



## **DFL Senior Caucus Book Club**



Current Book

### *Whiteness in Plain View: a History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota* by Chad Montrie

Minnesota is a paradox. Widely seen as a progressive stronghold of the Midwest, the state also has some of the greatest racial disparities in the nation. Those disparities have their roots in Minnesota's earliest days as a territory and in the decades that followed. From enslaved people brought to the territory by military officers to migrants traveling to the North Star State after the Civil War, African Americans have long been present in Minnesota's history. Yet while many came here looking to establish new lives, they were often met with White resistance and attempts to exclude them. Chapter by chapter, the book shows that Minnesota's overwhelming Whiteness is neither accidental nor incidental, and that racial exclusion's legacy is very much woven into the state's contemporary politics, economy, and culture.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446648933>

Or call in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

**11:00 – 1:00 Monday  
February 20, 2023**

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**Next meeting: March 20**

*Diesel Heart: An Autobiography*  
by Melvin Whitfield Carter Jr



**April 17: TBD...**