

Reflections and Resources on Women of Color

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The last few months have been full of challenges and have revealed the layered and systemic injustices of racism in our country. Rather than writing more about my own thoughts on this issue, as a white woman, I want to give space to women of color.

I want to recognize the terrible and long history of white supremacy in our country as well as the ways it intersects with patriarchy. It is important to not ignore these systemic issues because we must learn about the ways they contribute to the oppression of women and people of color and the ways we contribute to them.

White supremacy and patriarchy create a world that does not value women of color. I would like to lift up their voices. Listed below are some books, resources, etc. written by or about women of color. I challenge you to read or look into one new resource!

- Amanda Gorman, Youth Poet Laureate of the United States (@amandascgorman on instagram)
- *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine
- *Mindful Race* by Ruth King
- *This Book is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell
- *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad
- *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
- *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- 1619 (podcast by the New York Times) <https://www.nytimes.com/column/1619-project>
- Nina, Radiolab (podcast episode) <https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolab/articles/nina>