



Antiracist book list

Here are some reading recommendations to get you started on the trail of understanding more about racism and race inequality.

Source of research: www.left-bank.com/black-lives-matter. Please visit their website for more.

Children's Books

- **Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins** by Carole Boston Weatherford
- **Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom** by Virginia Hamilton
- **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia

Civil Rights History

- **Freedom Summer: The Savage Season of 1964 That Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy** by Bruce Watson
- **Lynching of Cleo Wright** by Dominic J. Capeci JR
- **The Freedom Summer Murders** by Don Mitchell
- **The Eve of Destruction: How 1965 Transformed America** by James T. Patterson
- **The Fire Next Time** by James Baldwin
- **American Slavery, American Freedom** by Edmund S. Morgan
- **A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School** by Carlotta Walls Lanier
- **Olivia's Story: The Conspiracy of Heroes Behind Shelley V. Kraemer** by Jeffrey S. Copeland

- **Waking from the Dream: The Struggle for Civil Rights in the Shadow of Martin Luther King Jr.** by David Chappell
- **Turn Away Thy Son: Little Rock, the Crisis That Shocked the Nation** by Elizabeth Jacoway
- **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice** by Phillip Hoose
- **Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America** by Elliot Jaspin
- **Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present** by Harriet Washington
- **Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919** by William Tuttle
- **Strange Fruit, Volume I: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History** by Joel Christian Gill, Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- **All Eyes Are Upon Us: Race and Politics from Boston to Brooklyn** by Sokol Jason
- **A Black Gambler's World of Liquor, Vice, and Presidential Politics: William Thomas Scott of Illinois, 1839-1917** by Bruce Mouser, Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- **Black Moses: The Story of Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association** by E. David Cronon
- **Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism** by James Loewen

Contemporary Civil Rights Issues

- **Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America** by Eugene Robinson
- **The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't and Why** by Jabari Asim
- **Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice** by Paul Kivel
- **The Meaning of Freedom: And Other Difficult Dialogues** by Angela Y. Davis
- **Creative Community Organizing: A Guide for Rabble-Rousers, Activists, and Quiet Lovers of Justice** by Si Kahn
- **The House That Race Built** edited by Wahneema Lubiano
- **Black Stats: African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-First Century** by Monique W. Morris
- **Great American City: Chicago and the Enduring Neighborhood Effect** by Robert J. Sampson
- **The News: A User's Manual** by Alain De Botton
- **Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief about Racism** by Jealous T. Ann
- **The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap** by Mat Taibbi

- **Pedagogy of the Oppressed** by Paulo Freire
- **White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son** by Tim Wise
- **Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk about Race and How to Do It** by Shelly Tochluk
- **Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism and Wrecked the Middle Class** by Ian Haney-Lopez

Memoir

- **The Beautiful Struggle: A Father, Two Sons and an Unlikely Road to Manhood** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- **The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates** by Wes Moore
- **The Grace of Silence: A Family Memoir** by Michele Norris
- **High on the Hog: A Culinary Journey from Africa to America** by Jessica B. Harris
- **March, Book 1** by John Lewis
- **Men We Reaped** by Jesmyn Ward
- **The Fire Next Time** by James Baldwin
- **At the Elbows of My Elders** by Gail Milissa Grant
- **A Mighty Long Way** by Carlotta Walls Lanier
- **Black Like Me** by John Howard Griffin
- **Fire Shut Up in My Bones** by Charles Blow
- **Sister: An African American Life in Search of Justice** by Silvia Bell White

Novels and Stories Exploring Race

- **Welcome to Braggsville** by T. Geronimo Johnson
- **Boy, Snow, Bird** by Helen Oyeyemi
- **Americannah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **The Burgess Boys** by Elizabeth Strout
- **Invisible Man** by Ralph Ellison
- **A Taste of Honey** by Jabari Asim
- **Betsey Brown** by Ntozake Shange
- **A Lesson Before Dying** by Ernest J. Gaines

- **Native Son** by Richard Wright
- **King Hedley II** by August Wilson
- **Stuck Rubber Baby** by Howard Cruse
- **Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination** by Toni Morrison
- **All about Skin: Short Fiction by Women of Color** by Jina Ortiz

Policing and Incarceration

- **Rise of the Warrior Cop** by Radley Balko
- **The New Jim Crow** by Michelle Alexander
- **Losing Legitimacy** by Gary Lafree
- **Mass Incarceration on Trial** by Jonathan Simon
- **Suspicion Nation** by Lisa Bloom
- **The Central Park Five** by Sarah Burns
- **Arbitrary Justice** by Angela J. Davis
- **Life in Prison** by Stanley "Tookie" Williams
- **No Choirboy: Murder, Violence and Teenagers on Death Row** by Susan Kuklin
- **Why Are So Many Black Men in Prison?** By Demico Boothe

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Oprah Winfrey

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Hope this list is useful for you and feel free to share this content
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With love,

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