

## Resources on Racial Justice

Below is an extensive list of books, articles, videos, etc. that we have studied individually or collectively since 2020. We continue to update the list, so please check back periodically for new entries or new topics.

***NOTE: Resources are listed by age group. Within the 'Adult 18+' category, they are subdivided by subject matter. Resources whose age-appropriateness and/or subject matter span two or more categories appear in each relevant category.***

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### **For Toddlers (1-3)**

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- Book: [The Snowy Day](#) (and other Peter Books), Ezra Jack Keats, 1993. “*The Snowy Day* was the first mainstream children’s book to feature a Black main character, the lovable and delightful Peter. The book doesn’t mention race and it isn’t Jewish, but its iconic author, Ezra Jack Keats, was a Jewish immigrant who changed his name because of persecution. If your kids are big fans of Ezra Jack Keats, you can read them [A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day](#), [Andrea Davis Pinkney, 2016] a book about the making of this groundbreaking book.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [It’s Tot Shabbat!](#), Naomi Danis, photos by Tod Cohen, 2014. “This book shows the faces of a diverse Jewish congregation, and it also tells the story of how and why Shabbat is celebrated. (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020, <https://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/67500/67500/arts/>.)
- Book: [Buen Shabat. Shabbat Shalom](#), Sarah Aroeste, illustrated by Ayesha L Rubio, 2020. “My toddler and I love this book about a Sephardi family celebrating Shabbat. Written by the fabulous Sarah Aroeste, the book is both musical and

lovely — and a great opportunity to expose your kids to Ladino and Sephardi culture.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)

- “Jewish Books Celebrating Black History,” 2021, *PJ Library*. [The PJ Library Blog](#). Books for kids, Diverse representations (“Topics” menu), listed by age appropriateness.
- Book: [Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race](#), Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, and Isabel Roxas, March 16, 2021. This book is part of a series of books by the same authors meant to introduce young children to difficult but important topics.

### **For Young Children (4-6)**

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- Book: [Ezra’s BIG Shabbat Question](#), Aviva Brown, illustrated by Anastasia Kanavaliuk, 2019. Written by Kveller contributor Aviva Brown, “*Ezra’s BIG Shabbat Question* came to be when Brown saw there weren’t enough Jewish books that depicted families like hers. In this adorable book, Ezra wants to know if he can perform a certain action during Shabbat. He goes to his rabbi to get the answers but comes out with even more questions! Honestly, is there anything more Jewish than that?” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [Let’s Talk about Race](#), Julius Lester, illustrated by Karen Barbour, 2008. “Award-winning children’s book author Julius Lester’s book starts with Lester telling us his own story: where he was born, what he loves to do, and that he is Jewish and that he is Black: “There’s something else that’s a part of my story,” he writes. “It’s part of yours, too. That’s what race we are. I’m Black. What race are you?”. While the book reminds us that we are all skeletons underneath, it also urges us to inquire about the story of every person we meet, and reminds us that race *is* a part of that story.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [The Color of Us](#), Karen Katz, 2002. The author/illustrator tells us, “When my daughter was 5 years old in kindergarten she asked why she was a different color than my husband and me. She is adopted from Guatemala. We talked about it.

The next day I was at her school looking at all the beautiful kids in her class and I thought. These kids are brown and tan and peachy they aren't just black or white. It was then I decided to do this book as a celebration of the beautiful colors of kids." (Quote from *The Colors of Us* interview link at <https://www.karenkatz.com/info-1>.)

- Book: [\*Jalapeno Bagels\*](#), Natasha Wing, illustrated by Robert Casilla, 1996. "Joey finds a way to celebrate his Mexican and Jewish heritage in quite possibly the most delicious way possible: by making jalapeno bagels. (Yum!) This beautifully illustrated book teaches some Yiddish and Spanish words, too." (Quote from "A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages," *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*Hanukkah Moon\*](#), Deborah De Costa, illustrated by Gosia Mosz, 2007. "This beautifully illustrated picture book explores the Hanukkah customs of Latin American Jewish families. It's told through the story of Isobel's visit with her aunt Luisa, a new immigrant from Mexico. Isobel plays with a dreidel piñata and learns about celebrating the *luna nueva*, the new moon that appears on Hanukkah." (Quote from "A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages," *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*Yaffa and Fatima. Shalom. Salaam\*](#), Fawzia Gilani-Williams, illustrated by Chiara Fedele, 2017. "Teach your kids about coexistence with this beautiful book that depicts the relationship and religious traditions of two neighbors: Yaffa, who is Jewish, and Fatima, who is Muslim. It's a lovely way to teach your kids about Islam and loving your neighbor." (Quote from "A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages," *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas\*](#), Pamela Ehrenberg, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar, 2017. "This book features a multicultural Jewish and Indian family celebrating Hanukkah, and starts one curious and perky little girl! It's a delight." (Quote from "A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages," *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*Elan, Son of Two People\*](#), Heidi Smith-Hyde, illustrated by Mikela Prevost, 2014. "This book tells the story of Elan, the son of a Jewish father and a Native American Pueblo mother, who undergoes both a bar mitzvah and the pueblo ceremony that takes one from childhood to manhood." (Quote from "A Jewish

Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)

- Book: [\*Osnat and Her Dove: The True Story of the World's First Female Rabbi\*](#), Sigal Samuel, author, Vali Mintzi, illustrator, 2021. This book tells the story of Osnat Barzani, a Misrahi woman who “broke the glass ceiling” to become a rabbi 500 years ago!
- “10 Powerful Inclusive and Anti-Racist Books for Kids and Teens,” Marley Dias and Time for Kids, June 30, 2020, *Time*, <https://time.com/5861707/anti-racist-books-for-kids-and-teens/>. Books are listed by age group, pre-K through adult.
- Book: [\*Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race\*](#), Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, and Isabel Roxas, March 16, 2021. This book is part of a series of books by the same authors meant to introduce young children to difficult but important topics.
- Book: [\*I Color Myself Different\*](#), Colin Kaepernick, April 5, 2022. Kaepernick’s story of his own realization of and pride about who he was at age five.
- Book: [\*Thema and the Wonderful Black Gourd\*](#), Janice Curtis Greene, 2011. From the website: “... a delightful coming of age story set in Ghana. As Thema struggles with growing up away from her parents she is helped by a beautiful reflection in the river.”

### **For Elementary School-Aged Children**

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- Book: [\*I Too Am America\*](#), Langston Hughes, 2012. Based on the famous poem by the same author.
- Book: [\*Always an Olivia\*](#), Carolivia Herron, illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau, 2012. “In this pretty children’s book that’s based on the author’s remarkable family history, a girl’s great-grandmother tells her about her the story of her family’s Jewish and African American heritage.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*The Undefeated\*](#), Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, 2019. Picture book in verse, celebrating African American achievers and victims.
- Book: [\*Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids: 51 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa to Modern-Day U.S.A.\*](#), Arlisha Norwood, 2020.

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### **For Middle School-Aged Students**

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- Book: [\*I Too Am America\*](#), Langston Hughes, 2012. Based on the famous poem by the same author.
- Book: [\*Stealing Home\*](#), Ellen Schwartz, 2006. “In 1947, a biracial Jewish kid with a passion for baseball faces alienation in both his African American community and in the Jewish community of Brooklyn.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*My Basmati Bat Mitzvah\*](#), Paula J. Freedman, 2013. “Aside from the challenge of learning her bat mitzvah Torah portion and dealing with the usual challenges of a girl her age, Tara (Hindi for “star”) deals with how to balance her Indian and Jewish identity, as well as what it’s like having a bat mitzvah while you’re questioning your faith.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)
- Book: [\*This is Just a Test\*](#), by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg, 2019. “David is preparing for his bar mitzvah, dealing with the drama between his Jewish grandma and his Chinese grandma, and... building a fallout shelter? A fun story about growing up Chinese and Jewish.” (Quote from “A Jewish Anti-Racist Reading List for Children of All Ages,” *Washington Jewish Week*, June 18, 2020.)

- Book: [\*The Undefeated\*](#), Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, 2019. Picture book in verse, celebrating African American achievers and victims.
- Book: [\*Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids: 51 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa to Modern-Day U.S.A.\*](#), Arlisha Norwood, 2020.
- Book: [\*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning\*](#), Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, 2021.
- “The Danger of a Single Story”, *TED* talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, October 7, 2009, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9lhs241zeg&t=295s>. Explores the formation of stereotypes and biases from inadequate information sources. *Note: viewer may need to manually move the starting point for this video back to the beginning, as it otherwise skips several minutes.*
- “10 Powerful Inclusive and Anti-Racist Books for Kids and Teens,” Marley Dias and Time for Kids, June 30, 2020, *Time*, <https://time.com/5861707/anti-racist-books-for-kids-and-teens/>. Books are listed by age group, pre-K through adult.
- “Fueling Our Democracy Through Civics that Speaks to Every Student! Youth as Civics Experts Network,” iCivics, 2021, <https://www.civicsforum.org/>.
- Book: [\*The Hate U Give\*](#), Angie Thomas, 2017.
- Book: [\*Ghost Boys\*](#), Jewell Parker Rhodes, 2018.
- Book: [\*Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy\*](#), Emmanuel Acho, 2021. Adapted from the similarly titled book for adults, this also addresses being an ally.
- Book: [\*Brown Girl Dreaming\*](#), Jacqueline Woodson, 2016. Newbery Honor Book and New York Times bestselling memoir in verse, for kids and adults from 5<sup>th</sup> grade on up.

### **For Teens/High School Students**

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- From Judy Young’s high school English classroom: Read Walt Whitman’s poem, “I Hear America Singing”, and then compare it to Langston Hughes’ response “I, Too.”
  - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46480/i-hear-america-singing>
  - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47558/i-too>

- From U. of MD. School of Social Work resources about Juneteenth, <https://www.mysswbulletin.info/single-post/2020/06/19/juneteenth-a-message-from-the-school-of-social-work>:
  - “The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth” (National Museum of African American History & Culture), <https://nmaahc.si.edu/blog-post/historical-legacy-juneteenth>
  - “Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day” (Smithsonian Magazine), <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/juneteenth-our-other-independence-day-16340952/>
  - “What Is Juneteenth?” (PBS), <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth/>
- “Bryan Stevenson on What Well-Meaning White People Need to Know about Race,” in *Pacific Standard Magazine*, James McWilliams, original 2018, updated Feb 2019, <https://psmag.com/magazine/bryan-stevenson-ps-interview>
- “I’ve Been a Rabbi Fighting Racial Injustice for Decades. But I Have Not Done Enough,” Rabbi Sid Schwarz, in *Jewish Telegraph*, June 2020, <https://www.jta.org/2020/06/28/opinion/ive-been-a-rabbi-fighting-racial-injustice-for-decades-but-i-have-not-done-enough>
- “A Battle for the Souls of Black Girls,” Erica L. Green, Mark Walker, Eliza Shapiro, in *The New York Times*, October 1 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/01/us/politics/black-girls-school-discipline.html>
- Book: [\*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning\*](#), Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, 2021.
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- Book: [\*The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person\*](#), Frederick Joseph, December 1, 2020. Honest discussion of author’s own encounters with racism and how anti-racist white people can avoid offense in interactions with Blacks.
- Book: [\*100 African-Americans Who Shaped American History \(100 Series\)\*](#), Chrisanne Beckner, 1995.

- Book: [\*The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates\*](#), Wes Moore, 2020. A true story of two Baltimore boys with the same name but very different life outcomes.
- “Digital Resources Guide,” *National Museum of African American History and Culture*, 2021, <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/nmaahc-digital-resources-guide>. Everything from exhibits to how to talk about race, to interviews and programs.
- Book: [\*Dear Martin\*](#), Nic Stone, 2017.
- Book: [\*Dear Justyce\*](#), Nic Stone, 2020.
- “10 Powerful Inclusive and Anti-Racist Books for Kids and Teens,” Marley Dias and Time for Kids, June 30, 2020, *Time*, <https://time.com/5861707/anti-racist-books-for-kids-and-teens/>. Books are listed by age group, pre-K through adult.
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- Book: [\*Brown Girl Dreaming\*](#), Jacqueline Woodson, 2016. Newbery Honor Book and New York Times bestselling memoir in verse, for kids and adults from 5<sup>th</sup> grade on up.
- Book: [\*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian\*](#), Sherman Alexie, 2009. This award-winning book is a gem! Some are saying it is appropriate for age 12+, but it seems that it is mostly for high school ages. Adults will enjoy it too!
- Book: [\*Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed History of America\*](#), Michael Harriot, 2023.
- Film: [\*They Cloned Tyrone\*](#) (Rated R), from screenplay by Juel Taylor and Tony Rettenmaier, Juel Taylor, director, 2023. This science fiction/comedy/mystery film is available on [\*Netflix\*](#) for members.

## **For Adults 18+ (organized by topic)**

### **For Parents and Grandparents**

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- Book: [\*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race\*](#), Beverly Daniel Tatum, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary revised edition, 2017 (orig. 1997).
  - “Defining Racism: Can We Talk?” From *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? and Other Conversations about Race*, pp. 3-13, Beverly Daniel Tatum, 1997, <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwip1vTru7DtAhU0GFkFHTybC6EQFjAEegQIBBAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Fracialandethnicpolitics.files.wordpress.com%2F2014%2F01%2Ftatum-defining-racism-can-we-talk.pdf&usg=AOvVaw0LBGzhjoqNB6YtDx5uwyTh>. This book chapter explores definitions of and relationships between stereotypes, prejudice, and racism. It also gives examples of how early in life (preschool) stereotypes are internalized.
- Book: [\*Between The World and Me\*](#), Ta Nehisi-Coates, 2015. In this very personal work written for his beloved teenage son, the author explores his history and relationship with the world around him as a Black man.
- Book: [\*Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America\*](#). Jennifer Harvey, 2018. Practical guide to raising race-conscious and anti-racist kids, with lots of specific suggestions and examples of dialog.
- “How to Raise Anti-Racist Jewish Kids,” Lior Zaltzman, in *Kveller*, June 10, 2020, <https://www.kveller.com/how-to-raise-anti-racist-jewish-kids/>.
- “What to Say and Read to Your Children Right Now About Race”, Marcella White Campbell, in *Kveller*, June 5, 2020, <https://www.kveller.com/what-to-say-and-read-to-your-children-right-now-about-race/>.
- “How to Talk to Your Kids About Police Brutality and How to Talk to Them About Anti-Racist Protesting”, Marjorie Ingall, in *Tablet*, June 9, 2020, <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/community/articles/talking-to-kids-about-brutality>.
- “How to Raise Anti-Racist Kids: 20 Resources for Parents”, at *Motherly*, <https://www.mother.ly/child/how-to-raise-anti-racist-kids>.
- “Letter to White Parents: 8 Actions You Can Take to Make America Safe for Black Children”, Dr. Chairman Jackman, at *innopsych.com*, June 1, 2020,

<https://sites.google.com/innopsych.com/drjspeaks/Letter-to-white-parents?authuser=0>.

- *Teaching Tolerance*, <https://www.tolerance.org/>: a website with many resources for K-12 teachers teaching about diversity of all sorts. Also has a number of grade-level-sorted short stories/parables ideal for sharing and discussing with little loved ones in your life.
- “The Courage to Teach Hard History,” Hassan Kwame Jeffries, *Teaching Tolerance*, February 1, 2018, <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/the-courage-to-teach-hard-history>. Teaching guide for teaching school kids in all grades about slavery in the U.S.
- Book: *The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person*, Frederick Joseph, 2020.
- “Digital Resources Guide,” *National Museum of African American History and Culture*, 2021, <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/nmaahc-digital-resources-guide>. Everything from exhibits to how to talk about race, to interviews and programs.
- “Talking about Race,” portal at the *National Museum of African American History and Culture*, 2021, <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/audiences/parent-caregiver>. This area of the museum’s portal provides a number of resources for parents and other caregivers to help them talk effectively with kids about race.
- “Reading Diversity,” 2021, *Learning for Justice*, <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/publications/reading-diversity>. This site provides tools mostly for educators, but the resource may also be helpful to parents and grandparents.
- “Peace One Day: Anti-Racism Live Global Digital Experience 21 March,” 2021, sponsored by the *United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*, <https://peaceoneday.org/Main/Events?p=March2021Anti-RacismDay>. This is a yearly global event featuring world-famous dignitaries and artists to promote awareness and action against all forms of discrimination.
- “10 Powerful Inclusive and Anti-Racist Books for Kids and Teens,” Marley Dias and Time for Kids, June 30, 2020, *Time*, <https://time.com/5861707/anti-racist-books-for-kids-and-teens/>. Books are listed by age group, pre-K through adult.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/24/well/family/how-to-raise-an-anti-racist-kid.html>.
- “Let’s K12 Better Season 2, Episode 6: Let’s Talk About ... Blackface,” *Mom of All Capes* (Amber Coleman-Mortley), February 11, 2021,  
<https://letsk12better.buzzsprout.com/1036873/7807555-let-s-talk-about-blackface>
- “Nice White Parents Podcast,” 2020, *Apple Podcasts* (from *The NY Times*), six episodes,  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/nice-white-parents/id1524080195>.
- “Why Teach “People’s History”?,” Zinn Education Project, 2021,  
<https://www.zinnedproject.org/why/> . This site is mostly meant for teachers, but can also inform parents/grandparents and make them better advocates for their kids/grandkids.
- “Teach and Learn About Voting Rights,” May 4, 2021, *Learning for Justice* (formerly *Teaching Tolerance*),  
[https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/may-4-2021-teach-and-learn-about-voting-rights?utm\\_source=Learning+for+Justice&utm\\_campaign=4ab5098e99-Newsletter+5-4-2021&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a8cea027c3-4ab5098e99-83213815](https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/may-4-2021-teach-and-learn-about-voting-rights?utm_source=Learning+for+Justice&utm_campaign=4ab5098e99-Newsletter+5-4-2021&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a8cea027c3-4ab5098e99-83213815).
- “How to Raise Kids Who Won’t be Racist,” Melinda Wenner Moyer, July 15, 2021, *The New York Times*,  
[https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/15/opinion/raise-non-racist-children.html?campaign\\_id=39&emc=edit\\_ty\\_20210715&instance\\_id=35392&nl=opinion-today&regi\\_id=55293006&segment\\_id=63529&te=1&user\\_id=2145cd8c96f7ffbf718dfcb60b25ee4f](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/15/opinion/raise-non-racist-children.html?campaign_id=39&emc=edit_ty_20210715&instance_id=35392&nl=opinion-today&regi_id=55293006&segment_id=63529&te=1&user_id=2145cd8c96f7ffbf718dfcb60b25ee4f).
- “Colin Kaepernick Talks About His New Venture: Children’s Book Author, Nora Krug,” April 6, 2022, *The Washington Post*,  
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- “What I Want My Kids To Learn About American Racism,” Eboo Patel, May 10, 2022, *The New York Times*,  
[https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/10/opinion/race-teaching-school.html?campaign\\_id=39&emc=edit\\_ty\\_20220510&instance\\_id=60931&nl=opinion-today&re](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/10/opinion/race-teaching-school.html?campaign_id=39&emc=edit_ty_20220510&instance_id=60931&nl=opinion-today&re)

[gi\\_id=55293006&segment\\_id=91794&te=1&user\\_id=2145cd8c96f7ffbf718dfcb60b25ee4f.](https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2022/creating-a-society-rooted-in-justice-qa-with-britt-hawthorne)

- Book: *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson, 2016. Newbery Honor Book and New York Times bestselling memoir in verse, for kids and adults from 5<sup>th</sup> grade on up.
- “Creating a Society Rooted in Justice: Q & A with Britt Hawthorne,” Britt Hawthorne, Fall 2022, *Learning for Justice Magazine*, <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2022/creating-a-society-rooted-in-justice-qa-with-britt-hawthorne>.
- “Decarceration Begins With School Discipline Reform,” Anthony Conwright, Fall 2022, *Learning for Justice Magazine*, <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2022/decarceration-begins-with-school-discipline-reform>.
- “Centering Diverse Parents in the CRT Debate,” Ivory A. Toldson, Fall, 2022, *Learning for Justice Magazine*, <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2022/centering-diverse-parents-in-the-crt-debate>.
- “Learning for Justice Magazine”, Issue 3, Fall 2022, sponsored by the *Southern Poverty Law Center*, <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/fall-2022>.
- “Celebrate Black History in Maryland,” *Maryland Office of Tourism*, 2023, <https://www.visitmaryland.org/list/black-history-month?emci=effbecb5-b7a8-ed11-994d-00224832eb73&emdi=edd66eb4-a6ab-ed11-994d-00224832eb73&ceid=14799877>. Nice guide to several African American historical sites in Maryland.
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## **Immigration Issues**

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*Note from Anna Rubin, who has been very active in immigration issues and who inspired the addition of this section to the list:* Immigration is a famously complex subject. I'm starting this list of books, articles and videos on the subject with items by Dr. Aviva Chomsky, an internationally recognized expert. I appreciate the large view she takes and her ability to synthesize a great deal of information to manageable proportions. CJC has nearly from its inception supported immigrant rights. Today, the majority of immigrants to the U.S. are Black and Brown people

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