Books about Race and Racism

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Non-fiction

Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People
By Banaji & Greenwald

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America
By Richard Rothstein

The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America
By Ibram X Kendi

How to be Antiracist
By Ibram X Kendi

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the age of Color Blindness
By Michelle Alexander

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption
By Bryan Stevenson

Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure can help fight inequality, polarization, and the decline of civil life
By Eric Klinenberg

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School
by Monique W. Morris

Slavery by Another Name (winner of the Pulitzer Prize)
The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from Civil War to World War II
By Douglas Blackmon

So You Want to Talk about Race
By Ijeoma Oluo

Stamped from the Beginning (winner of the National Book Award)
By Ibram X. Kendi

They Were Her Property: White Women as Slave Owners in the American South
By Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration
By Isabel Wilkerson

We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist teaching and the pursuit of educational freedom
By Bettina Love

White Fragility: Why it’s so hard for White People to Talk about Racism
By Robin Diangelo

“Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” And other conversations about race
By Beverly Daniel Tatum

Race Matters
By Cornel West

Fiction & Biography

Maya Angelou
James Baldwin
Colson Whitehead
Ta Ne’hi’si Coates
Rita Dove
Langston Hughes
Jason Reynolds

Zadie Smith
Toni Morrison
Zora Neal Thurston
Jesmyn Ward
Jacqueline Woodson
Richard Wright

Children’s titles on the back.
Books for Children

Woke: A Young Poet’s Call to Justice
By Mahogany L. Browne

Let’s Talk About Race
By Julius Lester

This Book is Anti-Racist
By Tiffany Jewels

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down
By Andrea Davis Pinkney

We March
By Shane Evans

Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins
By Carole Boston Weatherford and Jerome Garrigue

I Have a Dream
By Kadir Nelson

Martin’s Big Words
By Doreen Rappaport