



Selected Anti-Racist Resources

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Eberhardt, Jennifer 303.385 EBE

Biased: Uncovering the Prejudice that shapes what We See, Think & Do How do we talk about bias? With a perspective that is at once scientific, investigative, and informed by personal experience, the author offers us the language and courage we need to face one of the biggest and most troubling issues of our time. She exposes racial bias at all levels of society. Racial bias is a problem that we all have a role to play in solving.

Anderson, Carol 305.8 AND

White Rage: the Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide
From the Civil War to our combustible present, this book reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress.

Diangelo, Robin 305.8 DIA

White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to talk about Racism Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation & silence. These behaviors prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue.

Dyson, Michael 305.8 DYS

Tears We cannot Stop: a Sermon to White America

As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. This book is a provocative and deeply personal call for change. 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.

Glaude, Eddie 305.8 GLA

Democracy in Black: how Race Still Enslaves the American Soul

From the murders of black youth by the police, to the dismantling of the Voting Rights Act, to the disaster visited upon poor and middle-class black families by the Great Recession, it is clear that black America faces an emergency—at the very moment the election of the first black president had prompted many to believe we've solved America's race problem.

Kendi, Ibram 305.8 KEN

How to be an Antiracist Kendi weaves together an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science, bringing it all together with an engaging personal narrative of his own awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society.

Kendi, Ibram 305.8 KEN

Stamped from the Beginning: the Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. As Kendi shows, racist ideas did not arise from ignorance or hatred, but were created to justify and rationalize deeply entrenched discriminatory policies and the nation's racial inequities.

McGhee, Heather 305.8 MCG

The Sum of Us: what Racism Costs Everyone & how we Prosper Together From the financial crisis to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, McGhee found a common root problem: racism. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and

constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?

Oluo, Ijeoma

305.8 OLU

So You want to Talk about Race

Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy--from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans--has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Oluo guides readers of all races through an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

Saad, Layla

305.8 SAA

Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor

This book challenges you to do the essential work of unpacking your biases, and helps white people take action and dismantle the privilege within themselves so that you can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.

Zamalin, Alex

305.8 ZAM

Against Civility: the Hidden Racism in our Obsession with

Civility The idea and practice of civility has always been wielded to silence dissent, repress political participation, and justify violence upon people of color. Although many progressives today are told that we need to be more polite and thoughtful, less rancorous and angry, when we talk about race in America, civility maintains rather than disrupts racial injustice.

Dyson, Michael

305.896 ASI

We can't Breathe: on Black Lives, White Lies

and the Art of Survival Dyson explores such topics as the importance of black fathers and community; the significance of black writers and stories; what emerges is a rich portrait of a community and culture that has resisted, survived, and flourished despite centuries of racism, violence, and trauma. These thought-provoking essays present a different side of American history, one that doesn't depend on a narrative steeped in oppression but rather reveals black voices telling their own stories.

Lowery, Wesley

305.896 LOW

They can't Kill us All: Ferguson, Baltimore

& a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement By posing the question, "What does the loss of any one life mean to the rest of the

nation?" Lowery examines the cumulative effect of decades of racially biased policing in segregated neighborhoods with failing schools, crumbling infrastructure and too few jobs. A historically informed look at the standoff between the police and those they are sworn to protect, showing that civil unrest is just one tool of resistance in the broader struggle for justice.

Mishra, Pankaj

909.8 MIS

Age of Anger: a History of the Present

How can we explain the origins of the great wave of paranoid hatreds that seem inescapable in our close-knit world—from American shooters and ISIS to Donald Trump, from a rise in vengeful nationalism across the world to racism and misogyny on social media?

Meacham, Jon

973 MEA

The Soul of America: the Battle for our Better Angels

Meacham writes about the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the birth of the Lost Cause; the backlash against immigrants in the First World War and the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s; the fight for women's rights; the demagoguery of Huey Long and Father Coughlin and the isolationist work of America First in the years before World War II; the anti-Communist witch-hunts led by Senator Joseph McCarthy; and Lyndon Johnson's crusade against Jim Crow. The struggle continues even now.

Gates, Henry

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Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy & the Rise of Jim Crow

Gates reveals the many faces of Jim Crow and how, together, they reinforced a stark color line between white and black Americans. Bringing a lifetime of wisdom to bear as a scholar, filmmaker, and public intellectual, Gates uncovers the roots of structural racism in our own time, while showing how African Americans after slavery combatted it by articulating a vision of a "New Negro" to force the nation to recognize their humanity and unique contributions to America as it hurtled toward the modern age.

Perry, Imani

BIOG Perry

Breathe: A Letter to my Sons Explores the terror, grace, and beauty of coming of age as a Black person in contemporary America and what it means to parent Black children, especially males, in a persistently unjust world.

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Hoopla e-books & e-audio books

e-book

Alexander, Michelle *The New Jim Crow*

Loewen, James *Lies My Teacher Told: everything your American History textbook got wrong*

e-audio

Takaki, Ronald

A Different Mirror: a history of multicultural America

Abrams, Stacey *Voter Suppression in U.S. Elections*

e-book & e-audio

Hill, Daniel

White Awake: an Honest Look about what it means to be White

Podcasts

White Lies, NPR

Whistling Vivaldi, NPR

A Decade on Watching Black People Die, Code Switch

Brené with Ibram X. Kendi on How to Be an Antiracist,
Unlocking US

Side Effects of White Women, Small Does with
Amanda Seales

Well Meaning White People, Smartest Person in the Room podcast

Overdrive e-books & e-audio books

e-book

Angelou, Maya *The Heart of a Woman*

Hinton, Anthony *How I found Life and Freedom on Death Row*

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

Coates, Ta-Nehisi *We were Eight Years in Power: an American Tragedy*

Vitale, Alex *The End of Policing*

DiAngelo, Robin *White Fragility: Why It's so hard for White People to talk about Racism*

Kendi, Ibram X. *How to be an Antiracist*

Saad, Layla *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World & become a Good Ancestor*

Griffin, John Howard *Black like Me*

Noah, Trevor *Born a Crime*

Acho, Emmanuel *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*