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Doing Nothing Is No Longer an Option *One Woman's Journey into Everyday Antiracism*

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A Lifetime Commitment to Seek Racial Justice

During a bus ride with a group of fellow college students, Jenny Booth Potter came to a life-changing realization. She decided that racism in all its forms—in policies and systems, in organizations and churches, in neighborhoods and families—could no longer be tolerated. And even though Jenny didn't know *what* to do about racism, she was certain of one thing: *doing nothing is no longer an option*. That declaration Jenny made to her peers was more than seven words uttered on a bus. It was a vow, a lifetime commitment to seek racial justice.

She said, "I wrote this book because I don't think we are truly going to eliminate isms of any kind without active participation from those that benefit the most from them. As a White woman in the United States, I have benefitted unfairly for my entire life due to my race. No institution or personal interaction has ever blocked me from participation due to the color of my skin. My friend Tori Douglass puts it this way: 'You do not need to be the thief in order to benefit from the theft.' I wrote this book because I have found a fuller version of my own humanity in the pursuit of anti-racism."

With candor and humility, Jenny shares her very imperfect but relentless journey of growing in awareness of racism, of reckoning with her own White privilege, and of learning how to be an antiracism advocate alongside her young family. If you're anything like Jenny was on that bus—overwhelmed by the enormity of racism and compelled to do something, but uncertain if you can actually make any difference—then this book is for you.

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