Bibliography and Suggested Reading

In recent years, there has been a publication explosion among books on race and racial justice. The best of these include both power analysis and historical context. A book without an analysis of privilege or cultural power or the historical racial framework of privilege is of lesser value. I have **bolded** the titles of books I am currently preferring but ANY book on this list will enlarge your understanding—but some will expand it more than others.

This list, a living document, is not intended to be exhaustive.

*The Accidental American: Immigration and Citizenship in the Age of Globalization* by Rinku Sen

*Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White* by Tim Wise

*America’s Original Sin* by Jim Wallis

***Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama* by Tim Wise**

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

***Birth of a White Nation: The Invention of White People and Its Relevance Today* by Jacqueline Battalora**

*Black Prophetic Fire* by Cornel West

*Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* by Charles Wilkinson

***Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus* by Reggie L. Willams**

*Breaking Ice: An Anthology of Contemporary African-American Fiction*,Terry McMillan, editor

*The Bush Was Blazing But Not Consumed: Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy* by Eric H. F. Law

*The Color of Faith: Building Community in a Multiracial Society* by Fumitaka Matsuoka

*The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride

*Desmond Tutu: Rabble-Rouser for Peace: The Authorized Biography* by John Allen

*A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America* by Ronald Takaki

*Difficult Conversations* by Katie Day

*Dismantling Racism* by Joseph Barndt

*Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America* by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith

*Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege toward Racial Reconciliation* by Jody Miller Shearer

***God and Empire* by John Dominic Crossan**

***Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared M. Diamond**

***A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey toward an Undivided Life* by Parker Palmer**

*The History of White People* by Nell Irvin Painter

*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

***How the Irish Became White* by Noel Ignatiev**

*Inclusion: Making Room for Grace* by Eric Law

*Indian Tribes as Sovereign Governments: A Sourcebook on Federal-Tribal History, Law, and Policy* by American Indian Lawyer Training Program, Charles F. Wilkinson, ed.

*The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

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

*Learning to Be White: Money, Race, and God in America* by Thandeka

*A Lesson Before Dying: A Novel* by Louis Gaines

***Lies Across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong* by James W. Loewen**

***Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong* (2 volumes) by James W. Loewen**

*The Mis-Education of the Negro* by Carter Godwin Woodson

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

*The Mismeasure of Man* by Stephen Jay Gould

*Native Son* by Richard Wright

*Nobody Knows My Name* by James Baldwin

*No Future Without Forgiveness* by Desmond Tutu

*Pedagogy of the Oppressed* by Paulo Freire

*People of the Lie* by M. Scott Peck

*The Poisonwood Bible: A Novel* by Barbara Kingsolver

***The Power of Parable: How Parables by Jesus Became Parables about Jesus* by John Dominc Crossan**

*Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else* by Chrystia Freeland

*Race Matters* by Cornel West

*Race, Racism, and the Biblical Narratives* by Cain Hope Felder

***Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to WWII* by Douglas A. Blackmon**

*Soul on Ice* by Eldridge Cleaver

*The State of the Native Nations: Conditions under U.S. Policies of Self-Determination* by Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, Eric C. Henson, Jonathan B. Taylor, and Catherine E. A. Curtis, editors

*Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism* by James W. Loewen

*Teaching/Learning Anti-racism: A Developmental Approach* by Louise Derman-Sparks and Carol Brunson Phillips

*Teaching Tolerance: Raising Open-minded, Empathetic Children* by Sara Bullard

*The 10 Lenses: Your Guide to Living & Working in a Multicultural World* by Mark A Williams

*Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength* by Chanequa Walker-Barnes

*The Tortilla Curtain: A Novel* by T.C. Boyle

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong

*Under the Affluence* by Tim Wise

*Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice* by Paul Kivel

*Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

*Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High* by Melba Pattillo Beals

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

*What’s the Matter with Kansas: How Conservatives Won the Heart of America* by Thomas Frank

**White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Dr. Carol Anderson**

*When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America* by Ira Katznelson

*White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son* by Tim Wise

***Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* by Beverly Daniel Tatum**

*The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community* by Eric H. F. Law

Books for children (K-2)

*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

*It’s Mine* by Leo Lionni

*Ruth and the Green Book* by Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Gwenn Strauss

For older children (grades 5-9)

any books by Mildred D. Taylor

For young adults (high school)

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie and Ellen Fornay