



American Planning Association
Michigan Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

MAP Reads Book Group

Wednesday June 28, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Detroit, Location TBD

Our June title is ***Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age***, a 2004 book by historian [Kevin Boyle](#). The book chronicles racism in Detroit during the 1920s Jazz Age through the lens of Ossian Sweet, a grandson of a slave who becomes a doctor and eventually moves from the ghetto to an all-white middle-class neighborhood. When racist whites attack and invade Sweet's home, a white man is killed. Sweet and his family are persecuted by the legal system, leading to the deaths of members of Sweet's family and the destruction of Sweet's career as a physician.

The book won the 2004 [National Book Award for Nonfiction](#).

<https://www.amazon.com/Arc-Justice-Civil-Rights-Murder/dp/0805079335>