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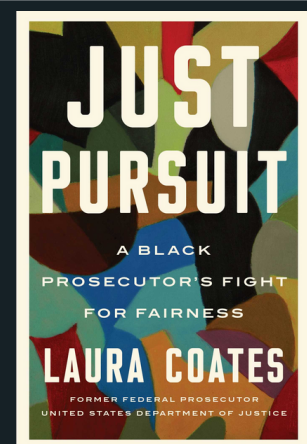
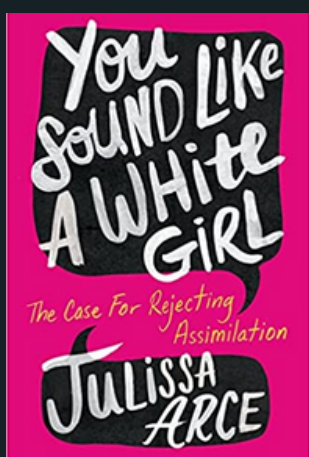
Daniel Black

As Jacob lies dying, he begins to write a letter to his only son, Isaac. They have not met or spoken in many years, and there are things that Isaac must know. A Black father makes amends with his gay son through letters written on his deathbed in this wise and penetrating novel of empathy and forgiveness.

YOU SOUND LIKE A WHITE GIRL

Julissa Arce

Arce, who came to live in Texas from Mexico at age 11, shares the story of her assimilation to America, learning English, losing her culture, making money while undocumented and working on Wall Street, and the inevitable scars that came from pursuing an ever-moving goal post.

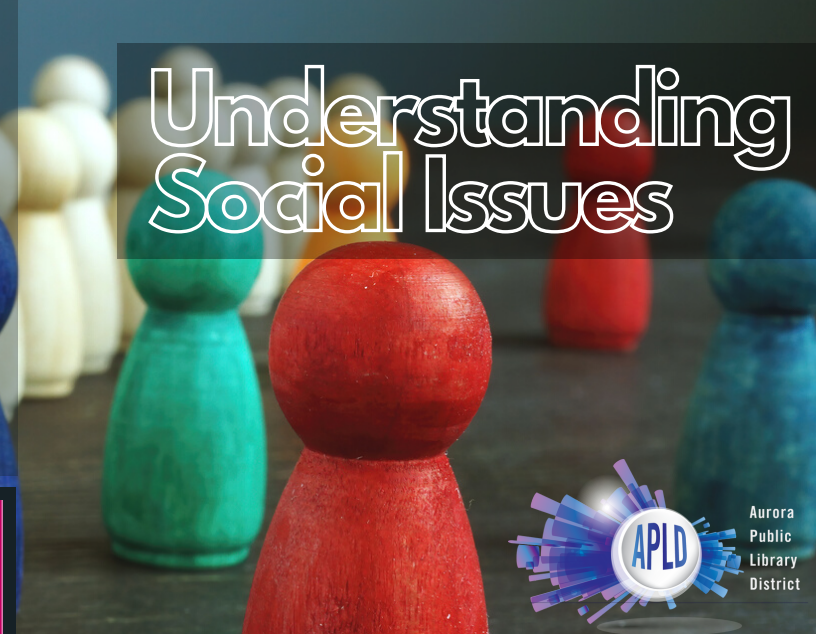


JUST PURSUIT

Laura Coates

"A firsthand, eye-opening story of a prosecutor that exposes the devastating criminal punishment system. Laura Coates bleeds for justice on the page." —Ibram X. Kendi

Understanding Social Issues



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SOUTH TO AMERICA

Imani Perry

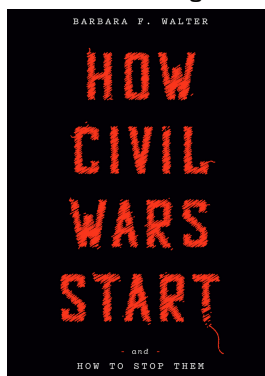
An essential, surprising journey through the history, rituals, and landscapes of the American South—and a revelatory argument for why you must understand the South in order to understand America. Weaving together stories of immigrant communities, contemporary artists, exploitative opportunists, enslaved peoples and often unsung heroes.



HOW CIVIL WARS START

Barbara F. Walter

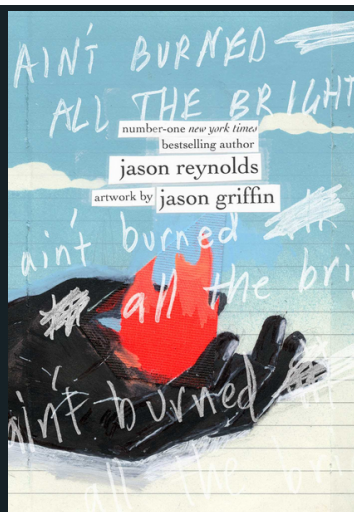
Civil wars are the biggest danger to world peace today - this book shows us why they happen, and how to avoid them. Acclaimed expert Barbara F. Walter, who has advised on political violence everywhere from the CIA to the U.S. Senate to the United Nations, explains the rise of civil war and the conditions that create it.



AIN'T BURNED ALL THE BRIGHT

Jason Reynolds

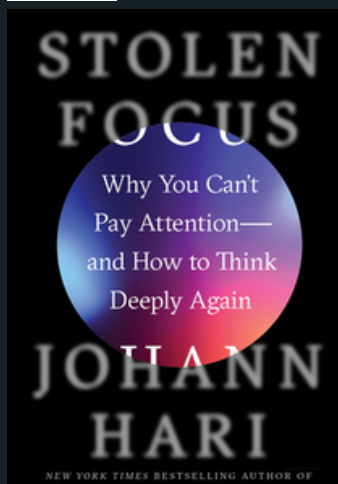
A smash-up of art and text for teens that viscerally captures what it is to be Black. In about ten sentences, and 300 pages of art, this piece, this contemplation-manifesto-fierce-vulnerable-gorgeous-terrifying-WhatIsWrongWithHumans-hope-filled-hopeful-searing-Eye-Poppingly-Illustrated-tender-heartbreaking-how-The-HECK-did-They-Come-UP-with-This project about oxygen. And all of the symbolism attached to that word.



STOLEN FOCUS: WHY YOU CAN'T PAY ATTENTION-AND HOW TO THINK DEEPLY AGAIN

Johann Hari

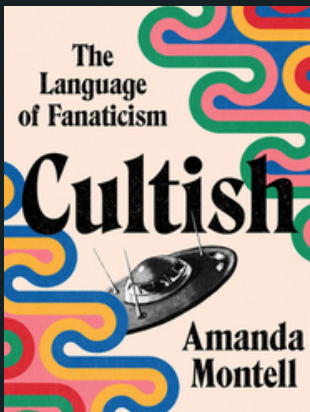
Our ability to pay attention is collapsing. From the New York Times bestselling author of Chasing the Scream and Lost Connections comes a groundbreaking examination of why this is happening--and how to get our attention back.



OLGA DIES DREAMING

Xochitl Gonzalez

The tale of a status-driven wedding planner grappling with her social ambitions, absent mother, and Puerto Rican roots, all in the wake of Hurricane Maria.



CULTISH: THE LANGUAGE OF FANATICISM

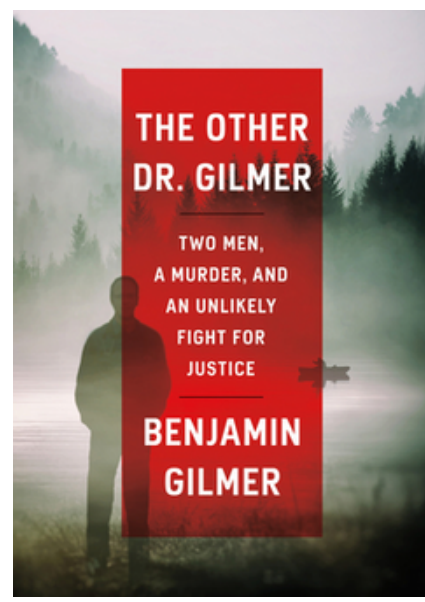
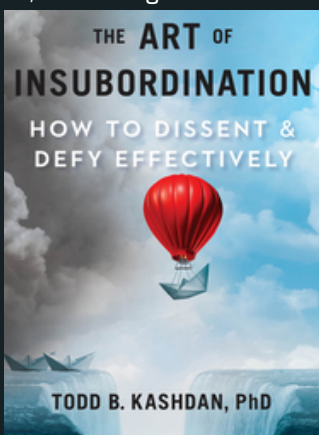
Amanda Montell

Through juicy storytelling and cutting original research, Montell exposes the verbal elements that make a wide spectrum of communities "cultish," revealing how they affect followers of groups as notorious as Heaven's Gate, but also how they pervade our modern start-ups, Peloton leaderboards, and Instagram feeds.

THE ART OF INSUBORDINATION

Todd B. Kashdan, PhD

For ideas to evolve and for societies to progress, we desperately need rebels to challenge conventional wisdom and improve on it. Unfortunately, most of us fear nonconformists, perceiving them as disloyal, reckless, destructive, or just plain weird.



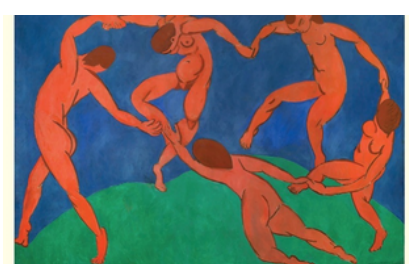
THE OTHER DR. GILMER

Benjamin Gilmer
A rural physician learns that a former doctor at his clinic committed a shocking crime, leading him to uncover an undiagnosed mental health crisis in our broken prison system--In The Other Dr. Gilmer, Dr. Benjamin Gilmer tells of how a caring man was overcome by a perfect storm of rare health conditions, leading to an unimaginable crime.

DIFFERENT: GENDER THROUGH THE EYES OF A PRIMATOLOGIST

Frans de Waal

Though many scholars now argue that gender differences are purely a product of socialization, primatologist Frans de Waal illustrates in Different the scientific, evolutionary basis for gender differences in humans, drawing on his decades of experience working with our closest ape relatives: chimpanzees and bonobos.



TRUE STORY: WHAT REALITY TV SAYS ABOUT US

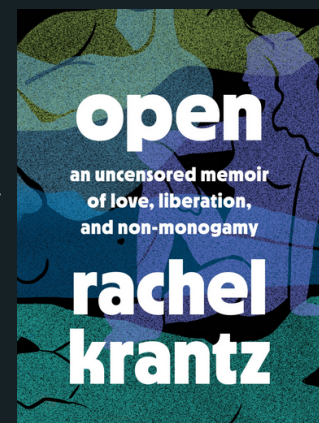
Danielle J. Lindeman

A sociological study of reality TV that explores its rise as a culture-dominating medium--and what the genre reveals about our attitudes toward race, gender, class, and sexuality

OPEN

Rachel Krantz

When Rachel Krantz met and fell for Adam, he told her that he was looking for a committed partnership--just one that did not include exclusivity. Excited and a little trepidatious, Rachel set out to see whether love and a serious partnership with Adam could coexist alongside the freedom to explore relationships with other people.



THE INVISIBLE KINGDOM

Meghan O'Rourke

A silent epidemic of chronic illnesses afflicts tens of millions of Americans: these are diseases that are poorly understood, frequently marginalized, and can go undiagnosed and unrecognized altogether. Renowned writer Meghan O'Rourke delivers a revelatory investigation into this elusive category of "invisible" illness that encompasses autoimmune diseases, post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome, and now long COVID, synthesizing the personal and the universal to help all of us through this new frontier.