

**Note:** This is not an exhaustive list. It is not an academic list. It is not an authoritative list. This is just my list of some of the things I've used along this journey.

**My starter list:** *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*; *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander; **The Autobiography of An Ex-Colored Man**, James Weldon Johnson; *Devil in the Grove*, Gilbert King; *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas

**Selected Novels**

- *A Raisin in The Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry
- *Autobiography of An Ex-Colored Man*, J.W. Johnson
- *Beloved*, Toni Morrison
- *Black Boy*; *Native Son*, Richard Wright
- *Black Like Me*, John Howard Griffin
- *Bonfire of the Vanities*, Tom Wolfe
- *Don't Call Us Dead: Poems*, Danez Smith
- *Go Down, Moses*, William Faulkner
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou
- *Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison
- *Roots*, Alex Haley
- *Songs of Solomon*; *Sula*; *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison
- *The Clansman*, Thomas Dixon Jr.
- *The Color Purple*, Alice Walker
- *The Confessions of Nat Turner*, William Styron
- *The Good Lord Bird*, James McBride
- *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neal Hurston
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Young Adult Fiction 13+**

- *Black Boy White School*, Brian F. Walker
- *Dear Martin*, Nic Stone
- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
- *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, E.L. Sanchez
- *Long Way Down*, Jason Reynolds
- *Saints and Misfits*, S. K. Ali
- *The Crossover*, Kwame Alexander
- *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
- *The Seeds of America Trilogy*, Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Tyrell; Bronxwood*, Coe Booth

**Kids Fiction 12 and under**

- *Charlie Skedaddle*, Patricia Beatty
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred D. Taylor
- *Shiloh*, Shelby Foote
- *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I A Woman*, edited McKissock
- *Souder*, William H Armstrong
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, Christopher P. Curtis
- *Toning the Sweep*, Angela Johnson
- *Turning 15 On the Road to Freedom*, Lynda B. Lowery

**Non-Fiction**

- *A People's History*, Howard Zinn
- *Bearing the Cross: MLK, Jr. & the SCLC*, edited Carson
- *Confederates in the Attic*, Tony Horwitz
- *Devil in the Grove*, Gilbert King
- *Grant*, Ron Chernow
- *John Brown*, WEB DuBois
- *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, James Loewen
- *Midnight Rising: John Brown*, Tony Horwitz
- *Policing the Black Man*, Angela J. Davis
- *Savage Inequalities*, Jonathan Kozol
- *Slavery by Another Name*, Douglas A Blackmon
- *Stamped from the Beginning*, Ibram X. Kendi
- *Sundown Towns*, James Loewen
- *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, edited Northup
- *The Blood of Emmett Till*, Timothy B Tyson
- *The Color of Law*, Richard Rothstein
- *The History of White People*, Nell Irvin Painter
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, Rebecca Skloot
- *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
- *The Second Coming of the KKK*, Linda Gordon
- *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*, C Vann Woodward
- *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson
- *The White Man's Burden*, William Easterly
- *White Supremacy*, George M. Fredrickson
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* Beverly Daniel Tatum

**Non-Fiction Narrative**

- *Ain't Goin' Back*, Dolphus Weary
- *Autobiography of Malcom X*, Alex Haley
- *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Don't Shoot: One Man, a Street Fellowship, and the End of Violence in Inner-City America*, David M. Kennedy
- *Hillbilly Elegy*, J. D. Vance
- *Jackie Robinson: An Intimate Portrait*, Rachel Robinson
- *Let Justice Roll Down*, John Perkins
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas*
- *Notes of a Native Son*, James Baldwin
- *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, Michael Eric Dyson
- *The Audacity of Hope, Dreams of My Father*, B. Obama
- *The Days of Rondo*, Evelyn Fairbanks (kid friendly)
- *The Emancipation of Robert Sadler*, R. Sadler, Chapian
- *The Fire Next Time*, James Baldwin
- *The Liberal Redneck Manifesto*, Trae Crowder
- *The Souls of Black Folk*, WEB DuBois
- *Twelve Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup
- *Up from Slavery*, Booker T. Washington
- *When I Was a Slave*, Editor: Norman R. Yetman

**Opening from *Gone with the Wind*:** There was a land of Cavaliers and Cotton Fields called the Old South. Here in this pretty world Gallantry took its last bow...

*Last month was my first time seeing GWTW and I was struck at how brazen it was. This film is beloved by many and I can see why: if slavery wasn't so bad, then white people aren't so culpable. The legacy of "not so bad" lives on, time to let it die.*

**Feature Films**

- 42
- 12 Years a Slave
- A Time to Kill
- American History X
- Amistad
- Beverly Hills Cop
- Blazing Saddles
- Boyz in the Hood
- Crash
- Dear White People
- Detroit
- Django Unchained
- Do the Right Thing
- Dream Girls
- Driving Miss Daisy
- Finding Forrester
- Freedom Writers
- Fruitvale Station
- Get Out
- Ghosts of Mississippi
- Glory
- Gone with the Wind
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (Original)
- Hidden Figures
- House Party (all of them)
- In the Heat of The Night
- Jungle Fever
- Lincoln
- Madea's Family Reunion
- Malcolm X
- Mississippi Burning
- Mudbound
- Nat Turner: A Troublesome Property
- Precious
- Remember the Titans
- Roots (Original)
- Rosewood
- Save the Last Dance
- Selma
- Serena, Serena
- Shaft
- Silver Streak
- Straight Outta Compton
- The Birth of a Nation (2016)
- The Butler
- The Color Purple
- The Great Debaters
- The Help
- To Kill a Mockingbird

**Documentaries**

- 13th
- American Promise
- Dark Girls
- Eyes on the Prize
- Freedom Riders
- Hoop Dreams
- I Am Not Your Negro
- Ken Burns: The Civil War
- LA: 92
- More than a Month
- Richard Pryor Live in Concert
- Slavery by Another Name
- Soundtrack for a Revolution
- The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross
- The Black Panthers, the Vanguard of the Revolution
- The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975
- The Loving Story
- The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till
- Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People
- What Happened, Miss Simone?
- When the Levees Broke

**Podcasts**

- 74 Seconds
- 99% Invisible
- Ear Hustle
- Hardcore History
- Home of the Brave
- Invisibilia
- Radiolab
- Repeat
- Reveal
- Seeing White
- So Many White Guys
- StartUp Season 7: Arlan Hamilton
- The Promise
- Uncivil
- Us & Them

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