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Backlash: What Happens When We Talk Honestly About Racism in America	Yancy, George	2018	<p>When George Yancy penned a New York Times op-ed entitled "Dear White America" asking white Americans to confront the ways that they benefit from racism, he knew his article would be controversial. But he was unprepared for the flood of vitriol in response.</p> <p>The resulting blowback played out in the national media, with critics attacking Yancy in every form possible - including death threats - and supporters rallying to his side. Despite the rhetoric of a "post-race" America, Yancy quickly discovered that racism is still alive, crude, and vicious in its expression.</p> <p>In Backlash, Yancy expands upon the original article and chronicles the ensuing controversy as he seeks to understand what it was about the op-ed that created so much rage among so many white readers. He challenges white Americans to rise above the vitriol and to develop a new empathy for the African American experience.</p>	
Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"	Hurston, Zora Neale	2018	Hurston opens our eyes to the story of Cudjo one of the men aboard the last Black Cargo ship to arrive in the United States. He is one of the last-known survivors of the Atlantic slave trade.	X
Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women	Burton, Susan and Lynn, Cari.	2017	One woman's remarkable odyssey from tragedy to prison recovery – and recognition as a leading figure in the national justice reform movement.	X
Between The World And Me	Coates, Ta-Nehisi	2015	<p>Hailed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history by "the single best writer on the subject of race in the United States" (The New York Observer).</p> <p>#1 New York Times bestseller; National Book Award Winner; NAACP Image Award winner; Pulitzer Prize finalist; National Books Critic Circle Award finalist; Named one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by the New York Times Book Review.</p>	X
Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflection on Race	Tweedy, Damon.	2016	A doctor's reflection on race and medicine.	X

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Citizen: An American Lyric	Rankine, Claudia	2014	The book has been described as both criticism and poetry, described by critic Michael Lindgren as having "boundary-bending potency...an innovative amalgam of genres."	
Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto	Deloria, Vine Jr.	1969	Indeed, it seems that each generation of whites and Indians will have to read and reread Vine Deloria's Manifesto for some time to come, before we absorb his special, ironic Indian point of view and what he tells us, with a great deal of humor, about U.S. race relations, federal bureaucracies, Christian churches, and social scientists. This book continues to be required reading for all Americans, whatever their special interest.	
Dear White Christian: For Those Still Longing For Racial Reconciliation	Harvey, Jennifer	2014	An argument for changing the paradigm from reconciliation to reparations. The book contains historical information on the Episcopal Church's journey in addressing racial divisions in the church.	X
Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life	Billings, David	2016	Part personal history and part personal memoir, documents the 400 year racialization of the United States and how people of European descent came to be called white.	X
If Beale Street Could Talk	Baldwin, James	1974	In Harlem, Fonny and Tish are in love and this protects them from their respective families and the outside world until Fonny is accused of rape.	
I'm Still Here – Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness	Brown, Austin Channing	2018	In a time when nearly all institutions (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claim to value "diversity" in their mission statements, I'M STILL HERE is a powerful account of how and why our actions so often fall short of our words. Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice, in stories that bear witness to the complexity of America's social fabric--from Black Cleveland neighborhoods to private schools in the middle-class suburbs, from prison walls to the boardrooms at majority white organizations.	
Invisible Man, Got the Whole World Watching	Smith, Michael Denzel.	2016	An account of how, politically and culturally, the existing script for black manhood has been rewritten for the millennial generation	X

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Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption	Stevenson, Brian.	2015	Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. #1 New York Times Bestseller; Named one of the Best Books of the Year by The New York Times; The Washington Post; The Boston Globe; The Seattle Times; Esquire, and Time.	X
Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America	Forman Jr., James	2017	In recent years, America's criminal justice system has become the subject of an increasingly urgent debate. Critics have assailed the rise of mass incarceration, emphasizing its disproportionate impact on people of color. As James Forman, Jr., points out, however, the war on crime that began in the 1970s was supported by many African American leaders in the nation's urban centers. In Locking Up Our Own, he seeks to understand why.	X
Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery	Newcomb, Steven	2008	Pagans in the Promised Land provides a unique, well-researched challenge to U.S. federal Indian law and policy. It attacks the presumption that American Indian nations are legitimately subject to the plenary power of the United States. Steve Newcomb puts forth a startling theory that U.S. federal Indian law and policy are premised on Old Testament narratives of the chosen people and the promised land, as exemplified in the 1823 Supreme Court ruling.	
Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership (Justice, Power, and Politics)	Taylor, Keeanga-Yamahtta	2019	<b>Race for Profit</b> uncovers how exploitative real estate practices continued well after housing discrimination was banned. The same racist structures and individuals remained intact after redlining's end, and close relationships between regulators and the industry created incentives to ignore improprieties. Meanwhile, new policies meant to encourage low-income homeownership created new methods to exploit Black homeowners.	

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Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin	Fulton, Sybrina and Martin, Tracy.	2017	A parents' story of love, injustice, and the birth of a reform movement.	X
Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist	Saslow, Eli	2019	Derek Black grew up at the epicenter of white nationalism. His father founded Stormfront, the largest racist community on the Internet. By the time Derek turned nineteen, he had become an elected politician with his own daily radio show--already regarded as the "the leading light" of the burgeoning white nationalist movement. "We can infiltrate," Derek once told a crowd of white nationalists. "We can take the country back." Rising Out of Hatred tells the story of how white-supremacist ideas migrated from the far-right fringe to the White House through the intensely personal saga of one man who eventually disavowed everything he was taught to believe, at tremendous personal cost.	X
Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America	Kendi, Ibrahim S.	2016	In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of antiblack racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. Winner of the National Book Award for Non-Fiction.	X
The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America	Blum, Edward J. and Harvey, Paul	2012	Explains how the image of Jesus was used to reinforce racism and how that image became blond and blue-eyed.	X
The Hate U Give	Thomas, Angie	2017	It follows events in the life of a 16-year-old black girl, Starr Carter, who is drawn to activism when she witnesses the police shooting of a childhood friend.	
The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present	Treuer, David	2019	The received idea of Native American history--as promulgated by books like Dee Brown's mega-bestselling 1970 Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee--has been that American Indian history essentially ended with the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee. In The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee, Treuer melds history with reportage and memoir. Tracing the tribes' distinctive cultures from first contact, he explores how the depredations of each era spawned new modes of survival. The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee is the essential, intimate story of a resilient people in a transformative era.	X

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The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness	Alexander, Michelle	2010	An account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status – denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement.	X
The Price of the Ticket: Collection of Non-Fiction, 1948 – 1985	Baldwin, James	1985	A compendium of nearly fifty years of Baldwin's powerful non-fiction writing. With truth and insight, these personal, prophetic works speak to the heart of the experience of race and identity in the United States.	
The Underground Railroad. (Fiction)	Whitehead, Colson	2016	The winner of the Pulitzer Prize and The National Book Award, The #1 New York Times bestseller from Colson Whitehead, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the ante-bellum South.	
The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration	Wilkerson, Isabel	2014	In this epic, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history; the decades long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities , in search of a better life.	X
The Water Dancer	Coates, Ta-Nehisi	2019	Young Hiram Walker was born into bondage. When his mother was sold away, Hiram was robbed of all memory of her—but was gifted with a mysterious power. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known.	
There is a River: The Black Struggle For Freedom in America	Harding, Vincent	1981	From an unflinchingly black perspective, Harding writes of the struggle of heroic African Americans to achieve freedom from slavery.	

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Three Narratives of Slavery (African American)	Truth, Sojourner; et al.	2008	Straightforward, yet often poetic accounts of the battle for freedom, three memoirs by courageous black women (Sojourner Truth, Harriet Jacobs, and Mary Prince) vividly chronicle their struggles in the bonds of slavery, their rebellion against degrading injustice, and their determination to attain racial equality.	X
Waking Up White, And Finding Myself in the Story of Race	Irving, Debby	2014	A memoir/recollection of her experience as a WASP (White Anglo Saxon Protestant) American. The book addresses white privilege and the complexity of race in the U.S.	X
We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy.	Coates, Ta-Nehisi	2017	“We were eight years in power” was the lament of Reconstruction-era black politicians as the American experiment in multiracial democracy ended with the return of white supremacist rule in the South. In this sweeping collection of new and selected essays, Ta-Nehisi Coates explores the tragic echoes of that history in our own time: the unprecedented election of a black president followed by a vicious backlash that fueled the election of the man Coates argues is America’s “first white president.”	X
White Fragility – Why It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism	DiAngelo, Robin.	2018	The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged.	X
White Trash: The 400 Year History of Class in America	Isenberg, Nancy	2016	A Cultural and Political history of an American underclass.	X