

READ WOKE BOOK CLUB

Race, Anti-Racism, and Inclusion Book Lists

These lists are broken down by audience – Picture Books, Middle Grade (JF) book, Young Adult (YA) titles, and Adult Fiction and Nonfiction titles. The lists aren't all-inclusive – we have too many books at Saxton B. Little to mention that fall under this subject – but it's a start!

Titles with an asterisk * are also available on audiobook!

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Feel free to read any combination of the titles listed for our discussion.

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Picture Books

[Alma and How She Got her Name](#) / Juana Martinez-Neal / E MARTINEZ-NEAL
[Amazing Grace](#) / Mary Hoffman / E HOFFMAN
[Black is a Rainbow Color](#) / Angela Joy / E JOY
[Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship](#) / Irene Latham / J 8.11.6 LATHAM
[Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut](#) / Derrick Barnes / E BARNES
[The Day You Begin](#) / Jacqueline Woodson / E WOODSON
[Drawn Together](#) / Minn Le / E LE
[Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life](#) / Ashley Bryan / E BRYAN
[Hair Love](#) / Matthew Cherry / E CHERRY
[Hands Up](#) / Breanna McDaniel / E MCDANIEL
[Hey Black Child](#) / by Useni Eugene Perkins / E PERKINS
[I Am Not a Number](#) / Jenny Kay Dupuis / J 371.829 DUPUIS
[I Walk with Vanessa](#) / Kerascoet / E KERASCOET
[Let the Children March](#) / Monica Clark-Robinson / J 323.19 CLARK-ROBINSON
[Let's Talk about Race](#) / Julius Lester / J 305.8 LESTER
[M is for Melanin: A Celebration of the Black Child](#) / Tiffany Rose / E ROSE
[Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly](#) / Walter Dean Myers / JB X
[Mixed: A Colorful Story](#) / Arree Chung / E CHUNG
[Mixed Me](#) / Taye Diggs / E DIGGS
[Mama, Did You Hear the News?](#) / Sanya Whittaker Gragg / P.S. E GRAGG PBK
[My Hair is a Garden](#) / Cozbi Cabrera / E CABERA
[Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness](#) / Anastasia Higginbotham / P.S. E HIGGINBOTHAM
[The Other Side](#) / Jacqueline Woodson / E WOODSON
[Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré](#) / Anika Denise / JB BELPRE
[Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa](#) / Gina Capaldi / J 978.00497 CAPALDI
[Ruth and the Green Book](#) / Calvin Alexander Ramsey / E RAMSEY
[Schomburg: The Man who Built a Library](#) / Carole Boston Weatherford / JB SCHOMBURG
[Separate is Never Equal](#) / Duncan Tonatiuh / J 379.263 TONATIUH
[Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down](#) / Andrea Davis Pinkney / J 323.119 PINKNEY
[The Skin You Live In](#) / Michael Tyler / E TYLER
[Someone New](#) / Anne Sibley O'Brien / E O'BRIEN
[The Undefeated](#) / Kwame Alexander / E ALEXANDER
[We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga](#) / Traci Sorell / E SORELL
[Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice](#) / Mahogany L. Browne / (ON ORDER)
[When We Were Alone](#) / David Alexander Robertson / J 741.5 ROBERTSON

Middle Grade (JF)

[Amina's Voice](#) / Hena Kahn / JF KAHN

[Apple in the Middle](#) / Dawn Quigley / JF QUIGLEY

[Betty Before X](#) / Ilyssah Shabazz / JF SHABAZZ

[Black Brother, Black Brother](#) / Jewel Parker Rhodes / JF RHODES

[Blended](#) / Sharon Draper / JF DRAPER

[Clean Getaway](#) / Nic Stone / JF STONE

[Dara Palmer's Major Drama](#) / Emma Shevah / JF SHEVAH

[Front Desk](#) / Kelly Yang / JF YANG

[Full Cicada Moon](#) / Marilyn Hilton / JF HILTON

[Genesis Begins Again](#) / Alicia Williams / JF WILLIAMS

[Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case](#) / Chris Crowe / J 364.1524 CROWE

[Ghost Boys](#) / Jewell Parker Rhodes / JF RHODES

[A Good Kind of Trouble](#) / Lisa Moore Ramée / JF RAMEE

[New Kid](#) / Jerry Craft / JF GRAPHIC CRAFT

[One Crazy Summer](#) / Rita Williams-Garcia / JF WILLIAMS-GARCIA

[The Only Black Girls in Town](#) / Brandy Colbert / JF COLBERT

[The Parker Inheritance](#) / Varian Johnson / JF JOHNSON

[Prairie Lotus](#) / Linda Sue Park / JF PARK

[Stella by Starlight](#) / Sharon Draper / JF DRAPER

[The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA](#) / Brenda Woods / JF WOODS

[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise our Voices](#) / Wade Hudson and Cheryl Wells Hudson / J 303.4 WE

[What Lane?](#) / Torrey Maldonado / (ON ORDER)

Young Adult (YA)

[#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women](#) / Lisa Charleyboy / YA 305.488 NOT
[All American Boys](#) / Jason Reynolds / YA REYNOLDS
[American Born Chinese](#) / Gene Luen Yang / YA GRAPHIC YANG PBK
[Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America](#) / edited by Ibi Zoboi / YA BLACK *
[Black Lives Matter](#) / Sue Bradford Edwards and Duchess Harris / YA 305 EDWARDS
[Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice](#) / by Phillip Hoose / YA B COLVIN
[Dear Martin](#) / Nic Stone / YA STONE
[The Hate U Give](#) / Angie Thomas / YA THOMAS *
[Here to Stay](#) / Sara Farizan / YA FARIZAN
[How It Went Down](#) / Kekla Magoon / YA MAGOON
[I'm Just Me](#) / M.G. Higgins / YA HIGGINS PBK
[Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box](#) / Evette Dionne / YA 323.34 DIONNE
[The Lions of Little Rock](#) / Kristin Levine / YA LEVINE
[Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case](#) / Patricia Hruby Powell / YA POWELL
[Midnight Without a Moon](#) / Linda Williams Jackson / YA JACKSON
[Nevertheless, We Persisted: 48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage](#) / YA 170.44 NEVERTHELESS
[The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights](#) / Steve Sheinkin / YA BCD 940.5453 SHEINKIN *
[Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#) / Jason Reynolds / YA 305.800973 REYNOLDS *
[This Book is Anti-Racist](#) / Tiffany Jewell / YA 305.8 JEWELL PBK
[This Time Will Be Different](#) / Misa Sugiura / YA SUGIURA
[Tyler Johnson Was Here](#) / Jay Coles / YA COLES
[We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide](#) / Carol Anderson / YA 323.1196 ANDERSON
[Who Put this Song On?](#) / Morgan Parker / YA PARKER
[X: A Novel](#) / Ilyasah Shabazz / YA SHABAZZ
[You Bring the Distant Near](#) / Mitali Perkins / YA PERKINS

Adult

[An American Marriage](#) / Tayari Jones / F JONES *

[American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey Into the Business of Prison](#) / Shane Bauer / 365.973 BAUER

[Americanah](#) / Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie / F ADICHIE *

[The Autobiography of Malcolm X](#) / Malcolm X / B X, MALCOLM

[Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"](#) / Zora Neale Hurston / 306.362 HURSTON *

[Barrio America: How Latino Immigrants Saved the American City](#) / A. K. Sandoval-Strausz / (ON ORDER)

[Beloved](#) / Toni Morrison / F MORRISON

[Between the World and Me](#) / Ta-Nehisi Coates / 305.800973 COATES *

[Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do](#) / Jennifer L. Eberhardt / 303.385 EBERHARDT *

[The Black and the Blue: A Cop Reveals the Crimes, Racism, and Injustice in America's Law Enforcement](#) / Matthew Horace and Ron Harris / 363.2092 HORACE

[A Black Women's History of the United States](#) / Daian Ramney Berr and Kali Nicole Gross / 305.48 BERRY

[Citizen: An American Lyric](#) / Claudia Rankine / 811.54 RANKINE PBK

[The City We Became](#) / NK Jemisin / F JEMISIN

[Collected Essays](#) / James Baldwin / 814.54 BALDWIN

[The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America](#) / Richard Rothstein / 305.8 ROTHSTEIN

[The Color Purple](#) / Alice Walker / F WALKER *

[Conjure Women](#) / Afia Atakora / F ATAKORA

[The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race](#) / ed. Jesmyn Ward / 305.896 FIRE

[Forty Million Dollar Slaves: The Rise, Fall, and Redemption of the Black Athlete](#) / William C. Rhoden / 796.089 RHODEN

[Friday Black](#) / Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah / F ADJEI-BRENYAH PBK

[Girl in Translation](#) / Jean Kwok / F KWOK *

[God Help the Child](#) / Toni Morrison / F MORRISON *

[Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations](#) / Mira Jacob / GRAPHIC B JACOB

[The Good Lord Bird](#) / James McBride / F MCBRIDE *

[Heavy: An American Memoir](#) / Kiese Laymon / 305.896073 LAYMON

[How to Be an Antiracist](#) / Ibram X. Kendi / 305.800973 KENDI

[How to Be Less Stupid About Race](#) / Crystal M. Fleming / 305.800973 FLEMING

[How We Fight For Our Lives: A Memoir](#) / Saeed Jones / (ON ORDER)

[I Can't Breathe: A Killing on Bay Street](#) / Matt Taibbi / 363.23089 TAIBBI *

[I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) / Maya Angelou / B ANGELOU

[If Beale Street Could Talk](#) / James Baldwin / F BALDWIN

[Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#) / Bryan Stevenson / 345.0127 STEVENSON *

[Kindred](#) / Octavia E. Butler / F BUTLER *

[The Leavers](#) / Lisa Ko / F KO

[Little Fires Everywhere](#) / Celeste Ng / F NG *

[Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America](#) / James Forman, Jr. / 364.973 FORMAN

[Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America](#) / Ayaz Virji with Alan Eisenstock / 297.092 VIRJI

[March: Books 1-3](#) / John Lewis / GRAPHIC B LEWIS PBK

[Men We Reaped: A Memoir](#) / Jesmyn Ward / 305.896 WARD

[Minor Feelings: An Asian-American Reckoning](#) / Cathy Park Hong / ON ORDER

[Miracle Creek](#) / Angie Kim / F KIM

[The Mothers](#) / Brit Bennett / F BENNETT
[Negroland: A Memoir](#) / Margo Jefferson / 305.896 JEFFERSON
[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) / Michelle Alexander / 364.973
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[The Nickel Boys](#) / Colson Whitehead / F WHITEHEAD *
[No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America](#) / Darnell L. Moore / 306.7662 MOORE
[Octavia E. Butler's Kindred](#) / Damian Duffy and John Jennings / GRAPHIC BUTLER
[On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous](#) / Ocean Vuong / F VUONG
[One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy](#) / Carol Anderson / 324.6
ANDERSON
[The Other Americans](#) / Laila Lalami / F LALAMI
[Patsy](#) / Nicole Dennis-Benn / F DENNIS-BENN
[Queen Sugar](#) / Natalie Baszile / F BASZILE
[Queenie](#) / Candice Carty-Williams / F CARTY-WILLIAMS
[Real Life](#) / Brandon Taylor / F TAYLOR
[The Revisioners](#) / Margaret Wilkerson Sexton / F SEXTON
[Riot Baby](#) / Tochi Onyebuchi / F ONYEBUCHI
[The Sellout](#) / Paul Beatty / F BEATTY
[The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League](#) / Jeff
Hobbs / 974.9 HOBBS PBK
[Sing, Unburied, Sing](#) / Jesmyn Ward / F WARD *
[Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches](#) / Audre Lord / (ON ORDER)
[Slavery By Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II](#) /
Douglas A. Blackmon / 305.896 BLACKMON PBK
[So You Want to Talk About Race](#) / Ijeoma Oluo / 305.800973 OLUO *
[Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#) / Ibram X. Kendi / 305.800973
KENDI
[Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow](#) / Henry Louis Gates, Jr. / 973
GATES
[Such a Fun Age](#) / Kiley Reid / F REID
[The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row](#) / Anthony Ray Hinton / 364.66 HINTON
[The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane](#) / Lisa See / F SEE *
[Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America](#) / Michael Eric Dyson / 305.8 DYSON
[Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, and Identity](#) / Winona Guo / 305.800973 GUO
[Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) / Zora Neale Hurston / F HURSTON *
[These Ghosts Are Family](#) / Maisy Card / F CARD
[They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement](#) / Wesley
Lowery / 305.896 LOWERY
[This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in White America](#) / Morgan
Jenkins / 305.896 JERKINS PBK
[The Underground Railroad](#) / Colson Whitehead / F WHITEHEAD *
[The Vanishing Half](#) / Brit Bennett / F BENNETT
[The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration](#) / Isabel Wilkerson / 304.80973
WILKERSON *
[We Cast a Shadow](#) / Maurice Carlos Ruffin / F RUFFIN
[Well-Read Black Girl](#) / ed. Glory Edim / 810.8 EDIM
[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) / Robin DiAngelo / 305.8 DIANGELO
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[White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide](#) / Carol Anderson / 305.800973 ANDERSON PBK