

# **Antiracist Reading List SSPL**

## **ADULT NON-FICTION:**

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

White Fragility: Why it's so Hard to Talk to White People About Racism by Robin DiAngelo

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

We Were Eight Years in Power by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Seven Fallen Feathers: Racist, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City by Tanya Talaga

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson

The Skin We're In by Desmond Cole

Roots: The Saga of an American Family by Alex Haley

This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America by Morgan Jerkins

All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward by Tanya Talaga

Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada From Slavery to the Present by Robyn Maynard

Policing Indigenous Movements: Dissent and the Security State by Andrew Crosby and Jeffery Monaghan

There's Something in the Water: Environmental Racism in Indigenous and Black Communities by Ingrid R.G. Waldron

Viola Desmond's Canada: A History of Blacks and Racial Segregation in the Promised Land by Graham Reynolds and Wanda Robson

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele

Black Berry, Sweet Juice: On Being Black and White in Canada by Lawrence Hill

I've Been Meaning to Tell You: A Letter to My Daughter by David Chariandy

In the Black: My Life by B. Denham Jolly

Birchtown and the Black Loyalists by Wanda Lauren Taylor

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women  
Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon

The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism by Edward E.  
Baptist

A More Beautiful and Terrible History: The Uses and Misuses of Civil Rights History by Jeanne  
Theoharis

Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America by Darnell L. Moore

On the Other Side of Freedom: The Case For Hope by DeRay Mckesson

Solitary: Unbroken by Four Decades in Solitary Confinement: My Story of Transformation and  
Hope by Albert Woodfox

Burnley "Rocky" Jones: Revolutionary: An Autobiography by Burnley "Rocky" Jones

### **FICTION:**

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Internment by Samira Ahmed

This Time Will be Different by Misa Sugiura

Booked by Kwame Alexander

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Last Days in Africville by Dorothy Perkins

Kindred by Octavia Butler

**JUNIOR PICTURE BOOKS:**

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

When We Were Alone by David Alexander Robertson

Abigail's Wish by Gloria Ann Wesley

Africville by Shauntay Grant

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Don't Touch My Hair! by Sharee Miller

Greetings, Leroy by Itah Sadu

In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Malaika's Costume by Nadia L. Hohn

Mayann's Train Ride by Mayann Francis

**JUNIOR NON-FICTION:**

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation by Monique Gray Smith

Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged by Jody Warner

Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes by Wab Kinew

What The Eagle Sees: Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger

The Children of Africville by Christine Welldon

Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan

Lasso the Wind: Aurelia's Verses and Other Poems by George Elliott Clarke

Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michael Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

Up Home by Shauntay Grant

**E-BOOKS:**

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson

Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship by Irene Latham and Charles Waters

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Apples and Butterflies by Shauntay Grant

Hey Black Child by Useni Eugene Perkins

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

Fire Shut Up in My Bones by Charles M. Blow