

**Anti-racism resources from the staff at Focusing Resources**  
([www.focusingresources.com](http://www.focusingresources.com))

**From Maggie:**

[“Ways to be helpful while sheltering in place”](#)

**A list of several resources compiled by Black Lives Matter** to educate yourself on systemic racism, anti-racism, and being an ally: <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/#educate>

**An illuminating TED talk by Megan Francis** that explores “the root causes of our current racial climate to their core causes, debunking common misconceptions and calling out ‘fix-all’ cures to a complex social problem”. From 2016, but very relevant today.

**For people who are troubled by the phrase “Black lives matter”:** <https://www.vox.com/2016/7/11/12136140/black-all-lives-matter>

**From Allison:**

**A Google Doc compiled by Sarah Sophie Flicker and Alyssa Klein** intended to serve as a resource to white people and parents to deepen our anti-racism work

**"10 Steps To Non-Optical Allyship"** by Mireille Cassandra Harper

**From Shannon:**

### **Films**

**13th:** A thought-provoking documentary about the history of incarceration in the Black community in the U.S., directed by Ava DuVernay.

**Just Mercy:** “A powerful true story that follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his battle for justice as he defends a man sentenced to death despite evidence proving his innocence.” Rent for free on Amazon for the month of June (in the U.S.), directed by Destin Daniel Cretton.

### **Reading**

**[Race, Discrimination & Social Justice Reading List](#)** (Google doc)

**[Recognizing and Dismantling Your Anti-Blackness](#)** a brief article by Janice Gassam, Forbes. June 2020.

### **Resources**

**[Anti-Racism Project:](#)** Resources list - includes books, articles, films, other organizations, and a link to the Harvard Implicit Bias Test.

## African American books and book shops

\* Support independent book sellers by using Bookshop + IndieBound links to find these titles at your community stores! A list of Black-owned independent bookstores follows - prioritize buying from them! \*

If you can't afford to buy books at this time, visit your local library online to reserve a copy. Find the closest library here: <https://find-your-public-library.dp.la/>

“By not running from the books that pain us,  
we can allow them to transform us.” - Ibram X. Kendi

### African American Literature Book Club

<https://aalbc.com/>

#### Read

“[Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement](#)” by Angela Y. Davis

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“[Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race](#)” by [Reni Eddo-Lodge](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“The Fire Next Time” by [James Baldwin](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration In The Age of Colorblindness” by [Michelle Alexander](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“Between The World And Me” by [Ta-Nehisi Coates](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“[How to Be an Antiracist](#)” by [Ibram X. Kendi](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“White Fragility” by [Robin DiAngelo](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“[Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#)” by [Ibram X. Kendi](#)

[Bookshop](#)

[IndieBound](#)

“They Can’t Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives” by [Wesley Lowery](#)  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“[Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America](#)” By James Forman Jr.  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“[Me and White Supremacy](#)” by [Layla F. Saad](#)  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“The Case for Reparations” by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

### **Children’s Books**

EmbraceRace is an excellent resource to learn how to talk to children about race:  
<https://www.embracerace.org/>

“Antiracist Baby” by [Ibram X. Kendi](#)  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work” by Tiffany Jewell  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“The Day You Begin” by Jacqueline Woodson  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“Something Happened in Our Town” by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

“Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History” by Vashti Harrison  
[Bookshop](#)  
[IndieBound](#)

### **Watch**

- [The future of race in America: Michelle Alexander at TEDxColumbus](#)
- [What I am learning from my white grandchildren: Anthony Peterson at TEDxAntioch](#)
- [The Dangers of Whitewashing Black History: David Ikard at TEDxNashville](#)
- [Black Self / White World - Lessons on internalized racism: Jabari Lyles at TEDxTysonsSalon](#)
- [Let’s get to the root of racial injustice: Megan Ming Francis at TEDxRainier](#)
- [No. You Cannot Touch My Hair: Mena Fombo at TEDxBristol](#)

## **Black-owned Independent Bookstores**

### **Arkansas**

Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing (Little Rock)

<https://www.pyramid1988.com>

### **California**

Ashay By The Bay (Vallejo)

<https://ashaybythebay.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AshayByTheBay/>

<https://twitter.com/ashaybythebay>

<https://www.instagram.com/ashaybythebay>

Eso Won Books (Los Angeles)

<https://www.esowonbookstore.com/>

Marcus Books (Oakland)

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/marcus-books-anniversary-fundraiser>

<https://twitter.com/marcusbooks>

Underground Books (Sacramento)

<https://www.sthope.org/underground-books-home>

Online store: [http://underground-](http://underground-books9.mybigcommerce.com/?ctk=V27J06565EIF0K0838OPZLE3217PZ)

[books9.mybigcommerce.com/?ctk=V27J06565EIF0K0838OPZLE3217PZ](http://underground-books9.mybigcommerce.com/?ctk=V27J06565EIF0K0838OPZLE3217PZ)

### **Florida**

Dare Books (Longwood/Orlando)

<https://darebooks.com/>

Pyramid Books (Boynton Beach)

<https://pyramidbooks.indielite.org/>

### **Georgia**

Black Dot Cultural Center and Bookstore (Lithonia)

<https://www.blackdotccstore.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thinkblak>

Medu Bookstore (Atlanta)

<https://www.medubookstore.com/>

### **Illinois**

AfriWare Books (Maywood)

[https://www.afriwarebooks.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.afriwarebooks.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

Semicolon Bookstore & Gallery (Chicago)

<http://www.semicolonchi.com/bookstore-online>

<http://www.facebook.com/semicolonchi>

<http://www.twitter.com/semicolonchi>

<https://instagram.com/semicolonchi>

**Indiana**

Brain Lair Bookstore (South Bend)

<https://www.brainlairbooks.com/>

**Louisiana**

Community Book Center (New Orleans)

<https://www.facebook.com/Community-Book-Center-178125373443/>

**Massachusetts**

Frugal Bookstore (Roxbury)

<https://frugalbookstore.net/>

**Maryland**

Everyone's Place Bookstore (Baltimore)

<https://www.facebook.com/everyonesplacebookstore/>

**Michigan**

Detroit Book City (Detroit)

<https://www.detroitbookcity.com/>

Source Booksellers (Detroit)

<https://www.sourcebooksellersonline.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/sourcebooksellers>

<https://twitter.com/sourcebksellers>

**Missouri**

Progressive Emporium & Education Center (St. Louis)

<https://www.facebook.com/ProgressiveEmporiumandEducationCenter/>

**Nebraska**

Aframerican Book Store (Omaha)

<http://aframericanbookstore.com/index.shtml>

**New York**

Cafe con Libros (Brooklyn)

<https://www.cafeconlibrosbk.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cafeconlibrosbk/>

<https://twitter.com/cafeconlibrosbk>

[http://instagram.com/cafeconlibros\\_bk](http://instagram.com/cafeconlibros_bk)

The Lit Bar (Bronx)

<https://bookshop.org/shop/thelitbar>

<https://www.twitter.com/thelitbar>

<https://www.facebook.com/thelitbar>

<https://www.instagram.com/thelitbar>

Revolution Books (Bronx)

<https://www.revolutionbooksnyc.org/>

Sister's Uptown Bookstore (Washington Heights/Harlem)

<http://www.sistersuptownbookstore.com/>

Webstore: <https://experienceonekin.co/collections/the-sisters-uptown-bookstore>

## **Pennsylvania**

Hakim's Bookstore

<https://hakimsbookstore.com/>

Harriett's Bookshop (Philadelphia)

<https://conversationswithharriett.bigcartel.com/>

[https://www.instagram.com/harrietts\\_bookshop](https://www.instagram.com/harrietts_bookshop)

Uncle Bobbie's (Philadelphia)

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/westillhere>

<https://unclebobbies.indielite.org/>

## **Texas**

The Dock Bookshop (Fort Worth)

<https://www.thedockbookshop.com/>

<https://twitter.com/thedockbookshop>

<https://www.facebook.com/thedock>

[https://www.instagram.com/the\\_dock\\_bookshop/](https://www.instagram.com/the_dock_bookshop/)

## **Washington, DC**

Mahogany Books

<https://www.mahoganybooks.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MahoganyBooks>

<https://twitter.com/MahoganyBooks>

<https://instagram.com/mahoganybooks>

Sankofa

<https://www.events.sankofa.com/>

<https://www.events.sankofa.com/shop>