All you can ever know: a memoir
by Nicole Chung
BIO CHUNG
Bestselling memoir that examines the mysteries and complexities of the author's transracial adoption. A chronicle of unexpected family for anyone who has struggled to figure out where they belong.

America for Americans: a history of xenophobia in the United States
by Erika Lee
305.8 LEE
Irrational fear, hatred, and hostility toward immigrants has been a defining feature of our nation. Forcing us to confront this history, Lee explains how xenophobia works, why it has endured, and how it threatens America.

American poison: how racial hostility destroyed our promise
by Eduardo Porter
305.8 POR
A sweeping examination of how American racism has broken the country's social compact, eroded America's common goods, and damaged the lives of every American—and a heartfelt look at how these deep wounds might begin to heal.

Anti racist ally: an introduction to activism & action
by Sophie Williams
305.8 WIL
Whether you are just finding your voice, have made a start but aren't sure what to do next, or want a fresh viewpoint, this pocket-size guide introduces and explains the language of change and shows you how to challenge the system, beginning with yourself.

Begin again: James Baldwin's America and its urgent lessons for our own
by Eddie S Glaude Jr
305.8 GLA
Glaude finds hope and guidance in the works of James Baldwin as he mixes biography with history, memoir, and poignant analysis of our current moment to reveal the difficult truth of racism's continued grip on the national soul.
The best we could do: an illustrated memoir
by Thi Bui
GRAPHIC BES
The author describes her experiences as a young Vietnamese immigrant, highlighting her family's move from their war-torn home to new lives in America in graphic novel format.

Between the world and me
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
305.8 COA
A profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a Black father for his son. A personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes.

Black Detroit: a people's history of self-determination
by Herb Boyd
305.896 BOY
Award-winning journalist Boyd chronicles the history of Detroit through the lens of the African American experience. A blend of memoir, love letter, history, and reportage that explores the city's past, present, and future and its significance to the African American legacy and the nation's fabric.

Bury my heart at Wounded Knee: an Indian history of the American West
by Dee Brown
970.004 B
An eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of the American. Includes images of maps, drawings, paintings, portraits, and photographs of notable sites and sacred battlefields.

Caste: the origins of our discontents
by Isabel Wilkerson
305.512 WIL
Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more.

Chokehold: policing Black men
by Paul Butler
363.23 BUT
The Chokehold refers to laws and practices that treat every African American man like a thug. Butler, an African American former federal prosecutor, explains how the system really works and how to disrupt it.
The color of law: a forgotten history of how our government segregated America
by Richard Rothstein
305.8 ROT
A leading authority on housing policy makes clear that it was de jure segregation--the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments--that promoted the discriminatory patterns in America’s cities that continue to this day.

Do better: spiritual activism for fighting and healing from White supremacy
by Rachel Ricketts
305.8 RIC
Thought leader, racial justice educator, and sought-after spiritual activist Rachel Ricketts offers mindful and practical steps for all humans to dismantle White supremacy on a personal and collective level.

Driven out: the forgotten war against Chinese Americans
by Jean Pfaelzer
973.049 P
This sweeping and groundbreaking work presents the shocking and violent history of ethnic cleansing against Chinese Americans from the Gold Rush era to the turn of the century.

The fire next time
by James Baldwin
305.896 BAL
Comprised of two essays written by Baldwin in the 1960s with the purpose of helping a White audience better understand Black Americans' struggle for equal rights.

The fire this time: a new generation speaks about race
by Jesmyn Ward (editor)
305.896 WAR
National Book Award-winner Ward springboards from an essay in James Baldwin’s The Fire Next Time to collect 19 essays and poems—15 written for this volume—addressing race in contemporary America.
From a whisper to a rallying cry: the killing of Vincent Chin and the trial that galvanized the Asian American Movement
by Paula Yoo
305.895 YOO
A searing examination of the murder of a Chinese-American man beaten to death by two White men in Detroit in 1982, and the murder trial and verdicts that galvanized the Asian American civil rights movement, and paved the way for a new federal civil rights trial.

Give us the ballot: the modern struggle for voting rights in modern America
by Ari Berman
324.62 BER
A narrative history of voting rights since 1965 that chronicles the transformative impact the Voting Rights Act had on American democracy and investigates how the fight over the right to vote has continued in the decades since.

The heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the present
by David Treuer
970.004 TRE
Ojibwe author Treuer argues that the adversity Natives have faced since the late 1800s has in fact led to a rebirth of culture and identity, firming up resistance and connecting different peoples across the continent.

Heavy: an American memoir
by Kiese Laymon
BIO LAYMON
Laymon writes about growing up a Black son to a complicated and brilliant Black mother in Jackson, Mississippi. He combines personal stories with piercing intellect to reflect both on the strife of American society and on his experiences with abuse.

Highway of tears: a true story of racism, indifference and the pursuit of justice for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls
by Jessica McDiarmid
362.88 MCD
A penetrating, deeply moving account of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls of Canadian Highway 16, and a searing indictment of the society that failed to protect them.

How to be an antiracist
by Ibram X Kendi
305.8 KEN
National Book Award-winner Kendi draws on ethics, history, law, science, and personal narrative to consider what an antiracist society might look like. Not colorblind, not nonracist, but antiracist; like a self-help book for society at large.
How to be less stupid about race: on racism, White supremacy and the racial divide
by Crystal Marie Fleming
305.8 FLE
An essential guide to breaking through the half-truths and misconceptions that have corrupted the way race is represented in the classroom, pop culture, media, and politics. A bold take on what’s wrong with our national conversation about race—and what to do about it.

I know why the caged bird sings
by Maya Angelou
BIO ANGELOU
One of America's most important classics, the first and best loved volume of Maya Angelou's bestselling six-volume autobiography—a memoir of growing up Black in the 1930s and 1940s.

I'm still here: Black dignity in a world made for Whiteness
By Austin Channing Brown
305.8 BRO
From a leading voice on racial justice, an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how White America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals.

An Indigenous peoples' history of the United States for young people
by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (adapted by Debbie Reese)
970.004 DUN
Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," Indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that settler colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.

Inventing Latinos: a new story of American racism
by Laura E Gómez
305.868 GOM
A timely and groundbreaking argument by a leading expert on race in America that all Americans must grapple with Latinos’ dynamic racial identity—because it impacts everything we think we know about race in America.
Just mercy: a story of justice and redemption
by Bryan Stevenson
353.48 STE
An unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Killing rage: ending racism
by bell hooks
305.8 HOO
Twenty-three essays addressing a spectrum of topics having to do with race and racism in the United States, written from a Black and feminist perspective by one of the country's premier cultural and social critics.

Locking up our own: crime and punishment in Black America
by James Forman
364.973 FOR
Forman, a former public defender and a critic of mass incarceration and its disproportionate effect on people of color, seeks to understand the war on crime that began in the 1970s and why it was supported by many African American leaders in the national's urban centers.

March: books one, two and three
by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell
TEEN GRAPHIC MAR
March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

Me and White supremacy: combat racism, change the world and become a good ancestor
by Layla F Saad
305.8 SAA
Leads readers through a journey of understanding their White privilege and participation in White supremacy, so that they can stop—often unconsciously—inflicting damage on Black, Indigenous and people of color, and in turn, help other White people do better, too.
Medical apartheid: the dark history of medical experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial times to the present
by Harriet A Washington
174.28 W
From the era of slavery to the present day, the first full history of Black America’s shocking mistreatment as unwilling and unwitting experimental subjects at the hands of the medical establishment.

Minor feelings: an Asian American reckoning
by Cathy Park Hong
305.489 HON
Traces poet and essayist Hong’s relationship to the English language, to depression, to poetry and to female friendship. Part memoir and part cultural criticism, and an original exploration of Asian American consciousness.

A more beautiful and terrible history: the uses and misuses of civil rights history
by Jeanne Theoharis
323.119 THE
Theoharis challenges nine key aspects of civil rights history to reveal the complex reality of the movement, the power of its organizing, and the scope of the vision, proving there was nothing natural or inevitable about the progress that occurred.

On the other side of freedom: the case for hope
by DeRay Mckesson
323.092 MCK
Mckesson argues that our best efforts to combat injustice have been stunted by the belief that racism’s wounds are history. He offers a new framework and language for understanding the nature of oppression, and exhorts all Americans to work to dismantle the legacy of racism.

Nice racism: how progressive White people perpetuate racial harm
by Robin DiAngelo
305.8 DIA
Writing directly to White people as a White person, DiAngelo identifies many common White racial patterns and breaks down how well-intentioned White people unknowingly perpetuate racial harm. An essential work for any White person who recognizes the existence of systemic racism and White supremacy and wants to take steps to align their values with their actual practice.
The new Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness
by Michelle Alexander
364.973 ALE
A stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement.

No ashes in the fire: coming of age Black & free in America
by Darnell L Moore
306.76 MOO
When Darnell Moore was 14 years old, three boys from his neighborhood tried to set him on fire. Three decades later, Moore is an award-winning writer and activist, and a tireless advocate for justice and liberation. In No Ashes in the Fire, he sets out to understand how that scared, bullied teenager not only survived, but found his calling.

One person, no vote: how voter suppression is destroying our democracy
by Carol Anderson
324.62 AND
Anderson, award-winning author of White Rage, chronicles the rollbacks to African American participation in the vote since the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby ruling, which allowed districts to change voting requirements without approval from the Department of Justice.

The origins of the urban crisis: race and inequality in postwar Detroit
by Thomas J Sugrue
305.8 SUG
Historian Sugrue weaves together the history of workplaces, unions, civil rights groups, political organizations, and real estate agencies to show that the roots of today's persistent racialized urban poverty lies in a hidden history of racial violence, discrimination, and deindustrialization after World War II.

The other slavery: the uncovered story of Indian enslavement in America
by Andrés Reséndez
306.362 RES
A landmark history—the sweeping story of the enslavement of tens of thousands of Indians across America, from the time of the conquistadors up to the early twentieth century.

Sigh, gone: a misfit’s memoir of great books, punk rock and the fight to fit in
by Phuc Tran
BIO TRAN
In this coming-of-age memoir told through the themes of great books, Tran navigates finding and accepting himself despite the challenges of immigration, feelings of isolation, and teenage rebellion.
**So you want to talk about race**
by Ijeoma Oluo
305.8 OLU
Oluo offers a contemporary, accessible take on the racial landscape in America, answering the questions readers don't dare ask about race, and explaining the concepts that continue to elude everyday Americans.

**Stamped from the beginning: the definitive history of racist ideas in America**
by Ibram X Kendi
305.8 KEN
Chronicles the history of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history, using the life stories of five major American intellectuals to drive the narrative: Cotton Mather, Thomas Jefferson, William Lloyd Garrison, W.E.B. Du Bois and Angela Davis.

**The sum of us: what racism costs everyone and how we can prosper together**
by Heather McGhee
305.8 MCG
One of today's most insightful and influential thinkers offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: racism has a cost for everyone--not just for people of color.

**Tears we cannot stop: a sermon to White America**
by Michael Eric Dyson
305.896 DYS
A provocative and deeply personal call for change. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how Black grievance has been ignored, dismissed or discounted.

**They called us enemy**
by George Takei
TEEN GRAPHIC THE
A stunning graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II. A gripping tale of courage, country, loyalty, and love.

**The warmth of other suns: the epic story of America’s great migration**
by Isabel Wilkerson
304.809 WIL
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of Black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.
What doesn’t kill you makes you Blacker: a memoir in essays
by Damon Young
A provocative and humorous exploration of the ever-shifting definitions of what it means to be Black (and a man) in America—a celebration of the idiosyncrasies and distinctions of Blackness and a critique of White supremacy and how we define masculinity.

When they call you a terrorist: a Black Lives Matter memoir
by Patrisse Khan-Cullors, Asha Bandele
A memoir from artist and social justice advocate Khan-Cullors and poet/activist Bandele that celebrates social activism as rooted in love for all humanity and particularly those most vulnerable.

White fragility: why it’s so hard for White people to talk about racism
by Robin DiAngelo
Antiracist educator DiAngelo illuminates the phenomenon of White fragility (the defensive moves that White people make when challenged racially)—how it develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

White rage: the spoken truth of our racial divide
By Carol Anderson
From the Civil War to our combustible present, an acclaimed historian reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to Black progress in America.

“Why are all the Black kids sitting together in the cafeteria?”: and other conversations about race
By Beverly Daniel Tatum
Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides. Essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the dynamics of race in America.

Yellow peril!: an archive of anti-Asian fear
By John Kuo Wei Tchen and Dylan Yeats (editors)
The first comprehensive repository of anti-Asian images and writing, pop culture artifacts, and political polemic. Written by two leading scholars and replete with paintings, photographs and images, this book is both a unique and fascinating archive and a modern analysis of this crucial historical formation.
Yellow: race in America beyond Black and White
By Frank H Wu
305.895 WU
A leading voice in America’s Asian community tackles what it means to be Asian American today.