

SELECTED BOOKS ON RACISM:
HISTORY, ANALYSIS, SELF-REFLECTION, ILLUMINATION AND ACTION

Look online to learn more about each book and find other books by these authors
(arranged chronologically by publication date)

Getting Up to Speed: History and Analysis

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois (1903)

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin (1963)

Women, Race and Class by Angela Davis (1981)

Faces at the Bottom of the Well: the permanence of racism by Derrick Bell (1963)

Critical Race Theory: An Introduction by Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic (1995)

Spectacular Secret: Lynching in American Life and Literature by Jacqueline Goldsby (2006)

The New Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness by Michelle Alexander (2010)

The Color of Law: a forgotten history of how our government segregated America by Richard Rothstein (2017)

The Warmth of Other Suns: the epic story of America's great migration by Isabel A Wilkerson
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel A Wilkerson (2020)

Stamped from the Beginning: the definitive history of racist ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi (2016)

Biased: uncovering the hidden prejudice that shapes what we see, think, and do by Jennifer L. Eberhardt (2019)

Black Power, Jewish Politics: reinventing the alliance in the 1960's by Marc Dollinger (2018)

We Were Eight Years in Power: an american tragedy by Ta-Nehesi Coates (2018)

_____ Race: Is There a Difference. Catalogue of the National Exhibit on Race (online and in libraries (2016, 2017, 2018))

Making it Personal: Memoir, Biography, Self- Reflection, Taking Steps

Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley and Malcolm X (1965)

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin (1961)

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (1969)

Killing Rage, Ending Racism by bell hooks (1995)

Your Silence Will Not Protect You by Audre Lorde (2017 collection of essays, writings)

Slaves in the Family by Edward Ball (1998)

Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson (2014)

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (2014)

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving (2014)

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehesi Coates (2015)

Walking with the Wind: a memoir of the movement by John Lewis (2015)

March: Book 1,2,3 by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell (2013, 2015, 2016 graphic novels)

White Rage: the unspoken truth of our racial divide by Carol Anderson (2016)

Daisy Turner's Kin: an African American family saga by Jane C. Beck (2016)

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Making it Personal: Memoir, Biography, Self- Reflection, Taking Steps (con't)

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? and other conversations about race
by Beverly Daniel Tatum (updated 2017)

My Grandmother's Hands: racialized trauma and the pathway to mending our hearts and
bodies by Resmaa Menakem (2017)

Uprooting Racism, by Paul Kivel (revised 2017)

White Fragility: why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism
by Robin DiAngelo (2018)

Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge (2018)

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo (2018)

Becoming by Michelle Obama (2018)

Dear White America: letter to a new minority by Tim Rice (2019)

How To Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi (2019)

Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslow (2019)

Black is the Body: stories from my grandmother's time, my mother's time and mine by Emily
Bernard (2019)

The Source of Self Regard by Toni Morrison (essays) (2019)

Me and White Supremacy: combat racism, change the world, and become a good ancestor by
Layla Saad (book 2020)

Fiction that Illuminates

Quicksand by Nella Larsen (1928)

Passing by Nella Larsen (1929)

Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston (1937)

Dust Tracks on the Road by Zora Neale Hurston (1942)

Black Boy by Richard Wright (1945)

The Street by Ann Petry (1946)

The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison (1952)

Brown Girl. Brown Stones by Paula Marshall (1959)

Roots: The Saga of an American Family by Alex Haley (1976)

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (1970)

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison (1977)

The Salt Eaters by Toni Cade Bambara (1980)

These Bones are Not My Child by Toni Cade Barbara (1999)

The Color Purple by Alice Walker (1982)

The Women of Brewster Place Gloria Naylor (1982)

Beloved by Toni Morrison (1987)

The Underground Railroad by Colston Whitehead (2016)

Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead (2019)

The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2019)