

## Racial Justice Resources

Collected by Judson Memorial Baptist Church Racial Justice Team.

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### Articles

- **A Case for Reparations** by Ta-Nehisi Coates for *The Atlantic* June 2014. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>
- **America's Policing System Is Broken. It's Time to Radically Rethink Public Safety.** By Josiah Bates (Camden, N.J.) and Karl Vick (Minneapolis) photographs by Widline Cadet (Camden, N.J.) and Rahim Fortune (Minneapolis) for *Time*. August 17, 2020. <https://time.com/5876318/>.
- **Justice Too Long Delayed** by Timothy Dalrymple for *Christianity Today* June 10, 2020. (about reparations). [https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/june-web-only/justice-too-long-delayed.html?fbclid=IwAR2FzydW5q\\_aMxvsbmBcCOyRmUDTZgIKtDPjYxczvqLYeQaKsMIEOIfvwU](https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/june-web-only/justice-too-long-delayed.html?fbclid=IwAR2FzydW5q_aMxvsbmBcCOyRmUDTZgIKtDPjYxczvqLYeQaKsMIEOIfvwU)
- **Reparations for Slavery. Is America Ready to Pay for Progress?** By Keith Nelson Jr. for *COMPLIX*, September 21, 2020 <https://www.complex.com/life/reparations-election-issue-2020>
- **Six Question About Slavery Reparations, Answered.** By Breeanna Hare and Doug Criss, for *CNN* Sat August 15, 2020. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/15/us/slavery-reparations-explanation-trnd/index.html>
- **Why We Need a Second Great Migration**, by Charles M. Blow (1/08/21). *New York Times* opinion, "I say to Black people: return to the South, cast down your anchor, and create an environment in which racial oppression has no place." For those of you who have read Isabel Wilkinson's *The Warmth of Other Suns*, this opinion piece may present an interesting perspective. [We Need a Second Great Migration - American Renaissance \(amren.com\)](https://www.amren.com/2021/08/01/why-we-need-a-second-great-migration/) (Blow's book of the same title was released last week.)
- **Walking While Black**, by Topher Sanders and Kate Rabinowitz, ProPublica, and Benjamin Conarck for the *Florida Times-Union* November 16, 2017. Jacksonville's enforcement of pedestrian violations raises concerns that it's another example of racial profiling. Written article: [Walking While Black \(propublica.org\)](https://www.propublica.org/article/walking-while-black) Video: [Walking While Black — ProPublica](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtDPjYxczvqLYeQaKsMIEOIfvwU).
- **22 Champions of Change in Minnesota: A deeper look at artists, leaders, farmers, and more fighting for equity, progress, and community** By Ricardo Acosta, Reed Fischer, Dinneen Graff, Abbi Kiesau, Liv Martin, Sheila Regan and Erik Tormoen for *Minnesota Monthly* January 12, 2021. This article highlights some MN movers and shakers you need to know. <https://www.minnesotamonthly.com/lifestyle/champions-of-change-in-minnesota/>
- **1619 Project** – Essays in an ongoing initiative by the New York Times. It aims to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the very center of our national narrative. Apple Podcast: [1619 on Apple Podcasts](https://www.apple.com/podcasts/1619/).

### Articles requiring a subscription

- **I'm a black climate expert. Racism derails our efforts to save the planet** by Ayana Johnson for the *Washington Post*. June 3, 2020. [Racism derails our attempts to fight the climate crisis - The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2020/06/03/ayana-johnson-black-climate-expert-racism-derails-climate-efforts/)
- **Nice White Parents**, A new podcast from the makers of "Serial Productions," for the *NY Times* about the 60-year relationship between white parents and the public school down the block. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/23/podcasts/nice-white-parents-serial.html>
- **What is Owed:** If Black Lives are to Matter in America, the nation must pay its debts. by Nikole Hannah-Jones for the *New York Times magazine*. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/24/magazine/reparations-slavery.html>

## Articles Specific to Race and Climate

- **Climate Activists: Here's Why Your Work Depends on Ending Police Violence** By Dany Sigwalt for *Medium* June 4, 2020. [Climate Activists: Here's Why Your Work Depends On Ending Police Violence - PopularResistance.Org](#)
- **Climate Activists Voice Support for George Floyd Protestors** by Louise Boyle for *The Independent* June 2, 2020. [Climate activists voice support for George Floyd protesters and confront green movement's issues with race | The Independent | The Independent](#)
- **Race Gaps in COVID 19 Deaths are even bigger than they appear** by Tiffany N. Ford, Sarah Reber and Richard Reeves for the *Brookings Institute* June 16, 2020. [Race gaps in COVID-19 deaths are even bigger than they appear \(brookings.edu\)](#)
- **Racism, Police Violence, and the Climate are Not Separate Issues** by Bill Mckibben for *The New Yorker* Jun 4, 2020. [Racism, Police Violence, and the Climate Are Not Separate Issues | The New Yorker](#)
- **We Don't Have To Halt Climate Action To Fight Racism** by Mary Annaïse Heglar for *The Huffington Post*, June 10, 2020. [We Don't Have to Halt Climate Action to Fight Racism | HuffPost Australia \(huffingtonpost.com.au\)](#)
- **What Good is Clean Air If People Can't Breathe?** By Sarah Lazarovic for *Yes!* June 5, 2020. [What Good Is Clean Air If People Can't Breathe? - YES! Magazine](#)
- **Why Every Environmentalist Should Be Anti-Racist** by Leah Thomas for *Vogue* June 8, 2020. [Why Every Environmentalist Should Be Anti-Racist | Vogue](#)
- **Why racial justice is climate justice:** The worst disasters are never colorblind. By Claire Elise Thompson for the *Grist*, June 4, 2020. [Combating climate change, COVID-19, and systemic injustice on the same front \(grist.org\)](#)

## Podcasts, YouTube Videos

- **Coming to the Table** virtual event, sponsored by Minnesota Peace Builders. These gatherings are racial healing talking circles to address interpersonal, community, and structural racial violence and trauma. Descendants of those who were enslaved, descendants of slave owners, Indigenous community members, and all those interested in engaging in safe, constructive dialogue are invited. We seek to heal the racial wounds from the historical trauma of slavery, genocide of Native Americans, and the racism these collective traumas continue to spawn. Reserve your virtual seat at <http://www.mnpeace.org/events.html>
- **Funeral for John Lewis** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_exHo31sn0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_exHo31sn0). Also by subscription: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>
- **#Honor Native Land.** Us. Dept. of Arts and Culture. This video is a guide and call-to-action to spread the practice of acknowledgment of traditional Native lands at the opening of all public gatherings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETOhNzBsiKA>
- **How Many Breaths.** A multimedia work for solo violin and spoken word sewn together with images of street art and demonstration footage captured from around the Twin Cities during the summer of 2020. Narration is done by Lou Bellamy and Sarah Bellamy of Penumbra Theater, music composed by Steve Heitzeg, violinist Ariana Kim. (Recommended by Leslie Rapp) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\\_6jQQGX9uw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_6jQQGX9uw)
- **Race in America** by Phil Vischer of Holy Post. YouTube summary of why black wealth and quality of life have steadily declined. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUwcs9qJXY>
- **The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross**, hosted by Harvard scholar, Henry Louis Gates Jr. This six-part series guides viewers on a journey across two continents to explore the transition of African Americans. The series airs on Tuesdays on PBS. <https://www.tpt.org/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/schedule/>
- **United Shades of America** CNN series. The eight-part docuseries follows comedian W. Kamau Bell as he traverses the nation, using humor to explore hard-hitting questions and spark honest dialogue about race in America. [United Shades of America - Episodes - IMDb](#).
- **What Really Happened at Standing Rock.** Video features an exclusive interview with Chase Iron Eyes, Lead Counsel for the Lakota Peoples' Law Project. Describes the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in depth and in relation to the present moment. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiA3FWbqAvo>
- **White Fragility** Interview with Robyn DiAngelo (2020). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45ey4jgoxeU>
- **White Supremacy in American Christianity** Robert P. Jones speaking at the Baptist Joint Committee in the studios of the National Press Club June 26, 2020. [RECORDED LIVE: A national conversation on white supremacy and American Christianity - YouTube](#)

## Films

- **I Am Not Your Negro, James Baldwin Documentary** (2016). Based on an unfinished manuscript by James Baldwin who shares some history of racism in the U.S. and the impact of the deaths of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. Netflix.
- **John Lewis: Good Trouble**, 2020 documentary on Prime Time <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10310096>
- **Just Mercy** film based on Bryan Stevenson's book about his work with people on death row.
- **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom** by August Wilson. This film, based on the play of the same name, chronicles the tensions between the trailblazing blues singer Ma Rainey (Viola Davis), her ambitious horn player Levee (Chadwick Boseman), and the white management determined to control her music in 1920s Chicago. This was Chadwick Boseman's last performance before his death in August 2020. The film is produced by Denzel Washington and streams on Netflix.
- **One Night in Miami** adapted from Kemp Powers' play by the same name. *One Night in Miami* focuses on the night of Feb. 25, 1964, when Cassius Clay, Jim Brown, Sam Cooke, and Malcolm X met up in a hotel room after Cassius Clay's victory fight. The film imagines how these four Black icons might have discussed and reconciled the responsibility of being successful black men during the Jim Crow era.

## Non-Fiction Books and Memoirs

- **Between the World and Me** by Ta Nehisi Coates. (2015) Author is writing to his son to explain the harsh realities of racism on the Black body.
- **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent** by Isabel Wilkerson (2020)– Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.
- **From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century** by William A. Darity and A. Kristen Mullen. (2020) The authors offer a detailed roadmap for an effective reparations program, including a substantial payment to each documented U.S. black descendant of slavery. The book was highlighted at the American Baptist Rochester Genesee Region convention (on-line) in the fall of 2020.
- **How to Be an Antiracist** by Ibram X Kendi. (2020) Throughout much of his life, Kendi says he was racist, and he describes how he worked toward becoming antiracist. He explains the meanings of being racist, non-racist and anti-racist, and also provides specific actions.
- **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption** by Bryan Stevenson (2015), Tells the story of a Black men imprisoned on death row. Stevenson is also the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. The Memorial honors people who were lynched in the post-Reconstruction period and shows how they are connected to the high rate of executions and incarceration of people of color in the United States.
- **Just Us: An American Conversation** by Claudia Rankine. (2020) This book is a collection of vignettes, photos, excerpts, and Rankine's own experiences as a Black woman. Rankine challenges herself and her readers to ask questions about privilege, racism, and bias, and then to listen. (Recommended by Marlys Wiens)
- **Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America** by Candacy Taylor (2020) "This new book revisits the nesting stories behind the "Green Book," which helped Black tourists navigate racial minefields implicit in a road trip.... Taylor draws a compelling map connecting the legacy of institutional racism — decades of government disinvestment, redlining and the fight for adequate schools — that has left neighborhoods as discards or afterthoughts. She advocates for readers to use these stories as inspiration to actively build on the foundation Green laid." (Los Angeles Times review (Recommended by Laura O'Halloran.)
- **Reading While Black, African American Biblical Interpretation as An Exercise in Hope** by Esau McCaulley. (2020) Available through Black Garnett Books (MN first black owned bookstore.) This is a personal and scholarly testament to the power and hope of Black biblical interpretation.
- **Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul**, by Susan K. Williams Smith. (2019) This book offers ninety daily meditations - a soul-care manual for social justice-seeking believers who stand in constant vigilance against all forms of racial, class, and gender oppression. (Recommended by Marlys Wiens)
- **So, You Want to Talk About Race** by Ijeoma Oluo. (2019). Author talks directly to White readers. She shares her personal experience, gives historical information and provides specific actions.

- **Stamped From The Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America** by Ibram x. Kendi (2016). Comprehensive, scholarly, explicit. Defines meaning of racist, non-racist and anti-racist by chronicling the journey of racist ideas from fifteenth-century Europe to present-day America through the lives of five major intellectuals - Puritan minister Cotton Mather, President Thomas Jefferson, fiery abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, brilliant scholar W.E.B. Du Bois, and legendary anti-prison activist Angela Davis, showing how these ideas were developed, disseminated and eventually enshrined in American society.
- **The New Jim Crow** by Michelle Alexander. (2020) Comprehensive history of how the Jim Crow Laws were replaced by new 'tough on crime' and drug laws that allowed and encouraged police and the criminal justice system to legally and systematically suppress and incarcerate people of color.
- **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man** by Emmanuel Acho. (2020) Acho is a former NFL player and is now an analyst on Fox Sports. In this book "Acho tackles difficult topics with the depth of an engaged cultural thinker and the style of an experienced wordsmith. Throughout, Acho is a friendly guide, seeking to sow understanding even if it means risking just a little discord." (Kirkus Reviews) Access the YouTube episodes by googling the same title.
- **Unexampled Courage - The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring** by Richard Gerge. (2019) The story of the brutalizing of Black veteran returning from war in 1946. (Recommended by Keith Ford)
- **When they Call You a Terrorist: a Black Lives Matter Memoir** by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele. (2018) Provides context for the creation of the Black Lives Movement.
- **White Fragility** by Robyn DiAngelo. (2019) (Shows why it is so difficult for White Americans to talk and understand racism.

#### Novels:

- **The Hate You Give** by Angie Thomas (2017) Young adult novel. The best friend of a 16-year-old is shot by police.
- **Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2014). A redemption, thriller, romantic and fiction novel which describe the story of two Nigerians who are living separately from one another.
- **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi. (2016) Historical Fiction. Follows the capturing of Asante people from Ghana through their generations of U.S. slavery to their present-day descendants.
- **Beloved** by Toni Morrison (2004). Staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding *New York Times* bestseller transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby. Sethe, its protagonist, was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. And Sethe's new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.
- **Go Tell It On the Mountain** by James Baldwin (1953). Semi-autobiographical, the novel tells the story of John Grimes, an intelligent teenager in 1930s Harlem, and his relationship to his family and his church. The novel also reveals the back stories of John's mother, his biological father, and his violent, religious fanatic stepfather.
- **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett (2020). *New York Times* bestselling novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white."
- **Water Dancer** by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2019). From the National Book Award-winning author of *Between the World and Me*, a boldly conjured debut novel about a magical gift, a devastating loss, and an underground war for freedom featuring Harriet Tubman.

#### Books for Young Adults:

- **Dear Martin** by Nic Stone (2018) Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Ju
- **All American Boys** by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (2017). A bag of chips. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop, Paul, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for belligerence, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered. But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the pavement?

- **I am Alfonso Jones** by Tony Medina. (2017). First graphic novel for young readers to focus on police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement. Forward by Bryan Stevenson.
- **Stamped: Racism, Anti-racism, and You**, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (2020). A remix of the National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning*. This is a book about the here and now to help us better understand why we are where we are.

#### Books for Middle grades

- **A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Ramée, (2020). Book is funny and big-hearted about friendship, family, and standing up for what's right. Order through Black Garnet Books. <https://www.blackgarnetbooks.com/>
- **Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2019). Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing.
- **New Kid** by Jerry Craft (2019). Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature! Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

#### Books for Pre-K and Elementary

- **Let's Talk About Race** by Julius Lester (2008). This picture book introduces race as just one of many chapters in a person's story" (*School Library Journal*). Lester's poignant picture book helps children learn, grow, discuss, and begin to create a future that resolves differences
- **Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice** by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, Ann Hazzard (ages 4-8) (2018). Book is about two families -- one White, one Black -- as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community. The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events, and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives. Includes an extensive Note to Parents and Caregivers with guidelines for discussing race and racism with children, child-friendly definitions, and sample dialogues. <https://www.charisbooksandmore.com/book/9781433828546>
- **Antiracist Baby** by Ibram X. Kendi (2020). Book introduces the youngest readers and the grown-ups in their lives to the concept and power of antiracism. Providing the language necessary to begin critical conversations at the earliest age. Featured in its own episode in the Netflix original show *Bookmarks: Celebrating Black Voice*. Offers nine easy steps for building a more equitable world. Bold art and thoughtful, playful text. [https://www.magersandquinn.com/product\\_info?products\\_id=9172718&isbn\\_id=12195621](https://www.magersandquinn.com/product_info?products_id=9172718&isbn_id=12195621)

#### Resources for parents:

- **Raising White Kids** book by Jen Harvey (2019). Helps parents, teachers, and churches enter into a dialogue about the impact of racism on our children and offers guidance for sharing our commitment to equity and justice. Harvey also wrote, *How White Parents Can Talk About Race*.