

Book Title	Theme (Condensed Description)
<i>A People's History of the United States</i> — Howard Zinn	An alternative history highlighting the struggles of marginalized groups in America.
<i>Between the Listening and the Telling</i> — Mark Yaconelli	Shows how storytelling builds empathy, heals, and connects communities.
<i>Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents</i> — Isabel Wilkerson	Frames America's racial hierarchy as a caste system, compared to India and Nazi Germany.
<i>The Color of Law</i> — Richard Rothstein	An investigation of how the U.S. Government imposed racial segregation on cities in the 20th century.
<i>Crook County: Racism and Injustice in America's Largest Criminal Court</i> - Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve	"Cleve spent ten years working in and investigating the largest criminal courthouse in the country, Chicago–Cook County, and based on over 1,000 hours of observation, she takes readers inside our so-called halls of justice to witness the types of everyday racial abuses that fester within the courts, often in plain sight."
<i>DALIT: The Black Untouchables of India</i> - V.T. Rajshekar Note: In 2024, after watching our featured film, <i>Origin</i> , by Ava DuVernay, we held a Zoom interview with Dr. Suraj Yenge, a Harvard professor who is from the Dalit community of India.	Written in 1987, this was the first book to provide a Dalit view of the roots and continuing factors of the gross oppression of the world's largest minority (over 150 million people) through a 3,000 year history of conquest, slavery, apartheid and worse. Rajshekar offers a penetrating, often startling overview of the role of Brahminism and the Indian caste system in embedding the notion of "untouchability" in Hindu culture. "This book should be compulsory reading for those who wish to understand the true nature of the caste system and the suffering it causes to millions." <i>Crescent International</i>
<i>How to Be an Antiracist</i> — Ibram X. Kendi	Defines antiracism and gives tools for dismantling racism across society.
<i>How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America</i> - Clint Smith	"Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves."
<i>Intellectual Preparation for Social Action</i> - by FUNDAEC: The Foundation for the Application and Teaching of Science	Seeks to respond to the educational needs of an increasing number of individuals who, aware of the crisis of education, are attracted to the challenges of intellectual activity in consonance with spiritual aspiration.
<i>I Am Nobody's Slave</i> — Lee Hawkins	Personal journey uncovering a family's enslaved past and its impact on healing.
<i>Marse: A Psychological Portrait of the Southern Slave Master and His Legacy of White Supremacy</i> - H. D. Kirkpatrick Note: H. D. is one of the characters in <i>A Binding Truth</i> , CA2BC's feature film.	
<i>My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies</i> - Resmaa Menakem MSW	Portion of description from book cover: The first self-help book to examine white-body supremacy in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology.

<i>Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent</i> - Eduardo Galeano	Portion of description from Amazon: Rather than chronology, geography, or political successions, Eduardo Galeano has organized the various facets of Latin American history according to the patterns of five centuries of exploitation. Thus he is concerned with gold and silver, cacao and cotton, rubber and coffee, fruit, hides and wool, petroleum, iron, nickel, manganese, copper, aluminum ore, nitrates, and tin. These are the veins which he traces through the body of the entire continent, up to the Rio Grande and throughout the Caribbean, and all the way to their open ends where they empty into the coffers of wealth in the United States and Europe.
<i>Our Original Sins: The (Mis)education of Black and Native Children and the Construction of American Racism</i> - Eve L. Ewing	Ewing asks, "What if schools are doing exactly what they were built to do? Why don't our schools work, despite seemingly endless efforts at reform, reinvention, and closing the racial achievement gap?"
<i>Pedagogy of the Oppressed: 50th Anniversary Edition</i> - Paulo Freire (Author), Donaldo Macedo (Foreword)	Portion of description from Amazon: Paulo Freire's work has helped to empower countless people throughout the world and has taken on special urgency in the United States and Western Europe, where the creation of a permanent underclass among the underprivileged and minorities in cities and urban centers is ongoing. This 50th anniversary edition includes an updated introduction by Donaldo Macedo, a new afterword by Ira Shor and interviews with Marina Aparicio Barberán, Noam Chomsky, Ramón Flecha, Gustavo Fischman, Ronald David Glass, Valerie Kinloch, Peter Mayo, Peter McLaren and Margo Okazawa-Rey to inspire a new generation of educators, students, and general readers for years to come.
<i>Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing</i> - Dr. Joy DeGruy	Portion of description from her website: DeGruy addresses the residual impacts of trauma on African Descendants in the Americas. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome (PTSS) lays the groundwork for understanding how the past has influenced the present, and opens up the discussion of how we can eliminate non-productive attitudes, beliefs and behaviors developed to cope and survive the traumatic periods of capture, transport, enslavement, Jim Crow and current day racial terrorism. The focus of the book is to learn and build upon the strengths we have gained from the past in order to heal from injuries both past and present.
<i>Racism with Racists</i> — Eduardo Bonilla-Silva	Examines how 'colorblind' racism allows inequality to persist subtly.
<i>Raising White Kids</i> — Jennifer Harvey	Guides raising racially conscious children prepared to address injustice.
<i>Rising Out of Hatred</i> — Harriet Tubman series	Chronicles the transformation of a former white nationalist through relationships and education.
<i>See No Stranger</i> — Valarie Kaur	Memoir and guide on using revolutionary love to transform ourselves and society.
<i>So You Want to Talk About Race</i> — Ijeoma Oluo	Practical advice for engaging in honest, challenging conversations about race.
<i>Stamped From the Beginning</i> — Ibram X. Kendi	History of racist ideas in America and how they shaped society and policy.
<i>Stories of Race in Elmhurst</i> — Edited by Ted Gregory and Jim Parks	Local stories of confronting racism sparked by George Floyd's death.
<i>Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans</i> - Robert Takaki	Portion of description from Amazon: In an extraordinary blend of narrative history, personal recollection, and oral testimony, the author presents a sweeping history of Asian Americans.

<i>The Trouble of Color</i> — Martha S. Jones	Explores the evolving meaning of race and citizenship in American history.
<i>The Myth of Race</i> — Robert Ward Sussman	Debunks race as a scientific concept and explores its harmful persistence.
<i>The New Jim Crow</i> — Michelle Alexander	Details how mass incarceration serves as a racial caste system in the U.S.
<i>The School to Prison Pipeline</i> — Kim, Losen & Hewitt	Analysis of how policies push minority students out of schools and into prisons.
<i>The Sum of Us</i> — Heather McGhee	Shows how racism harms everyone and how collective action can uplift all.
<i>Think Indigenous: Native American Spirituality for a Modern World</i> - Doug Good Feather	Portion of description from book cover: There is a natural law-a spiritual intelligence that we are all born with that lies within our hearts. We all have this knowing; we just need to be reminded.
<i>Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man</i> — Emmanuel Acho	Q&A addressing race with honesty, history, and action steps.
<i>Waking Up White</i> — Debby Irving	Author's awakening to her racial identity and privilege in American society.
<i>When We Walk By: Forgotten Humanity, Broken Systems, and the Role We Can Each Play in Ending Homelessness in America</i> - Kevin F. Adler and Donald W. Burnes	"A must-read guide to understanding housing instability, supporting our unhoused neighbors, and reclaiming our humanity. A deeply humanizing analysis that will change the way you think about poverty and homelessness—for the socially engaged reader of Isabel Wilkerson's <i>Caste</i> and Matthew Desmond's <i>Evicted</i> ."
<i>White Fragility</i> — Robin DiAngelo	Explores why white people often resist racial discussions and how it upholds inequality.