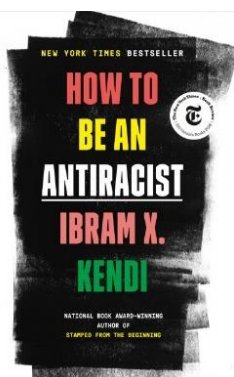


## Antiracism Reading List – Adults

Here is a list of some of the nonfiction books available in our library collections about racism. Learn about the history of racism, why it exists today and gain understanding and the tools to help fight against it. This is not a complete list of titles. For more resources, please contact our librarians.

	<p><b><i>So You Want to Talk About Race</i> by Ijeoma Oluo</b></p> <p>In <i>So You Want to Talk About Race</i>, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.</p> <p>Book: <a href="https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5207019~S85">https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5207019~S85</a> Audiobook: <a href="https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5279303~S85">https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5279303~S85</a> Ebook: <a href="https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3296528">https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3296528</a> eAudiobook: <a href="https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3444426">https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3444426</a></p>
	<p><b><i>White Fragility; Why its So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism</i> by Robin DiAngelo</b></p> <p>Antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to “bad people” (Claudia Rankine). 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 and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.</p> <p>Book: <a href="https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5255142~S85">https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5255142~S85</a> Audiobook: <a href="https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5499830~S85">https://search.livebrary.com/record=b5499830~S85</a> eBook: <a href="https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3716950">https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3716950</a> eAudiobook: <a href="https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3580831">https://livebrary.overdrive.com/livebrary-masticsmorichesshirley/content/media/3580831</a></p>



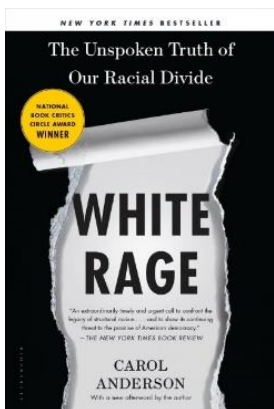
## ***How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibrahīm X. Kendi**

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see and value ourselves. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas; from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities; that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

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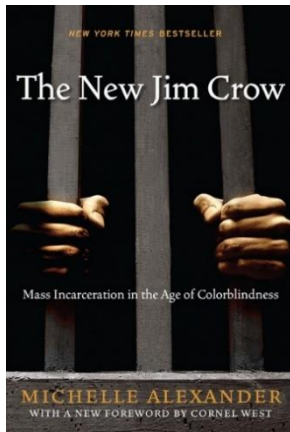


## ***White Rage: the Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson**

From the Civil War to our combustible present, acclaimed historian Carol Anderson reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America.

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***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander**

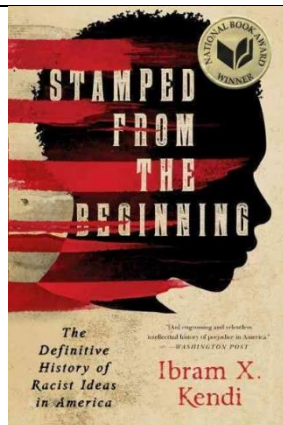
Argues that the War on Drugs and policies that deny convicted felons equal access to employment, housing, education and public benefits create a permanent under-caste based largely on race

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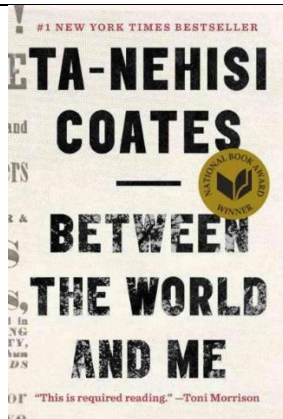
***Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi**

This National Book Award winning comprehensive history of anti-black racism focuses on the lives of five major players in American history and highlights the debates that took place between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and anti-racists.

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

*Between the World and Me*, is Ta-Nehisi Coates' attempt to answer the most difficult questions about survival, identity, history, and freedom facing black men and women. In a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder.

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# Slavery by Another Name

The Re-Enslavement  
of Black Americans  
from the Civil War to  
World War II

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## ***Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* by Douglas A. Blackman**

Bringing to light a shameful chapter in American history, a shocking study reveals how, from the late 1870s through the mid-twentieth century, thousands of African-American men were arrested and forced to work off outrageous fines by serving as unpaid labor to small-town businesses, provincial farmers, and even large corporations. It also reveals the stories of those who fought unsuccessfully against the re-emergence of human labor trafficking, the modern companies that profited most from neoslavery, and the system's final demise in the 1940s, partly due to fears of enemy propaganda about American racial abuse at the beginning of World War II. *Slavery by Another Name* is a moving, sobering account of a little-known crime against African Americans, and the insidious legacy of racism that reverberates today.

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**CITIZEN**  
AN AMERICAN LYRIC  
CLAUDIA RANKINE

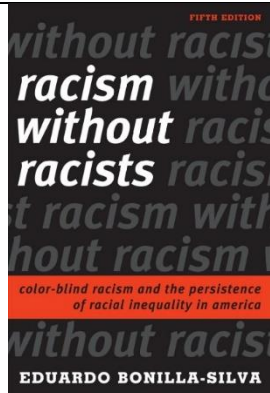
## ***Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine**

Using poetry, art, and essay, Claudia Rankine recounts mounting racial aggressions in ongoing encounters in twenty-first-century daily life and in the media. Some of these encounters are slights, seeming slips of the tongue, and some are intentional offensives in the classroom, at the supermarket, at home, on the tennis court with Serena Williams and the soccer field with Zinedine Zidane, online, on TV-everywhere, all the time. The accumulative stresses come to bear on a person's ability to speak, perform, and stay alive. Our addressability is tied to the state of our belonging, Rankine argues, as are our assumptions and expectations of citizenship.

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***Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America* by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva**

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva's acclaimed *Racism without Racists* documents how, beneath our contemporary conversation about race, there lies a full-blown arsenal of arguments, phrases, and stories that whites use to account for, and ultimately justify, racial inequalities. The fifth edition of this provocative book makes clear that color blind racism is as insidious now as ever. It features new material on our current racial climate, including the Black Lives Matter movement; a significantly revised chapter that examines the Obama presidency, the 2016 election, and Trump's presidency; and a new chapter addressing what readers can do to confront racism, both personally and on a larger structural level.

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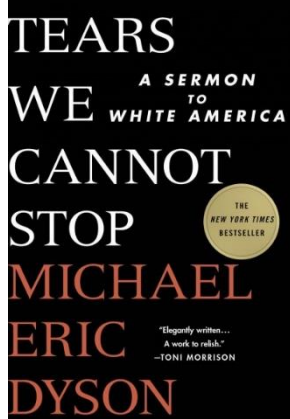
***White Like Me: Reflections on Race From a Privileged Son* by Time Wise**

Using stories from his own life, Tim Wise demonstrates the ways in which racism not only burdens people of color, but also benefits, in relative terms, those who are "white like him." He discusses how racial privilege can harm whites in the long run and make progressive social change less likely. He explores the ways in which whites can challenge their unjust privileges, and explains in clear and convincing language why it is in the best interest of whites themselves to do so. Using anecdotes instead of stale statistics, Wise weaves a narrative that is at once readable and yet scholarly, analytical and yet accessible.

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## ***Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson**

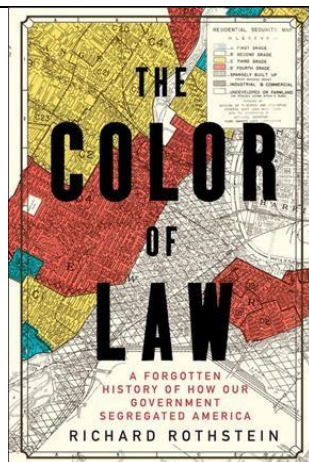
As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. In his 2016 *New York Times* op-ed piece "Death in Black and White," Michael Eric Dyson moved a nation. Now he continues to speak out in *Tears We Cannot Stop*—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, or discounted. "The time is at hand for reckoning with the past, recognizing the truth of the present, and moving together to redeem the nation for our future. If we don't act now, if you don't address race immediately, there very well may be no future."

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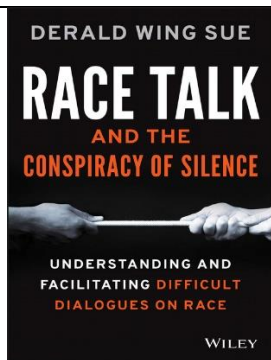


## ***The Color of Law: a Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein**

Recent demonstrations in cities across America against the murder of African Americans by police returned the question of segregation in housing to the fore. While the term de facto segregation is often used to assert that this is the result of private decisions or personal acts of discrimination, Rothstein argues that the real history of segregation is primarily that of explicit or de jure government policy, with personal actions secondary. From wartime public housing to the FHA refusing to insure mortgages for African Americans and many cases in between, government policy at all levels violated the Reconstruction-era constitutional amendments mandating equal protections. Ghettos were deliberately created by official policy. Rothstein provides plenty of evidence to support each example, including interviews, court cases, law codes, and newspapers, along with secondary sources on each aspect of government discrimination. There is an extensive FAQ section for further discussion. This is essential reading for anyone interested in social justice, poverty, American history, and race relations, and its narrative nonfiction style will also draw general readers. (*Booklist Review*)

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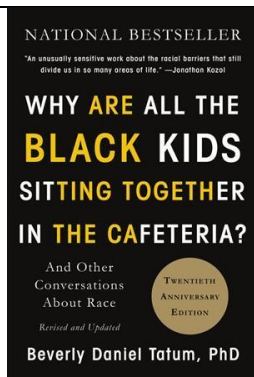
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### ***Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race by Derald Wing Sue***

A guide for facilitating and participating in difficult dialogues about race, author Derald Wing Sue – an internationally recognized expert on multiculturalism, diversity, and microaggressions – explores the characteristics, dynamics, and meaning behind discussions about race as well as the hidden "ground rules" that inhibit honest and productive dialogue. Through emotional and visceral examples, this book explains why conversations revolving around racial issues are so difficult, and provides guidelines, techniques, and advice for navigating and leading honest and forthright discussions. Readers will develop a stronger ability to build rapport with people unlike themselves, and discover how not talking about race impacts society as a whole.

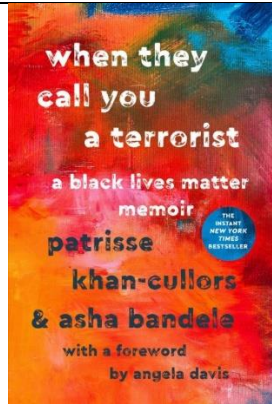
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### ***Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? By Beverly Daniel Tatum***

Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a coping strategy? Beverly Daniel Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides. These topics have only become more urgent as the national conversation about race is increasingly acrimonious. This fully revised edition is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the dynamics of race in America.

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***When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir***  
**by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele**

A lyrical memoir by the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement urges readers to understand the movement's position of love, humanity and justice, challenging perspectives that have negatively labeled the movement's activists while calling for essential political changes.

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