

## Racial Justice Resources

“White supremacy is not the elephant in the room. It *is* the room.” - Nelba Marquez-Greene

The members of the Racial Justice Team are asked for resources that would help people to learn about racism and white supremacy: to help us all to look at race and racism and its impact on all of us. The resources listed below were compiled by Monica Sargent and her colleagues and she has allowed us to share them with you. Some items have been added to Monica’s lists.

### **Movies that can help educate viewers about racism:**

Do the Right Thing (1989)

Fruitvale Station (2013)

Moonlight (2016)

Dead Presidents (1995)

In the Heat of the Night (1967)

Get Out (2017)

13<sup>th</sup> (2016)

To Sleep with Anger (1990)

The Hate U Give (2018)

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

Malcolm X (1992)

Let the Fire Burn (2013)

Just Mercy (2019)

Race: The Power of an Illusion (2003 documentary) [racepowerofanillusion.org](http://racepowerofanillusion.org)

### **Books to Broaden Your Knowledge of Racism:**

#### **Non-Fiction:**

*White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo

*How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

*Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* by Jennifer L. Eberhardt

*Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey

*So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

*The Black and the Blue: A Cop Reveals the Crimes, Racism, and Injustice in America’s Law Enforcement* by Matthew Horace and Ron Harris

*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (also a 2019 movie)

*The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin

*Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People About Race* by Reni Eddo-Lodge

*They Can’t Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America’s Racial Justice Movement* by Wesley Lowery

*Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot* by bell hooks  
*Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism* by bell hooks  
*Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People* by Ben Crump  
*From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans* by John Hope Franklin  
*The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by the Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove  
*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi  
*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander  
*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* by Dr. Beverly Tatum  
*Can We Talk about Race? And Other Conversations about Race in the Era of School Resegregation* by Dr. Beverly Tatum  
*The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson  
*Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Home Ownership* by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor  
*Heavy: An American Memoir* by Kiese Laymon  
*White Like Me* by Tim Wise  
*Is Everyone Really Equal?* by Ozlem Sensoy and Robin DiAngelo

### **Impactful Fiction from Black Authors:**

*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* by Ntozake Shange  
*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston  
*Passing* by Nella Larsen  
*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison  
*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker (also a 1985 movie)  
*White Teeth* by Zadie Smith  
*An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones  
*The Mothers* by Brit Bennett  
*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett  
*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

### **Help Explain Race to Kids with These Books**

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (Vermont Reads 2020 Selection, adolescent level read, also a 2018 movie)  
*Something Happened in Our Town* by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collings, and Ann Hazzard (pre-school & elementary kids)

### **And for younger kids:**

*The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz

*Let's Talk About Race* by Julian Lester

*The Skin I'm In: A First Look at Racism* by Pat Thomas

*Sesame Street's We're Different, We're the Same* by Bobbi Jane Kates

**Racism Within the UU Denomination**

*Darkening the Doorways: Black Trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian*

*Universalism* by Mark D. Morrison-Reed

*Unitarian Universalists of Color. Stories of Struggle, Courage, Love and Faith* Edited by Yuri Yamamoto, Chandra Snell, and Tim Hanami

*Centering. Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry* Edited by Mitra Rahnema