

# UNDESIGN THE RED LINE

## BOOK LISTS & TED TALKS

These recommendations are part of Undesign the Redline, an interactive exhibit created by designing the WE that explores the history of structural racism and inequality.

### BOOKS FOR KIDS

#### *What Is White Privilege?* by Leigh Ann Erickson

Explores the concept of systemic and intrinsic racism in a comprehensive, honest, and age-appropriate way; **for grades 4-6**

#### *This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy

The story of fourteen-year-old Jo Ann Allen's four months thrust into the national spotlight and as a trailblazer in history; **for grades 4-6**



#### *Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X Kendi

Introduces young readers to the concept of antiracism, providing language to begin critical conversations; **for ages 0-4**

#### *Stamped (for kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Sonja Cherry-Paul, Jason Reynolds, and Ibram X Kendi

Adapted from *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*; explores where racist ideas came from, how they impact America today, and those who have fought racism with antiracism; **for ages 6-10**

#### *Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race* by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, and Isabel Roxas

Offers a conversation on race that young children can grasp and adults can leverage for further discussion; **for ages 2-5**

#### *All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles

A lullaby that reassures readers that their matter and their worth is never diminished, no matter the circumstance; **for ages 3-7**



#### *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox

A picture book celebration of diverse childhoods and the essential things that make us all the same; **for ages 2-5**

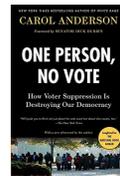
### BOOKS FOR TEENS

#### *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi

A reimaging of Dr. Ibram X Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning* that explores the history of racist ideas in America

#### *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson

A timely and powerful story about a teen girl striving for success in a world that too often seems like it's trying to break her



#### *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy* by Carol Anderson

Chronicles the rollbacks to African American participation in the vote since the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby ruling

#### *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): The True Story of the Fight for Justice* by Bryan Stevenson

A glimpse into the lives of the wrongfully imprisoned and Bryan Stevenson's efforts to fight for their freedom

#### *We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson

A young adult adaptation of *White Rage* by Carol Anderson that illuminates the backlash to racial equality in America's history

#### *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

The story of how sixteen-year-old Starr Carter witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer, and how she deals with the aftermath



#### *Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights* by Lawrence Goldstone

An examination of the post-Reconstruction era struggle for and suppression of African American voting rights in the United States

#### *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything American History Textbooks Get Wrong* by James W. Loewen

A critique of existing textbooks and retelling of American history that revisits events like Reconstruction, the first Thanksgiving, and others

#### *Strange Fruit, Volume 1: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History* by Joel Christian Gill

An anthology of nine uncelebrated heroes in African American history whose stories are not often found in history books

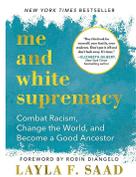
## FOR ADULTS

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

A chronicle of the twilight of redlining and the introduction of conventional real estate practices into the Black urban market

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

Tells the story of Austin Channing Brown's journey to self-worth and explores the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice



### ***Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F Saad**

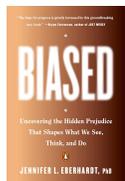
Takes readers on a 28-day journey of how to dismantle privilege within themselves so they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color

### ***The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans - and How We Can Fix It* by Dorothy A Brown**

An exposé on racism in the American taxation system from a law professor and expert on tax policy

### ***Stakes Is High: Life After the American Dream* by Mychal Denzel Smith**

Confronts the shortcomings of the American Dream and calls on us to live up to the principles we profess but fail to realize



### ***Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do* by Jennifer L. Eberhardt**

Argues that even those who don't believe they are biased and who strive to treat others equally can still harbor stereotypes

### ***White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo**

An analysis of the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism

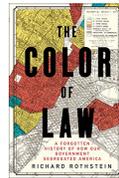


### ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee**

An exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color.

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

Ninety writers tell the epic story of the four-hundred-year journey of African Americans from 1619 to the present



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

Chronicles how government policies led to the creation of officially segregated public housing and the demolition of previously integrated neighborhoods

## TED TALKS

### **“Want a more just world? Be an unlikely ally” by Dwinita Mosby Tyler**

Highlights why showing up and fighting for others who face injustices leads to a fairer, more just future for all

### **“It takes a community to eradicate hate” by Wale Elegbede**

Elegbede shares how his community in La Crosse, WI came together to form an interfaith group in response to Islamophobia and racism.

### **“How to reduce the wealth gap between Black and white Americans” by Kedra Newsom Reeves**

Provides a short history on the origins and of racial wealth inequality in the US; outlines ways financial institutions can expand opportunity for Black individuals, families, entrepreneurs, and communities

### **“How we can make racism a solvable problem - and improve policing” by Phillip Atiba Goff**

Goff shares his work at the Center for Policing Equity, an organization that helps police departments diagnose and track racial gaps in policing in order to eliminate them.

### **“Why we must confront the painful parts of US history” by Hasan Kwame Jeffries**

Emphasizes the need to weave historical context, no matter how painful, into our understanding of modern society

### **“Racism has a cost for everyone” by Heather McGhee**

Explores how racism fuels bad policymaking and drains economic potential, examining what we can do to create a better nation for all

### **“3 ways we can redesign cities for equity and inclusion” by Vishaan Chakrabarti**

Discusses a new urban agenda that provides equitable housing, health care, and transportation for all

### **“The difference between being ‘not racist’ and antiracist” by Ibram X Kendi**

Defines the transformative concept of antiracism to help us more clearly recognize, take responsibility for, and reject prejudices in our public policies, workplaces, and personal beliefs

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