Anti Racist Reading:

*\*A note that this is a nonexhaustive list  
compiled June 2022. Books are available  
through your local indie bookstore or library!*

**Adult Nonfiction:**

1619 Project: A New Origin Story by Nikole Hannah-Jones

Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X Kendi and Keisha N Blain

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X Kendi

How to Raise an Antiracist by Ibram X Kendi

Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X Kendi

The Fire This Time by Jesmyn Ward, et al

Purpose of Power by Alicia Garza

How We Get Free by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Y Davis

Abolition. Feminism. Now. By Angela Y Davis, Gina Dent, Erica R Meiners, Beth E Richie

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

Unsung: Unheralded Narratives of American Slavery & Abolition by Schomburg Center

Chasing Me to My Grave: An Artist’s Memoir of the Jim Crow South by Winfred Rembert

Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde

Me and White Supremacy by Layla F Saad

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Darkwater: Voices From Within the Veil by WEB DuBois

What White People Can Do Next: From Allyship to Coalition by Amma Dabiri

Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration by Reuben Jonathan Miller

The Ground Breaking: The Tulsa Race Massacre and an American City’s Search for Justice by Scott Ellsworth

There’s a Revolution Outside, My Love: Letters from a Crisis by Tracy K Smith and John Freeman

Read This To Get Smarter: About Race, Class, Gender, Disability, and More by Blair Imani

A Kick in the Belly: Women, Slavery, & Resistance by Stella Dadzie

Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow by Henry Louis Gates, JR.

Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route by Saidiya Hartman

Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Riotous Black Girls, Troublesome Women, and Queer Radicals by Saidiya Hartman

Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America by James Forman Jr.

Men We Reaped: A Memoir by Jesmyn Ward

The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne and Tamara Payne

Pauli Murray: Song in a Weary Throat By Pauli Murray

 A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom by Brittany K Barnett

Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty by Dorothy Roberts

As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance by Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

 Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America by Laila Lalami

Who Will Pay Reparations On My Soul? By Jesse McCarthy

Wandering in Strange Lands: A Daughter of the Great Migration Reclaims Her Roots by Morgan Jenkins

Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism From the Inside Out by Ruth King

Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America by John Lewis

Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation by John Lewis

South to America: A Journey Below to Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation by Imani Perry

The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism by Edward E Baptist

The Trayvon Generation by Elizabeth Alexander

 His Name Is George Floyd: One Man’s Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Cullers and Asha Bandele

A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance by Hanif Abdurraqib

Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature by Farah Jasmine Griffin

 One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying our Democracy by Carol Anderson

Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudine Rankine

 Just Us: An American Conversation by Claudine Rankine

Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul by Eddie S Glaude

Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women That a Movement Forgot by Mikki Kendall

I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Shoutin’ in the Fire: An American Epistle by Danté Stewart

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul by Eddie S Glaude Jr.

Black Is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother’s Time, My Mother’s Time, and Mine by Emily Bernard

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do by Jennifer L Eberhardt PhD

The Source of Self-Regard by Toni Morrison

No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America by Darnell L. Moore

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson

Well-Read Black Girl by Glory Edim

Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons For Our Own by Eddie S Glaude Jr.

Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower by Brittney Cooper

***Adult Fiction:***

The Death of Vivek Oji by Akwaeke Emezi

Giovanni’s Room by James Baldwin

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

Hell of a Book by Jason Mott

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler

The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Black No More by George S Schuyler

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Patsy by Nicole Dennis-Benn

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet

The Travelers by Regina Porter

A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Girl With the Louding Voice by Abi Daré

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Conjure Women by Afia Atakora

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Lot by Bryan Washington

Black Girl, Call Home by Jasmine Mans

Passing by Nella Larsen

Juneteenth by Ralph Ellison

What We Lose by Zinzi Clemmons

Heads of the Colored People by Nafissa Thompson-Spires

Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E Butler

Wade in the Water by Tracy K Smith

Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

The World Doesn’t Require You by Rion Amilcar Scott

**YA/Children:**

This Book is Antiracist by Tiffany Jewel

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Stamped: YA Edition by Ibram X Kendi and Jason Reynolds

When They Call You a Terrorist (YA Edition): A Story of Black Lives Matter and the Power to Change the World by Patrisse Cullers and Asha Bandele and Been Knauer

Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, Isabel Roxas

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Nadir Nelson

Woke: A Young Poet’s Call to Justice by Mahogany L Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo,

Olivia Gatwood, Theodore Taylor, Jason Reynolds

 Lifting As We Climb: Black Women’s Battle for the Ballot Box by Evette Dionne

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Antiracist Baby by Ibram X Kendi

Goodnight Racism by Ibram X Kendi

PET by Akwaeke Emezi