



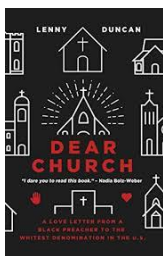
# Anti-racism Reading List

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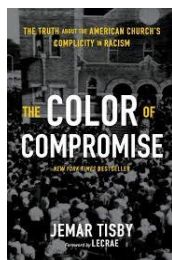
"Dear brothers and sisters... everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

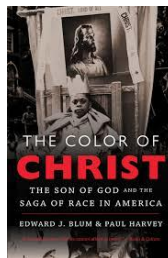
## Race and the Church



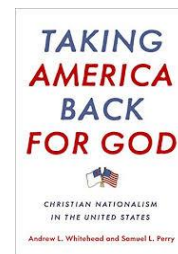
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*Dear Church*



Jemar Tisby  
*The Color of Compromise*

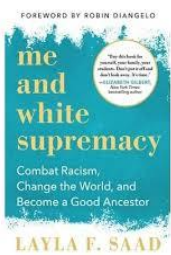


Howard Blum & Paul Harvey  
*The Color of Christ*

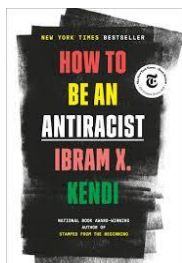


A. L. Whitehead & S. L. Perry  
*Taking America Back for God*

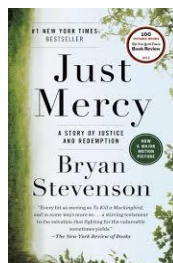
## Anti-racism and Social Commentary



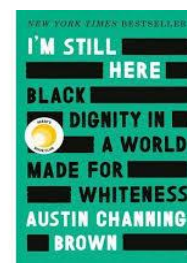
Layla Saad  
*Me and White Supremacy*



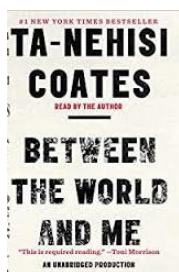
Ibram X. Kendi  
*How to be an Antiracist*



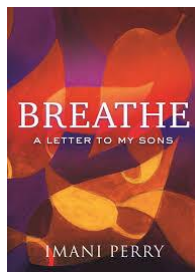
Bryan Stevenson  
*Just Mercy*



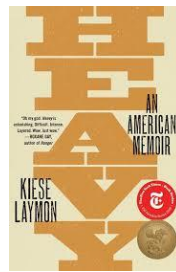
Austin Channing Brown  
*I'm Still Here*



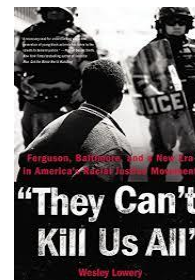
Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Between the World and Me*



Imani Perry  
*Breathe: A Letter to my Sons*

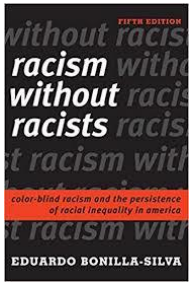


Kiese Laymon  
*Heavy: An American Memoir*

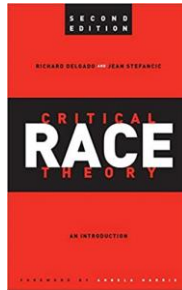


Wesley Lowery  
*They Can't Kill Us All: The Story of Black Lives Matter*

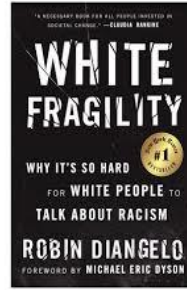
## Critical Race Theory and Sociology



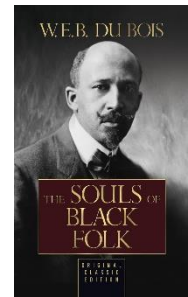
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva  
*Racism Without Racists*



R. Delgado & J. Stefancic  
*Critical Race Theory: An Introduction*

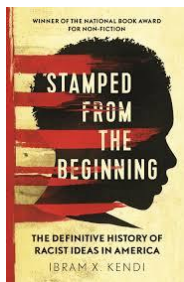


Robin Diangelo  
*White Fragility*

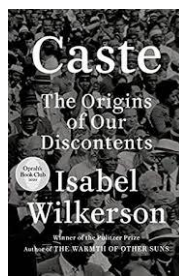


W.E.B. DuBois  
*The Souls of Black Folk*

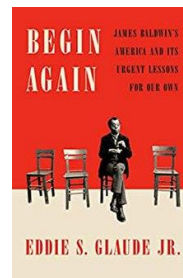
## History



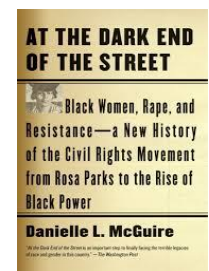
Ibram X. Kendi  
*Stamped from the Beginning*



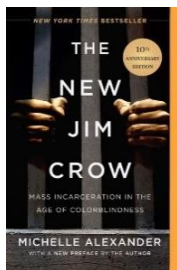
Isabel Wilkerson  
*Caste: The Origin of our Discontent*



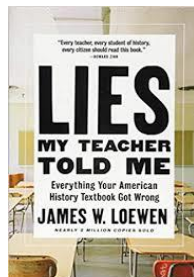
Eddie S. Glaude Jr.  
*Begin Again*



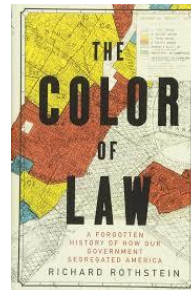
Danielle L. McGuire  
*At the Dark End of the Street*



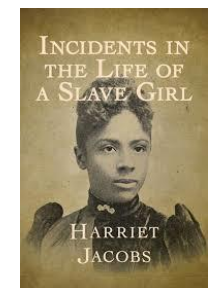
Michelle Alexander  
*The New Jim Crow*



James W. Loewen  
*Lies My Teacher Told Me*

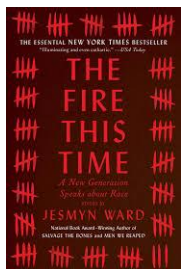


Richard Rothstein  
*The Color of Law*

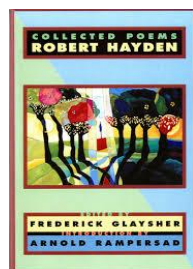


Harriet Jacobs  
*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

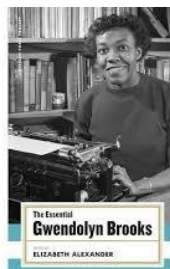
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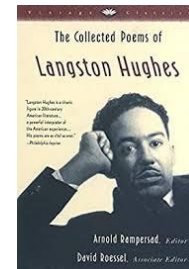
Jesmyn Ward  
*The Fire this Time*



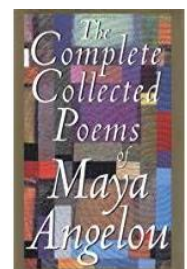
Robert Hayden  
*Collected Poems of Robert Hayden*



Gwendolyn Brooks  
*The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks*



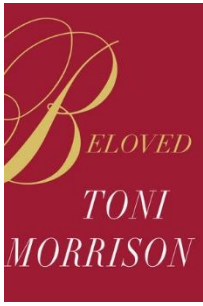
Langston Hughes  
*The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes*



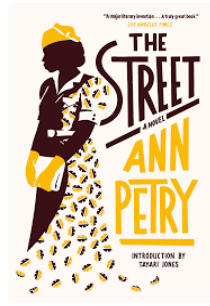
Maya Angelou  
*The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*

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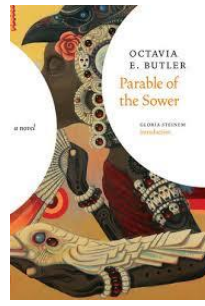
## Novels (Fiction)



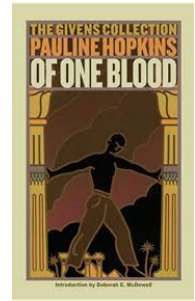
Toni Morrison  
*Beloved*



Ann Petry  
*The Street*



Octavia E. Butler  
*Parable of the Sower*



Pauline Hopkins  
*Of One Blood*

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## ELCA Social Statements

- "Social Statement: Race, Ethnicity and Culture" (1993): <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture>
- "ELCA reaffirms commitment to combat racism": <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8039>
- "Social Statement: Criminal Justice" (2013): <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Criminal-Justice>



# Anti-racism Video List

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**\*\*Please note:** some films and documentaries contain violence, harsh language, and graphic images and may be difficult to watch or inappropriate for younger viewers\*\*

Most films are available to stream through Netflix, Amazon Prime, and/or Hulu Plus

## Present-day Issues with Racial Violence, Police Brutality, and Mass Incarceration

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### *The Hate U Give* (2018)

This fictional story examines the aftermath of the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager and the effect such a loss can have on both the community and the family unit.



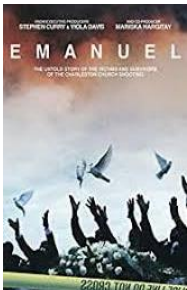
### *13<sup>th</sup>* (2016)

Titled after the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution, which allows involuntary servitude as punishment for the conviction of a crime, this documentary explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States.



### *Just Mercy* (2019)

Based on real life events, this film follows the story of defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, a man who has dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of people on death row.



### *Emanuel* (2019)

Four years after the fatal shooting of nine black Christians at Emanuel AME church by a white supremacist, family members of the victims reflect on their loss and examine the future implications of their tragedy.



### *Whose Streets?* (2017)

Focusing on the killing of Michael Brown and the Ferguson uprising, this documentary looks at system racism and police violence through the perspective of seven different characters.



### *16 Shots* (2019)

This documentary investigates the 2014 shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke and the cover-up that followed.

## Historical Films: Slavery and Civil Rights



### *12 Years a Slave* (2013)

Based on a memoir by Solomon Northrup, this movie tells the story of a free black man who was kidnapped and sold into slavery but later gains his freedom and reunites with his family.



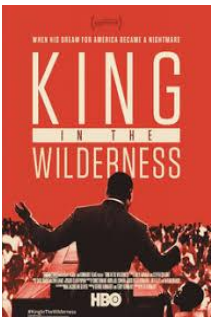
### *Selma* (2014)

A historical drama covering the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, this film portrays the civil rights activism of MLK Jr., John Lewis, and the leaders of SNCC and SCLC as well as the violence and injustice they faced.

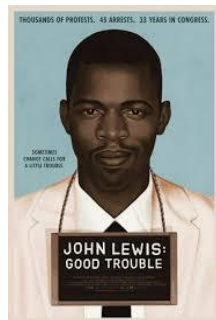


### *When They See Us* (2019)

Based on the 1989 Central Park jogger case in which five black men were falsely accused of raping and assaulting a white woman, this four-part series examines the biases and failures of the United States' legal system.



*King in the Wilderness* (2018)  
This documentary about MLK Jr. examines the last eighteen months of his life leading up to his assassination.



*John Lewis: Good Trouble* (2018)  
This film explores Georgia Representative John Lewis's 60-plus years of social activism with civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health care reform and immigration.

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## Video Clips and Other Resources

Most clips are available through YouTube or other platforms. Click on the links to access these resources.

- "How to Talk to Kids About Race" (Jemar Tisby): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNEKbVq\\_ou4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNEKbVq_ou4&feature=emb_logo)
  - "How to Deconstruct Racism" (Baratunde Thurston): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZgkjEdMbSw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZgkjEdMbSw&feature=emb_logo)
  - "Just Belonging" (Kori Carew): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI43L6hNkM&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI43L6hNkM&feature=emb_logo)
  - "Debunking Myths about Race" (Robin DiAngelo): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjHg65JORi8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjHg65JORi8&feature=emb_logo)
  - "Screaming in the Silence" (Graciela Mohamedi): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2qAbp-t\\_FY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2qAbp-t_FY&feature=emb_logo)
  - "Seeds of Liberation" (Pr. Michael Johnson and Pr. Lindsey Anderson): [https://www.facebook.com/LoveRisingLutheran/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/LoveRisingLutheran/videos/?ref=page_internal)
  - "The Next Question" (Austin Channing Brown): <https://www.tnqshow.com>
  - "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" (Emmanuel Acho): <https://youtu.be/h8jUA7JBkF4>
  - "The Root" (Michael Harriot): <https://www.theroot.com/>
  - "We Need to Talk" (Brian Stevenson): [https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan\\_stevenson\\_we\\_need\\_to\\_talk\\_about\\_an\\_injustice?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice?language=en)
  - "Langston Hughes Reads Langston Hughes": <https://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00HLN0DWY/braipick-20>
  - Additional Resources (compiled by Dawn Nacker): <https://wakelet.com/wake/CzyVh8pMJP9xIAXQ5JGVA>
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