# An Antiracism Reading List

## E-book and Audiobooks from Overdrive and Hoopla



Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates "As a meditation on race in America, haunted by the bodies of black men, women, and children, Coates's compelling, indeed stunning, work is rare in its power to make you want to slow down and read every word." *OD, e-book & audio* 



## Negroland: A Memoir by Margo

"Perceptive, specific, and powerful, Jefferson's work balances themes of race, class, entitlement, and privilege with her own social and cultural awakening." *OD, audio* 



#### The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein "Rothstein's comprehensive and engrossing book reveal

comprehensive and engrossing book reveals just how the U.S. arrived at the 'systematic racial segregation we find in metropolitan areas today,' focusing in particular on the role of government." *OD*, *e-book* 



How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi "A boldly articulated, historically informed explanation of what exactly racist ideas and thinking are, and what their antiracist antithesis looks like both systemically and at the level of individual action." *OD, e-book* &audio



#### Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights by Gretchen Sorin

"Lucidly written and generously illustrated with photos and artifacts, this rigorous and entertaining history deserves a wide readership." *OD, e-book* 



### Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and <u>Redemption</u> by Bryan Stevenson "Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal firm providing services for the wrongly condemned, describes in his memoir how he got the call to represent this largely peglected clientele

to represent this largely neglected clientele in our justice system." OD, e-book & audio



The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander "Legal scholar Alexander argues vigorously and persuasively that '[w]e have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it.' " OD, e-book & audio/ Hoopla e-book



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#### How to Be Less Stupid About Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the Racial Divide, by Crystal Maria Eleming

<u>Racial Divide</u> by Crystal Marie Fleming. "A unique and irreverent take on everything that's wrong with our "national conversation about race" - and what to do



#### Open Season: The Legalized Genocide of

<u>Colored People</u> by Ben Crump "Civil rights attorney Crump, who has represented the families of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, delivers a forceful debut exposé of America's 'legalized system of discrimination.'" *OD, e-book* 



### <u>I Can't Breathe: A Killing on Bay Street</u> by Matt Taibbi. "Here Taibbi dives deep into who Garner was and how he wound up on a Staten Island sidewalk selling bootleg cigarettes. Taibbi lays down the backdrop that led to Garner's arrest and the police choke hold caught on video for millions to see." *OD, e-book & audio*



Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F Saad. "Saad offers steps for beginning work towards antiracism that feel as honest, straightforward, and actionable as they are difficult.

about it." OD, audio





America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis. "America's problem with race has deep roots, with the country's foundation tied to the near extermination of one race of people and the enslavement of another. Racism is truly our nation's original sin." Hoopla, audio So you want to talk about race

Ijeoma Oluo. "A current, constructive, and actionable exploration of today's racial landscape, offering straightforward clarity that readers of all races need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide." *OD*, *e*-book & audio, *Hoopla*, audio

So You Want to Talk About Race by



The Fire this Time: <u>A New Generation</u> <u>Speaks about Race</u> by Jesmyn Ward. "A surprise New York Times bestseller, these groundbreaking essays and poems about race are thoughtful, searing, and at times, hopeful." OD, e-book



Mindful of Race: Understanding and Transforming Habits of Harm by Ruth King. "King supports readers of all backgrounds with an abundance of insights and guided practices to help us identify our misperceptions, honor and engage with our most challenging emotions, temper them with compassionate forgiveness, and

find the optimal course of wise action. " Hoopla, e-book & au-

#### Further Resources:

75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice | Medium.com | Corinne Shutack

4 Black Lives Matters Myths Debunked | Decoded | MTV News | YouTube | Franchesca Ramsey

12 Movies to Watch to Educate Yourself About Racism and Protest History | Time, Inc. | time.com

Ten "Must Watch" Black History Documentaries | Black Culture Connection | PBS | pbs.org

A Detailed List of Anti-Racism Resources |Medium.com | Katie Couric | adults, kids & teens



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