

Oluo, Ijeoma

So You Want To Talk About Race

This book tackles everything from the definition of racism to police brutality and the school-to-prison pipeline.

Painter, Nell Irvin

The History of White People

This book explores the many ways whiteness has been constructed as a sign of power, control, wealth, beauty, and dominance throughout history and across cultures.

Rankine, Claudia

Citizen: An American Lyric

A gut-wrenching lyrical collection about race, identity, and being black in the United States using essay, poetry, image, and art.

Rothstein, Richard

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

A fascinating book about the government's role in segregating the country, it exposes the unjust and often untold history of housing policy, city planning, and racial zoning that became the foundation on which discriminatory practices in America were built on.

Shukla, Nikesh & Suleyman, Chimene

The Good Immigrant USA

An urgent collection of essays by first and second-generation immigrants, exploring what it's like to be "othered" in an increasingly divided America. It creates a provocative, conversation-sparking, multi-vocal portrait of America now.

Solomon, Akiba & Rankin, Kenrya

How We Fight White Supremacy

This celebration of Black resistance, from protests to art to sermons to joy, offers a blueprint for the fight for freedom and justice-and ideas for how each of us can contribute.

Stevenson, Bryan

Just Mercy

A widely acclaimed and multi-award-winning book, this is a powerful, true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix America's broken system of justice.

Ward, Jesmyn

The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race

An anthology of essays and poems on race in America, bringing together the most important voices of a new generation. Eighteen influential thinkers wrestle with the past, present, and future of American race relations and the black experience.



Racism Issues

Educate yourself with these books on race everyone should read because it is everyone's responsibility to put an end to racism.

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Books...And So Much More!

Alexander, Michelle
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

A compelling argument that shows the many ways racial hierarchy still dominates American society.

Anderson, Ph.D., Carol
White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide

An unflinching look at America's long history of structural and institutionalized racism, this is a timely and necessary examination of white anger and aggression toward black America.

Bayoumi, Moustafa
How Does It Feel To Be a Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America

This book exposes the discrimination, prejudice, and injustice Arab and Muslim Americans face in their everyday lives.

Blackmon, Douglas A.
Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II

Drawing from rich historical records, original documentation, and personal narratives, this book pieces together the disgraceful practice of human labor trafficking, exposing those who benefited from it and celebrating those who fought against it.

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo
Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Inequality in America

A classic text on the constructs of race and racism this book exposes and analyzes the many ways racism persists and is practiced in modern America, despite our denial of it.

Butler, Paul
Choke Hold: Policing Black Men

In this book the former federal prosecutor turned legal commentator exposes the unjust laws and practices within the justice system that continually treats black men like criminals, thugs, and the enemy of the people.

Coates, Ta-Nehisi
Between the World and Me

This book tackles some of the most difficult questions about survival, identity, history, and freedom facing black men and women by exploring the country's fraught past and divisive present in an attempt to shed a light on creating a brighter future.

Coates, Ta-Nehisi
We Were Eight Years in Power

This startlingly intimate and piercingly relevant memoir takes stock of Obama's eight years in power, brilliantly navigating the intersections of political, ideological and cultural perspectives.

DiAngelo, Robin
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

This book examines how most white people will admit that racism makes someone a bad person, but we draw the line at calling other people racist, or admitting to our own unconscious biases.

Dyson, Michael Eric
Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America

A beautiful mix of personal anecdote and cultural criticism, this is a powerful appeal to Americans, especially white Americans, to not only own the racial issues facing the country today, but address them with force and urgency.

Eberhardt, Jennifer
Biased

This book highlights the social problems that arise when different races meet, and demonstrates the stubbornly persistent role of racial bias in a world where economic and geographic realities are rapidly changing.

Hamad, Ruby
White Tears, Brown Scars

This book blows open the inconvenient truth that when it comes to race, white entitlement is too often masked by victimhood. Never is this more obvious than the dealings between women of color and white women.

Kendi, Ibram X.
How to Be an Antiracist

This book explains why a personal opposition to racism and racist policies and behaviors does not excuse us from performing the civic duty of actively fighting against organizational structures that promote and maintain white supremacy.

Lowery, Wesley
They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Judgment Movement

An essential book about the intersection of police violence and race, this book sheds a clarifying light onto one of the most polarizing topics in America today: the shooting of black Americans by white cops.

Morris, Monique W.
Black Stats: African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-first Century

A critical look at the quality of African American life, progress toward equality, and the negative impacts of socially unjust policies and discriminatory practices in everything from the government to the entertainment industry.

Morrison, Toni
Race: Vintage Minis

This searing, remonstrative book unravels race through the stories of those debased and dehumanized because of it.