

Isabel Wilkerson

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You must leave this world a better place than it would have been if you had not existed.

~Isabel Wilkerson

It occurred to me that no matter where I lived, geography could not save me.

~Isabel Wilkerson

People leave when life becomes untenable where they are.

~Isabel Wilkerson

America is made up of people who came from someplace else. Even the Native Americans came over the Bering strait... America is what it is because people came from someplace else.

~Isabel Wilkerson

It was illegal for black people and white people to play checkers together in Birmingham. And there were even black and white Bibles to swear to tell the truth on in many parts of the South.

~Isabel Wilkerson

[The Great Migration] had such an effect on almost every aspect of our lives - from the music that we listen to to the politics of our country to the ways the cities even look and feel.

~Isabel Wilkerson

My parents absolutely did not think of themselves as part of the Great Migration. They knew they were part of a great wave. No one really talked about it in those terms or gave it a name.

~Isabel Wilkerson

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