

Trinity United Church All-Ages Read, Watch and Listen A Collection of Some Anti-Racism Resources

Read, watch or listen over the summer by choosing one or more of these resources. We'll have an online gathering after Labour Day and share what we learned and struggled with.

I haven't read or listened to most resources on this list, compiled from many sources. It's my work too. You might want to google and read reviews before making your choices.

BOOKS

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism, by Robin DiAngelo (Beacon Press, 2018)

This book is often suggested as a good place to begin understanding more consciously what it means to be white, and why it can feel confusing to begin to explore our relationship to racism.

How to Be an Antiracist, by Ibram X. Kendi. (Listen to this podcast with Brené Brown with Ibram X. Kendi on "How to Be an Antiracist" <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/unlocking-us-with-bren%C3%A9-brown/id1494350511?i=1000476611079>]

The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power by Desmond Cole.

A bracing, provocative, and perspective-shifting book from one of Canada's most celebrated and uncompromising writers.

Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison. (Also has a podcast: <https://bethebridge.com/podcasts/>)

A leading advocate for racial reconciliation offers a clarion call for Christians to move toward relationship and deeper understanding in the midst of a divisive culture.

Embers (Everyday reflections on spirituality by this Canadian Ojibway teacher) & Medicine Walk (A novel about love, friendship, courage, and the idea that the land has within it powers of healing) by Richard Wagamese

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Reading fiction about Black women for Black women is a necessary component to the puzzle of educating yourself, let alone lifting up Black writers sharing their realities. "Their Eyes Were Watching God" is the story of a young Black woman in the '30s.

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Pecola Breedlove dreams of looking like a blonde-haired, blue-eyed white girl because of the way she's treated for her dark skin, curly hair, and dark eyes. In beautiful prose and an important story, Toni Morrison discusses race and gender in the context of beauty in America and how often that beauty falls into one category.

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

This best-selling novel explores a Nigerian couple as they discover their identity and question race and belonging. It's also quite the love story.

MEMOIRS

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

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sing by Maya Angelou

Becoming, by Michele Obama

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Blended. By Sharon Draper. Children.

Timely and genuine, this novel chronicles a biracial girl's struggle to define her identity and find her voice amid personal and societal expectations.

Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged! By, Jody Nyasha Warner

Years before Rosa Parks's act of civil disobedience, Viola Desmond refused to give up her seat in a movie theater in Nova Scotia. Dragged out of the theater, sent to jail, and charged a fine, Viola returned home and shared her experience with her community.

Skin Again by bell hooks

Celebrating all that makes us unique and different,

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Emira Tucker, a young Black nanny, is at a fancy grocery store with her white charge when she is stopped by a security guard who accuses her of kidnapping 2-year-old Briar.

The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee

By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, "Dear Miss Sweetie." When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills.

New Kid by Jerry Craft (Graphic Novel?)

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves drawing cartoons. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a private school. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends?

Dear Martin and others by Nic Stone.

See her website and description of books: <http://www.nicstone.info/>

Under the Same Sky by Cynthia De Felice

Tells a story of white privilege and entitlement when 14-year-old Joe Pedersen is forced to work on his father's farm with the hired Mexican laborers. An important story on racism and truth,

Young Adult Fantasy Series: Children of Blood and Bone and Children of Virtue and Vengeance

by Tomi Adeyemi. Visit her website: <https://www.tomiadeyemi.com/about>

ONLINE ARTICLES

“My White Friend Asked Me To Explain White Privilege”

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/opinion/2017/09/08/my-white-friend-asked-me-on-facebook-to-explain-white-privilege-i-decided-to-be-honest/>

“Walking While Black” <https://lithub.com/walking-while-black/>

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack Peggy McIntosh

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>

MOVIES & DOCUMENTARIES

“Just Mercy”, a film based on civil rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson’s work on death row in Alabama.

“13th”, a Netflix documentary exposing racial inequality within the criminal justice system.

“Selma,” a film that chronicles the marches of the Civil Rights Movement.

“Becoming”, a Netflix documentary following Michelle Obama on her book tour.

“Dear White People”, a Netflix series about being black at a predominantly white college.

“Hidden Figures,” a film about the brilliant African American women of NASA.

COLLECTIONS

The United Church of Canada resources: <https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism>

Links to: What We Believe, What You Can Do, Reflection and Learning

See many more book suggestions in this Halifax Library Collection of Suggestions for Antiracist Reading List For All Ages: <https://halifax.overdrive.com/collection/1085176>

Lots of suggestions for children/youth books from the A Mighty Girl website:

<https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=14276>