

# The Me and White Supremacy Book Circle Guide

Welcome ! We will be following The Circle Way style of group facilitation as suggested in the book as best as we can within our digital environment. That being said we will need to make some tradeoffs from the original structure of this facilitation style which is discussed at the bottom of this PDF.

I’ve never run a Slack book group before so bear with me 🍷

## Intention

Our intention in this Slack Book Circle is to engage and work through Layla F Saad’s **Me and White Supremacy** together as holders of white privilege, at our own pace. If you miss a day, don’t skip, just pick up where you left off.

## Agreement

We will hold all stories or personal material in confidentiality.

We will listen to one another with compassion & curiosity.

We will ask for what we need and offer what we can.

Start in **#welcome-introductions** —

## Who are you? Why are you here?

This channel is the starting point of our group so you can know your group members better, their context and a bit about their experience with the topics in this book.

Start with the simple stuff, what is your name and your pronouns?

Why are you here and what are you looking for? How familiar are you with topics in this book?

What else would you like to share about yourself, this could be anything from location to favorite food, profession or hobbies.

Post in **#me-and-white-supremacy-circle** —

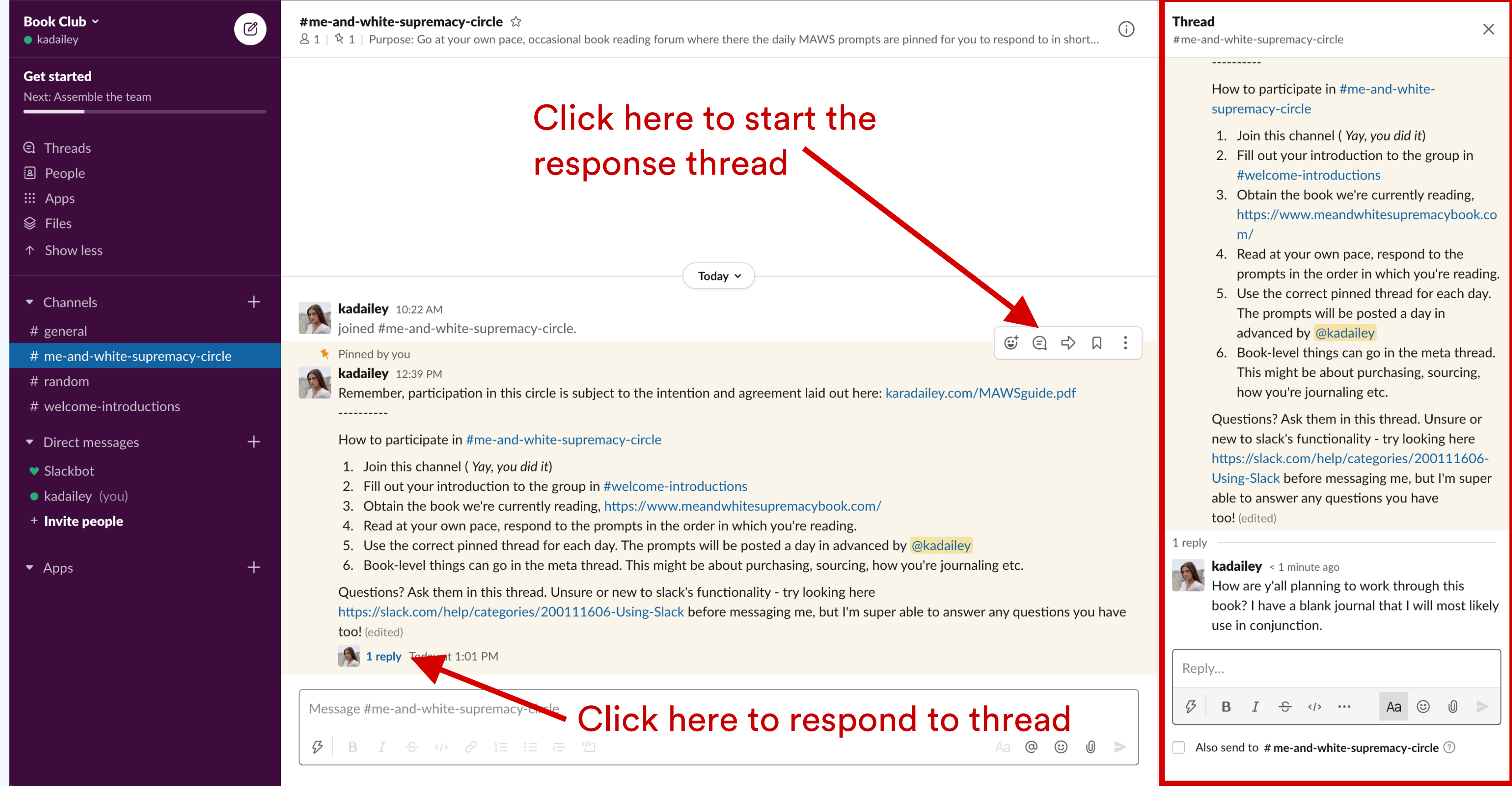
## Let’s talk openly here.

This channel is our conversation space. Please respond to the pinned thread that corresponds to each day’s prompts here — or don’t. It’s up to you !

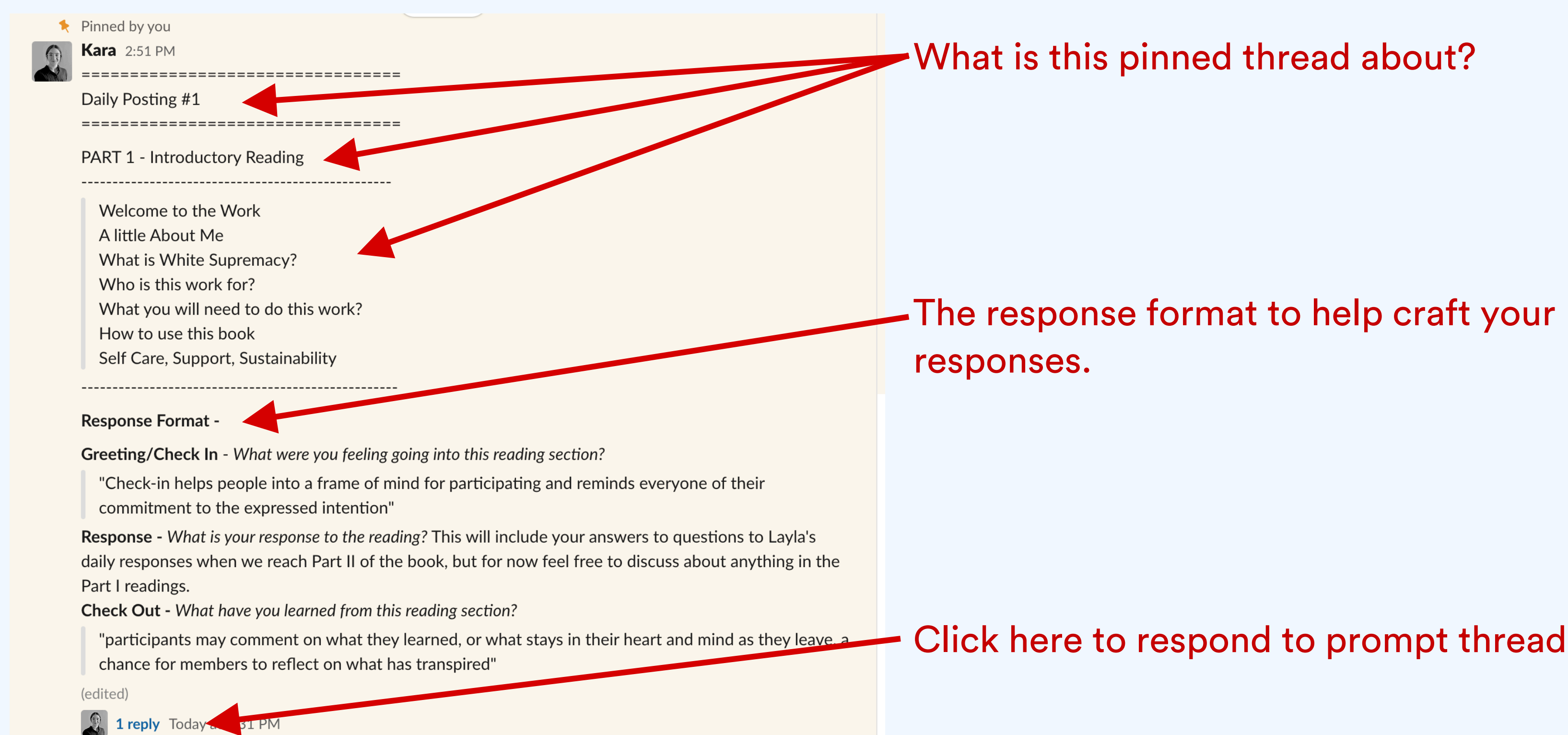
You can include your full response from the daily book prompts or a summary of what you wrote about - it is up to you to decide what you want to share and not share in this space. The conversations can get ugly and make you uncomfortable but feeling that discomfort within yourself means you’re digging deep and doing the work well.

Feel freely to comment, read and ask questions on others posts, you might learn or connect through another’s experience.

How to post —



Anatomy of a Pinned Thread —



The Circle Way Meeting —

Layla F Saad asks groups to use the Circle Way of Meeting to discuss and reflect on the text. For more information, see page 212 in the text.

I’ve attempted to set up the Slack channel to loosely reflect this style as best as possible which is why the responses to prompts are structured with a Check-In/Reflection/Check-Out style. I have set our intention and agreement for this book circle (highlighted at the top of this page). The Principles and Practices listed below are meant as suggestions to think about in writing and responding within the group.

## 3 principles

1. Leadership rotates among all circle members
2. Responsibility is shared for the quality of experience
3. Reliance is on wholeness, rather than on personal agenda



The Circle Way Meeting Diagram

## 3 practices

1. Speak with intention: noting what has relevance to the conversation in the moment
2. Listen with attention: respectful of the learning process for all members of the group
3. Tend to the well-being of the circle: remaining aware of the impact of our contributions

Visit [karadailey.com/tcwguidelines.pdf](https://karadailey.com/tcwguidelines.pdf) for an overview on what exactly The Circle Way style of facilitation is. It’s very new to me too :)