Suggested Books for Anti-Racism Reading Shelf

**Adult Nonfiction:**
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness – Michelle Alexander
White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide – Carol Anderson
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou
The Fire Next Time – James Baldwin
Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People – Mahzarin R. Banaji
The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism – Edward E. Baptist
Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II – Douglas A. Blackmon
Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America - Eduardo Bonilla-Silva
I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness – Austin Channing Brown
Between the World and Me – Ta-Nehisi Coates
Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower – Brittney Cooper
Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do - Jennifer L. Eberhardt
How to Be Less Stupid About Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the Racial Divide – Crystal Marie Fleming
The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution – Eric Foner
Stony the Road – Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America - Khalil Gibran Muhammad
Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching – Paula Giddings
White Kids: Growing Up with Privilege in Racially Divided America, by Margaret Hagerman
Black Looks: Race and Representation – Bell Hooks
The Book of Night Women – Marlon James
This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work – Tiffany Jewell
They Were Her Property: White Women as Slave Owners in the American South - Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers
How to Be an Antiracist – Ibram X. Kendi
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America – Ibram X. Kendi
Heavy: An American Memoir – Kiese Laymon
Searching for Black Confederates: The Civil War’s Most Persistent Myth – Kevin Levin
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood – Trevor Noah
So You Want to Talk About Race – Ijeoma Oluo
Breathe: A Letter to My Sons – Imani Perry
Citizen: An American Lyric – Claudia Rankine
How the South Won the Civil War - Heather Cox Richardson
Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century – Dorothy Roberts
Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor – Layla Saad
Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights by Gretchen Sorin
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption – Bryan Stevenson
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race – Beverly Daniel Tatum
Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church’s Complicity in Racism – Jemar Tisby
Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong – James W. Loewen
Silent Racism – Barbara Trepagnier
Memorial Drive – Natasha Trethewey
Native Guard – Natasha Trethewey
Men We Reaped – Jesmyn Ward
Caste – Isabel Wilkerson
The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration – Isabel Wilkerson
What Doesn’t Kill You Makes You Blacker – Damon Young

Young Adult:
Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha 1) – Tomi Adeyemi
Children of Virtue and Vengeance (Legacy of Orisha 2) – Tomi Adeyemi
We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide – Carol Anderson and Tonya Bolden
Tyler Johnson Was Here – Jay Coles
The Girl with the Looding Voice: A Novel – Abi Daré
Blended – Sharon M. Draper
This is My America – Kim Johnson
You Should See Me in a Crown – Leah Johnson
I’m Not Dying with You Tonight – Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal
SLAY – Brittney Morris
Anger is a Gift: A Novel – Mark Oshiro
All American Boys – Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning – Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
Dear Martin (Book 1) – Nic Stone
The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas
Piecing Me Together – Renée Watson
A Phoenix First Must Burn: Sixteen Stories of Black Girl Magic, Resistance, & Hope – Patrice Caldwell
Genesis Begins Again – Alicia D. Williams
Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson

Middle Grade:
March: Book 1 – John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
March: Book 2 – John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
March: Book 3 – John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
The Usual Suspects – Maurice Broaddus
The New Kid – Jerry Craft
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky – Kwambe Mbalia
I Am Alfonso Jones – Tony Medina
A Good Kind of Trouble – Lisa Moore Remée
Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness – Anastasia Higginbotham
Black Brother, Black Brother – Jewell Parker Rhodes
Ghost Boys – Jewel Parker Rhodes
Gone Crazy in Alabama – Rita Williams-Garcia

Children’s:
Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 – Helaine Becker
Something Happened in Our Town: A Child’s Story About Racial Injustice – Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard
Hair Love – Matthew A. Cherry
Antiracist Baby Picture Book – Ibram X. Kendi
Let’s Talk About Race – Julius Lester
Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina – Lea Lyon & Alexandria LaFaye
Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation – Duncan Tonatiuh
A Kids Book About Racism – Jelani Memory

Latinx:
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents – Julia Alvarez
Children of the Land: A Memoir – Marcelo Hernandez Castillo
The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros
Don’t Ask Me Where I’m From – Jennifer De Leon
American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures – America Ferrera
Shaming into Brown: Somatic Transactions of Race in Latina/o Literature – Stephanie Fetta
White but Not Equal: Mexican Americans, Jury Discrimination, and the Supreme Court – Ignacio M. García
Citizens but Not Americans: Race and Belonging among Latino Millennials – Nilda Flores Gonzáles
Race or Ethnicity?: On Black and Latino Identity – Jorge J.E. Gracia
The Book of Unknown Americans – Cristina Henríquez
Debating Race, Ethnicity, and Latino Identity: Jorge J. E. Gracia and His Critics – Ivan Jaksic
Being Brown: Sonia Sotomayor and the Latino Question – Lazaro Lima
Racism on Trial: The Chicano Fight for Justice – Ian F. Haney López
An African American and Latinx History of the United States – Paul Ortiz
Ignored Racism: White Animus Toward Latinos – Mark D. Ramirez

Asian-American:
Two Faces of Exclusion: The Untold History of Anti-Asian Racism in the United States – Lon K. Kurashige
Giving Form to an Asian and Latinx America – Long Le-Khac