

Social Justice Booklist

An African American and Latinx History of the US by Paul Ortiz

"...a bottom-up history told from the viewpoint of African American and Latinx activists and revealing the radically different ways people of the diaspora addressed issues still plaguing the United States today"- Amazon.com

Becoming by Michelle Obama

An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Author Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful framework for understanding our nation's current crisis on race, illuminating the past and confronting the present as a way to present a vision forward.

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes what we See, Think, and Do by Jennifer Eberhardt

Explores the daily repercussions of implicit bias, discussing its impact on education, employment, housing, and criminal justice.

Born a Crime: stories from a South African childhood by Trevor Noah

"Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth" --Amazon.com

The Bridge by Bill Konigsberg

"Aaron and Tillie do not know each other, but they both feel suicidal and arrive at the George Washington bridge at the same time, intending to jump. Includes resources about suicide prevention and suicide prevention for LGBTQIA+ youth." --Provided by publisher

Call Me American: A Memoir by Abdi Nor Iftin

The true story of a boy living in war-torn Somalia who escapes to America

Courageous Conversations About Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equality in Schools by Glenn E. Singleton

Examines the achievement gap between students of different races and explains the need for candid, courageous conversations about race to help educators understand performance inequality and develop a curriculum that promotes true academic parity.

The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne, Tamara Payne

An epic biography 30 years in the making

Death Coming Up the Hill by Chris Crowe

Portrays the momentous events of the year 1968 as seen through the eyes of a perceptive seventeen-year-old boy

Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

Contains a letter to Baldwin's nephew on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation describing his childhood, views on Black Muslims, and his visions.

Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot by Mikki Kendall

"A collection of essays taking aim at the legitimacy of the modern feminist movement, arguing that it has chronically failed to address the needs of all but a few women"--Provided by publisher

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.

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

"This book teaches readers how to dismantle the privilege within themselves so they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too"--Provided by publisher

Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World by Melinda Gates

"A timely call to action for women's empowerment that identifies the link between women's equality and societal health, sharing uplifting insights by international advocates in the fight against gender bias"--OCLC

Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution, and imprisonment edited and with an introduction by Angela J. Davis

A comprehensive analysis of the key issues of the Black Lives Matter movement, featuring essays from some of the nation's most influential and respected criminal justice experts and legal scholars.

Racism without Racists: Color-blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

Discusses the persisting racial inequality in the United States and challenges color-blinding thinking.

Rest in Power: the Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin by Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin

"A portrait of Trayvon Martin shares previously untold insights into the movement he inspired from the perspectives of his parents, who also describe their efforts to bring meaning to his short life through the movement's pursuit of redemption and justice."--OCLC

Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist by Eli Saslow

Looks at the change of heart and mind of white supremacist, Derek Black whose father founded Stormfront, the largest racist community on the internet, and godfather David Duke, a KKK Grand Wizard.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds; adapted from Stamped from the Beginning by and with an introduction from Ibram X. Kendi

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today.

Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience During World War II by Albert Marrin

Uprooted takes a close look at the history of racism in America and carefully follows the treacherous path that led one of our nation's most beloved presidents to make this decision.

We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A collection of essays from award-winning author Ta-Nehisi Coates reflecting on race, Barack Obama's presidency and the jarring aftermath of the election of Donald Trump.

White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo

"Explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality."--OCLC

