

KRISTEN GREEN (SEPT. 2016)

SHORT BIO

Kristen Green is the author of *SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY*, published by Harper in 2015 to critical acclaim. The book made the *Washington Post's* Notable Nonfiction list and the paper called it “a gift to a new generation of readers.” It was an editors’ choice at the *New York Times*, which called it “essential reading.” Kristen has worked for two decades as a reporter for newspapers including the *Boston Globe*, the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. Her work has also appeared in *The Atlantic*. She holds a master’s in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. The book, a combination of history and memoir, explores the decision by white leaders of her Virginia hometown to close the public schools rather than desegregate and the role Kristen’s family played. It was adopted as the 2016-17 common read at her alma mater, the University of Mary Washington. She lives in Richmond, Va. with her husband and two daughters.

LONGER BIO

Kristen Green is the author of *SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY*, published by Harper in 2015 to critical acclaim. The book made the *Washington Post's* Notable Nonfiction list and the paper called the book “a gift to a new generation of readers.” It was an editor’s choice at the *New York Times*, which called it “essential reading.” The book—Kristen’s first—was recommended by *O Magazine*, *Essence*, *Southern Living*, the *New York Post*, *Entertainment Weekly*, & the *Boston Globe*. It is a *New York Times* bestseller in both Race & Civil Rights and in Education, and a Southern Indie Best seller. It is a finalist for the Library of Virginia Literary Award for Nonfiction and the People’s Choice Awards. The book has been chosen as a campus read at Kristen’s alma mater, the University of Mary Washington, for the 2016-17 school year.

Kristen has worked for two decades as a journalist at newspapers including *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and the *Boston Globe*. In 2012, she was recognized by Media General for excellent local news writing at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. She has been awarded the Best of Gannett Outstanding Achievement in Writing, and her work has been recognized by the San Diego Society of Professional Journalists and the National Headliner Awards. She is a graduate of University of Mary Washington and has a Master in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School.

Kristen grew up in Prince Edward County, Va., the only community in the nation to close its schools for five years rather than desegregate. Kristen’s grandparents were among the founders of the all-white Prince Edward Academy, established in 1959, which Kristen attended. The school did not admit black students until 1986, when she was in the eighth grade. Kristen began to take an interest in writing the book after she left Virginia to work as a journalist and met her future husband, a multiracial man. She now lives in Richmond, Va. with her husband and two daughters.