

Summer Reading List

Non Fiction

- *Hawai'i's Story By Hawai'i's Queen*, Lili'uokalani
- *Poems from a Marshallese Daughter*, Iep Jaltok
- *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*, Cathy Park Hong
- *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir*, Michelle Zauner
- *Making Paper Cranes: Toward an Asian American Feminist Theology*, Mihee Kim-Kort
- *Becoming*, Michelle Obama
- *Yellow Bird*, Sierra Crane Murdoch
- *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, Clint Smith
- *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies*, Resmaa Menakem
- *The United States of Grace: A Memoir of Homelessness, Addiction, Incarceration, and Hope*, Lenny Duncan
- *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson
- *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation and Other Stories That Make Us*, Cole Arthur Riley
- *Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir*, Ashley C. Ford
- *Mayflower: Voyage, Community and War*, Nathaniel Philbrick

Specific topic recommendations:

- Racism and the **Church**: *The Color of Compromise*, Jamar Tisby
- Racism and the legal roots of **residential segregation**: *The Color of Law: The Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, Richard Rothstein
- Racism and **economics**: *Can American Capitalism Survive? Why Greed is Not Good, Opportunity is Not Equal, and Fairness Won't Make Us Poor*, Steve Pearlstein
- **How to be anti-racist**: *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo

Fiction:

- *Such a Fun Age*, Kiley Reid
- *The Night Watchman*, Louise Erdrich
- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Jamie Ford
- *The Vanishing Half*, Brit Bennett
- *Fifty Words for Rain*, Asha Lemmie
- *The Kitchen House*, Kathleen Grissom
- *There There*, Tommy Orange
- *Puro Amor*, Sandra Cisneros
- *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros
- *Martita, I Remember You/Martita, te recuerdo*, Sandra Cisneros
- *When the Elephants Dance*, Tess Uriza Holthe

- *Frangipani*, Celestine Vaite
- *China Dolls*, Lisa See
- *The Taste of Ginger*, Mansi Shah
- *The Direction of the Wind*, Mansi Shah

If you want to explore more books written by and about people of color, click on the links below or simply google. They're out there...historical fiction, mystery, science fiction, fantasy...

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/g36263448/books-by-pacific-islander-authors/>
<https://www.theuncorkedlibrarian.com/books-about-the-philippines/>
<https://www.scarymommy.com/15-fiction-books-by-bipoc-authors-for-summer-reading>
<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/ariannarebolini/best-afrofuturism-books-black-speculative-science-fiction>

For Children (Families)

The Talk: Conversations about Race, Love & Truth, Wade Hudson

Elementary Grades:

Kyoshi's Walk by Mark Karlins

When Kiyoshi, a young boy of Japanese heritage, asks his grandfather poet where poems come from, Grandfather Eto takes him for a walk where Kiyoshi finds both answers and inspiration to write a haiku of his own.

The Electric Slide and Kai by Kelly Baptist

Eager to earn a cool dance nickname from his grandad, Kai enlists members of his black family to teach him to dance before his Aunt Nina's wedding.

Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable StoryCatcher Zora Neale Hurston by Alicia D Williams

This vibrant picture book biography follows Zora Neale Hurston's life from her early fascination with stories, to her struggles to get an education, to her fieldwork in anthropology, to her, at last, reaching the sun, writing books and sharing stories.

My Two Border Towns by David Bowles

A Latino boy and his father cross the US-Mexico border to spend their Saturday, visiting with family and friends, running errands, and bringing much needed supplies to hopeful refugee families camping along the bridge.

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem by Amanda Gorman

As a young black girl leads others on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to change the world, their communities, and themselves

Zonia's Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal

Zonia, a young Ashaninka girl whose home is with those she loves in the Peruvian Amazon, spends carefree time with her animal friends of the rain forest until one day she visits a place where the forest has been destroyed.

Middle Grades:

Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh

Twelve year old Korean American Junie Kim who's kept quiet about the bullying and racism she encounters at school, is diagnosed with depression but is later inspired to speak out after learning about her grandfather's experiences during the Korean War.

Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Loretta, Roly, and Aggie B Little relate their Black family's challenges and triumphs from 1927 to 1968 while struggling as sharecroppers, living under Jim Crow , and fighting for Civil Rights in Mississippi

We Belong by Cookie Hironaka

In this novel, in free verse, half-Filipino, half-white Stella and her younger sister Luna get a bedtime story of a Tagalog myth and their mother Elsie's immigration to the US from the Philippines

Flying the Dragon by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

American-born Skye is a good student and a star soccer player who never really gives any thought to the fact that her father is Japanese. Her cousin, Hiroshi, lives in Japan, and never really gives a thought to his uncle's family living in the United States.

Skye and Hiroshi's lives are thrown together when Hiroshi's family, with his grandfather (who is also his best friend), suddenly moves to the U.S. Now Skye doesn't know who she is anymore: at school she's suddenly too Japanese, but at home she's not Japanese enough. Hiroshi has a hard time adjusting to life in a new culture, and resents Skye's intrusions on his time with Grandfather. Through all of this is woven Hiroshi's expertise, and Skye's growing interest in kite making and competitive rokkaku kite flying.

The Magic in Changing Your Stars by Leah Henderson

Full of disappointment after bungling his audition to play the Scarecrow in *The Wiz*, Black fifth grader Ailey Benjamin Lane is magically transported to the year 1939 where he meets his own grandfather and legendary tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

If you have just a few minutes, check out these videos, films, news articles and podcasts:

American Masters: Waterman – Duke: Ambassador of Aloha (PBS)

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/audiences/committed-equity> (National Museum of African American History and Culture)

Verna Myers Video <https://youtu.be/uYyvbgiNZkQ>

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist>

Hidden Bias: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/bias>

Implicit Bias: <https://www.nationalequityproject.org/frameworks/implicit-bias-structural-racialization>

Why anti-racism is more important than being not racist:

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/audiences/committed-equity>

White Privilege : Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

<https://nationalseedproject.org/Key-SEED-Texts/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack>

What it Means to be Antiracist

<https://www.vox.com/2020/6/3/21278245/antiracist-racism-race-books-resourcesantiracism>

10 Keys to Everyday Anti-

Racism https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/ten_keys_to_everyday_anti_racism

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/05/1096703755/all-ways-black-penguin-random-house-cree-myles>

<https://time.com/5947724/a-love-letter-to-asian-americans/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2018/04/05/implicit-racial-bias-causes-black-boys-to-be-disciplined-at-school-more-than-whites-federal-report-finds/>