

Anti-Racism Book List
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Title	Author	Description
Are Prisons Obsolete?	Angela Davis	Ibram X Kendi List: Mass Incarceration
Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X	Ibram X Kendi List
Beloved	Toni Morrison	
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nahesi Coates	Ibram X Kendi List; Middle School and Up
Black is the Body	Emily Bernard	
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	
Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer	
The Case for Reparations	Ta-Nehisi Coates	
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents: Epic Story of America's Great Migration	Isabel Wilkerson	
A Choice of Weapons	Gordon Parks	
Cold War Civil Rights	Mary L. Dudziak	Ibram X Kendi List: civil and human rights
Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America	Richard Rothstein	Ibram X Kendi List: Jim Crow
The Condemnation of Blackness	Khalil Gibran Muhammad	Ibram X Kendi List: Jim Crow
Crazy Brave	Joy Harjo	
Decolonizing Wealth	Edgar Villanueva	
Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in the Best Schools	Amanda Lewis and John Diamond	
The Education of Blacks in the South, 1860–1935.	James D. Anderson	Ibram X Kendi List: Jim Crow

Eloquent Rage	Brittney Cooper	Ibram X Kendi List
Title	Author	Description
Evicted	Matthew Desmond	Ibram X Kendi List: Health and Housing
Fatal Invention	Dorothy Roberts	Ibram X Kendi List
The Fire Next Time	James Baldwin	Ibram X Kendi List
The Fire This Time	Jesmyn Ward	Ibram X Kendi List
From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation	Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor	Ibram X Kendi List: Police Violence
From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime	Elizabeth Hinton	Ibram X Kendi List: Mass Incarceration
Give Us the Ballot	Ari Berman	Ibram X Kendi List: Voting
The Half Has Never Been Told	Edward E. Baptist	Ibram X Kendi List: slavery
Heavy	Kiese Laymon	Ibram X Kendi List
Hope in the Dark	Rebecca Solnit	
How the Word is Passed: The Reckoning of the History of Slavery Across America	Clint Smith	History is written by the perpetrators
How to Be An Anti-Racist	Ibram X Kendi	Ibram X Kendi List
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelo	Ibram X Kendi List
I'm Still Here	Austin Channing Brown	
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States	Roxanne Ortiz	
Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson	Ibram X Kendi List: Mass Incarceration
Kindred	Octavia Butler	
LaRose	Louise Erdrich	
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest J Gaines	
Lies Across America	James Loewen	

Lies My Teacher Told Me	James Loewen	
Title	Author	Description
Locking Up Our Own	James Forman	Ibram X Kendi List
March	John Lewis	graphic memoir, series of 3
Me and White Supremacy	Layla F. Saad	
Medical Apartheid	Harriet A. Washington	Ibram X Kendi List: Health and Housing
Minor Feelings	Cathy Park Hong	
Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism	Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin	
A More Beautiful and Terrible History	Jeanne Theoharis	Ibram X Kendi List: civil and human rights
My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies	Resmaa Menakem	
Myths America Lives By: White Supremacy and the Stories That Give Us Meaning	2nd ed. Richard T. Hughes	
New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness	Michelle Alexander	Ibram X Kendi List: Mass Incarceration
Night Sky With Exit Wounds	Ocean Vuong	
North of Slavery	Leon Litwack	Ibram X Kendi List - slavery and the North
Octavia's Brood	Edited by Walidah Imarisha and adrienne maree brown	
One Person, No Vote	Carol Anderson	Ibram X Kendi List: Voting
The Origins of the Urban Crisis	Thomas J Sugrue	Ibram X Kendi List - Jim Crow
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates	Wes Moore	

A People's Future of the United States	Victor LaValle and John Joseph Adams	
Title	Author	Description
Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome	Dr. Joy DeGruy	
The Price for Their Pound of Flesh	Daina Ramey	Ibram X Kendi List - slavery
Push-Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools	Monique W. Morris	
Reconstruction	Eric Foner	Ibram X Kendi List - reconstruction
Redefining Realness	Janet Mock	Ibram X Kendi List
The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex	Insight! Women of Color against Violence	
Sister Outsider	Audre Lorde	Ibram X Kendi List
Slavery by Another Name	Douglas A Blackmon	Ibram X Kendi List - convict leasing
So You Want to Talk About Race	Ijeoma Oluo	
Stamped : Racism, AntiRacism, and You	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi	Middle School and up Ibram X Kendi List
Strength for the Struggle	Joseph Ellwanger	
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	Heather McGhee	
Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America	Michael Eric Dyson	
They Can't Kill Us All	Wesley Lowery	Ibram X Kendi: Police Violence
Too Heavy a Load	Deborah Gray White	Ibram X Kendi List: Civil and Human Rights
Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man	Emmanuel Aco	Also has You tube clips

The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	
Waking up White	Debby Irving	
Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	Ibram X Kendi List: Great Migration
Title	Author	Description
Washington Black	Eli Edugyan	
The Water Dancer	Ta-Nahesi Coates	
We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom	Bettina Love	
We Were Eight Years in Power	Ta-nehisi Coates	
When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America	Ira Katznelson	
When and Where I Enter	Paula J. Gidding	Ibram X Kendi List: Civil and Human Rights
Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do	Claude Steele	
White Fragility	Robin DiAngelo	
Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans and How We Can Fix It	Dorothy Brown	

Other Resources

Facebook follow: Reggie Jackson

Podcasts:

Seeing White (14 parts) Season 2 of Scene on Radio
Nice White Parents
Be Antiracist with Ibram X Kendi
Who We Are, A Chronicle of Racism in America
Code Switch
Still Processing
Throughline

Links:

[Anti-Racism Tools - A Collection of Resources.pdf - Google Drive](#)

The Bias of Professionalism Standards by Aysa Gray

https://ssir.org/articles/entry/the_bias_of_professionalism_standards#bio-footer

Characteristics of and Antidotes to White Supremacy Culture by Tema Okun and Kenneth Jones

https://collectiveliberation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/White_Supremacy_Culture_Okun.pdf

Four Stages of White Identity Formation: A Model:

http://www.uua.org/files/documents/youthoffice/intro_white_id_h2.pdf

Confronting racism is not about the needs and feelings of white people, by Ijeoma Oluo

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/28/confronting-racism-is-not-about-the-needs-and-feelings-of-white-people>

"From White Racist to White Anti-Racist: the life-long journey" by Tema Okun

<https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/files/webfm-uploads/documents/diversity/LifeLongJourney.pdf>

Until We Are Free, eds. Rodney Diverlus, Sandy Hudson, Syrus Marcus Ware

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/until-we-are-free-1.5468562>

Poetry

Title	Author	Poetry
African American Poetry, 250 Years of Struggle and Song	edited by Kevin Young	Poetry
An American Sunrise	Joy Harjo	Poetry
Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings	Joy Harjo	Poetry
For All of Us, One Today	Richard Blanco	Poetry
How to Love a Country: Poems	Richard Blanco	Poetry
When the Light of the World was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through	edited by Joy Harjo	Poetry
Whereas	Layla Long Soldier	Poetry
	Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks, Nikki Giovanni, Naomi Shihab Nye, Tracy K Smith, Langston Hughes	some of many other poets to read

Children's Books

Title	Author	Description
ABC's of Black History	Rio Cortez	Elementary
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman	Elementary
All Because You Matter	Tami Charles	Elementary
The Day You Began	Jacqueline Woodson	Elementary
Don't Touch My Hair	Sharee Miller	Elementary
Hair Love	Matthew Cherry	Elementary
Happy Hair	Mechal Renee Roe	Elementary
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	Elementary
I am Every Good Thing	Derrick Barnes and Gordon C James	Elementary
Kamala and Maya's Big Idea	Meena Harris	Elementary

A Kid's Book About Racism	Jelani Memory	A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory - YouTube
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History	Vashti Harrison	Elementary
Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History	Vashti Harrison	Elementary
My Voice is a Trumpet	Jimme Allen	Elementary
Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children	Sandra L Pinkney	Elementary
Skin Like Mine	Latashia M Perry	Elementary
Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'O	Elementary
The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson	Elementary
Woke Baby	Mahogany Browne	Preschool
Your Name is a Song	Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow	Elementary

Youth/Young Adult

Title	Author	Description
All American Boys	Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely	Youth fiction
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nahesi Coates	Ibram X Kendi List; Middle School and Up non-fiction
Black Brother, Black Brother	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Juvenile fiction
Blended	Sharon M Draper	Middle fiction
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	Middle, High fiction
Concrete Rose	Angie Thomas	Middle, High fiction
Darius the Great is Not Okay	Adib Khorram	Young Adult fiction
Dear Martin	Nic Stone	Young Adult fiction
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Middle, High fiction

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter	Erika Sanchez	Young Adult fiction
Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson	Ibram X Kendi List: Mass Incarceration; Non-fiction
Monday's Not Coming	Tiffany D. Jackson	Young Adult fiction
On The Come Up	Angie Thomas	Middle, High fiction
The Poet X	Elizabeth Acevedo	Young Adult fiction
Punching the Air	Ibi Zoloi and Yusef Salaam	Young Adult fiction
Slay	Brittney Morris	Young Adult fiction
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