

Books on Anti-racism

Non-Fiction Books:

Books on Anti-racism from The New York Times non-fiction bestseller list

White Fragility: why it is so hard for white people to talk about racism, by Robin DiAngelo (pub. 2018)

Stamped From the Beginning, by Ibram X. Kendi (pub. 2016)

So You Want to Talk about Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

How to Be an Antiracist, by Ibram X. Kendi (2019)

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

The Color of Law, by Richard Rothstein

Begin Again, by Eddie S. Glade Jr. (2020). An appraisal of the life and work of James Baldwin in relation to the Black Lives Matter movement

Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson

Me and White Supremacy, by Layla F. Saad. Want to understand and possibly counteract white privilege

Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah

Becoming, by Michelle Obama. Her memoir

The Warmth of Other Suns, by Isabel Wilkerson. On the Great Migration of 1915-70 when nearly six million African-Americans left the South

Non-fiction recommended by GHBC residents and staff

They Were Her Property: white women as slave owners in the American South, by Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers (pub. 2019)

Mothers of Massive Resistance: white women and the politics of white supremacy, by Elizabeth Gillespie McCrae (pub. 2018)

Slavery & American Apartheid. Who Is My Neighbor? American Apartheid, African Americans' 400 Years in America, 1619-2019, by Gene Betit

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou

Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America, by Jennifer Harvey (pub. 2017)

American While Black: African Americans, Immigration, and the Limits of Citizenship, by Niambi Michele Carter

The Making of Black Lives Matter: A Brief History of an Idea, by Christopher J. Lebron

Situational Breakdowns: Understanding Protest Violence and Other Surprising Outcomes, by Anne Nassauer

Bearing Witness While Black: African Americans, Smartphones, and the New Protest #Journalism, by Allissa V. Richardson

This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America, by Morgan Jenkins

From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation, by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority, by Tim Wise

Backlash: What Happens When We Talk Honestly about Racism in America, by George Yancy

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide, by Carol Anderson

Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion, by Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America, by Jim Wallis

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism, by Drew G. I. Hart

Steeped in the Blood of Racism: Black Power, Law and Order, and the 1970s Shootings at Jackson State College, by Nancy K. Bristow

Black Software: The Internet & Racial Justice, from AfroNet to Black Lives Matter, by Charlton D. McIlwain

Sick from Freedom: African American Illness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction, by Jim Downs

A Duty to Resist: When Disobedience Should be Uncivil, by Candice Delmas

Until There is Justice: The Life of Anna Arnold Hedgeman, by Jennifer Scanlon

Most of 14th Street Is Gone: The Washington, DC Riots of 1968, by J. Samuel Walker

The Color of America Has Changed: How Racial Diversity Shaped Civil Rights Reform in California, 1941-1978, by Mark Brilliant

Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice, by Raymond Arsenault

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, by Richard Rothstein

Black Like Me, by John Howard Griffin, 1961

Preaching Black Lives (Matter) (just published; available on pre-order)
(Excerpt can be downloaded at
https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/excerpts/preaching-black-lives-matter_excerpt.pdf)

Fiction Books recommended by GHBC residents and staff

Anything books by Nobel Prize Winner Toni Morrison

Americana, by Chimamande Ngozi Adichie, (pub. 2013)

The Underground Railroad, by Colson Whitehead (2016)

The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead (2020). He won the Pulitzer Prize for both books.

An American Marriage, by Tayari Jones (2018)

Native Son, by Richard Wright (1940)

Homegoing, by Yaa Gyasi (2016)

The Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison (1952)

Sing, Unburied, Sing, by Jesmyn Ward (2017)

Washington Black, by Eni Edugyan (2018)

Reading Lists:

Note that many of the books on these lists appear above.

Ibram X. Kendi anti-racist reading list

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/books/review/antiracist-reading-list-ibram-x-kendi.html?campaign_id=69&emc=edit_bk_9&instance_id=19225&nl=books®i_id=60220233&segment_id=30463&te=1&user_id=b67db92f00eb6501ce842226aa9430b2

Kojo Nnamdi list of books on race, racism and anti-racism

<https://thekojonnamdishow.org/2020/06/12/recommends-books-race-racism-antiracism>

Eight Must-reads by women writers who take on white supremacy

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/social-justice/2019/03/21/women-writers-books-race-gender-justice/>

A Quaker Anti-racism Reading List

<https://www.friendsjournal.org/quaker-antiracist-reading-list/>