the afterlives of empire.
[Book] Paul Gilroy — The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness (1993)	Framework for understanding the interconnected histories and cultures produced through Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and the Americas.

4. Britain and Black British History

Core reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Peter Fryer — Staying Power: The History of Black People in Britain (Pluto Press, 1984)	Foundational history of Black presence in Britain from Roman times through the twentieth century.
[Book] David Olusoga — Black and British: A Forgotten History (Macmillan, 2016)	Accessible account of the long history of Black Britain and Britain's relationship with Africa and the Caribbean.
[Book] Ambalavaner Sivanandan — Communities of Resistance: Writings on Black Struggles for Socialism (Verso, 1990)	Important writing on race, migration, capitalism and anti-racist struggle in Britain.
[Book] Akala — Natives: Race & Class in the Ruins of Empire (Two Roads, 2018)	Connects contemporary Black British experience with Britain's imperial history.
[Book] Beverley Bryan, Stella Dadzie & Suzanne Scafe — The Heart of the Race: Black Women's Lives in Britain	Foundational oral and social history of Black British women's lives, work, and activism from the Windrush generation onward.
[Book] Stephen Bourne — Under Fire: Black Britain in Wartime 1939–45	Documents Black British and Commonwealth contributions and experiences during the Second World War.

Contemporary race analysis

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Reni Eddo-Lodge — Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race	Analysis of structural racism in Britain and the limits of dialogue-based approaches to addressing it.
[Book] Afua Hirsch — Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging	Examines the author's own identity alongside Britain's difficulty confronting its colonial past.
[Book] Emma Dabiri — What White People Can Do Next	Argues for moving from performative allyship to structural, coalition-based anti-racist action.
[Book] Yomi Adegoke & Elizabeth Uviebinene — Slay in Your Lane	Guide and cultural commentary on the experiences of Black British women in careers and public life.
[Book] Layla Saad — Me and White Supremacy	A practical guided workbook for examining complicity in systems of racism, originally developed as a viral Instagram challenge.
[Book] Birmingham Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies — The Empire Strikes Back: Race and Racism in 70s Britain (1982)	Foundational critical analysis of structural racism and race in Britain's postcolonial context; a touchstone text in British cultural studies on race.

Personal narrative and testimony

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Lemn Sissay — My Name is Why	Memoir of growing up in the British care system as a Black child fostered then institutionalised, and the search for identity and birth family.
[Book] Lee Lawrence — The Louder I Will Sing	Memoir centred on the 1985 police shooting of the author's mother, Cherry Groce, and the decades-long fight for accountability that followed.
[Book] Kenny Imafidon — That Peckham Boy	Memoir tracing the author's path from gang-affected south London and the criminal courts to social entrepreneurship.
[Book] Patrick Hutchinson — Everyone Versus Racism	Memoir by the man photographed carrying a counter-protester to safety at a 2020 Black Lives Matter protest, reflecting on race, masculinity, and community.
[Book] Dawn Butler MP — A Purposeful Life	Memoir of a Black British MP's path from working-class London to Parliament, and her experience of racism in public life.
[Book] Pam Sandhu — Black and Blue: One Woman's Story of Policing and Prejudice	Memoir of a Black female police officer's experience of racism within the Metropolitan Police.

5. Enslaving in the Black Atlantic and Caribbean

Core reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Eric Williams — Capitalism and Slavery	Classic account linking enslaving, plantation economies, and the formation of British industrial capitalism.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] C.L.R. James — The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution	History of the Haitian Revolution centred on the agency and resistance of enslaved people.
[Book] Walter Rodney — How Europe Underdeveloped Africa	Analysis of the relationship between European exploitation, colonialism and African underdevelopment.
[Book] Saidiya Hartman — Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route	History, travel narrative and reflection on the Atlantic trafficking of enslaved people and its continuing legacies.
[Book] Marcus Rediker — The Slave Ship: A Human History	History of the slave ship and the human and economic systems surrounding the trafficking of enslaved people.

Further reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Orlando Patterson — Slavery and Social Death: A Comparative Study	Comparative theoretical framework defining enslaving as a state of social death across societies.
[Book] Orlando Patterson — The Confounding Island: Jamaica and the Postcolonial Predicament	Critique of postcolonial Jamaican governance, notably light on reparations itself — a useful counterpoint in current debate.
[Book] Olúfẹ́mi O. Táíwò — Reconsidering Reparations	See Section 1.
[Book] David Brion Davis — Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World (Oxford University Press, 2006)	Global-context history of enslaving from its ancient foundations through the long evolution of antiblack racism; centre of gravity is American.
[Book] Hakim Adi — Pan-Africanism and Communism; West Africans in Britain, 1900–1960	First person of African heritage to become a history professor in Britain; foundational work on Pan-Africanism and the African diaspora.
[Book] Richard B. Sheridan — Sugar and Slavery: An Economic History of the British West Indies, 1623–1775	Foundational economic history of the sugar-and-enslaving complex in the British Caribbean.
[Book] Seymour Drescher — Econocide: British Slavery in the Era of Abolition	Challenges the Williams thesis that abolition followed the economic decline of enslaving; part of a live historiographical debate with Williams and Davis.
[Book] Kristen Block — Ordinary Lives in the Early Caribbean: Religion, Colonial Competition, and the Politics of Profit (University of Georgia Press, 2012)	Examines religion and profit-seeking across competing early Caribbean colonial powers.
[Book] Jerome S. Handler & Frederick W. Lange — Plantation Slavery in Barbados: An Archaeological and Historical Investigation (Harvard University Press, 1978)	The first detailed archaeological and historical investigation of enslaved plantation life in Barbados, integrating excavation of a slave cemetery with written records.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Richard S. Dunn — Sugar and Slaves: The Rise of the Planter Class in the English West Indies, 1624–1713 (University of North Carolina Press, 1972)	Foundational quantitative study of the Barbados Quaker property-owning class; source for the statistic that fifty-four of fifty-eight Quaker property owners in 1680 Barbados held enslaved people.
[Book] Vincent Brown — Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War (Harvard University Press, 2020)	Reconstructs the 1760 Jamaican uprising as a coordinated, multi-front war rather than an isolated rebellion, tracing its West African military origins.
[Book] Mavis C. Campbell — The Maroons of Jamaica, 1655–1796: A History of Resistance, Collaboration, and Betrayal (Bergin and Garvey, 1988)	Definitive scholarly account of Jamaica's Maroon communities, including the morally fraught 1739 treaties in which Maroon freedom was bought partly at the cost of continued bondage for others.
[Book] Elsa V. Goveia — Slave Society in the British Leeward Islands at the End of the Eighteenth Century (Yale University Press, 1965)	Pioneering study reframing Caribbean history from the viewpoint of enslaved and free people of colour; established the concept of the "slave society" as one shaping the experience of everyone within it, not only the enslaved.
[Book] Gad Heuman & David Trotman (eds.) — Contesting Freedom: Control and Resistance in the Post-Emancipation Caribbean (Macmillan Caribbean, 2005)	Edited collection on post-emancipation Caribbean resistance and colonial control, including riots and protest across the Anglophone Caribbean.
[Essay] Karl Watson — "Walk and Nyam Buckras: Poor-White Emigration from Barbados, 1834–1900," Journal of Caribbean History 34, nos. 1–2 (2000)	Barbados historian's study of poor-white emigration after emancipation, illuminating the racial and class structure of post-emancipation Barbadian society.
[Book] Pedro L. V. Welch — Slave Society in the City: Bridgetown, Barbados, 1680–1834 (James Currey, 2003)	Study of urban enslavement in Bridgetown, showing enslaved people's greater room for manoeuvre in an urban economy compared with plantation life.
[Essay] Barbara J. Fields — "Slavery, Race, and Ideology in the United States of America" (essay, 1990; reprinted in Racecraft, Verso, 2012, with Karen E. Fields)	Influential essay arguing that racial ideology in America emerged to rationalise enslaving after the fact, rather than enslaving arising from pre-existing racial belief. US-focused but a standard theoretical touchstone.

6. Enslavement, Resistance and Gender

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Sir Hilary Beckles — Natural Rebels: A Social History of Enslaved Women in Barbados (Rutgers University Press, 1989)	Centres the agency and resistance of enslaved women in Barbados.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Sasha Turner — Contested Bodies: Pregnancy, Childrearing, and Slavery in Jamaica (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017)	Examines how planters' and doctors' efforts to increase enslaved women's birth rates after the 1807 trade ban politicised pregnancy and childrearing under enslaving.
[Book] Lucille Mathurin Mair — A Historical Study of Women in Jamaica, 1655–1844 (University of the West Indies, 1974; published 2006, ed. Hilary Beckles & Verene Shepherd)	Foundational scholarly account of enslaved and free women's experience in Jamaica, establishing the field of gendered Caribbean slavery studies.
[Book] Vincent Brown — The Reaper's Garden: Death and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery (Harvard University Press, 2008)	Examines how death and mortality shaped politics, resistance, and social order in Jamaica under enslaving.
[Book] Richard Hart — Slaves Who Abolished Slavery: Blacks in Rebellion (University of the West Indies Press, 1980)	Documents Jamaican slave rebellions and the Maroon Wars, arguing enslaved Jamaicans' own resistance forced Britain to reset the timetable for emancipation.
[Book] Kamau Brathwaite — The Development of Creole Society in Jamaica, 1770–1820 (Clarendon Press, 1971)	Foundational study of creolisation — the cultural fusion of African, European, and colonial elements — in Jamaican plantation society.
[Essay] Sylvia Wynter — "Unsettling the Coloniality of Being/Power/Truth/Freedom: Towards the Human, After Man, Its Overrepresentation — An Argument," CR: The New Centennial Review 3, no. 3 (2003): 257–337	Wynter's most-cited essay, tracing how a Western, bourgeois conception of "Man" came to overrepresent itself as humanity itself, and arguing for a genuinely inclusive conception of the human after coloniality.

7. Quakers, Enslavement and Abolition

Essential RWG reading

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Larry Gragg — The Quaker Community on Barbados: Challenging the Culture of the Planter Class (University of Missouri Press, 2009)	Detailed reconstruction of the seventeenth-century Barbados Quaker community and its relationship with enslaving; a principal source cited in RWG's own Barbados paper.
[Book] Brycchan Carey & Geoffrey Plank (eds.) — Quakers and Abolition	Fifteen essays showing Quaker antislavery attitudes as varied and contested rather than uniform, 1658–1890.
[Book] Jean R. Soderlund — Quakers and Slavery: A Divided Spirit	Traces Delaware Valley Quakers' shift from participation in enslaving to internal abolition, 1688–1780; a comparator for the West New Jersey research.
[Book] Thomas E. Drake — Quakers and Slavery in America (Yale University Press, 1950)	Early scholarly account of American Quakers' evolving relationship with enslaving.

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] Ann Morgan — The 18th Century Enslaving Industry: Lancaster Quakers' Involvement	Traces Lancaster Quaker merchants' involvement in the eighteenth-century economy of enslaving.
[Book] Vanessa Julye & Donna McDaniel — Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice (Quaker Press of FGC, 2009)	Examines the gap between Quaker antislavery rhetoric and Quakers' actual treatment of African Americans, including within the Society of Friends itself.
[Book] Christine Trevett et al. (eds.) — Quaker Women, 1800–1920: Studies of a Changing Landscape (Penn State University Press, 2024)	Essay collection examining Quaker women as active agents in the testimonies of equality, enslaving, and peace, and directly challenging the assumption that Quaker women — or people of colour within Quaker communities — were treated as equals in practice.
[Book] Katharine Gerbner — Christian Slavery: Conversion and Race in the Protestant Atlantic World	Develops the concept of "Protestant supremacy" underpinning colonial religious justification for enslaving. Already cited in RWG's Kenya and Barbados research.
[Book] Brycchan Carey — From Peace to Freedom: Quaker Rhetoric and the Birth of American Antislavery, 1657–1761	Studies how the Quaker peace testimony shaped emerging antislavery rhetoric.
[Book] Geoffrey Plank — John Woolman's Path to the Peaceable Kingdom: A Quaker in the British Empire	Biography of Woolman situating his abolitionism within the wider British imperial context.
[Book] Jack D. Marietta — The Reformation of American Quakerism, 1748–1783 (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1984)	Traces the mid-eighteenth-century Quaker reform movement's internal disciplinary transformation, arguing this revitalisation made possible the Society of Friends' subsequent campaign against enslaving.
[Report] Julia Bush & Claire Pickard-Cambridge — Open to Truth?	Bristol Quakers Reparation Group publication examining Bristol Quaker involvement in the economy of enslaving; an external publication, not an RWG working paper.

Primary sources

These are identified explicitly as primary sources, rather than presented alongside modern scholarship.

Title & Author	Summary
[Primary source] George Fox — Gospel Family-Order: Being a Short Discourse Concerning the Ordering of Families, Both of Whites, Blacks and Indians (1676)	The Quaker founder's own instructions on the treatment of enslaved people within Quaker households, central to any account of the founding movement's ambivalence toward enslaving.
[Primary source] Anthony Benezet — Some Historical Account of Guinea (1771)	An influential Quaker abolitionist tract describing West African societies to counter contemporary justifications for enslaving.

8. Quakers, Colonialism and Africa

Ghana / West Africa

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Carina Ray — Crossing the Color Line: Race, Sex, and the Contested Politics of Colonialism in Ghana	Examines race, sex, and colonial gender politics on the Gold Coast; cited in RWG's Ghana monograph.
[Book] Naaborko Sackeyfio-Lenoch — The Politics of Chieftaincy: Authority and Property in Colonial Ghana, 1920–1950	Analyses how colonial administration instrumentalised chieftaincy structures for governance; cited in RWG's Ghana monograph.
[Book] Achille Mbembe — On the Postcolony (University of California Press, 2001)	Influential philosophical rethinking of postcolonial African societies, examining how colonial-era power structures persist and mutate after independence.
[Book] Toyin Falola & Matthew Heaton — A History of Nigeria (Cambridge University Press, 2008)	Broader West African context for colonialism, religion, enslaving and nationalism shaping Nigeria's history; useful comparative context for Ghana's Gold Coast experience, though not Ghana-specific.
[Book] Emmanuel Akyeampong — Drink, Power and Cultural Change: A Social History of Alcohol in Ghana, c.1800 to Recent Times (Heinemann, 1996)	Social history of alcohol, authority, and cultural change in Ghana from the pre-colonial period to the present.
[Essay] Kwabena O. Akurang-Parry — "Labour Mobilization and African Response to the Compulsory Labour Ordinance in the Gold Coast (Colonial Ghana), 1875–1899," Transactions of the Historical Society of Ghana 4/5 (2000): 83–104	Documents forced and compulsory labour mobilisation and African resistance to it under colonial ordinances in the Gold Coast.
[Essay] Kwame Arhin — "The Ashanti Rubber Trade with the Gold Coast in the Eighteen-Nineties," Africa 42, no. 1 (1972)	Economic history of Ashanti trade relations with the Gold Coast in the late nineteenth century.
[Scholarship] Stephanie Newell — West African print culture and newspaper scholarship	Connects mission-driven literacy to the Gold Coast's early newspaper world (the Gold Coast Leader, the Gold Coast Nation); cited in RWG's Ghana monograph.
[Primary source] Johannes Zimmermann and David Asante — Ga and Twi Bible translation work (Basel Mission, 19th century)	Missionary-linguists whose Bible translations shaped Gold Coast literacy and print culture; named in RWG's Ghana monograph as actual historical translators rather than generic "missionaries."
[Scholarship] Kwasi Wiredu	African philosophy, notably writing on consensus-based democratic traditions; cited in RWG's Ghana monograph.

Kenya / East Africa

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Derek Peterson — Creative Writing: Translation, Bookkeeping, and the Work of Imagination in Colonial Kenya (Heinemann, 2004)	Examines how literacy, translation, and record-keeping became tools of both colonial control and African self-assertion in Kenya.
[Book] Tabitha Kanogo — Squatters and the Roots of Mau Mau, 1905–63 (Heinemann, 1987)	Traces the land dispossession and squatter labour system that fed directly into the Mau Mau uprising.
[Book] Tabitha Kanogo — African Womanhood in Colonial Kenya, 1900–1950 (Ohio University Press, 2005)	Explores how colonial, mission, and indigenous authorities all sought to control African women's lives, and how women nonetheless gained measures of control over their own.
[Book] Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o — Decolonising the Mind: The Politics of Language in African Literature (James Currey, 1986)	Argues that writing in colonial languages perpetuates colonial power, and calls for African writers to reclaim African languages.
[Essay] John Lonsdale — "The Moral Economy of Mau Mau: Wealth, Poverty, and Civic Virtue in Kikuyu Political Thought," in Unhappy Valley: Conflict in Kenya and Africa, Book Two (James Currey/EAEP, 1992)	Foundational essay arguing Mau Mau grew from internal Kikuyu debates over wealth, virtue, and moral obligation, not simply anti-colonial resistance.
[Book] Jean & John Comaroff — Of Revelation and Revolution	Anthropological history of Protestant mission encounter in colonial Africa.
[Book] Elisabeth McMahon — Slavery and Emancipation in Islamic East Africa: From Honor to Respectability (Cambridge University Press, 2013)	Examines the 1897 abolition of enslaving on Pemba island and how former enslaved people and enslavers renegotiated honour and status afterward — directly relevant to RWG's Kenya/Pemba research.
[Thesis] David D. K. Kikaya — "The Quaker Experience in Kenya," M.A. thesis, University of Bradford, 1980	Traces the roots of the East Africa Yearly Meeting from the 1902 arrival of American Friends' missionaries at Kaimosi through to African Friends taking charge of their own Yearly Meeting in 1946.

9. Quakerism, Race and Internal Transformation

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] Lilamani Woolrych — Communicating Across Cultures	Report documenting racism experienced by Quakers of colour within British Quakerism.
[Essay] Harold D. Weaver Jr. — Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice	Writing by a Quaker scholar-activist on race, racism, and the case for retrospective justice.
[Book] Harold D. Weaver Jr., Paul Kriese, Stephen W. Angell & Anne Steere Nash (eds.) — Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights	Edited collection of African American Quaker voices on spirituality, race, and human rights within the Society of Friends.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Idelette McVicker — Recovering Racists: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity (Brazos Press, 2022)	A white South African-born author's account of confronting internalised racism and complicity, framed explicitly around repentance, truth-telling, and reparations as part of peacemaking work.
[Book] Mary Watkins — White Work and Reparative Genealogy: Reckoning with Ancestral Debt as a Path to Racial Reparations	A clinical psychologist traces her own family's lineage back to 1607 Jamestown and generations of enslaving, modelling a practice of "white work" — reparative genealogy confronting the silences in white family histories.

Relevant contemporary Quaker testimonies, reports and institutional responses belong here as they are identified.

Theological and scriptural grounding

The list above is strong on history, politics and economics; it has been thin on the scriptural and theological resources for repair. The texts below begin to address that.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] John Woolman — The Journal of John Woolman (1774)	Read here as spiritual text rather than history: Woolman's own first-person account of his growing conviction against enslaving, written as a record of conscience rather than argument, and a model for how testimony against a wrong can develop from within a faith community rather than being imposed on it.
[Book] Walter Brueggemann — Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)	Reads the Sabbath commandment as a structural check on a society organised around production, extraction, and endless accumulation — the same theological logic underlying Jubilee — and so a scriptural resource for thinking about the redistribution of accumulated wealth.

The theological gaps still to fill are flagged in the appendix at the end of this document.

10. Wealth, Capital and the Legacies of Enslavement

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Catherine Hall, Nicholas Draper, Keith McClelland, Katie Donington & Rachel Lang — Legacies of British Slave-ownership: Colonial Slavery and the Formation of Victorian Britain (Cambridge University Press, 2014)	The major academic study underpinning the UCL LBS database, tracing how compensation wealth shaped Victorian British society and institutions.
[Book] Nicholas Draper — The Price of Emancipation: Slave-Ownership, Compensation and British Society at the End of Slavery (Cambridge University Press, 2010)	Examines who received 1833 Slave Compensation payments and how that wealth was reinvested into British society and institutions, including banking.
[Working paper] Michael Anson & Michael D. Bennett — "The Collection of Slavery Compensation, 1835–43," Bank of England Staff Working Paper No. 1,006 (November 2022)	Bank of England's own staff research paper on how the 1835–43 Slave Compensation payments were administered.

This section connects directly to the RWG's own institutional research (see Section 13) and to the UCL LBS Database (see Section 14).

11. Reparations: Caribbean, Britain and International

Caribbean

Title & Author	Summary
[Policy document] CARICOM — The Ten Point Plan for Reparatory Justice	The Caribbean Community's formal reparations framework, addressed to the UK, Europe, and other states. Not simply another source: a central political and intellectual framework for understanding Caribbean reparations.
[Scholarship] Verene Shepherd — scholarship on Caribbean slavery, emancipation and reparations	Jamaican historian whose work on gendered Caribbean history (e.g. Engendering History: Caribbean Women in Historical Perspective, ed. with Bridget Brereton and Barbara Bailey) underpins contemporary Caribbean reparations scholarship.
[Book] Sir Hilary Beckles — Britain's Black Debt: Reparations for Caribbean Slavery and Native Genocide	See Section 1.

Britain

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Michael Banner — Britain's Slavery Debt: Reparations Now! (Polity, 2024)	See Section 1.
[Book] Alan Lester — Deny and Disavow: Distancing the Imperial Past in the Culture Wars (2022)	Examines how British public discourse minimises or distances itself from imperial history.

International / comparative

Title & Author	Summary
[International instrument] UN — Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (2001) and related transitional justice frameworks	The primary UN-level acknowledgement that enslaving and the trafficking of enslaved Africans constitute crimes against humanity, forming the diplomatic basis for international reparations discussion.
[Book] Dinah Shelton — Remedies in International Human Rights Law (3rd ed., Oxford University Press, 2015)	The standard legal reference on remedies available under international law for human rights violations; the third edition adds a dedicated chapter on historical injustices, giving the legal architecture behind reparations claims.
[Book] Ana Lucia Araujo — Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade: A Transnational and Comparative History	See Section 1.
[Book] David Eltis — Atlantic Cataclysm: Rethinking the Atlantic Slave Trade (Cambridge, 2025)	Recent and contested quantitative revisionist account of the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved people; useful as a counter-reading in the current debate.

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] The Black Atlantic's Triple Burden: Slavery, Colonialism, and Reparations (Manchester University Press, 2025)	Multidisciplinary edited collection covering enslaving and colonialism across Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas, with a dedicated section on the global struggle for reparations.

European comparators beyond Britain

Title & Author	Summary
[Case study] Government of the Netherlands — state apology for enslaving (19 December 2022) and King Willem-Alexander's apology (1 July 2023)	The Dutch state's formal acknowledgement of responsibility for enslaving, followed by a royal apology, and the establishment of a €200 million fund for awareness, education, and present-day impact — ruling out direct reparations, a decision advocacy groups have publicly rejected as insufficient. A close European comparator to the UK debate, including the same live tension between apology-plus-fund and direct reparations that RWG and the Church Commissioners both face.

US comparative context

These are US-focused texts addressing reparations for Black Americans specifically, rather than British/Caribbean/African reparative justice. Included as the most influential framing and costing arguments in the wider reparations literature.

Title & Author	Summary
[Essay] Ta-Nehisi Coates — "The Case for Reparations" (The Atlantic, 2014)	Widely credited with returning reparations to mainstream American political debate.
[Book] William A. Darity Jr. & A. Kirsten Mullen — From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century (2020)	Regarded as the most comprehensive costed case for reparations to date.
[Book] Boris Bittker — The Case for Black Reparations (1973)	Early legal and moral case for reparations, predating the current wave of debate by four decades.

12. Institutional and Faith-Based Reparation

These are comparative institutional case studies, not ordinary reading.

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] Association of Charitable Foundations — Origins of Wealth Toolkit: A Guide for Foundations Exploring the Origins of Their Wealth in Connection to Historical Enslavement (2024)	Practical guide for UK foundations investigating and acting on wealth connected to historical enslaving; directly comparable to RWG's own institutional workstream.
[Report] Church Commissioners for England — Research into Historic Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery (2023)	The Church of England's own institutional research into its historic links to enslaving.

Title & Author	Summary
[Report] Church Commissioners for England — Healing, Repair and Justice, Oversight Group report (2024)	The closest UK faith-institution precedent to RWG's own financial workstream, including the contested evidential bar for what counts as a "historic pool of capital tainted" by enslaving.
[Report] Rowntree Society — Statement on Rowntree Colonial Histories	Statement documenting Rowntree & Co.'s historical links to enslaved and forced labour in its cocoa supply chains.

13. RWG Historical Research (Internal)

These are RWG working papers rather than external publications.

Title & Author	Summary
[Working paper] Teresa Parker — West New Jersey and Barbados research	Unpublished community-historian archival research cited in the Barbados paper and Continuities of Conscience.
[Report] Bristol Quaker Meeting — research into fourteen enslaving-linked families	Covers the Fry, Harford, Goldney, Champion, Scandrett, Dickinson, Galton, Darby, Elton, Lloyd, Reeve, and Rogers families.
[Report] Lancashire Central and North Area Meeting — formal apology and research	Documents eighteen Quaker merchants and two Quaker women involved in trafficking at least 3,678 West Africans.
[Report] Sheffield & Balby Area Meeting Racial Justice Group — research	Covers Sheffield's three documented routes of profiting from enslaving (metal tools traded for enslaved people in West Africa; tools sold to plantation owners; enslaved-grown sugar processed in Sheffield), including the Fretwell, Sitwell, and Wall families.
[Report] Doncaster Quaker research report — Paul Fitzpatrick (May 2026)	Fuller detail on Ralph Fretwell's Barbados plantation and Chief Justice role, his 1671 convincement under George Fox, and his return to build Hellaby Hall near Doncaster; complements the Sheffield & Balby research above.
[Report] Central England Area Meeting — Reckoning to Repair (R2R) Research Report (February 2025)	Regional research into Central England Quaker families' links to enslaving, including the Hanbury family's Virginia and Barbados interests.
[Thesis] Samuel Barber — doctoral research on Radcliffe Monthly Meeting (University of Manchester, 2025)	Doctoral study of Radcliffe Monthly Meeting's Quaker community and its links to the economy of enslaving.
[Working paper] Lucy Saint-Smith — London Research scoping paper (Housing and Wealth Group)	Preliminary scoping document identifying London Quakers with documented enslavement links, cross-referenced against the published work of Jordan Landes and Esther Sahle.
[Working paper] RWG — Barbados History Paper — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG's own historical research on Quaker involvement in enslaving in Barbados.
[Working paper] RWG — Jamaica History Paper — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG's own historical research on Quaker involvement in enslaving in Jamaica.

Title & Author	Summary
[Working paper] Entangled Testimonies: Quaker Mission, Colonialism, African Agency and Reparative Justice in Kenya and Pemba, 1890–1963 — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG monograph on Quaker mission, colonialism, and reparative justice in Kenya and Pemba.
[Working paper] Entangled Testimonies: Quakers, Colonialism and the Ethics of Reparative Justice in Ghana, 1820–1960 — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG monograph on Quakers, colonialism, and reparative justice on the Gold Coast.
[Working paper] Sweetness and Sin (combined edition) — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG research paper tracing labour exploitation across the Cadbury and Rowntree supply chains from the nineteenth century to the present, including the 1901–1909 São Tomé cocoa scandal.
[Working paper] Continuities of Conscience: Quaker Colonisation in West New Jersey and the Cadbury–Rowntree Cocoa Trade — Compiled by Marghuerita Remi-Judah	RWG comparative note setting West New Jersey proprietary colonisation against the Cadbury/Rowntree supply-chain history, arguing both reflect a recurring pattern of Quaker moral identity meeting commercial opportunity.

14. Research Databases & Further Resources

These are research infrastructure rather than books, listed separately so they are not mixed in with reading.

Title & Author	Summary
[Database] UCL Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slavery — LBS Database	Searchable database of British enslavers who received 1837 Slave Compensation payments; the primary evidentiary source for RWG's Evidence Paper, tracing links to Barclays, Lloyds, NatWest/RBS and HSBC.
[Database] Slave Voyages (slavevoyages.org)	The standard scholarly database of the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved people, digitising records of over 36,000 individual voyages; also includes the separate Intra-American and African Names databases.
[Archive] The National Archives — Records of the Slave Compensation Commission (series T71)	The primary government archival series recording the 1833–43 Slave Compensation payments, underlying both the UCL LBS database and the Bank of England's own research (Section 10).
[Archive] Friends House Library, London	The central Quaker archive for Britain, holding Area and Yearly Meeting records; the primary repository for further Quaker family and Meeting research of the kind in Section 13.

Further categories for this section are flagged in the appendix at the end of this document.

15. Books for Children and Young People

Ages 6–8

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Jordan Akpojaro, illus. Ashley Evans — Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers About Racism	Introduction to understanding racism for young children.
[Book] Laura Henry-Allain, illus. Onyinye Iwu — My Skin, Your Skin	Celebrates diversity and inclusion (ages 4–8).
[Book] Floella Benjamin — Coming to England	A memoir for children about migration, belonging, and racism in Britain (ages 4–7).
[Book] Tami Charles — Freedom Soup	A story of Haitian independence and family tradition (ages 5–9).

Ages 9–13

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] David Olusoga, illus. Jake Alexander & Melleny Taylor — Black and British: An Illustrated History	An accessible introduction to Black British history, including the history of African chattel enslaving.
[Book] Kingsley Nebechi & Atinuke — Brilliant Black British History	Profiles of influential Black figures across history.
[Book] Lania Narjee — The Black Curriculum Legacies: Black British Pioneers	Profiles of Black British pioneers for young readers.
[Book] Catherine Johnson — Queen of Freedom	A historical novel set during African chattel enslaving.
[Book] Catherine Johnson — Freedom	A historical novel set during African chattel enslaving.
[Book] Yaba Badoe — Man-Man and the Tree of Memories	A powerful story about family, grief and memory (ages 9+).
[Book] Monica Edinger — Africa Is My Home: A Child of the Amistad	Historical account based on the true story of a child aboard the Amistad (ages 9+).
[Graphic novel] Freedom Bound	A historical graphic novel narrating Scotland's connection with African chattel enslaving (ages 13+).

Teens and young adults

Title & Author	Summary
[Book] Kwame Alexander — The Undefeated	A poetic tribute to Black resilience and history.
[Book] Layla Saad — Me and White Supremacy (YA version)	A guided reflection on examining privilege and systemic racism, adapted for young adults.
[Book] Akala — Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire	A memoir and political reflection connecting British imperial history with present-day inequality (older teenagers).

16. Videos and Podcasts

Videos

Title & Author	Summary
[Video] Fireside Chat: Leonie Taylor with Esther Stanford-Xosei	A discussion in which Esther Stanford-Xosei gives a clear and detailed introduction to reparations.
[Video] After the Flood: The Church, Slavery and Reconciliation	Documentary charting the roots and legacies of the eighteenth-century church's involvement in the transatlantic trafficking and enslaving of Africans, and the route to reconciliation.
[Video] Avis Wanda McClinton — Quaker Slavery and Manumissions	Quaker Avis Wanda McClinton speaks about her work as community liaison to Haverford College's "Manumitted: The People Enslaved by Quakers" project.

Podcasts

Title & Author	Summary
[Podcast] A Quaker Take — "On Reparations: What Are Reparations?" (Quakers in Britain)	Introductory podcast episode on the concept of reparations.
[Podcast] A Quaker Take — "On Reparations: How Can We Make Reparations Meaningful?" (Quakers in Britain)	Follow-up podcast episode on practical, meaningful approaches to reparations.
[Podcast] Friends Journal — "Quakers and Reparations"	Podcast/article discussion on Quakers and reparations from Friends Journal.

17. Known Gaps and Next Steps

This appendix collects the editorial and content gaps identified in this list, kept in one place rather than scattered as notes through the document.

Content gaps

- First-person literature and testimony from reparations campaigners themselves, as distinct from institutional or academic accounts of their work (Section 2).
- Oral histories from CARICOM national task forces, and Indigenous-authored accounts of restitution processes (Section 2).
- A developed treatment of Jubilee law (Leviticus 25) as a direct biblical precedent for periodic debt cancellation and land return; the Exodus narrative read as a liberation theology of reparation specifically; Christian restitution theology (Zacchaeus's fourfold repayment, Luke 19); and the Jewish concept of teshuvah as a comparative religious framework for repair requiring concrete restitution (Section 9).
- CARICOM Reparations Commission papers, further institutional investigations, and oral-history collections (Section 14).

Editorial gaps

- Citation standardisation: publisher and year are present for most entries added or verified in recent revisions, but many earlier entries — particularly across Sections 3, 7 and 8 — still carry author and title only. A dedicated pass to verify and add full publication details throughout has not yet been done.
- Difficulty, length, and access tags (essay/book/long book; free online/paywalled) have not been added to any entry. Adding a one-word signal per entry would improve usability for a mixed-consumption working group but has not been attempted here.