Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People
by Mahzarin R Banaji
A pair of leading psychologists argue that prejudice toward others is often an unconscious part of the human psyche, providing an analysis of the science behind biased feelings while sharing guidelines for identifying and learning from hidden prejudices.

Gilead (2005)
by Marilynne Robinson
As the Reverend John Ames approaches the hour of his own death, he writes a letter to his son chronicling three previous generations of his family, a story that stretches back to the Civil War and reveals uncomfortable secrets about the family of preachers.

The Souls of Black Folk
by W. E. B. Du Bois
In this landmark and founding work in the literature of black protest, first published in 1903, Du Bois eloquently affirms that it is beneath the dignity of a human being to beg for those rights that belong inherently to all mankind.

Spotlight on Racism: Books to Stop Hate and Encourage Healing

How to be an Antiracist
by Ibram X Kendi
Combines ethics, history, law, and science with a personal narrative to describe how to move beyond the awareness of racism and contribute to making society just and equitable.

The Bluest Eye
by Toni Morrison
Relates the story of Pecola Breedlove, an eleven-year-old Black girl growing up in an America that values blue-eyed blondes, and the tragedy that results because of her longing to be accepted.

White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism
by Robin J DiAngelo
Groundbreaking book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality.

Chokehold: Policing Black Men
by Paul Butler
An African-American former federal prosecutor uses new data to argue that white men commit the majority of violent crime in the United States and discusses how to keep communities safer without relying so much on police.
**The Hate U Give**
by Angie Thomas
Starr Carter becomes the focus of intimidation after witnessing the fatal shooting of her best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.

**Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America**
by Ibram X Kendi
A comprehensive history of anti-black racism focuses on the lives of five major players in American history and highlights the debates that took place between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and anti-racists.

**The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration**
by Isabel Wilkerson
An epic history covering the period from the end of World War I through the 1970s chronicles the decades-long migration of African Americans from the South to the North and West through the stories of three individuals and their families.

**Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**
by Monique W. Morris
Chronicles the experiences of school-age black girls across the United States and discusses how to address policies, practices and a cultural illiteracy that push these students out of school and into unsafe and unstable futures.

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**
by Michelle Alexander
The United States has the world’s largest prison population, with more than two million behind bars. Alexander says this is mainly due to America’s “war on drugs,” launched in 1982. Alexander explains how this government initiative has led to America’s black citizens being imprisoned on a colossal scale.

**The Fire Next Time**
by James Baldwin
The powerful evocation of a childhood in Harlem that helped to galvanize the early days of the civil rights movement examines the deep consequences of racial injustice to both the individual and the body politic.

**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**
by Maya Angelou
The critically acclaimed author and poet recalls the anguish of her childhood in Arkansas and her adolescence in northern slums.

**Locking Up Our Own**
by James Forman
A consequential argument about race, crime and law in today’s America by a Yale legal scholar and former public defender examines the urgent debates surrounding the criminal justice system and its activities involving mass incarceration.

**Between the World and Me**
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Told through the author’s own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America’s racial history and its contemporary echoes.

**Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow**
by Henry Louis Gates
Chronicles America’s post-Civil War struggle for racial equality and the violent counterrevolution that resubjugated black Americans throughout the 20th century.