# An Incomplete List of Recommended Reading on Race in America

**Print:** 

Alexander, Michelle: The New Jim Crow

Angelou, Maya: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Baldwin, James: The Fire Next Time and I Am Not Your Negro

Bald, Vivek: Bengali Harlem and the Lost Histories of South Asian America

Ball, Edward: *Slaves in the Family* 

Coates, Ta-Nehisi: Between the World and Me

Colby, Tanner: Some of My Best Friends Are Black

Ewing, Eve: Ghosts in the Schoolyard

Foner, Eric: Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution

Forman Jr., James: Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America

Fullilove, Mindy Thompson: Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America, and What We Can Do About It

Hahn, Steven: A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration

Halpin, Dennis Patrick: A Brotherhood of Liberty: Black Reconstruction and Its Legacies in Baltimore, 1865-1920. Purchase at https://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15968.html

hooks, bell: *Homegrown: Engaged Cultural Criticism* and *Talking Back: Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black* 

Hurston, Zora Neale: Their Eyes Were Watching God

Gay, Roxane: Bad Feminist

Gilmore, Glenda Elizabeth: Gender and Jim Crow

Green, Kristen: Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle

Irving, Debbie: Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story About Race

Isenberg, Nancy: White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America

Jacob, Mira: Good Talk

Kendi, Ibram X.: How to Be an Antiracist

King, Martin Luther, Jr.: The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kozol, Jonathan: Savage Inequalities

Lewis, John: The *March* trilogy

Lorde, Audre: Sister Outsider

Macy, Beth: *Truevine* 

McCall, Nathan: Makes Me Wanna Holler

Metzl, Jonathan: Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing America's

Heartland

Muhammad, Khalil Gibran: The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of

Modern Urban America

Oluo, Ijeoma: So You Want To Talk About Race

Rankine, Claudia: Citizen

Roberts, Dorothy: Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-Create Race in

the Twenty-First Century

Rothstein, Richard: The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government

Segregated America

Tatum, Beverly Daniel: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?

Walker, Alice: The Color Purple

Ward, Jesmyn: The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race

West, Cornel: Race Matters

Willkerson, Isabel: The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

Woodley, Ken: The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward

County, Virginia

X, Malcolm: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* 

Zinn, Howard: A People's History of the United States

## Online:

Araujo, Mike: By the Numbers: What Does It Mean to Be Black in RI?

https://motifri.com/black-in-ri/?fbclid=IwAR3hUz-

eJRtoYHwGkW9UuOmDJh9VE MycTtKPcdfEZjZ6E7D hHX-32o5B0

Biss, Eula: White Debt https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/06/magazine/white-debt.html

Coates, Ta-Nehisi The Case for Reparations

https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/

Collins, Cory: What Is White Privilege, Really?

https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/fall-2018/what-is-white-privilege-really

DuBois, Joshua: The Fight for Black Men

https://www.newsweek.com/2013/06/19/obamas-former-spiritual-advisor-joshua-dubois-fight-

black-men-237610.html

Kendi, Ibram X: A Reading List for Ralph Northam

https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/02/antiracist-syllabus-governor-ralph-

northam/582580/

Ko, Lisa: *Harvard and the Myth of the Interchangeable Asian* 

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/13/opinion/sunday/harvard-and-the-myth-of-the-

interchangeable-asian.html

McIntosh, Peggy: White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

http://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf and White Privilege and Male

Privilege https://nationalseedproject.org/white-privilege-and-male-privilege

The New Progressive: *The Ultimate White Privilege Statistics and Data Post:* 

https://www.thenewprogressive.net/ultimate-white-privilege-statistics/

The New York Times 1619 Project:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html

New York Times: Two States, Eight Textbooks, Two American Stories:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/01/12/us/texas-vs-california-history-textbooks.html

Park, Martha: Even the Dead Could Not Stay: An Illustrated History of Urban Renewal in

Roanoke, Virginia: https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/01/even-the-dead-could-not-stay/550838/

Southern Poverty Law Center: *Whose Heritage* <a href="https://www.splcenter.org/20190201/whose-heritage-public-symbols-confederacy">https://www.splcenter.org/20190201/whose-heritage-public-symbols-confederacy</a>

### **Podcasts:**

About Race

Another Round

Code Switch (NPR)

The Daily (The New York Times)

Identity Politics

Intersection (New Republic)

*More Perfect* (RadioLab)

The Nod

Race Matters (NPR)

The Stoop

Through Line (NPR)

## Viewing:

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ibram-kendi-talks-how-to-be-antiracist/

Dark Girls

I Am Not Your Negro

PBS: Africa's Great Civilizations: <a href="https://www.pbs.org/show/africas-great-civilizations/">https://www.pbs.org/show/africas-great-civilizations/</a>

Roots

Slavery By Another Name

#### Events:

The National Antiracist Book Festival: <a href="https://antiracismcenter.com/national-antiracist-book-festival/">https://antiracismcenter.com/national-antiracist-book-festival/</a>

Virginia Festival of the Book: <a href="https://www.vabook.org/">https://www.vabook.org/</a>