

BLACK LIVES MATTER – WAYS TO EDUCATE YOURSELF

MOVIES AND SERIES TO EDUCATE YOURSELF ON SYSTEMATIC RACISM

1. **13TH**: (Netflix) The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.
2. **American Son**: (Netflix) A chamber-drama setting for issues that have spilled out into practically every corner of American life, Kenny Leon and Christopher Demos-Brown's *American Son* places a black mother in the waiting room of a police station as the audience watches for 90 minutes as she tries, through rising and falling levels of desperation, to find out what authorities have done with her son.
3. **Dear White People**: (Netflix) American comedy-drama *Dear White People* follows several black college students at an Ivy League institution called Winchester University, touching on issues surrounding modern American race relations. *Dear White People* is also the title of the radio show of black student Samantha White, in which she focusses on the superficial good intentions the university has. These good intentions are just a diversion for the deeply-rooted racism that still happens there.
4. **Fruitvale Station**: (Netflix) This dramatic rendering of a real-life tragedy recounts the final hours of Oscar Grant, shot by San Francisco transit police on New Year's Day, 2009
5. **Clemency**: (Available to rent) Years of carrying out death row executions are taking a toll on Warden Bernadine Williams. As she prepares for another one, Williams must confront the psychological and emotional demons that her job creates.
6. **If Beale Street Could Talk**: (Available to rent) In early 1970s Harlem, daughter and wife-to-be Tish vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny. Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together, but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit.

PODCASTS TO LISTEN TO

1. **About race with Reni Eddo-Lodge**: From the author of the bestselling *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race* comes a podcast that takes the conversation a step further. Featuring key voices from the last few decades of anti-racist activism, About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge looks at the recent history that lead to the politics of today.
2. **Pod for the Cause**: The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights launched "Pod for the Cause" podcast to expand the conversation on critical civil and human rights challenges of our day: census, justice reform, policing, education, fighting & hate bias, judicial nominations, fair courts, voting rights, media & tech, economic security, immigration, and human rights.
3. **1916**: Created by The New York Times. 1916 talks about how slavery has transformed America and connects past and present through storytelling. The podcast is hosted by Nikole Hannah-Jonas, who examines the long shadow of American slavery.
4. **Code Switch**: A podcast by a multi-racial, multi-generational team of journalists fascinated by the overlapping themes of race, ethnicity, and culture and how they play out in our lives and communities. How all of this is shifting.

BEING BLACK IN BRITAIN BOOKS

<p>Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race – Reni Eddo-Lodge</p>	<p>Exploring issues from eradicated black history to the political purpose of white dominance, whitewashed feminism to the inextricable link between class and race, Reni Eddo-Lodge offers a timely and essential new framework for how to see, acknowledge and encounter racism.</p>
<p>Me and White Supremacy: How to Recognise Your Privilege, Combat Racism and Change the World – Layla F Saad</p>	<p>A blistering expose of how entrenched white privilege is in modern society, Saad's Me and White Supremacy blog dug deep into the – often unconscious – racial prejudice which many white people took completely for granted. Packed with practical exercises and enlightening socio-political context, the book of the blog offers numerous ways of transforming the discourse surrounding institutionalised racism</p>
<p>Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire - Akala</p>	<p>Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, <i>Natives</i> will directly speak to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that ae at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.</p>
<p>Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging – Afua Hirsch</p>	<p>You're British. Your parents are British. Your partner, your children and most of your friends are British. So why do people keep asking where you're from? We are a nation in denial about our imperial past and the racism that plagues our present. <i>Brit(ish)</i> is Afua Hirsch's personal and provocative exploration of how this came to be - and an urgent call for change.</p>
<p>Black and British: A Forgotten History – David Olusoga</p>	<p>In this vital re-examination of a shared history, award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga tells the rich and revealing story of the long relationship between the British Isles and the people of Africa and the Caribbean. Black British history is woven into the cultural and economic histories of the nation. It is not a singular history, but one that belongs to us all.</p>
<p>Don't Touch My Hair – Emma Dabiri</p>	<p>Uncovering sophisticated indigenous mathematical systems in black hairstyles, alongside styles that served as secret intelligence networks leading enslaved Africans to freedom, <i>Don't Touch My Hair</i> proves that far from being <i>only</i> hair, black hairstyling culture can be understood as an allegory for black oppression and, ultimately, liberation.</p>
<p>The Good Immigrant – Nikesh Shukla</p>	<p>Inspired by discussion around why society appears to deem people of colour as bad immigrants - job stealers, benefit scroungers, undeserving refugees - until, by winning Olympic races or baking good cakes, or being conscientious doctors, they cross over and become good immigrants, editor Nikesh Shukla has compiled a collection of essays that are poignant, challenging, angry, humorous, heartbreaking, polemic, weary and - most importantly - real.</p>
<p>Slay In Your Lane: The Black Girl Bible – Yomi Adegoke & Elizabeth Uviebinené</p>	<p>Black women today are well past making waves – we're currently creating something of a tsunami. Women who look like us, grew up in similar places to us, talk like us, are shaping almost every sector of society. From education to work to dating, this inspirational, honest and provocative book recognises and</p>

	celebrates the strides black women have already made, while providing practical advice for those who want to do the same and forge a better, visible future.
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MORE BOOKS

How To Be an Antiracist – Ibram X. Kendi	Not being racist is not enough. We have to be antiracist. In this rousing and deeply empathetic book, Ibram X. Kendi, founding director of the Antiracism Research and Policy Center, shows that when it comes to racism, neutrality is not an option: until we become part of the solution, we can only be part of the problem.
From #BlackLivesMatter To Black Liberation – Keeanga Yamahtta-Taylor	The eruption of mass protests in the wake of the police murders of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and Eric Garner in New York City have challenged the impunity with which officers of the law carry out violence against Black people and punctured the illusion of a postracial America. The Black Lives Matter movement has awakened a new generation of activists.
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism – Robin DiAngelo	Anger. Fear. Guilt. Denial. Silence. These are the ways in which ordinary white people react when it is pointed out to them that they have done or said something that has - unintentionally - caused racial offence or hurt. But these reactions only serve to silence people of colour, who cannot give honest feedback to 'liberal' white people lest they provoke a dangerous emotional reaction.
Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine and the Foundations of a Movement – Angela Y. Davis	Angela Y. Davis illuminates connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world. Reflecting on the importance of black feminism, intersectionality and prison abolitionism for today's struggles, Davis discusses the legacies of previous liberation struggles. She highlights connections and analyses today's struggles against state terror, from Ferguson to Palestine. Facing a world of injustice, Davis challenges us to build the movement for human liberation.
Captive Genders: Trans embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex – Eric A. Stanley	" <i>Captive Genders</i> is at once a scathing and necessary analysis of the prison industrial complex and a history of queer resistance to state tyranny. By queering a prison abolition analysis, <i>Captive Genders</i> moves us to imagine the impossible dream of liberation."—Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore, author of <i>So Many Ways to Sleep Badly</i>
Who Do You Serve, Who Do You Protect? Police Violence and Resistance in the United States – Alicia Garza (forward), Maya Schenwar (editor), Joe Macare (editor)	This collection of reports and essays (the first collaboration between Truthout and Haymarket Books) explores police violence against black, brown, indigenous and other marginalised communities, miscarriages of justice and failures of token accountability and reform measures. It also makes a compelling and provocative argument against calling the police. Contributions cover a broad range of issues including the killing by police of black men and women, police violence against Latino and indigenous communities, their treatment of pregnant people and more.

<p>The Fire Next Time – James Baldwin</p>	<p>James Baldwin's impassioned plea to 'end the racial nightmare' in America was a bestseller when it appeared in 1963, galvanising a nation and giving voice to the emerging civil rights movement. Told in the form of two intensely personal 'letters', <i>The Fire Next Time</i> is at once a powerful evocation of Baldwin's early life in Harlem and an excoriating condemnation of the terrible legacy of racial injustice.</p>
<p>When Affirmative Action Was White – Ira Katznelson</p>	<p>In this "penetrating new analysis" (<i>New York Times Book Review</i>) Ira Katznelson fundamentally recasts our understanding of twentieth-century American history and demonstrates that all the key programs passed during the New Deal and Fair Deal era of the 1930s and 1940s were created in a deeply discriminatory manner. Through mechanisms designed by Southern Democrats that specifically excluded maids and farm workers, the gap between blacks and whites actually widened despite postwar prosperity. In the words of noted historian Eric Foner, "Katznelson's incisive book should change the terms of debate about affirmative action, and about the last seventy years of American history."</p>

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