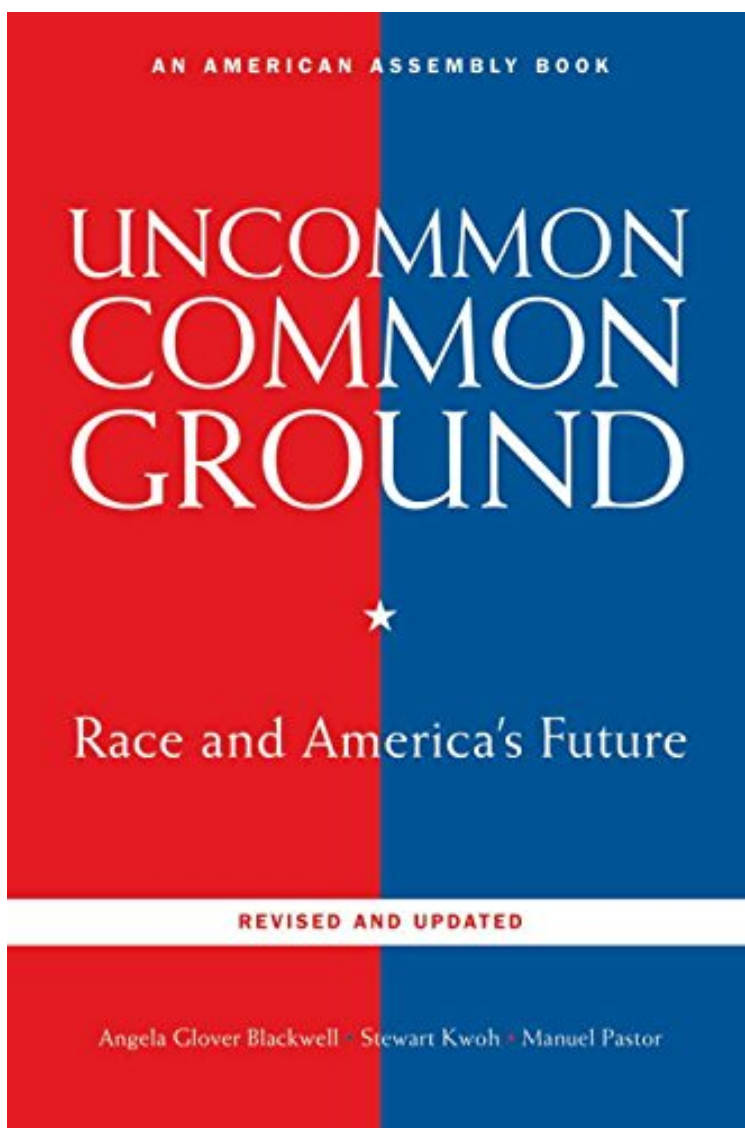


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Angela Glover Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh, Manuel Pastor Ph.D : Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future (Revised and Updated Edition) (American Assembly Books) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future (Revised and Updated Edition) (American Assembly Books):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should be placed in the hands of all storytellers
By Ethelbert Miller
Since the election of President Obama, America has been walking around like Katharine Hepburn the first time she meets Sidney Poitier in the movie *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. Is there such a thing as intellectual speechlessness? In the 21st century the challenge is how best to create a new American narrative. Only when this is done will we be able to discuss racial equity. The new society requires a new vocabulary and language. Many of us are still groping in the dark. So much begins with Obama but ends with ourselves. In their book, *Uncommon Common Ground*, Angela Glover Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh, and Manuel Pastor include their personal narratives. Their stories add a nice glitter to the opening chapter of this book. To some extent the three personal profiles overshadow the charts and graphs by reminding us that people make history. Race is not going into hibernation for four or eight years because of what Obama does. The new narrative of the 21st century is that America is a multicultural nation. Sidney Poitier is bringing his friends to dinner. Blackwell, Kwoh, and Pastor remind us that there is a difference between racial equality and racial equity. They see the hope for change in the emergence of a new leadership with skills that embrace the technology that is eliminating old structures at a rapid pace. But how do we move beyond the old narrative?

Uncommon Common Ground successfully "maps" the old terrain. There is mention here of Roosevelt's New Deal, but one wonders if reference should have been made to his second bill of rights. This book proclaims that "there has never been a better opportunity to make good on America's promise." With equity, people will begin to reinvent America. One wonders if the new narrative will result in a more perfect union. The challenge is not simply finding common ground as we move forward but also defining the word community. Are we using it the way King did? Do we still believe we should try to build the beloved community? According to Blackwell, Kwoh, and Pastor the leaders for racial equity "have and will come in different shapes and sizes, hailing from the religious, labor, business and political spheres." *Uncommon Common Ground* should be placed in the hands of all future storytellers. Let them speak truth to the people.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Important Book on Many Levels
By James Gibson
This response to *Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future* is written by Jim Gibson, a Senior Fellow and board member of the Center for the Study of Social Policy (and the PolicyLink board chair). *Uncommon Common Ground* is an important book on several levels. It provides intelligent policy analysis regarding the powerful demographic trends and multi-decade data projections that display the reconfiguring of this nation's ethnic and cultural character. It ingeniously examines the seminal role of the "black-white paradigm" in shaping the current multi-ethnic dynamic. And particularly impressive to me personally, it shares the personal histories and experiences which have shaped the authors' paths to their roles, identities, and interactions with the racially sculpted shape of American reality. Finally, they make a persuasive case that we must, as a society, default to a conscious pursuit of equity as a driving framework that can "carve out space for more people to contribute to their communities, metropolitan regions, and the country." I was 20 years old when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education* that it was no longer permitted under the Constitution to treat people differently based on race. Life dealt me a hand that essentially compelled me to participate in dismantling the Jim Crow structure of the South and its northern variations. I was able to participate in doing so through active involvement with my community in the civil rights movement - first, as co-chairman of the student movement in Atlanta and, subsequently, as executive secretary of the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP. This was a time when we mounted successful economic boycotts against the city's major department stores, began the integration of the public schools, and otherwise went about wreaking havoc on the vast, deep, and pervasive manifestations of age-old, systemic racial discrimination. The point is that I became a community activist in a context that made me believe you can make needed changes if you organize with your neighbors and act with informed, strategic focus and determination. I also consider myself fortunate that my life permitted - in fact, forced me - to attend to the fundamental question posed by the *Brown* decision: What does the country have to do differently the day after it has said it's no longer legal to treat people differently based on race from what it was doing the day before? What administrative, programmatic, and institutional practices have to change? How do you make those changes? *Uncommon Common Ground* describes why we must admit we have not yet fully answered those questions and addresses how we can and must proceed from here.

11 of 12 people found the following review helpful.
Inspirational, informative look at the complexities of Race in America
By Daniel J. Lavoie
Uncommon Common Ground reaches for a tough goal -- creating a book on race in America that gets beyond the heat and the rhetoric to shine real light on the challenges and opportunities facing America as our demographics dramatically shift. The three authors -- Angela Glover Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh, and Manuel Pastor -- bring their own personal stories to this effort, along with decades of research and advocacy experience. The result is a book that recognizes the hard work we all still have to do to find common ground on race, but also highlights a bold, pragmatic policy agenda for progress. Also, GRAPHS, GRAPHS, GRAPHS! The book is chock full of the latest statistics on race, education, and the economy. "*Uncommon Common Ground*" is a must-read for anyone who wants to see America embrace our evolving future and thrive in the new global economy.

With a mixed-race president, a Latino population that is now the largest minority, and steadily growing Asian and Pacific Islander populations, race is both the most dynamic facet of American identity and the defining point of

American disunity. By broadening the racial dialogue, Blackwell, founder of PolicyLink; Kwoh, president of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center; and Pastor, professor of American Studies and Ethnicity at USC, bring new perspective to this essential American issue.

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