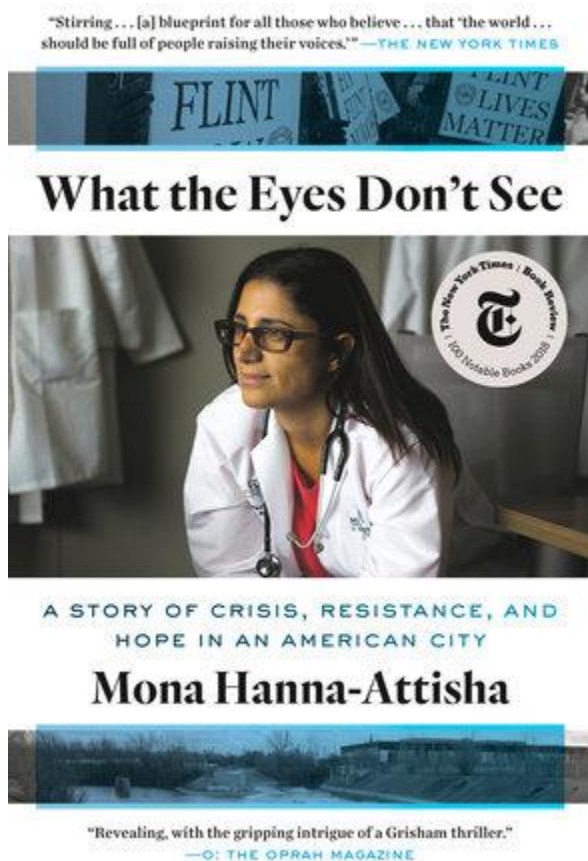


Summer 2021 book discussion summary



To support culturally relevant mentoring, and in an effort to create a cohort experience with the MaCS scholars, our research coordinator held book discussions over the summer session 2021. Dr. Hill first curated a list of possible books that both scholars and mentors could read and that would also complement the mentor/mentee relationship and the notion of environmental justice. Mentors and mentees choose the book: *What the Eyes Don't See* by Mona Hanna-Attisha, about the history and neglect of the water crisis in Flint, MI. This reading was successful on many levels. We met twice over the summer. Our first meeting included a discussion of the initial 8 chapters of the book. In our book meetings we began with reviewing themes or insights. Some of the students mentioned themes such as persistence, fighting for justice, and belonging. Students connected the text to their everyday lives and experiences as future scientists. Mentors and mentees were also able to see the environmental justice connections to their own communities. The reading of the water crisis in Flint, spurred us to conduct research on water in NJ

counties.

Also shared were media resources on the Flint water crisis and a 20 min clip with Dr. Hanna-Attisha (There are several resources!):

[Mona Hanna-Attisha \(author of What the Eyes Don't See\) at the FYE® Conference 2019 - YouTube](#)

FLINTPOISONING.ORG

[FLINT \(flintdocumentary.com\)](http://FLINT(flintdocumentary.com))

[NOVA | Poisoned Water | Season 44 | Episode 10 | PBS](#)