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## Marsh, Tuttle, and Rhodes' "Can I get a witness?: Thirteen peacemakers, community builders, and agitators for faith & justice" (book review)

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# Book Reviews

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Marsh, C., Tuttle, S., & Rhodes, D. (eds.) (2019). *Can I get a witness?: Thirteen peacemakers, community builders, and agitators for faith & justice*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 385 pp. \$22.99. ISBN 9780802875734

As the title suggests, *Can I Get a Witness?*, contains profiles of thirteen individuals who contributed to issues related to faith and justice over the last century. Each individual was selected due to the prominent impact their religious faith had in their social justice efforts. Of the thirteen individuals profiled, some are well known names such as Howard Thurman or Dorothy Day. However others, such as Yuri Kochiyama, are not as well-known. Regardless of previous knowledge of these individuals, *Can I Get a Witness?* provides a marvelous introduction to their lives.

While each essay is written by a qualified academic whose credentials are described, the essays are consistent in format. Each essay ranges from about fifteen-twenty pages in length. A portrait of the person is placed at the beginning of the essay and frequently other pictures are included as well. While well-researched as demonstrated by the vast number of endnotes provided, each essay is quite readable including information about the individual's formative years, contributions to justice issues, and the religious faith that fueled their work. A list of recommendation for further reading is included at the end of the book in addition to the copious endnotes.

The individuals selected for inclusion comprise a wide variety of Christian traditions and ethnicities. The multi-cultural aspect of this book provides numerous points for discussion as to how the unique experiences of each individual impacted their decision to fight for justice issues and how role faith played in their choices. As such *Can I Get a Witness?* would serve wonderfully as a course textbook or as a book to read and discuss in a book club or small group setting. Readers may not agree with the specific theology of individuals profiled or their politics but can still learn from and appreciate how faith impacted the lives of these individuals and those whom benefit even today from their actions. Academic and public libraries will wish to add this work to their collections to serve individuals who wish to learn more about the individuals profiled in these pages. Be prepared to assist researchers who will desire to learn more about these individuals and the issues for which they fought after reading this book.

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