

AAUW Marin Branch DEIA Book List (March 2025)

The Mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW promotes DEIA - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility, factors that are key in accomplishing our mission.

This list of books is intended to encourage branch members to explore and increase our collective awareness and understanding of the principles and value of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility that AAUW works to realize. The suggested books, which include fiction, non-fiction and autobiographies, illuminate the concepts of DEIA through a wide range of life experiences.

This book list has been winnowed down to 23 books from the many suggestions made by our book groups and reviewed by our DEIA committee.

1. **A Body Undone:** Living on After Great Pain by Christina Crosby
2. **A Fever in the Heartland:** The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them by Timothy Egan
3. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Life of a black man in America expressed as a letter to his son
4. **Evicted:** Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond
5. **Caste** by Isabel Wilkerson. See also **The Warmth of Other Suns** by Wilkerson
6. **Everyone Who is Gone is Here** by Jonathan Blitzer (The humanitarian crisis at our Southern border, special focus on Latinos)
7. **Grace and Grit** by Lilly Ledbetter. Autobiography
8. **Homeland Elegies** by Ayad Akhtar -explores the experience of a family from Pakistan who each grapple with questions of identity, success, and home.
9. **James** by Percival Everett
10. **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stephenson
11. **Shanghai Girls** by Lisa See
12. **My Beloved World** by Sonia Sotomayor - Autobiography by Supreme Court Justice
13. **Mean** by Myriam Gurba - Growing up Gay, Latina in LA
14. **My Daughter He-** Transitioning with Our Transgender Children by Candace Waldron
15. **New People** by Danzy Senna (Multi-racial woman trying to reconcile her identity)
16. **Notes of A Native Son** by James Baldwin
17. **Solito** by Javier Zamora
18. **Tell Me Everything** by Erika Krouse - True story about a Title 9 lawsuit
19. **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison
20. **The Color of Water** by James McBride- autobiography. See other books by McBride-**Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**
21. **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood
22. **The River We Remember** by William Kent Krueger
23. **Vision** by David Tatel (on loss of vision, civil rights and justice advocacy)