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## **Race and Racism Reading & Education**

*This list is not meant to be exhaustive, rather a living document  
of popular and important suggestions*

### **White Privilege & Taking Action**

White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Time Wise  
Waking Up White by Debby Irving  
What Does it Mean to Be White: Developing White Racial Literacy by Robin DiAngelo  
The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism, and White Privilege by Robert Jensen  
Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority by Tim Wise  
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo  
White Privilege: Essential Readings on the Other Side of Racism by Paula S. Rothenberg  
The Possessive Investment in Whiteness by George Lipsitz  
America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America  
Towards the "Other America" by Chris Crass  
Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel  
Birth of a White Nation: The Invention of White People and Its Relevance Today by Jacqueline Battalora  
Speaking Treason Fluently: Anti Racist Reflections from an Angry White Male by Tim Wise

### **Unconscious Bias/Prejudice**

Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People by Mahzarin R Banaji and Anthony G Greenwald  
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum

### **Memoires/Poetry/Compilations**

A Good Time for the Truth edited by Sun Yung Shin  
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace by Jeff Hobbs  
Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson  
The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin  
Negroland a memoir by Margo Jefferson  
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot  
The Hidden Wound by Wendell Berry  
Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine  
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin  
The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley

## **Intersectionality**

Welfare Racism: Playing the Race Card Against America's Poor by Kenneth Neubeck and Noel Cazenave

Ain't I A Woman: Black Women and Feminism by bell hooks

## **Fiction Novels**

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

## **Essays/History/Texts**

A People's History of the United States: 1492 to Present by Howard Zinn

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got by James W. Loewen

Race Matters by Cornel West

Why We Can't Wait by Martin Luther King Jr.

Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity

A Dream Deferred: The Second Betrayal of Black Freedom in America by Langston Hughes

### **Criminal Justice**

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II by Douglas A. Blackmon

### **Housing**

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

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

### **Education**

The Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter Godwin Woodson

For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood...and the Rest of Y'All Too: Reality Pedagogy and Urban Education by Christopher Emdin

## **Documentary/Video**

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

Race: The Power of An Illusion (PBS)

True Colors (ABC)

I Am Not Your Negro (PBS)