



The One Book Project is a community-wide reading & discussion project inviting everyone to read and discuss the themes in *Incarceration Nations*.

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NEWS RELEASE

The 2018 One Book Project Begins!

The One Book Project is pleased to announce its 2018 selection of *Incarceration Nations* by Baz Dreisinger, and the six other accompanying titles focusing on incarceration, the effects on families and the community, the humanizing of prisoners, and rehabilitation. The entire community is invited to read and discuss one of these titles this fall and relate its powerful themes to our lives right here in Kern County! Discover the wide variety of One Book Project events through September and November, including book and panel discussions, family storytimes, crafts, film screenings, and essential skills workshops. The One Book Project kicks off with a **Press Conference & Author Visit on Thursday, September 13 at 10am at Bakersfield College Campus Center**, and ends with the culminating **Author Visit & Book Signing event on Tuesday, October 30 at 7pm at CSUB Icardo Center**.

Libraries are anything but quiet! Join in the discussion and connect with your community – one page at a time! *All titles* are available for checkout in print, eBook, eAudiobook, & book on CD from the Kern County Library, and also are available for purchase from local bookstores.

One Book Titles for All Genres and Ages:

MEMOIR

Orange is the New Black
by Piper Kerman

FICTION

The Execution of Noa P.
Singleton
by Elizabeth L. Silver

TEEN

Touching Spirit Bear
by Ben Mikaelson

JR. HIGH

The Same Stuff As Stars
by Katherine Paterson

ELEMENTARY

Holes
by Louis Sachar

PICTURE BOOK

Far Apart, Close in Heart
by Becky Birtha

About the One Book Project

Also known as One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern, the One Book Project was founded in 2002. This year will mark our 17th annual community read. Every year, the project is led by the Kern County Library and California State University, Bakersfield, and every year it has many community partners. The Project encourages the entire community to share experiences related to the themes established in one single book through discussions, educational programming, and entertainment. The Read is designed to draw the community together, cross cultural divides, and enhance understanding of the diversity of our communities, all while supporting literacy.

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