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 blink 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. Williams
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
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
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
How to be an Anti-racist by Ibram X. Kendi
I’m Still Here – Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
Inclusion: Making Room for Grace by Eric Law
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 Dominic 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
Rediscipling the White Church by David W. Swanson
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


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 Fragility by Robin DeAngelo

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

The Whole United States is Southern (essay) by Charles Payne

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:

For younger 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

Videos:


**Snow Falling on Cedars** (fiction): available as a book or a DVD (check your library), this story revolves around a murder trial against the backdrop of the memory of what happened to the town’s Japanese residents during World War II, when an entire community was sent into exile while its neighbors watched.

**13th**: A documentary about mass incarceration in the United States

Revisionist History Podcast – Ms. Buchanan’s Period of Adjustment (6/29/2017)
1619 Podcast – Entire Series