

Reading List

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Poems

Select from *The Vintage Book of African American Poetry* – published in 2000, it includes poets born from 1720s to 1960s with a substantive introduction.

History

The Warmth of Other Suns by Irene Wilkerson

Looking for Lorraine by Imani Perry

White Rage: the Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson

Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America by Ira Berlin

Out of the House of Bondage by Thavolia Glymph

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

Black Reconstruction by W.E.B. DuBois

The Half has Never been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism by Edward Baptist

Being Black

Heavy by Kiese Laymon

No Ashes in the Fire by Darnell Moore

Thick by Tressie McMillan Cottom

How to be Less Stupid about Race by Chrystal Fleming

Eloquent Rage: a Black Feminist Discovers her Superpower by Brittney Cooper

Hunger by Roxanne Gay

The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Black is the Body by Emily Bernard

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by patrice khan-cullors and asha bandele

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Being white

Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People by Mahzarin Banaji and Anthony Greenwald

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

No More Heroes: Grassroots Challenges to the Savior Mentality by Jordan Flaherty

History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter

The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby

Criminal Justice

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

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

They Can't Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives by Wesley Lowery

Policing Black Bodies: How Black Lives are Surveilled and How to Work for Change by Angela Hattery

Criminal Justice (cont.)

Chokehold: Policing Black Men by Paul Butler

Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution and Imprisonment Essays by Angela Davis and others

I Can't Breathe: A Killing on Bay Street by Matt Taibbi

Beneath a Ruthless Sun: A Story of Violence, Race, and Justice Lost and Found by Gilbert King

Locking Up Our Own by James Forman

American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment by Shane Bauer

Education

Unconscious Bias in the Schools: A Developmental Approach to Exploring Race and Racism by Tracey A. Benson and Sarah E. Fiarman

Why are all the Black Kids Sitting in the Cafeteria: and Other Conversations About Race by Beverly Daniel Tatum

Everyday Anti-racism: Getting Real about Race in Schools ed. By Mica Pollock

Push-out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School by Monique W. Morris

We Want to do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom by Bettina Love

Blackballed: the Black & White Politics of Race on America's Campuses by Lawrence Ross

Courageous Conversations: Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools by Glenn E. Singleton

Teaching for Black Lives editors: Dyan Watson, Jesse Hagopian, Wayne Au

For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood by Christopher Emdin

Classic Works

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass - An American Slave by Frederick Douglass

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin and other Baldwin works

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou and other Angelou works

Toni Morrison novels

The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Work by Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Work by Cornell West

Environmental Justice

A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind by Harriet A. Washington

Clean and White: A History of Environmental Racism in the United States by Carl Zimring

Toxic Communities: Environmental Racism, Industrial Pollution, and Residential Mobility by Dorceta Taylor

Farming While Black by Leah Penniman

The Color of Food by Natasha Bowens

Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors by Carolyn Finney

Housing

The Color of Law: a Forgotten History of how our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

There Goes the 'Hood: Views of Gentrification from the Ground Up by Lance Freeman

Segregation by Design: Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities by Jessica Trounstein
Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation by David P. Leong
How to Kill a City: Gentrification, Inequality and the Fight for the Neighborhood by P.E. Moskowitz

Health

Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health by Rheeda Walker
Medical Apartheid by Harriet Washington
Killing the Black Body by Dorothy Roberts
Black Man in a White Coat by Damon Tweedy
Unmasking Racism in Healthcare by Marie Edwige Seneque
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem

Voting Rights

Say It Louder by Tiffany Cross
One Person, No Vote by Carol Anderson
On Account of Race: the Supreme Court, White Supremacy and the Ravaging of African American Voting Rights by Lawrence Goldstone
Uncounted: the Crisis of Voter Suppression in American by Gilda Daniels
The Voting Rights War: the NAACP and the On-going Struggle for Justice by Gloria J. Browne-Marshall

Economic Justice

The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap by Mehrsa Baradaran
Jackson Rising: the Struggle for Economic Democracy and Black Self-determination in Jackson Mississippi essays edited by Kali Akuno and Ajama Nangwaya
Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to heal divides and restore balance by Edgar Villaneuva
Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap by Matt Taibbi

White Supremacy

Racecraft: the Soul of Inequality in American Life by Karen E. Fields and Barbara J. Fields
Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad and Robin DiAngelo
Stamped from the Beginning: the Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi
The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison
White Lies: Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality in White Supremacist Discourse by Jessie Daniels
The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
The False Cause: Fraud, Fabrication and White Supremacy in Confederate Memory by Adam Domby
Backlash: What Happens when We Talk Honestly About Racism in America by George Yancey
When Hate Groups March Down Mainstreet: Engaging a Community Response by Deborah Levina and Marc Brenman
American Swastika: Inside the White Power Movements Hidden Spaces of Hate 2nd ed. By Pete Simi and Robert Futrell

Anti-Racism

How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi

How I Shed My Skin by Jim Grimsley

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis

Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson

Anti-Racism: an introduction by Alex Zamalin