



More Than a MONTH

Reading Challenge: February 1- September 30, 2021

What is **More Than a Month**? This is a series of events designed to help us learn how to recognize issues of systemic oppression and find opportunities to grow into a more equitable and inclusive community. Each year of the series will highlight a group whose experiences in and contributions to our society may have primarily been recognized only during an official heritage or awareness month. The first year of this series (September 2020-2021) will focus on Black history and experiences in American society.

What has More Than a Month included so far? The Library has hosted book, graphic novel, and documentary discussions, as well as a speaker from College of DuPage.

What are the goals of this series? One of the primary goals for this series is for our community to engage and learn from each other in a safe and welcoming environment. With this goal in mind, the Library is introducing the More Than a Month Reading Challenge.

How does the Reading Challenge work? Read and review your choice of (at least) 3 books off of our recommended reading list between February 1-September 30, 2021 to receive a Certificate of Participation in the More Than a Month Reading Challenge.

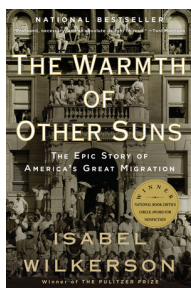
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Adults: Recommended Reading List

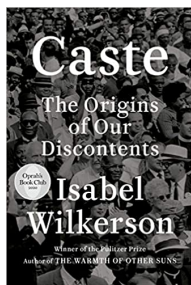
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Non-Fiction

Based on facts, real life, and research.



The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson (2011)



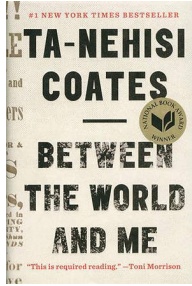
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson (2020)

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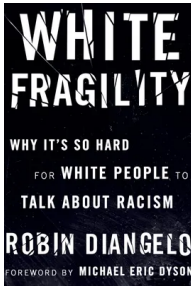
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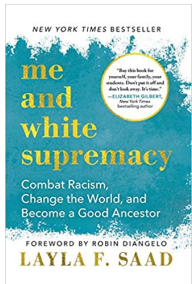
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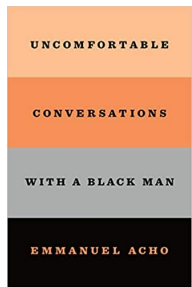
[Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates \(2015\)](#)



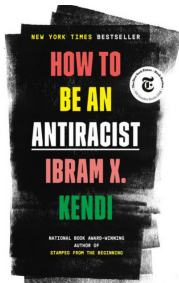
[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo \(2018\)](#)



[Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad \(2020\)](#)



[Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho \(2020\)](#)



[How to be an Antiracist by Ibram Kendi \(2019\)](#)



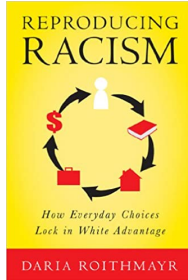
[So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo \(2019\)](#)

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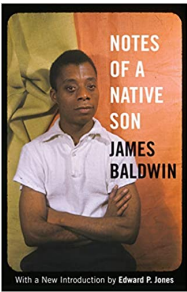
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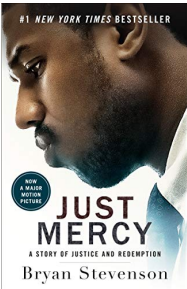
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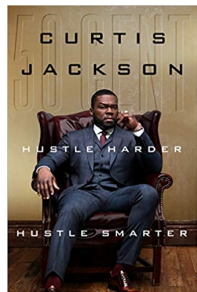
Reproducing Racism: How Everyday Choices Lock in White Advantage by Daria Roithmayr (2014).



Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin (1955).



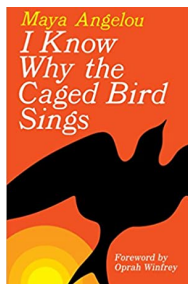
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (2014).



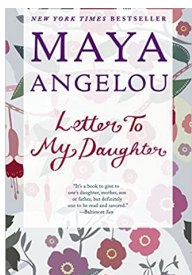
Hustle Harder, Hustle Smarter by Curtis Jackson (2020).

Biography

True accounts
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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (1969).



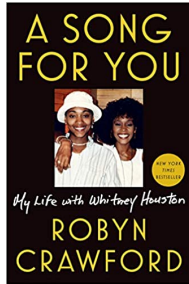
Letter to My Daughter by Maya Angelou (2008).

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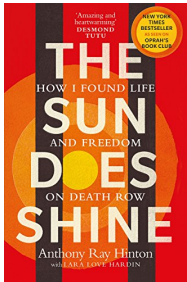
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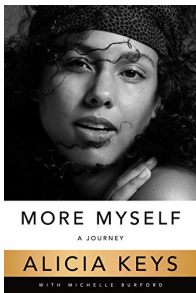
[A Song for You: My Life with Whitney Houston](#) by [Robyn Crawford](#) (2019)



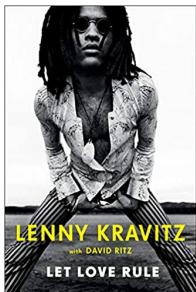
[Wild Thing: The Short, Spellbinding Life of Jimi Hendrix](#) by [Philip Norman](#) (2020)



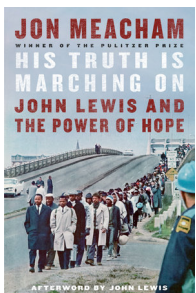
[Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row](#) by [Anthony Ray Hinton](#) (2018)



[More Myself: A Journey](#) by [Alicia Keys](#) (2020)



[Let Love Rule](#) by [Lenny Kravitz](#) (2020)



[His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope](#) by [Jon Meacham](#) (2020)

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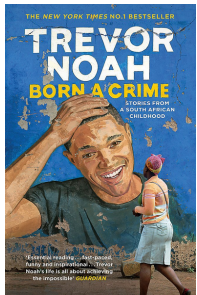
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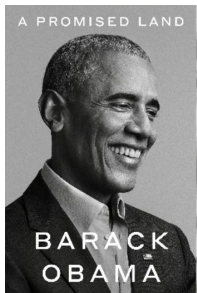
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The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride (1996)



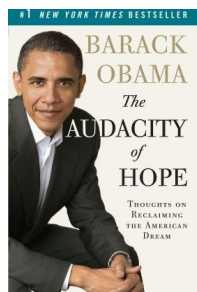
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (2016)



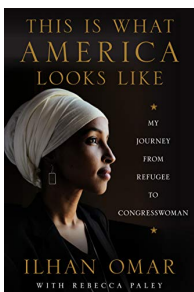
A Promised Land by Barack Obama (2020)



Becoming by Michele Obama (2018)



The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama (2006)



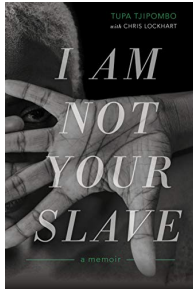
This is What America Looks Like: My Journey from Refugee to Congresswoman by Ilhan Omar (2020)

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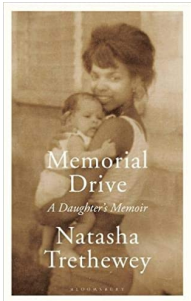
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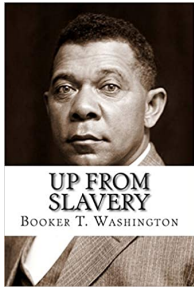
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I Am Not Your Slave: A Memoir by Tupa Tjipombo (2020)



Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoir by Natasha Trethewey (2020)



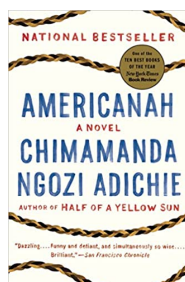
Up From Slavery: An Autobiography by Booker T. Washington (1901)



Reclaiming Her Time: The Power of Maxine Waters by Helena Andrews Dyer & R. Eric Thomas (2020)

Fiction

Literature,
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Americanah: A Novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2014)

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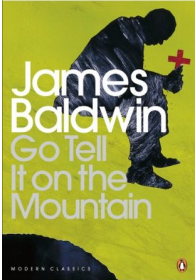
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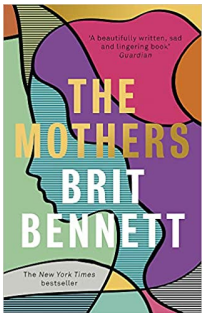
If Beale Street Could Talk: A Novel by James Baldwin (1974)



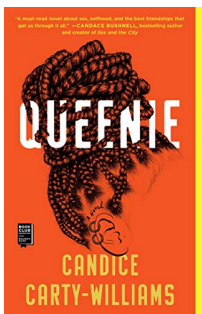
Go Tell it on the Mountain by James Baldwin (1953)



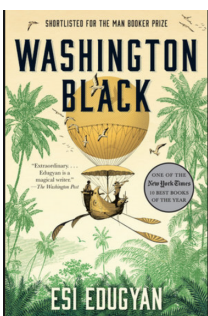
The Vanishing Half: A Novel by Brit Bennett (2020)



The Mothers by Brit Bennett (2016)



Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams (2019)



Washington Black by Esi Edugyan (2018)

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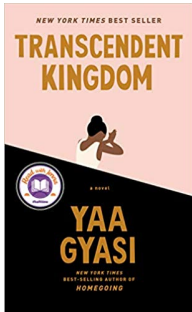
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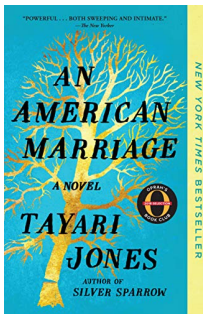
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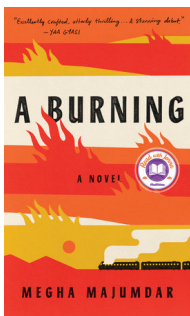
[Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison \(1952\)](#)



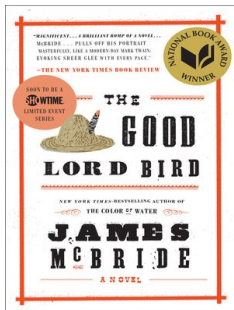
[Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi \(2020\)](#)



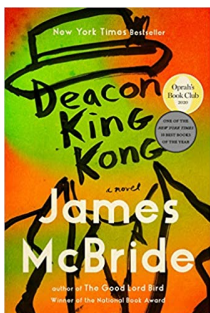
[An American Marriage by Tayari Jones \(2018\)](#)



[A Burning by Megha Majumdar \(2020\)](#)



[The Good Lord Bird by James McBride \(2013\)](#)



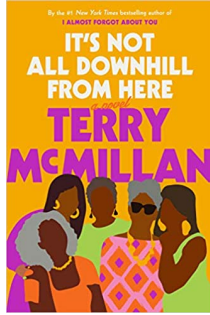
[Deacon King Kong by James McBride \(2020\)](#)

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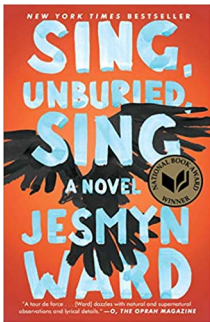
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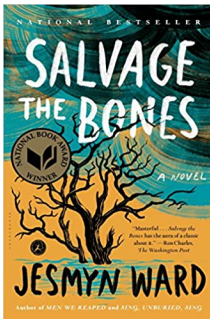
It's Not All Downhill From Here by Terry McMillan (2020)



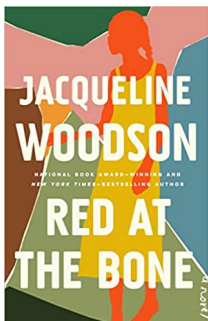
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid (2019)



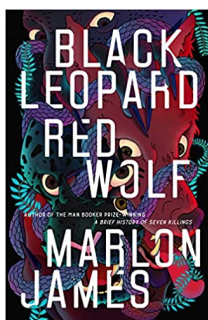
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward (2017)



Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward (2011)



Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson (2019)



Black Leopard Red Wolf by Marlon James (2019)