

AVP LANDER RECOMMENDS

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Welcome to the newest series of the DEI Newsletter: AVP Lander Recommends, this series will feature multimedia recommendations from our assistant vice president, Teara Flagg Lander. The first series will feature book recommendations but will expand each month to include television, movies, podcasts and more.

I love a good book; if there was a reading retreat I would sign up in a heartbeat, but I find our Winter Break to be a great opportunity to dive into a good book so I wanted to share some of my favorites from this year with the OU community. Here are 10 books to read over the winter break!

Furia: This book takes place in Colombia and is about a young Futbolista navigating expectations of her as a woman from her parents, expectations of her from her teammates and coaches and her own dreams.

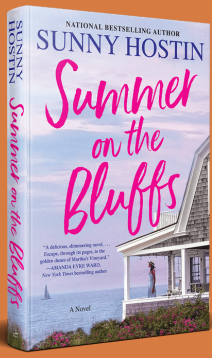
Guncle: An intergenerational tale about an uncle navigating the loss of his best friend while also helping his niece and nephew cope with the loss of their mother.

Wings of Ebony: I'm sure you've heard of the hashtag Black Girl Magic; well this book is about a Black girl who has literal magic and is the first in an ongoing series.

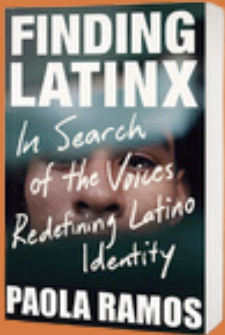
Passing: The title is all you need; it is a quick story about a Black woman passing for white in the early 1900s. It was also adapted into a film on Netflix.

Mexican Gothic: A historical mystery based in Mexico in the 1950s. It is full of twist, turns, and something close to ghost tales.

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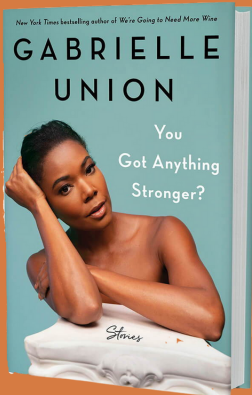
Summer on the Bluffs: I don't know about you, but Martha's Vineyard is on my bucket list of travels. This story is also a part of a series in the making. It is the story of a real-life fairy godmother who is also a Wall Street alum.



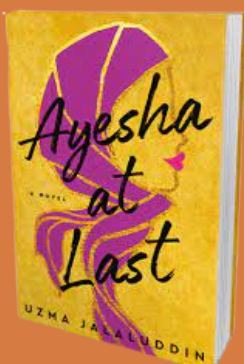
Finding Latinx in Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity. If you are trying to figure out the difference between Latinx, Hispanic, and other identifiers for the Latin community this book will provide that and so much more. This book forces you to think about the varying intersections of Latinx identity and community.



The Henna Wars: A YA book that centers a teenager of Indian descent who has learned her familial history about henna. This book is fun, flirty, with a teenage romance combined with a coming-of-age appeal.



You Got Anything Stronger? This thoughtful, emotional and reflective memoir by actress Gabrielle Union had me laughing, crying, and really thinking impact within the realm of diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Ayesha at Last: A rendition of Pride and Prejudice that centers on two Muslim characters and their journey to one another through self-discovery.