

Black Lives Matter

Resources

BOOKS

Angie Thomas: The Hate U Give

This novel is about an African-American teenage girl who fights for justice after the shooting of her childhood friend by a police officer.

Inspired by the police shooting of Oscar Grant.

Ijeoma Oluo: So You Want to Talk about Race

In this book, Ijeoma Oluo explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape--from white privilege and police brutality to systemic discrimination and the Black Lives Matter movement--offering straightforward clarity that readers need to contribute to the deconstruction of racial divide.

Wesley Lowery: They Can't Kill Us All

A non-fiction book that takes a look into the reality of police violence in America. Written in reaction to the deaths of Micheal Brown, Tamir Rice and Freddie Gray.

Ibram X. Kendi: How to Be an Antiracist

In this book, Ibram X. Kendi shows that when it comes to racism, neutrality is not an option: until we become part of the solution, we can only be part of the problem.

Kendi helps us recognise that everyone is, at times, complicit in racism whether they realise it or not, and by describing his own journey from racism to antiracism, he shows us how instead to be a force for good.

Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely: All American Boys

Written by two critically acclaimed authors, this book is about the lives of two teenage boys whose lives change after an extreme police brutality experience.

With two narratives, the story shows us how both characters learn to cope in a town divided by racial controversy.

Movies and TV Shows

13th

An in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality.

The title of this documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States." The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the American prison industry is laid out in this documentary.

When They See Us

Five teens become trapped in a nightmare when they're falsely accused of a brutal attack in Central Park. Based on the true story.

Depiction of the 1989 case involving "The Central Park Five," in which five black and Latino teens were convicted of a crime they did not commit.

Dear White People

At a predominantly white Ivy League college, a group of black students navigate various forms of racial and other types of discrimination.

The TV show continues to follow a group of Winchester University students of colour as they navigate a diverse landscape of social injustice, cultural bias, political correctness (or lack thereof) and activism in the millennial age. *Dear White People* utilizes biting irony, self-deprecation and sometimes brutal honesty to hold up a mirror to the issues plaguing society today, while also leading with laughter.

Becoming

Becoming gives a close look into the life of former First Lady Michelle Obama during a moment of profound change, not only for her personally but for the country she and her husband served over eight years in the White House. The movie offers an up-close look at her life, taking viewers behind the scenes as she embarks on a 34-city tour that highlights the power of community to bridge our divides and the spirit of connection that comes when we openly and honestly share our stories.

Podcasts

1619

This podcast digs deep into America's ugly history: chattel slavery.

Marking the 400th anniversary of the first slaves brought to Virginia, this 2019 project connects the past to the present through captivating storytelling and vivid depictions beginning with the arrival of slave ships on U.S. shores

About Race

From the author behind the bestselling *“Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People About Race”*, comes a podcast that takes the conversation a step further.

Featuring key voices from the last few decades of anti-racist activism, this podcast looks at the recent history that lead to the politics of today.