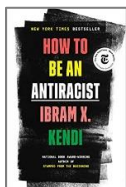


Facing Racism: Selected Resources

Adult Resources



[How to Be an Antiracist](#), by Ibram X. Kendi. One World, 2019.

Combines ethics, history, law, and science with a personal narrative to describe how to move beyond the awareness of racism and contribute to making society just and equitable



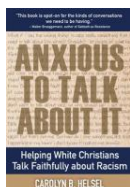
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[Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism](#), by Carolyn B. Helsel. Chalice Press, 2018.

Pastor and professor Carolyn B. Helsel draws on her success with white congregations to offer insight and tools to embrace, explore and work through the anxious feelings that often arise in these hard conversations.



[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism](#), by Robin J. DiAngelo. Beacon Press, 2018.

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 explores how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively



[Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America](#), by Jennifer Harvey. Abingdon Press, 2018.

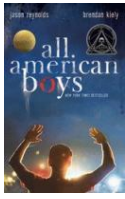
Our nation remains racially unjust and deeply segregated. How are we supposed to talk to children about these issues? Should we teach children to be “colorblind”? Or, should we teach them to notice race? How do we equip them to address racism when they encounter it? Harvey helps parents, teachers, and churches enter in a dialogue about the impact of racism on children and offers guidance for sharing our commitment to equity and justice.

Facing Racism: PC(USA)'s Churchwide Antiracism Policy - <https://bit.ly/3dAZvak>

[Strange Fruit](#) (streaming video). Salt Project: Progressive Christian Resources for Small Groups, [2014?] (11:19 minutes)

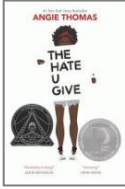
On August 7, 1930, two African-American teenagers were lynched by a violent mob in Marion, Indiana. Moved by the infamous photograph taken that night, Abel Meeropol, a Jewish high school teacher in New York City, wrote a protest song entitled, “Strange Fruit.” The song soon became a signature of a young jazz singer named Billie Holiday, the unforgettable finale of her live performances, inspiring generations to believe in the power of music and the dignity of the human spirit.

Youth Books



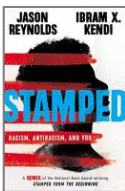
All American Boys, by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiley. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.



The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas. Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2017.

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.



Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, written by Jason Reynolds; adapted from *Stamped from the Beginning* by and with an introduction from Ibram X. Kendi. Little, Brown, 2020.

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner *Stamped from the Beginning*, by Ibram X. Kendi, for a young adult audience.

Older Elementary Age



Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014.

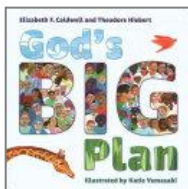
Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.



Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z, by Irene Latham; illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini. Carolrhoda Books, 2020.

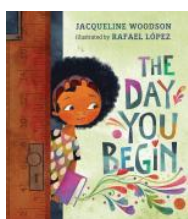
Organized as a dictionary, entries in this book for middle-grade readers present words related to creating a better, more inclusive world. Each word is explored via a poem, a quote from an inspiring person, and a short personal anecdote from one of the co-authors, a prompt for how to translate the word into action, and an illustration

Younger Children's Books



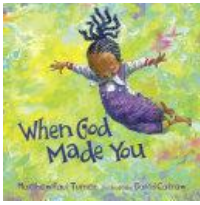
God's Big Plan, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Theodore Hiebert; illustrated by Katie Yamasaki. Flyaway Books, 2019.

This vibrant picture book illuminates a new understanding of the story of Babel in Genesis, revealing God's plan for wonderful diversity throughout the world.



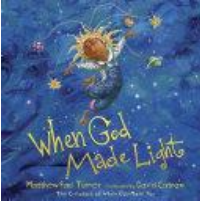
The Day You Begin, written by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018.

Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.



When God Made You, by Matthew Paul Turner; art by David Catrow. Waterbrook, 2017.

Through playful rhyme and vivid, fantastical illustrations, *When God Made You* inspires young readers to learn about their own special gifts and how they fit into God's divine plan as they grow, explore, and begin to create for themselves.



When God Made Light, by Matthew Paul Turner; illustrated by David Catrow. Waterbrook, 2018.

'Let there be light!' that's what God said. And light began shining and then started to spread." Wild and creative illustrations combine with lyrical verse in this message of a God-made light that cuts through darkness to bring vision and hope to all young readers. This light radiates, chasing away the shadows, providing the wonder and fun of stargazing or firefly chasing. Most important, this light appears in each child--an inner God-given spark that grows and will be used to change the world.

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