**Global Forum Book Club**

Further Reading for *Without You, There Is No Us*

***Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick:** The stories of six North Korean defectors, covering the decade of famine through the 90s. A bit dated, but it’s one of the most-recommended books on North Korea and gives a good look at the Great Famine, life under Kim Jong-Il, and the experience of defectors.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/6178648-nothing-to-envy>

***Dear Leader* by Jang Jin-sung:** Jang was North Korea’s poet laureate and a member of North Korean counterintelligence. This book provides a rare look into the highest levels of the regime from a defector who witnessed it firsthand.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20736640-dear-leader>

***Escape from Camp 14* by Blaine Harden:** The story of Shin Dong-hyuk, who was born and raised in a North Korean prison camp. It documents all the hardships and horrors of growing up in a prison camp and the culture shock he faced after escaping.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11797365-escape-from-camp-14>

***North Korea Confidential* by James Pearson and Daniel Tudor:** A short, briefing-style book on life in North Korea under Kim Jong-Un. It was published in 2015, so it’s more recent than the others on this list. Among the topics covered are the social caste system of *songbun*, corruption and information smuggling, the black market, and what Kim Jong-Un did immediately after taking power.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22892099-north-korea-confidential>

***The Orphan Master’s Son* by Adam Johnson:** A Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about the son of a labor camp director who becomes a professional kidnapper for the state, but eventually risks opposing the regime for a woman he loves. If you want to understand a bit more about North Korea but are in the mood for fiction, you might find this valuable.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11529868-the-orphan-master-s-son>