

# “What We’ve Been Reading”

## from the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Anti-Racism Committee

Here’s what the members of our Anti-Racism Committee have been reading, viewing,  
and listening to this year, as we strive to become more aware of racism issues  
and of racial diversity in our world.

We welcome you to join us on this journey!

### Fiction Books

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett  
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Washington Black by Esu Edugyan  
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones  
The various works of Toni Morrison  
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison\*  
There There by Tommy Orange  
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid  
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

### Poetry

Collected Works of Lucille Clifton  
One Last Word, Legacy Women of the Harlem  
Renaissance by Nikki Grimes  
Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings, American Sunrise  
by Joy Harjo  
Just Us, Citizen by Claudia Rankine  
Wade in the Water by Tracy K Smith  
Whereas by Layli Long Soldier

### Plays

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry  
Clybourne Park by Bruce Norris  
Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom, Fences, Gem of the Ocean  
by August Wilson

### Documentaries

The Black Church (PBS)  
The Pieces of Me (PBS)  
True Justice: Bryan Stevenson’s Fight for Equality  
(HBO)  
13<sup>th</sup> (Netflix)

### Non-Fiction Books

White Rage by Carol Anderson  
The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin  
Blind Spot by Mahzaron R Banaji & Anthony Greenwald  
I’m Still Here by Austin Channing Brown  
The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone  
White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo  
The Souls of Black Folk by WEB DuBois  
The various works of bell hooks  
How to Be Anti-Racist by Ibram X Kendi  
Mindful of Race by Ruth King  
I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr  
The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee  
What if I Say the Wrong Thing? 25 Habits for Culturally Effective People  
by Verna A Myers  
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah  
Thea Bowman: Faithful and Free by Maurice Nutt  
So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeumo Oluo  
The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein  
You, Me, and White Supremacy by Layla Saad  
Birth of a Movement: BLM and the Catholic Church by Olga M Segura  
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot  
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson  
Good White People by Shannon Sullivan  
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? By Beverly  
Daniel Tatum  
[What We Have Seen and Heard](#), USCCB, 1984  
[Open Wide our Hearts](#), USCCB, 2018  
America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a  
New America by Jim Wallis  
Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

*(selections continued below)*

## Films

Do the Right Thing  
Get Out  
Glory  
Green Book  
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner  
Harriet  
Hidden Figures  
Just Mercy  
One Night in Miami  
Sylvie's Love  
The Butler  
The Long Song  
The Color Purple  
United States vs. Billie Holiday  
12 Years a Slave

## Children's Books

This is Your Time by Ruby Bridges  
I am Enough by Grace Byers  
Something Happened in Our Town  
by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins,  
and Ann Hazard\*  
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles  
The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963, The Marvelous Miss  
Malone by Paul Curtis  
Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness by Anastasia  
Higginbotham  
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz\*  
Antiracist Baby by Ibram X Kendi\*  
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o  
Dear Benjamin Banneker by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Josephine by Patricia Hruby Powell  
If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold  
When Marian Sang by Brian Selznick and Pam Muñoz Ryan

## Podcasts/Content Influencers

[Black Liturgies](#): Cole Arthur Riley  
[Code Switch](#)  
[Good Ancestor](#) with Emma Dabiri  
Notes from the Backpack: [Teaching Kids to Embrace Race](#)  
NPR Throughline (ex. [History of Policing](#), [Voter Suppression](#),  
[James Baldwin](#))  
[On Being Black](#) with Krista Tippett  
Raising Good Humans: [How We Talk about Race](#)  
Safe Space Radio: [Talking to White Kids about Racism](#)  
[Seeing White](#) (Scene on Radio series)

## Teen/Young Adult Books

Blended by Sharon Draper  
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National  
Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram  
X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds\*  
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds  
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas\*  
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson\*

## Interviews/Panels

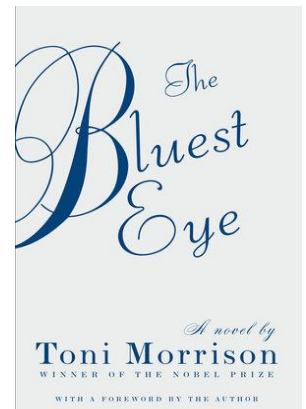
[Anti-Racism as a Moral Imperative](#)-Archbishop Wilton Gregory  
[Black Faith Matters](#): Dr. Ansel Augustine  
[The Gift of Blackness to the Church](#): Gloria Purvis  
[How Catholics can Fight for Racial Justice Right Now](#): Olga  
Segura  
[Racism Yesterday and Today](#): Gloria Purvis  
[Red Table Talk](#): Jada Pinkett Smith, Willow Smith, Adrienne  
Banfield-Jones  
[Why Black Catholic History Matters](#): Dr Shannen Dee Williams

As a reminder, our Parish Summer Reading book selection is:

### The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Discussion via Zoom on 9/28/21

**Stay tuned for  
recommendations for  
further reading/watching to  
help contextualize and  
enrich your reading and  
discussion!**



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[black-owned book retailer](#) if you plan to buy your book.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the committee, please find us online on the Parish [website](#)!

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\*One of our Summer Reading Recommendations