

Anti-Racism Reading List

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Are you looking to start, or continue, your anti-racism education? Our librarians have compiled this list of books and films about anti-racism activism and the history of systemic racism in the United States. While self-education is just one small component of the work of anti-racism, we hope this resource can help support our community's pursuit of social justice.

Adults

Reading Recommendations

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) / Michelle Alexander

[One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy](#) / Carol Anderson

[White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide](#) / Carol Anderson

[The Fire Next Time](#) / James Baldwin

[Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America](#) / Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

[Between the World and Me](#) / Ta-Nehisi Coates

[Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower](#) / Brittney C. Cooper

[Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement](#) / Angela Y. Davis, edited by Frank Barat

[Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race](#) / Reni Eddo-Lodge

[How to Be Less Stupid About Race](#) / Crystal M. Fleming

[From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America](#) / Elizabeth Hinton

[Good Talk](#) / Mira Jacob

[Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women That a Movement Forgot](#) / Mikki Kendall

[How To Be an Antiracist](#) / Ibram X. Kendi

[Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#) / Ibram X. Kendi

[When They Call You a Terrorist: a Black Lives Matter Memoir](#) / Patrisse Khan-Cullors and asha bandele

[So You Want to Talk About Race](#) / Ijeoma Oluo

[Citizen: An American Lyric](#) / Claudia Rankine

[Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color](#) / Andrea J. Ritchie

[Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor](#) / Layla F. Saad

[Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#) / Bryan Stevenson

[Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership](#) / Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

[The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race](#) / edited by Jesmyn Ward

Viewing Recommendations

[I Am Not Your Negro](#) / written by James Baldwin, directed by Raoul Peck

[Whose Streets?](#) / directed by Sabaah Folayan and Damon Davis

[Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise](#) / McGee Media, Inkwell Films & Kunhardt Films; producers, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Dyllan McGee, Peter Kunhardt

Children

Picture Books and Easy Readers

[The Undeclared](#) / Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

[Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice](#) / Marianne Celano, Ann Hazzard, and Jennifer Zivoin ([also on Hoopla](#))

[Rosa Parks: Activist for Equality](#) / Grace Hansen ([also on Hoopla](#))

[Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness](#) / Anastasia Higginbotham ([also on Hoopla](#))

[The Skin You Live In](#) / Michel Tyler and David Lee Csicsko

Nonfiction

[We Are the Change: Words of Inspiration from Civil Rights Leaders](#) / Harry Belafonte

[Streetcar to Justice: How Elizabeth Jennings Won the Right to Ride in New York](#) / Amy Hill Hearth ([also on Hoopla](#))

[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices](#) / Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson

[My Daddy, Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) / Martin Luther King III

[All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color](#) / Katie Kissinger and Wernher Krutein ([also on Hoopla](#))

[What Was the March on Washington?](#) / Kathleen Krull

[Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans](#) / Kadir Nelson

[Someday is Now: Clara Luper and the 1958 Oklahoma City Sit-ins](#) / Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and Jade Johnson ([also on Hoopla](#))

[Let the Children March](#) / Monica Clark Robinson and Frank Morrison ([also on Hoopla](#))

[Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged!](#) / Jody Nyasha Warner and Richard Rudnicki ([also on Hoopla](#))

Tween

[Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice](#) / Veronica Chambers and Paul Ryding ([also on Hoopla](#))

[March](#) (Books 1-3) / John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell ([also on Hoopla](#))

[It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood](#) / Trevor Noah

[Rise Up! The Art of Protest](#) / Jo Rippon ([also on Hoopla](#))

[Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963](#) / Sharon Robinson

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#) / Jacqueline Woodson

Teen

[One Person, No Vote: How Not All Voters are Treated Equally](#) / Carol Anderson

[Say Her Name](#) / Zetta Elliott

[Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, and Identity](#) / Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi

[This Book is Anti-Racist](#) / Tiffany Jewell

[Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights](#) / Mikki Kendall and A. D'Amico

[Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#) / Jason Reynolds adapted from Stamped from the Beginning by Ibrahm X. Kendi

[Girls Resist! A Guide to Activism, Leadership, and Starting a Revolution](#) / Kaelyn Rich ([also on Hoopla](#))