



2023 ADULT *Summer* READING LIST

1. The Color of Family: A Novel by Jerry McGill
2. While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
3. The Black Girl's Guide to Financial Freedom: Build Wealth, Retire Early, & Live the Life of Your Dreams by Paris Woods
4. The Vanishing Half: A Novel by Brit Bennett
5. Finding Me: A Memoir by Viola Davis
6. Somebody's Daughter by Ashley C. Ford
7. Seven Days in June by Tia Williams
8. Black Chameleon: Memory, Womanhood, & Myth by Deborah D. E. E. P. Mouton
9. How We Heal by Alexandra Elle
10. The Turner House by Angela Flournoy
11. Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
12. We Are A Haunting by Tyriek White
13. Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson
14. Chain Gang All Stars by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah
15. Maame by Jessica George
16. The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala Harris
17. You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty by Akwaeke Emezi
18. The Evidence of Things Not Seen by James Baldwin
19. You Don't Know Us Negroes & Other Essays by Zora Neale Hurston
20. Carolina Built by Kianna Alexander
21. The Last Suspicious Holdout by Ladee Hubbard
22. Things Past Telling by Shelia Williams
23. Yonder by Jabari Asim
24. Breath Better Spent: Living Black Girlhood by Damaris B. Hill
25. Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutor's Fight for Fairness by Laura Coates
26. Yinka, Where Is Your Husband? by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn
27. Shoutin' in the Fire: AN AMERICAN EPISTLE by Danté Stewart
28. Red Lip Theology by Candice Marie Benbow
29. A Woman of Endurance by Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa
30. Shine Bright: A Very Personal History Of Black Women In Pop by Danyel Smith



31. The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr.
32. Black Buck by Mateo Askaripour
33. Interesting Women by Andrea Lee
34. The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris
35. Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
36. None But The Righteous by Chantal James
37. An Abolitionist's Handbook: 12 Steps To Changing Yourself And The World by Patrisse Cullors
38. The Kindest Lie by Nancy Johnson
39. Luster by Raven Leilani
40. What's Mine And Yours by Naima Coster
41. Open Water by Caleb Azumah Nelson
42. Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge
43. Caul Baby by Morgan Jerkins
44. The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom
45. Song Of Solomon by Toni Morrison
46. Monster by Walter Dean Myers
47. Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
48. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
49. Black Sunday by Tola Rotimi Abraham
50. The Autobiography Of Malcolm X As Told To Alex Haley
51. Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
52. Love In Color by Bolu Babalola
53. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
54. American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson
55. The Ugly Cry: A Memoir by Danielle Henderson
56. Black Girls Must Die Exhausted by Jayne Allen
57. We Cast A Shadow by Maurice Carlos Ruffin
58. An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
59. How To Slowly Kill Yourself And Others In America: Essays by Kiese Laymon
60. Between The World And Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
61. Breathe: A Letter To My Sons by Imani Perry
62. The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
63. Visions For Black Men by Na'im Akbar
64. I Can't Date Jesus by Michael Arceneaux
65. The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah
66. Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama
67. When Chickenheads Come Home To Roost by Joan Morgan
68. The Color Purple by Alice Walker

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69. Blues People by Amiri Baraka
70. Our Kind Of People by Lawrence Otis Graham
71. Picking Cotton by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino
72. How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue
73. What Is The What by Dave Eggers
74. Feminist Theory: From Margin To Center by Bell Hooks
75. Soledad Brother by George Jackson
76. A Little Devil In America: Notes In Praise Of Black Performance by Hanif Abdurraqib
77. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz
78. Down These Mean Streets by Piri Thomas
79. Flyy Girl by Omar Tyree
80. A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
81. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
82. Kindred by Octavia Butler
83. Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter G. Woodsen
84. Manchild in the Promised Land by Claude Brown
85. If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
86. Roots by Alex Haley
87. Sula by Toni Morrison
88. Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup
89. Your Blues Ain't Like Mine by Bebe Moore Campbell
90. When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
91. The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Du Bois
92. I Have a Dream: Writings & Speeches That Changed the World by Martin Luther King, Jr.
93. Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
94. Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, & You by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
95. You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain by Phoebe Robinson
96. She Would Be King: A Novel by Wayétu Moore
97. Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves Hardcover by Glory Edim
98. Sister Outsider: Essays & Speeches by Audre Lorde
99. Women, Race, & Class by Angela Y. Davis
100. For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf by Ntozake Shange
101. Pride by Ibi Zoboi
102. Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi
103. Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson
104. Black Macho And The Myth Of The Superwoman by Michele Wallace



105. 'The Other Black Girl' by Zakiya Dalila Harris
106. Revolutionary Suicide by Huey P. Newton
107. Assata: An Autobiography by Assata Shakur
108. Freedom Is A Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, And The Foundations Of A Movement by Angela Davis
109. The New Negro: The Life Of Alain Locke by Jeffrey C. Stewart
110. The Wretched Of The Earth by Frantz Fanon
111. No Man Is An Island by Thomas Merton
112. Between The World And Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
113. I'm Still Here: Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness by Austin Channing
114. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration In The Age Of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
115. Native Son by Richard Wright
116. Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos Or Community? by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
117. Why We Can't Wait by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
118. I Am Not Your Negro by James Baldwin
119. The Will To Change: Men, Masculinity, And Love by Bell Hooks
120. Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge
121. The Ways Of White Folks: Stories by Langston Hughes
122. Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes
123. Hitting A Straight Lick With A Crooked Stick: Stories From The Harlem Renaissance by Zora Neale Hurston
124. Moses, Man Of The Mountain by Zora Neale Hurston
125. No Gods, No Monsters by Cadwell Turnbull
126. A Man Of The People by Chinua Achebe
127. Passing by Nella Larsen
128. Black Fortunes: The Story Of The First Six African Americans Who Survived Slavery And Became Millionaires Paperback by Shomari Wills
129. The Warmth Of Other Simmers by Isabel Wilkerson
130. Arc Of Justice: A Saga Of Race, Civil Rights, And Murder In The Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle
131. Shake Loose My Skin: New And Selected Poems by Sonia Sanchez
132. Say Her Name (Poems To Empower) by Zetta Elliott And Loveis Wise
133. Don't Call Us Dead: Poems by Danez Smith
134. Him by Pierre Jeanty (Poetry)
135. Her by Pierre Jeanty (Poetry)
136. The Hill We Climb And Other Poems by Amanda Gorman
137. American Sonnets For My Past And Future Assassin by Terrance Hayes (Poetry)
138. Whereas: Poems by Layli Long Soldier
139. Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
140. Cry Like A Man: Fighting For Freedom From Emotional Incarceration by Jason Wilson

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141. As A Black Man Thinketh: A Guide To Self-Empowerment And Black Excellence by Reggie Whittaker
142. Dear Black Men by Jewel Guy
143. Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward
144. The Conversation: How Men And Women Can Build Loving, Trusting Relationship by Hill Harper
145. Friends, Lovers, And Soulmates: A Guide To Better Relationships Between Black Men And Women by Dr. Darlene Hopson
146. Us Against The World: Our Secrets To Love, Marriage, And Family by David Mann and Shaun Sanders
147. The Black Father Perspective: What We Want America To Know by Kimmoly K Laboo
148. The Book Of Leon: Philosophy Of A Fool by Leon Black
149. 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
150. Our Black Sons Matter: Mothers Talk About Fears, Sorrows, And Hopes by George Yancy, Maria Del Guadalupe Davidson, Et Al.
151. Parenting For Liberation: A Guide For Raising Black Children by Trina Greene Brown
152. Raising Black Children: Two Leading Psychiatrists Confront The Educational, Social And Emotional Problems Facing Black Children by James P. Comer And Alvin F. Poussaint
153. We Live For The We: The Political Power Of Black Motherhood by Dani McClain
154. The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
155. Love And Rage: The Path Of Liberation Through Anger by Lama Rod Owens
156. Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love, And Liberation by Rev. Angel Kyodo Williams
157. How To Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
158. Love Big: The Power Of Revolutionary Relationships To Heal The by Rozella Haydée White
159. Becoming by Michelle Obama
160. Eloquent Rage by Brittney Cooper
161. Faces At The Bottom Of The Well by Derrick Bell
162. Black Is The Body by Emily Bernard
163. The Nickel Boys: A Novel by Colson Whithead
164. The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
165. We Want Our Bodies Back by Jessica Care Moore (Poetry)
166. Parable Of The Brown Girl: The Sacred Lives Of Girls Of Color by Khristi Lauren Adams
167. The Source Of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, And Meditation by Toni Morrison
168. The Salt Eaters by Toni Cade Bambara
169. Killing The Black Body by Dorothy Roberts
170. So You Want To Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
171. No Disrespect by Sister Souljah
172. Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting by Terrie M. Williams
173. The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom

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