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**Socially Distant Book Club**

*The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton, Lara Love Hardin, Bryan Stevenson (foreword)**A powerful, revealing story of hope, love, justice, and the power of reading by a man who spent thirty years on death row for a crime he didn't commit.**

In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only twenty-nine years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free.

But with no money and a different system of justice for a poor black man in the South, Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State Prison in agonizing silence—full of despair and anger toward all those who had sent an innocent man to his death. But as Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive, but find a way to live on Death Row. For the next twenty-seven years he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates, fifty-four of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. With the help of civil rights attorney and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson, Hinton won his release in 2015.

With a foreword by Stevenson, *The Sun Does Shine* is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. Destined to be a classic memoir of wrongful imprisonment and freedom won, Hinton’s memoir tells his dramatic thirty-year journey and shows how you can take away a man’s freedom, but you can’t take away his imagination, humor, or joy. (Taken from Goodreads.com.)

**How to Join:**

Register below for the Zoom Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the book together from the perspective that participants have read the entire book. Discussion questions will be posted on the Illinois CASA website.

If you have any questions about Illinois CASA’s Socially Distant Book Club, please do not hesitate to contact vivian@illinoiscasa.org.

***Topic: Socially Distant Book Club***

***When: May 24, 2021 3:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)***

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vdeyurjIqHdam-TxaBeRpEyS71emvlEgv>

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***When: May 24, 2021 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)***

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<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctduuhqDIqGteHLZqxfkYqtoUwUB_DJole>

**Intent:**

This is part of the Illinois CASA In-service Training.  To receive in-service credit for reading and participating in the Socially Distant Book Club, please participate in the discussion on May 24, 2021 at 3 pm or 7 pm.

This is a link to the website page.

<https://illinoiscasa.org/news-events/socially-distant-book-club.html>