

Resource List

BOOKS

* *Titles marked with an asterisk are available for loan from Linda Lutter.*

Across That Bridge – A Vision for Change and the Future of America **by John Lewis**

Congressman John Lewis draws from his experience as a prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement to offer timeless wisdom, poignant recollections, and powerful principles for anyone interested in challenging injustices and inspiring real change toward a freer, more peaceful society.

Between the World and Me **by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

Americans have built an empire on the idea of “race,” a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? Ta-Nehisi Coates attempts to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son, woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage.

Biased – Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do **by Jennifer L. Eberhardt**

From one of the world’s leading experts on unconscious racial bias come stories, science, and strategies to address one of the central controversies of our time

Caste – The Origins of Our Discontents **by Isabel Wilkerson**

This short book peels back the veil and provides a brief glimpse into the history of seven virulent and persistent human biases – a glimpse that you can read in about an hour.

The Color of Compromise **by Jemar Tisby**

This is a provocative and painful call to repentance for white evangelical Christians who have ignored their participation in racial injustice.

The Color of Law - A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* **by Richard Rothstein**

Rothstein describes how the American government systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods.

Dear Church*

by Lenny Duncan

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, this book offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. It rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

Dear Martin

by Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend. One day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.

Dear Justyce (sequel to Dear Martin)

by Nic Stone

Vernell LaQuan Banks and Justyce McAllister grew up a block apart in the Southwest Atlanta neighborhood of Wynwood Heights. Years later, though, Justyce walks the illustrious halls of Yale University . . . and Quan sits behind bars at the Fulton Regional Youth Detention Center. Troubles at home and misunderstandings at school give rise to police encounters and tough decisions. But then there's a dead cop and a weapon with Quan's prints on it. What leads a bright kid down a road to a murder charge? Not even Quan is sure.

How Long Will I Cry – Voices of Youth Violence*

edited by Miles Harvey

In 2011 and 2012, while more than 900 people were being murdered on the streets of Chicago, creative writing students from DePaul University fanned out all over the city to interview people whose lives have been changed forever by the bloodshed. Told by real people in their own words, the stories inside are at turns harrowing, heartbreaking, and full of hope.

Jesus and the Disinherited*

by Howard Thurman

Famously known as the text that Martin Luther King Jr. sought inspiration from in the days leading up to the Montgomery bus boycott, this manuscript helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation's history forever.

Me and White Supremacy

by Layla F. Saad

Based on the viral Instagram challenge that captivated participants worldwide, *Me and White Supremacy* takes readers on a 28-day journey, complete with journal prompts, to do the necessary and vital work that can ultimately lead to improving race relations.

Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning

by Kathy Park Hong

As the daughter of Korean immigrants, Cathy Park Hong grew up steeped in shame, suspicion, and melancholy. She would later understand that these “minor feelings” occur when American optimism contradicts your own reality—when you believe the lies you’re told about your own racial identity.

The Minority Experience: Navigating Emotional and Organizational Realities

by Adrian Pei

Illustrates examples of white supremacy and racism through leadership in a ministry setting.

My Grandmother's Hands

by Resmaa Menakem

The author addresses three audiences concurrently: white people, black/brown people, and law enforcement officers. For each, he not only teaches theory but also guides through practices for healing our bodies in order to heal relationships and communities.

Seeing My Skin (A Story of Wrestling with Whiteness)

by Peter Jarrett-Schell

A personal journey of a priest’s understanding of his Whiteness widens into an invitation to wrestle with larger cultural issues of race and belonging.

Stony the Road – Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow

by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

A profound new rendering of the struggle by African-Americans for equality after the Civil War and the violent counter-revolution that resubjugated them.

Tears We Cannot Stop – A Sermon to White America*

by Michael Eric Dyson

As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, Michael Eric Dyson’s voice soars above the rest. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted.

The Warmth of Other Suns – The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

by Isabel Wilkerson

From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves

White Fragility – Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism
by Robin DiAngelo

Antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility, how it develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

VIDEOS

NY Times Conversations on Race

A series of short videos about race, featuring personal stories that reflect the breadth of experiences in the United States.

A Conversation with White People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXow7oIFyIM>

A Conversation about Growing Up Black

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSAw51caEeg>

A Conversation with My Black Son

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXgfX1y60Gw>

A Conversation with Black Women

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-xz4qiUBsw>

A Conversation with Asian-Americans on Race

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/05/opinion/a-conversation-with-asians-on-race.html>

A Conversation with Latinos on Race

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLLCHbCgJbM&t=55s>

A Conversation with Native Americans on Race

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siMal6QVblE&t=4s>

A Conversation with Police on Race

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Funraox29U&t=4s>

White Privilege: Let's Talk

A collection of videos from the United Church of Christ's curriculum for white faith communities wishing to "engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race."

<https://vimeo.com/progressrenew/white-privilege-lets-talk/video/172158957>

FILMS

I am Not Your Negro

A documentary by Raoul Peck based on the writings of James Baldwin. In his final years, Baldwin envisioned a book about his three assassinated friends, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King. His deeply personal notes for the project had never been published before acclaimed filmmaker Raoul Peck mined Baldwin's oeuvre to compose this blazing examination of the tragic history of race in America.

[Click here to watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PaAbmRJ9bQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PaAbmRJ9bQ)

American Creed

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy come together from remarkably different backgrounds, life experiences and points of view to explore the idea of a unifying American creed. Their spirited inquiry frames the stories of a range of citizen-activists striving to realize their own visions of America's promise across deep divides.

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