

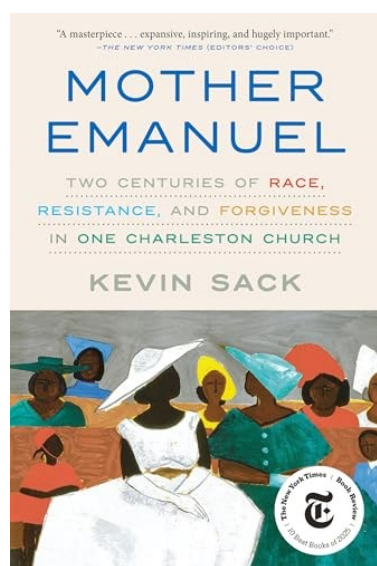
IN CONVERSATION WITH

# Kevin Sack

• AUTHOR OF *Mother Emanuel* •



Monday, September 28, 2026 @ 7PM on Zoom



"A masterpiece... a dense, rich, captivating narrative, featuring vivid prose... expansive, inspiring and hugely important."  
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From Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Kevin Sack comes a sweeping history of one of the nation's most important African American churches. *Mother Emanuel* explores the fascinating trajectory of Charleston's Emanuel A.M.E. Church, from its daring 1817 founding through the Civil Rights Movement to the tragic 2015 massacre. Sack traces the long arc of Black life in the city where nearly half of enslaved Africans first disembarked in North America. At its core, this is an epic tale of perseverance - the story of a people who understood centuries of violence with unbending faith and transformed suffering into a profound practice of forgiveness.

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Kevin Sack is a veteran journalist and author whose career spans four decades. A three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, Sack spent 30 years as a senior writer at *The New York Times*, where he produced landmark long-form investigative projects. He has also served as a bureau chief and covered race, national politics, and domestic affairs for the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. In spring 2026, he served as a visiting lecturer and Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University. A board member of the Mother Emanuel Memorial Foundation, Sack resides in Charleston, South Carolina.



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