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Goddard Riverside's Annual Book Fair Gala

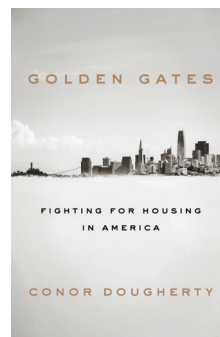
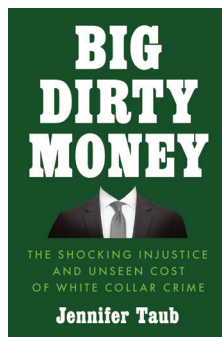
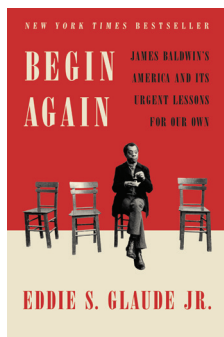


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From Goddard Riverside's Impactful Commitment To Social Equity
& To Serving Our Community**

We Congratulate Our 2020 Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice Finalists



Dear Friends,

Thanks for joining us tonight. This has been an unusual and difficult year – and I’m delighted we can come together virtually tonight to celebrate. And we do have a lot to celebrate.

Although all of our programs look different because of COVID-19, they are all still operating and have adapted to handle the extraordinary circumstances. We’ve seen a huge increase in demand for some of our services and have expanded in response. After hearing about so many of our neighbors needing help meeting emergency needs, we launched a Direct Relief Fund. Participants in our programs or residents of NYCHA can access funds to cover emergency expenses such as technology needed for school, personal care items, emergency food or utility bills.

Goddard Riverside is more than the sum of our individual programs. We are a community that supports every member to achieve their goals. We are stronger together.

Now more than ever, we need the ideas and action inspired by the powerful crop of books on the shortlist for the fourth annual Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice tonight. At Goddard we strive to be idea-powered and evidence-based in everything we do; books like the ones with honor with this Prize help us do our work better – and inspire us to do it with even greater commitment.

This year, for the first time, and in partnership with our friends at the Children’s Book Council, we are delighted to expand the honors to books for young people. We need to raise future generations with a deep understanding of social justice. We are thrilled to recognize these books for the powerful way they make community, caring and equality real for young people.

Last but not least, we honor the commitment of everyone gathered here. Without you to serve on the board, to volunteer at events, to be here with your financial or in-kind support, Goddard could not survive. You are a cornerstone of our community – and I thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rod Jones
Executive Director

Goddard Riverside and the Publishing Community: A Short History

The publishing connection to Goddard Riverside dates back to 1987, when New York’s mentally ill population was dealing with deinstitutionalization and a rise in homelessness. A board member reached out to a publishing executive for help supporting Goddard’s homeless outreach and the Book Fair was born. In its first year, the Book Fair brought in \$40,000. Soon, publishing leadership from across the industry came aboard, bringing their houses with them. Today, the industry brings in around \$500,000 annually to Goddard.

In 2002, Goddard Riverside’s Book Fair Committee held the first annual Book Fair Gala, an event founded to honor the long-lasting relationship between the Goddard Riverside Community Center and the publishing industry. Past honorees have included Len Riggio, Dick Robinson and Carolyn Reidy.

The publishing industry has raised over \$15 million for Goddard Riverside. Supporting partners are numerous, including: Abrams, Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Ingram, Macmillan, W.W. Norton, Penguin Random House, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster and Workman. Esteemed writers such as Maya Angelou, Robert Caro, Mary Higgins Clark, and Paul Krugman have taken part in readings and private fund-raising dinners supporting Goddard Riverside programs. We hope this longstanding and very special relationship between publishing and Goddard Riverside will continue for years to come.

Goddard Riverside Book Fair Committee

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G. Angela Henry

Some of you knew her as Angela Flemister, raised around the corner from the 92nd Street Goddard Riverside site, active participant in Goddard classes, and eager consumer at the book fairs. Some of you know her as G. Angela Henry, executive search consultant to the nonprofit sector for the last two decades. More recently she is known by her stage name, Grace Angela Henry, the voice actor lending her talent to audio books, films, and nonprofit galas and auctions. After college at Tufts, grad school at Harvard, experience in nonprofit administration at independent schools and in developing African countries, Angela is delighted to come home to Goddard.

This Evening's Program

Welcome

G. Angela Henry

Performance

Young People's Chorus of New York City
at Goddard Riverside

Greeting

Rod Jones

Video Presentation

Goddard Riverside: Still a Community

Social Justice Never Sleeps

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Book Prize Award Presentations

Stephan Russo Book Prize

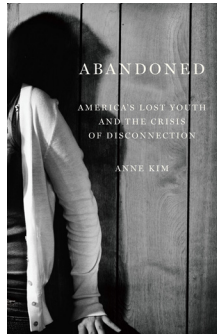
CBC Youth Book Prize

Closing

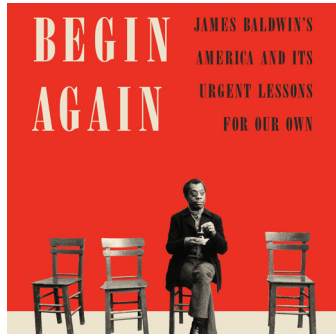
The Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice

The prize celebrates the power of the written word to create change in the name of justice for all people—a value shared by the publishing community and Goddard Riverside. It is named for Stephan Russo, executive director of Goddard Riverside from 1998 to 2017.

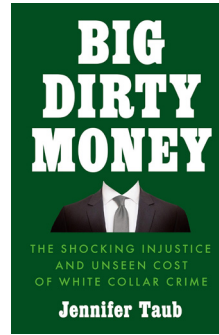
2020 short list



Abandoned: America's Lost Youth and the Crisis of Disconnection, by Anne Kim (The New Press)



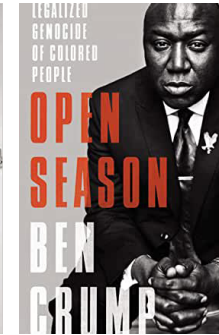
Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own, by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. (Crown)



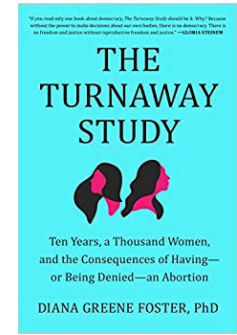
Big Dirty Money: The Shocking Injustice and Unseen Cost of White Collar Crime, by Jennifer Taub (Viking)



Golden Gates: Fighting for Housing in America, by Conor Dougherty (Penguin Press)



Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People, by Ben Crump (Amistad)



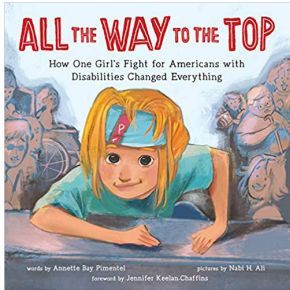
The Turnaway Study: Ten Years, a Thousand Women, and the Consequences of Having—or Being Denied—an Abortion, by Diana Greene Foster (Scribner)

Thank you to our 2020 judges panel: Douglas Bauer, Marcia Cantarella, Paul Krugman and Ana Polanco.

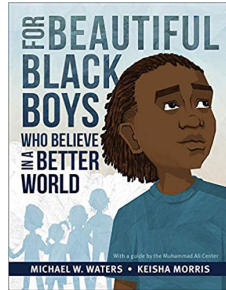
The Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice

The youth prize recognizes nonfiction books for children and teens related to urban life and issues that support values such as community, equality, opportunity, mutual understanding, respect, caring and justice – in accordance with Goddard Riverside’s mission.

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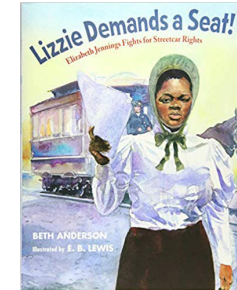
All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything, by Annette Bay Pimental; illus. by Nabi H. Ali. (Sourcebooks Explore/Sourcebooks Kids)



For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World, by Michael W. Waters; illus. by Keisha Morris (Flyaway Books)



Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood, by Tony Hillery; illus. by Jessie Hartland (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books)



Lizzie Demands a Seat!: Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights, by Beth Anderson; illus. by E. B. Lewis (Boyd's Mill & Kane/Calkins Creek)

Thank you to our 2020 judges panel: Carl Lennertz, Beth Puffer and Nick Rodriguez.

Goddard Riverside Invests In People to Strengthen Community

What is Goddard Riverside? It can be hard to answer that succinctly, because our programs range from preschool to Senior Centers – and from a children’s arts conservatory to intensive mobile mental health care and homeless outreach. To make things a little simpler, we organize our work into the five cause areas below.



Preparing Children and Youth for Success

Our programs for children actually support the whole family. When parents can rely on affordable, enriching environments for their children from **Early Childhood** on, they’re able to work and invest in their children’s futures. We’re also here for families when children need a little extra support, such as tutoring with **Star Learning Center** to succeed in school. **Learning to Work**, helps high

schoolers finish school and move on to a job or further education, while our **Options Center** helps young people get into college – and get their first job once they graduate. All these programs work together to help children and youth thrive, contribute positively and to be prepared for the next stages of their lives.

Promoting Behavioral Health and Wellness

Due to the stigma they face in our society, many people living with mental illness tend to isolate themselves. Our programs help them break through that isolation and connect with community. The **ACT Team** is a mobile clinic that serves people with severe mental illness. The **TOP Clubhouse**, **TOP Opportunities** and **Green Keepers** help people move along a path to

greater skills and stronger networks, eventually leading to full-time work and reintegration with the community. Goddard Riverside supports Individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges to maximize their abilities and reach their fullest potential.



Strengthening Families and Communities

These programs empower people to raise their voices – to fight for their rights, express themselves artistically, or both. Our **Community Arts** program hosts an intensive summer Performing Arts Conservatory for youth, plus a year-round schedule of arts performances and classes. The **Resource Center** helps people secure the government benefits they're qualified for and advocate for the needs of the community; the **Law Project** educates, organizes and represents tenants facing eviction or harassment. Programs like these help families and communities advocate, lead, leverage resources and become self-directed and thriving.

Supporting Housing for All and Fighting Homelessness

Goddard Riverside pioneered many of the most effective approaches to ending homelessness. We were among the first organizations



to establish **street outreach** teams, who help people move from chronic homelessness to permanent housing. Today we are one of three nonprofits that work together to provide homeless outreach to all of Manhattan. We also launched one of the first **supportive housing** programs in New York City – providing housing with built-in assistance to help people transition to life indoors and begin to heal from the damage done by years on the street. This fall, we've expanded to also offer **transitional housing**, providing immediate shelter to help people come in from the streets. We will keep working until all New Yorkers in need have stable and affordable housing leading to overall wellbeing and independence.

Enriching the Lives of Older Adults

Studies show that most older adults want to live in their own homes. We

help people “age in community” to reduce the risk of isolation and loneliness. Our **Senior Centers**, **senior housing** and **Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCS)** offer recreation, learning opportunities, meals and other support to help people stay active and healthy. Our programs help older adults experience an optimal quality of life and stay connected in the community.



We envision a world where communities are fair and just and people have the resources and tools to create healthy, safe and thriving lives.

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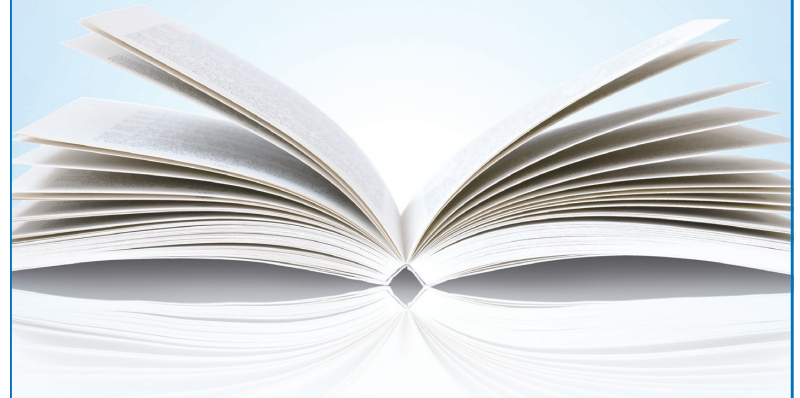
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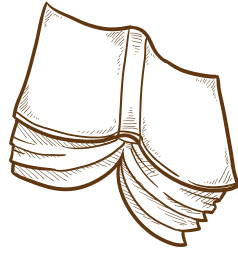
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-Marcia Bystryn



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