

2022 ADULT Summer READING LIST



1. You Don't Know Us Negroes and Other Essays by Zora Neale Hurston
2. Carolina Built by Kianna Alexander
3. The Last Suspicious Holdout by Ladee Hubbard
4. Things Past Telling by Shelia Williams
5. Yonder by Jabari Asim
6. Breath Better Spent: Living Black Girlhood by Damaris B. Hill
7. Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutor's Fight for Fairness by Laura Coates
8. Yinka, Where Is Your Husband? By Lizzie Damilola Blackburn
9. Shoutin' in the Fire: An American Epistle By Danté Stewart
10. Red Lip Theology by Candice Marie Benbow
11. A Woman of Endurance by Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa
12. While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
13. Shine Bright: A Very Personal History of Black Women In Pop by Danyel Smith
14. The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr.
15. Black Buck by Mateo Askaripour by Chantal James
16. Interesting Women by Andrea Lee
17. You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty by Akwaeke Emezi
18. The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris
19. Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
20. None But the Righteous by Chantal James
21. An Abolitionist's Handbook: 12 Steps to Changing Yourself and the World by Patrisse Cullors
22. The Kindest Lie by Nancy Johnson
23. Luster by Raven Leilani



26. Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge
27. Caul Baby by Morgan Jerkins
28. The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom
29. Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
30. Monster by Walter Dean Myers
31. Seven Days in June by Tia Williams
32. Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
33. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
34. Black Sunday by Tola Rotimi Abraham
35. The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley
36. Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
37. Love in Color' by Bolu Babalola
38. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
39. American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson
40. The Ugly Cry: A Memoir by Danielle Henderson
41. Black Girls Must Die Exhausted by Jayne Allen
42. We Cast a Shadow by Maurice Carlos Ruffin
43. An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
44. How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others Slowly in America: Essays By Kiese Laymon
45. Between The World And Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
46. Breathe: A Letter to My Sons by Imani Perry
47. The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
48. Visions for Black Men by Na'im Akbar
49. I Can't Date Jesus by Michael Arceneaux
50. The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah
51. When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
52. The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Du Bois
53. I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World by Martin Luther King, Jr.
54. Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
55. Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

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56. You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain by Phoebe Robinson
57. She Would Be King: A Novel by Wayétu Moore
58. Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves Hardcover by Glory Edim
59. Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches by Audre Lorde
60. Women, Race, & Class by Angela Y. Davis
61. For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf by Ntozake Shange
62. Pride by Ibi Zoboi
63. Transcendent Kingdom By Yaa Gyasi
64. Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson
65. Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman by Michele Wallace
66. The Other Black Girl' by Zakiya Dalila Harris
67. Revolutionary Suicide by Huey P. Newton
68. Assata: An Autobiography by Assata Shakur
69. Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement by Angela Davis
70. The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke by Jeffrey C. Stewart
71. The Wretched of the Earth by Frantz Fanon
72. No Man Is an Island by Thomas Merton
73. Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
74. I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing
75. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
76. Native Son by Richard Wright
77. Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
78. Why We Can't Wait by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
79. I Am Not Your Negro by James Baldwin
80. The Will to Change: Men, Masculinity, and Love by bell hooks
81. Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge
82. The Ways of White Folks: Stories by Langston Hughes
83. Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes

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84. Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick: Stories from the Harlem Renaissance by Zora Neale Hurston
85. Moses, Man of the Mountain by Zora Neale Hurston
86. No Gods, No Monsters by Cadwell Turnbull
87. A Man of the People by Chinua Achebe
88. Passing Nella Larsen
89. Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans Who Survived Slavery and Became Millionaires Paperback by Shomari Wills
90. The Warmth of Other Simmers by Isabel Wilkerson
91. Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle
92. Shake Loose My Skin: New and Selected Poems by Sonia Sanchez
93. Say Her Name (Poems to Empower) by Zetta Elliott and Loveis Wise
94. Don't Call Us Dead: Poems by Danez Smith
95. Him by Pierre Jeanty (Poetry)
96. Her by Pierre Jeanty (Poetry)
97. The Hill We Climb and Other Poems by Amanda Gorman
98. American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin by Terrance Hayes (Poetry)
99. Whereas: Poems by Layli Long Soldier
100. Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
101. Cry Like a Man: Fighting for Freedom from Emotional Incarceration by Jason Wilson
102. As A Black Man Thinketh: A Guide to Self-Empowerment and Black Excellence by Reggie Whittaker
103. Dear Black Men by Jewel Guy
104. Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward
105. The Conversation: How Men and Women Can Build Loving, Trusting Relationship by Hill Harper
106. Friends, Lovers, and Soulmates: A Guide to Better Relationships Between Black Men and Women by Dr. Darlene Hopson
107. Us Against the World: Our Secrets to Love, Marriage, and Family by David Mann and Shaun Sanders
108. The Black Father Perspective: What we want America to know by Kimmoly K LaBoo
109. The Book of Leon: Philosophy of a Fool by Leon Black
110. Black Widow: A Sad-Funny Journey Through Grief for People Who Normally Avoid Books with Words Like "Journey" in the Title by Leslie Gray Streeter
111. Our Black Sons Matter: Mothers Talk about Fears, Sorrows, and Hopes by George Yancy, Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, et al.
112. Parenting for Liberation: A Guide for Raising Black Children by Trina Greene Brown

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113. Raising Black Children: Two Leading Psychiatrists Confront the Educational, Social and Emotional Problems Facing Black Children by James P. Comer and Alvin F. Poussaint
114. We Live for the We: The Political Power of Black Motherhood by Dani McClain
115. The underground Railroad BY Colson Whitehead
116. Love and Rage: The Path of Liberation through Anger by Lama Rod Owens
117. Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love, and Liberation by Rev. Angel Kyodo Williams
118. How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
119. Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the by Rozella Haydée White
120. Becoming by Michelle Obama
121. Eloquent Rage by Brittney Cooper
122. Faces At The Bottom Of The Well by Derrick Bell
123. Black Is The Body by Emily Bernard
124. The Nickel Boys: A Novel by Colson Whithead
125. The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet
126. We Want Our Bodies Back by Jessica Care Moore (poetry)
127. Parable of the Brown Girl: The Sacred Lives of Girls of Color by Khristi Lauren Adams
128. The Source of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditation by Toni Morrison
129. The Salt Eaters by Toni Cade Bambara
130. Killing the Black Body by Dorothy Roberts
131. So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
132. No Disrespect by Sister Souljah
133. Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting by Terrie M. Williams