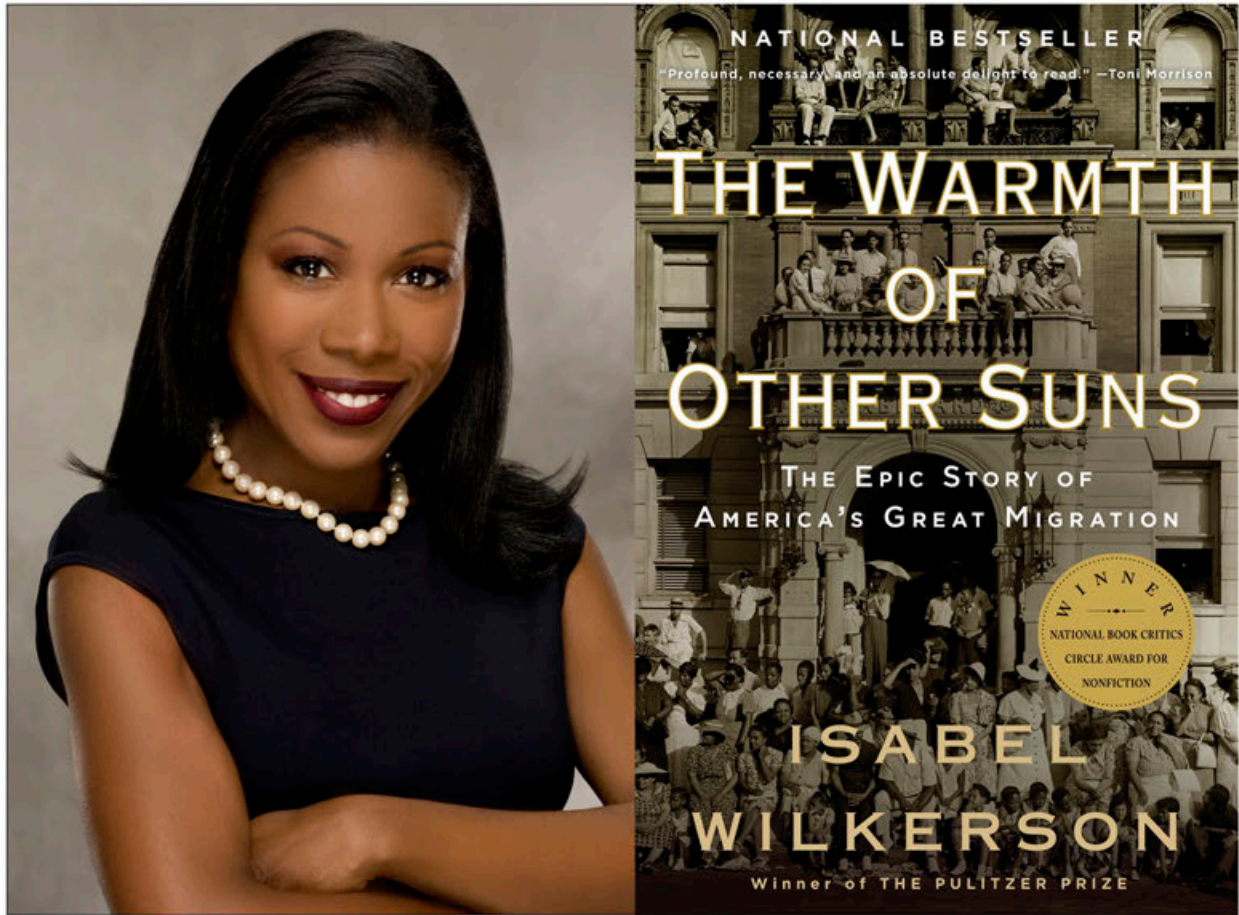




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# Our Racial Moment of Truth Isabel Wilkerson

Author, *The Warmth of Other Suns*

Pulitzer Prize winner for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief for *The New York Times*

**Monday, November 16, 2015, 7:00 PM**  
**Evanston Township High School Auditorium**  
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**Monday, November 16, 2015, Our Racial Moment of Truth, 7:00 PM, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, 60201.** Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson is author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*, the *New York Times* bestseller that tells the true story of three people who made the decision of their lives during the Great Migration, a watershed in American history. The book won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, and it made national news when President Obama chose the book for summer reading in 2011. In 2012, *The New York Times Magazine* named *The Warmth of Other Suns* to its list of the best nonfiction books of all time. Wilkerson spent 15 years working on *The Warmth of Other Suns*, interviewing more than 1,200 people to tell what she calls one of the greatest underreported stories of the 20th Century.

A gifted storyteller, Wilkerson captivates audiences with the universal human story of migration and reinvention, and examines what we can glean from the Great Migration to better inform present-day racial issues. In her lectures she expertly explores the need for a modern reconstruction to help reconcile America's troubled racial past. With the high-profile killings of unarmed African-Americans at the hands of police and civilians, many people are asking just how far have we really come since the days of Jim Crow – and the need for dialogue has never been greater. Wilkerson's talk will address the persistence of racial injustice as a national challenge and what history can teach us as we work to resolve it.

Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as **Chicago Bureau Chief** of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African-American to win for individual reporting in the history of American journalism. She has lectured on narrative writing at the **Nieman Foundation** at **Harvard University** and has served as professor of journalism at **Princeton, Emory, and Boston** universities. Her work has garnered seven honorary degrees, most recently from **Bates College** and **Southern Methodist University**.

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