Antiracism Reading List for Adults

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower by Brittney Cooper
The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
The Fire This Time edited by Jesmyn Ward
Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Davis
Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago’s South Side by Eve Ewing
Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon
High-Risers: Cabrini-Green and the Fate of American Public Housing by Ben Austen
How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir by Saeed Jones
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy by Carol Anderson
Redefining Realness by Janet Mock
Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde
So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
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Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi

They Can’t Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America’s Racial Justice Movement by Wesley Lowery

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele

White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo

White Kids: Growing Up with Privilege in a Racially Divided America by Margaret A. Hagerman

Other suggestions not available in our catalog:

Black Feminist Thought, by Patricia Hill Collins

Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century, by Dorothy Roberts

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


Occupied Territory: Policing Black Chicago from Red Summer to Black Power, by Simon Balto

Raising Our Hands, by Jenna Arnold


When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America, by Paula J. Giddings

Woman, Race, and Class, by Angela Davis