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ABIGAIL ADAMS	Phyllis Lee Levin	B	Wife of one president and mother of another, Abigail Adams was an extraordinary woman living at an extraordinary time in American history. A tireless letter writer and diarist, her penetrating and often caustic impressions of most of the major persons of her day—including Ben Franklin, George and Martha Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and King George III, among others—provide one of the best first-hand accounts of the American Revolution. This biography, researched and written over a fourteen-year period, is a fascinating portrait of a brilliant woman at the center of the founding of the American republic.
AFTER MISOGYNY	Julie C. Suk	NF	How the law fails women and what to do about it
BIASED UNCOVERING HIDDEN PREJUDICE THAT SHAPES WHAT WE SEE, THINK AND DO	Jennifer L. Eberhardt, PhD	NF	From one of the world's leading experts on unconscious racial bias come stories, science, and strategies to address one of the central controversies of our time.
BLACK RAGE	William H. Grier and Price M. Cobbs	NF	The first book to examine the full range of black life from the vantage point of psychiatry, this widely acclaimed work has established itself as the classic statement of the desperation, conflicts, and anger of black life in America today.
BORN A CRIME	Trevor Noah	Auto-biography	Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.
CASTE	Isabel Wilkerson	NF	Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Isabel Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more.
DO THE WORK An antiracist activity book	W. Kamau Bell & Kate Schatz	NF workbook	Overwhelmed by racial injustice? Outraged by the news? Find yourself asking, "What can I do?" DO THE WORK! Revelatory and thought-provoking, this highly illustrated, highly informative interactive workbook gives readers a unique, hands-on understanding of systemic racism—and how we can dismantle it.
DOROTHY DANDRIDGE	Earl Mills	B	A biography of the first African-American woman to be nominated for an Oscar, written by her former manager, discusses her struggle to succeed in an all-white profession and her turbulent personal life.
ELIZABETH AND HAZEL	David Margolick	B	A Black high-school girl, dressed in white, walking stoically in front of Little Rock Central High School, and a White girl standing directly behind her, face twisted in hate, screaming racial epithets. This famous photograph captures the full anguish of desegregation – in Little Rock and throughout the South – and an epic moment in the civil rights movement.
THE EXCEPTIONS	Kate Zernike	NF	Nancy Hopkins and the fight for women in science
FEARLESS WOMEN	Elizabeth Cobbs	B	Feminist patriots from Abigail Adams to Beyonce

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THE FIRST LADIES	Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray	Fiction	It is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement. A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world.
FREE TO BE Understanding Kids & Gender Identity	Jack Turban, MD	NF	A Comprehensive deep dive by an internationally renowned child & adolescent psychiatrist into the science, medicine, and politics of gender identity. Published June 2025.
FROM HERE TO EQUALITY Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century	William A. Darity Jr & A. Kirsten Mullen	NF	In <i>From Here to Equality</i> , William Darity Jr. and A. Kirsten Mullen confront these injustices head-on and make the most comprehensive case to date for economic reparations for US descendants of slavery.
THE FOUR PIVOTS Reimagining justice, reimagining ourselves	Shawn A. Ginwright PhD	NF	We need a fundamental shift in our values—a pivot in how we think, act, work, and connect. Despite what we've been told, the most critical mainspring of social change isn't coalition building or problem analysis. It's healing: deep, whole, and systemic, inside and out.
GRANT PARK	Leonard Pitts Jr	Fiction	Two Chicago newspapermen grapple with race and the past in this contemporary terrorist thriller
HALF AMERICAN	Matthew F Delmont	NF	American history as you've likely never read it before. Stories of Black heroes such as Thurgood Marshall, the chief lawyer for the NAACP, who investigated and publicized violence against Black troops and veterans; Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., leader of the Tuskegee Airmen, who was at the forefront of the years-long fight to open the Air Force to Black pilots; Ella Baker, the civil rights leader who advocated on the home front for Black soldiers, veterans, and their families; James Thompson, the 26-year-old whose letter to a newspaper laying bare the hypocrisy of fighting against fascism abroad when racism still reigned at home set in motion the Double Victory campaign; and poet Langston Hughes, who worked as a war correspondent for the Black press.
HATTIE McDANIEL Black ambition White Hollywood	Jill Watts	B	From an accomplished historian comes an uncompromising look at the pervasive racism in Hollywood, as seen through the life and times of actress Hattie McDaniel
HARLEM SHUFFLE	Colson Whitehead	Fiction	From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of <i>The Underground Railroad</i> and <i>The Nickel Boys</i> , this gloriously entertaining novel is "fast-paced, keen-eyed and very funny ... Race, power and the history of Harlem all disguised as a thrill-ride crime novel" (<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>).
HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST	Ibram X. Kendi	NF	Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society.
HOW THE WORD IS PASSED	Clint Smith	NF	Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves.
THE KNEELING MAN My father's life as a Black spy who witnessed the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.	Leta McCollough Seletzky	B	The intimate and heartbreaking story of a Black undercover police officer who famously kneeled by the assassinated Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr—and a daughter's quest for the truth about her father

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KNOW MY NAME	Chanel Miller	Memoir	Known to the world as Emily Doe when she stunned millions with a letter. Brock Turner had been sentenced to just six months in county jail after he was found sexually assaulting her on Stanford's campus. Her victim impact statement was posted on <i>BuzzFeed</i> , where it instantly went viral – viewed by 11 million people within four days, it was translated globally and read on the floor of Congress; it inspired changes in California law and the recall of the judge in the case. Thousands wrote to say that she had given them the courage to share their own experiences of assault for the first time. Now, she reclaims her identity to tell her story of trauma, transcendence, and the power of words. I
LONG WALK TO FREEDOM	Nelson Mandela	Auto-biography	Long Walk to Freedom is his moving and exhilarating autobiography, destined to take its place among the finest memoirs of history's greatest figures. Here for the first time, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela told the extraordinary story of his life – an epic of struggle, setback, renewed hope, and ultimate triumph.
NECESSARY TROUBLE	Drew Gilpin Faust	Memoir	A memoir of coming of age in a conservative Southern family in postwar America. The 1950s, a privileged white girl in conservative, segregated Virginia was expected to adopt a willful blindness to the inequities of race and the constraints of gender. Urged to become "well adjusted" and to fill the role of a poised young lady that her upbringing imposed, she found resistance was necessary for her survival. During the 1960s, Drew forged a path of her own—one that would eventually lead her to become a historian of the very conflicts that were instrumental in shaping the world she grew up in.
THE OTHER WES MOORE	Wes Moore	Memoir	The chilling truth is that his story could have been mine. The tragedy is that my story could have been his. December 2000, the Baltimore Sun ran a small piece about Wes Moore, a local student who had just received a Rhodes Scholarship. The same paper also ran a series of articles about four young men who had allegedly killed a police officer in a spectacularly botched armed robbery. Police were still hunting for 2 of the suspects who had gone on the lam. One was named Wes Moore.
PUSHOUT	Minique W. Morris	NF	On the day fifteen-year-old Diamond from the Bay Area stopped going to school, she was expelled for lashing out at peers who constantly harassed and teased her for something everyone on the staff had missed: she was being trafficked for sex. After months on the run, she was arrested and sent to a detention center for violating a court order to attend school. Monique W. Morris chronicles the experiences of Black girls across the country whose complex lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish.
MY REMARKABLE JOURNEY	Katherine Johnson	Memoir	The remarkable woman at heart of the smash New York Times best seller and Oscar-winning film <i>Hidden Figures</i> tells the full story of her life, including what it took to work at NASA, help land the first man on the moon, and live through a century of turmoil and change.
REAL AMERICAN	Julie Lythcott-Haims	Memoir	A fearless debut memoir in which beloved and bestselling <i>How to Raise an Adult</i> author Julie Lythcott-Haims pulls no punches in her recollections of growing up a biracial black woman in America.
REIMAGING EQUALITY	Anita Hill	NF	Building on the great strides of the women's and civil rights movements, Hill presents concrete proposals that encourage us to broaden our thinking about home and to reimagine equality for America's future.
SALLY HEMMINGS	Barbara Chase-Riboud	Fiction Historical novel	One of the greatest love stories in American history is also one of the least known – and most controversial. Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence, had a mistress for thirty-eight years, whom he loved and lived with until he died – the beautiful and elusive quadroon slave, Sally Hemings.

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STAMPED	Jason Reynolds & Ibram X Kendi	NF	The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. Racist ideas are woven into the fabric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America's racist past and present. This book takes you on that journey, showing how racist ideas started and were spread, and how they can be discredited.
THERE THERE	Tommy Orange	Fiction	There There is the "brilliant, propulsive" (People Magazine) story of 12 unforgettable characters, Urban Indians living in Oakland, California, who converge and collide on one fateful day. It's "the year's most galvanizing debut novel"
TOMORROW WILL BE DIFFERENT	Sarah McBride	Memoir	Informative, heartbreaking, and profoundly empowering, Tomorrow Will Be Different is McBride's story of love and loss and a powerful entry point into the LGBTQ community's battle for equal rights and what it means to be openly transgender.
THE NEW JIM CROW	Michelle Alexander	NF	"The New Jim Crow" examines how mass incarceration and the War on Drugs created a new racial caste system, effectively continuing racial discrimination despite formal colorblindness.
RAGE BECOMES HER	Soraya Chemaly	NF	The power of women's anger
The secret HOLOCAUST DIARIES	Nonna Bannister , Denise George, Carolyn Tomlin	NF	Nonna Bannister carried a secret almost to her Tennessee grave: the diaries she had kept as a young girl experiencing the horrors of the Holocaust. This book reveals that story. Nonna's childhood writings, revisited in her late adulthood, tell the remarkable tale of how a Russian girl from a family that had known wealth and privilege, then exposed to German labor camps, learned the value of human life and the importance of forgiveness. This story of loss, of love, and of forgiveness is one you will not forget.
SOLITO	Javier Zamora	Auto-biography	Javier Zamora's adventure is a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. He will leave behind his beloved aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone amid a group of strangers and a "coyote" hired to lead them to safety, Javier expects his trip to last two short weeks.
UNDER THE SKIN	Linda Villarosa	NF	The hidden toll of racism on health in America.
THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS	Isabel Wilkerson	NF	The United States has the most advanced medical technology in the world and spends more on health care than anywhere else, yet the health outcomes of Black Americans are on par with those of people in far poorer nations.
WHITE FRAGILITY	Robin Diangelo	NF	The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequalities
THE WIND KNOWS MY NAME	Isabel Allende	F	The lives of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi-occupied Europe and a mother and daughter fleeing twenty-first century El Salvador intersect in this novel about war and immigration.
THE WOMAN BEHIND THE NEW DEAL	Kristin Downey	B	The life of Frances Perkins