

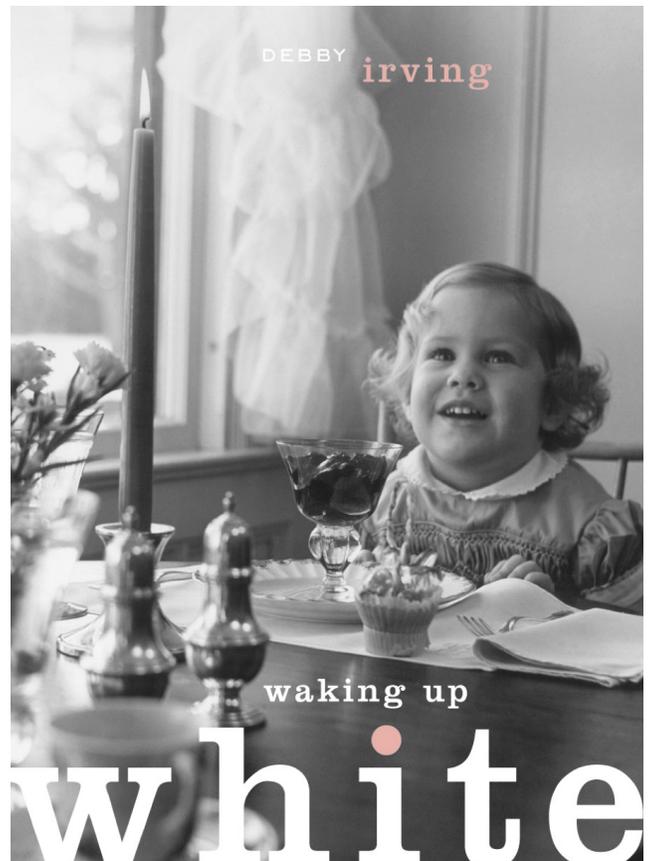
Mirror mirror on the wall, who is the whitest of them all?

Presented by The KCC Center for Diversity and Innovation
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Have you ever heard of the term white privilege, but you're unsure of what it is? Are you on a journey toward becoming an ally for people of color in your community? If so, join us to engage in an exploration on whiteness and white privilege with Debby Irving, the author of *Waking up White*. She will be speaking on her own personal journey to understand whiteness, white privilege, and racism. There will be time for questions and answers afterward.

March 19, 6:30-8:30PM
First Congregational Church
145 Capital Ave., Battle Creek, MI
Light refreshments will be served

Waking up White is the book Debby Irving wishes someone had handed her decades ago. By sharing her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners and tolerance. As she unpacks her own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. She also explains why and how she's changed the way she talks about racism, works in racially mixed groups, and understands the racial justice movement as a whole. Exercises at the end of each chapter prompt readers to explore their own racialized ideas. *Waking up White's* personal narrative is designed to work well as a rapid read, a book group book, or support reading for courses exploring racial and cultural issues.



AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE



Debby Irving brings to racial justice the perspective of working as a community organizer and classroom teacher for 25 years without understanding racism as a systematic issue or her own whiteness as an obstacle to grappling with it. A graduate of the Winsor School in Boston, she holds a BA from Kenyon College and an MBA from Simmons College. In 2009, a graduate school course, *Racial and Cultural Identities*, gave her the answers she'd been looking for and launched her on a journey of discovery. Debby now devotes herself to working with white people exploring the impact white skin can have on perception, problem solving, and engaging in racial justice work. Her first book, *Waking up White*, tells the story of how she went from well-meaning to well-doing.