

ANTI-RACISM LIBRARY

A collection of resources for listeners and learners

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

To support our club's mission of being a welcoming and inclusive environment for all women, we have compiled this list of educational resources recommended by members. As we learn together, we'd like to grow this library, so please share your suggestions.

* Clickable links are highlighted in [orange](#)

LISTEN

Give a quick listen or get lost in a series

- [1619](#) – Podcast series from the New York Times on how slavery has transformed America
 - [How to be an Anti-Racist](#) – Episode with Ibram X. Kendi on Brene Brown's "Unlocking Us" podcast
 - [On the Advancement of Racial Justice](#) – Austin Channing Brown on "The One You Feed" podcast
 - [A Forgotten History of How the U.S. Government Segregated America](#) – Podcast episode from NPR
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READ (ARTICLES)

- [BBC Guide: George Floyd protests: What do 'white privilege' and 'ally' mean?](#)
- [Reflections from a Token Black Friend](#)

Historical Overviews:

- [Lynching in the United States](#)
 - [Emmett Till](#)
 - [Tulsa Race Massacre](#)
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READ (BOOKS)

- ***White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*** by Robin DiAngelo – Challenging racism by understanding why some feel attacked or offended by the topic. DiAngelo is a diversity training facilitator.
- ***How to be Anti-Racist*** by Ibram X. Kendi – Thought-provoking and with humility, Kendi builds from the ground up a vital new understanding of racism –what it is, where it is hidden, how to identify it and what to do about it.
- ***Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*** by Ibram X. Kendi – Emphasizing how racial bias is embedded in our culture, Kendi proves that racism is alive and well in the 21st century.
- ***Me and White Supremacy*** by Layla F Saad – An encouragement to own our racist behaviors in the name of personal growth. Includes detailed context and resources to create lasting change.

- ***Between the World and Me*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates – A memoir written as a letter to his adolescent son about his place in the world and a way forward.
 - ***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson – Named one of the most influential books of the decade by CNN, it's a powerful account of the disturbing bias that exists within the criminal justice system.
 - ***Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*** by Jennifer Harvey – Offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism and tackles tough questions.
 - **Black Enterprise: [The 18 Best Black Books of All Time](#)**
 - **NPR: [This List of Books, Films and Podcasts about Racism is a Start, Not a Panacea](#)**
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WATCH

Look for these on your favorite streaming platform

- ***Selma*** – A drama about MLK's fight for equal rights
- ***Just Mercy*** – Based on the book about the wrongfully imprisoned and efforts to fight for their freedom
- ***13th*** – A searing docuseries that decries racial bias (Netflix)
- **[Eyes on the Prize](#)** (stream for free) and the accompanying **[Study Guide](#)** – An award-winning 14-part series that covers all of the major events of the civil rights movement from 1954–1985. Originally aired on PBS: The American Experience
- **[Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man](#)** – Emmanuel Acho from ESPN sits down to educate and inform about racism (YouTube)
- **[The Massacre of Tulsa's "Black Wall Street"](#)** (YouTube)
- **[LA 92](#)** – Documentary by National Geographic examining the tumultuous period following the verdict in the Rodney King trial in 1992 (YouTube)

DO

[Take Action Against Anti-Blackness](#) – A thorough compilation of actionable items including petitions, donations, and more (by a nephew of an AWC member!)

TEACH

Read with Younger Children (Elementary)

- *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine – Heartrending but hopeful, true story of a slave boy's escape
- *Ruby Bridges* by Dr Robert Coles – Six-year-old Ruby is the first black girl to desegregate an all-white school. She does so with strength, courage and hope.
- *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson – A historical mystery that examines racism in the 1950s from the perspective of children
- [Coretta Scott King Book Award winners](#)
- [School Library Journal: Antiracist Resources and Reads](#) – Books for children, teens and parents; plus podcasts, articles and films for adults

Read with Older Children (Secondary)

- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas – Powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice
- *Just Mercy (Youth Adaptation)* by Bryan Stevenson – A glimpse into the lives of the wrongfully imprisoned and efforts to fight for their freedom
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft – Excellent for tweens, this graphic novel is funny and engaging, while still confronting the serious issues of racism and socioeconomic

disparities

Watch with Older Children (Secondary)

- *Just Mercy* – An intense drama about racism and injustice (Amazon Prime)
 - *The Hate U Give* – A powerful drama about race and activism, 13+ (Hulu)
 - *Selma* – A drama about MLK’s fight for equal rights (Amazon Prime)
 - *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* – Emmanuel Acho from ESPN sits down to educate and inform about racism (YouTube)
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BOOKSTORES

Many popular books are sold out on Amazon; here are some alternatives:

- [Libreria](#) – Independent Black-Owned Bookstore in East London
- [Primrose Hill Books](#) – Family Run Independent London Bookstore
- [Hive.co.uk](#) – The Hive supports an independent bookshop with every sale they make. You can choose which bookshop to collect your order from (or have it delivered at home).
- [WHSmith](#)
- [Waterstones](#)

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