

Following are some of the books that helped us get a better understanding of how we got to where we are now, a country and society still struggling with the aftermath of slavery and the racism and racial injustices that continue to exist today. There are many other good books and resources, but these made a difference for us. (Fred Young, Chuck Swaney, and Dave Gibbons)

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

*Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution*, by Eric Foner

*Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II*, by Douglas A. Blackmon (Also a PBS Film)

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

*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, by Richard Rothstein

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

*Caste: The Origins of our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson

*The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, by Heather McGhee

*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*, edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

*The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, created by Nikole Hannah-Jones and the New York Times Magazine

*White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo

*How To Be An Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi

*Forever Free: The Story of Emancipation and Reconstruction*, by Eric Foner.

*How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America*, by Clint Smith.

*Stamped from the Beginning*, by Ibram X Kendi.

*Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership* by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

*Between the World and Me*, by Ta Nehisi Coates

*The Fire Next Time*, by James Baldwin

*From Here to Equality, Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century*, by William A Darity, Jr. and A. Kirsten Mullen

*Atonement and Forgiveness: A New Model for Black Reparations*, by Roy L. Brooks

*Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America*, by Patrick Phillips

*Celia, A Slave*, by Melton A. McLaurin

*White Man's Heaven: The Lynching and Expulsion of Blacks in the Southern Ozarks, 1894-1909*, by Kimberly Harper

*The Broken Heart of America*, by Walter Johnson