



## Recommended Books

1. *The Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate*—Arno Michaelis and Pardeep Singh Kaleka  
One Sikh. One former Skinhead. Together, an unusual friendship emerged out of a desire to make a difference.  
Recommended by Cindy Bacon Hammer: After meeting Arno at a party and hearing Pardeep speak, I had to read the book. It is a book of both practicality and hope, of proof that God changes hearts.
2. *How to be an Anti-Racist*—Ibram X. Kendi  
Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism reenergizes and reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America--but even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. Instead of working with the policies and system we have in place, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it.
3. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*—Isabel Wilkerson  
The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still define by a hierarchy of human divisions.
4. *Small Great Things* (a novel)—Jodi Picoult  
With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.  
Recommended by Cindy Bacon Hammer
5. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*—James Cone  
The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning. While the lynching tree symbolized white power and black death, the cross symbolizes divine power and black life, God overcoming the power of sin and death. For African Americans, the image of Jesus, hung on a tree to die, powerfully grounded their faith that God was with them, even in the suffering of the lynching era.  
Recommended by Krissy and Andy King

## Recommended Videos/Podcasts

1. *Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man*—Emmanuel Acho

A conversation with Emmanuel Acho about race that many white people have never been able to have. Emmanuel Chinedum Acho (born November 10, 1990) is a former linebacker who played in the National Football League (NFL) and is currently working as an analyst for Fox Sports 1.

Recommended by Lisa Bolton-Hunt

2. *NACCC/FCC Anaheim conversations:*

<https://www.facebook.com/fccanaheim/videos/569191423779428/>

The First Congregational Church of Anaheim brought together local speakers of various races to talk about race. Filmed outside and socially distanced, this panel speaks beautifully about racial relationships in today's world and church. Led by Revs. Jim Schibsted and Emily Miller-Todd.

Recommended by Lisa Bolton-Hunt

3. New Brunswick Theological Seminary—*How Can We Talk About Racism in the Church?*

<https://www.nbts.edu/events/can-talk-racism-church/>

Pastoral theologians spoke about this topic from their own roles and perspectives, using the [World Communion of Reformed Churches statement Condemning Injustice and Racism](#) and the [United Nations Human Rights Commission Statement on Protests Against Systemic Racism in the United States](#) as a starting point. Then they answered questions and engaged in discussion with participants.

Recommended by Cindy Bacon Hammer

4. Ted Talk by Dr. Phillip Atiba, *How We Can Make Racism a Solvable Problem and Improve Policing*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/](https://www.ted.com/talks/dr_phillip_atiba_goff_how_we_can_make_racism_a_solvable_problem_and_improve_policing)

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When we define racism as behaviors instead of feelings, we can measure it—and transform it from an impossible problem into a solvable one, says justice scientist Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff. In an actionable talk, he shares his work at the Center for Policing Equity, an organization that helps police departments diagnose and track racial gaps in policing in order to eliminate them. Learn more about their data-driven approach—and how you can get involved with the work that still needs to be done. (This ambitious plan is part of the *Audacious Project*, TED's initiative to inspire and fund global change.)

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## Movies

### 1. *13th* (Netflix)

***13th*** is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;"<sup>[3]</sup> it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as punishment for conviction of a criminal.

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### 2. *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote* (YouTube)

Suppressed: The Fight To Vote - FULL FILM • Feat. Stacey Abrams • BRAVE NEW FILMS (BNF)  
Voter suppression is the story of the 2018 election in Georgia, and the Documentary *Suppressed* tells this story in vivid, powerful detail... *Suppressed* reminds us all that we can fight together to achieve a future where all Americans can freely exercise their fundamental right to vote. — Stacey Abrams

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### 3. *A Time to Kill* (Amazon Prime, Google Play or Netflix by mail)

In Canton, Mississippi, a fearless young lawyer and his assistant defend a black man accused of murdering two white men who raped his ten-year-old daughter, inciting violent retribution and revenge from the Ku Klux Klan.

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### 4. *Just Mercy* (Netflix, HBO, Amazon Prime)

After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life.

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### 5. *I Am Not Your Negro* (Netflix)

*I Am Not Your Negro* envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, a radical narration about race in America, using the writer's original words, as read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Alongside a flood of rich archival material, the film draws upon Baldwin's notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr. to explore and bring a fresh and radical perspective to the current racial narrative in America.

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## Articles

1. *America's Enduring Caste System*—Isabel Wilkerson (The New York Times Magazine)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/01/magazine/isabel-wilkerson-caste.html>

In this article, we find a prelude to Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. Written with powerful language, great heart and much hope, Wilkerson asks important questions of our past and our future.

Recommended by the Racial Justice Task Team of the NACCC

2. *Three Historical Phrases*—Rob Fredrickson

[Click here to read!](#)

So much of what we face arises from the invisible hand of competing economic interests, how we value labor in the calculus of economic productivity, and how we self-manage our mundane, banal instincts of fear and greed.

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3. White supremacy is a script we're given at birth: It's written in our flesh and rehearsed throughout history. Christian Century

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/white-supremacy-script-we-re-given-birth?>

This powerful article takes a look at white supremacy from a new point of view, offers a way to rewrite the script of our history and move forward together.

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\*All resources listed here can be used individually or in group discussions. Discussion questions for many of the resources are available on line.