

# CBI's 2nd Annual Book Discussion

Sunday, January 5, 2020

## Learning From the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil

By Susan Neiman



*Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung* = Working Off the Past

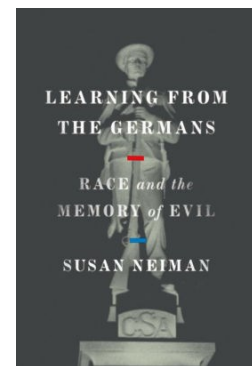
Slavery and the Holocaust: How Americans and Germans Cope with Past Evils

Susan Neiman, an American Jewish philosopher, who grew up in the segregated south in the 50's-60's, who has lived in Israel and now, for many years, in Berlin, has struggled to understand how the Germans have dealt with their past. She explores the lessons we, Americans, can learn from the Germans, by 'Working off our Past' evils in slavery and racism, in her latest book.

Book Review - <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/27/books/review/learning-from-the-germans-susan-neiman.html>

Wikipedia page: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan\\_Neiman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Neiman)

Other books by Neiman: *Evil in Modern Thought: An Alternative History of Philosophy*, 2002; *Moral Clarity: A Guide for Grown Up Idealists*, 2008; *Why Grow Up? Subversive Thoughts for an Infantile Age*, 2014; *The Unity of Reason, Rereading Kant*.



Come to discuss her work together.  
Breakfast at 9:30am ~ Discussion at 10:00am

Copies of the book are available at CBI to borrow. There is also an audio version, and libraries have copies to loan.

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