



**SUGGESTED READING LIST**  
**REFRAMING RACISM: LEARNING THAT LEADS TO ACTION**  
Center for Equity and Inclusion

The following are recommended readings (most are examples of racial autobiographies and cultural counter-stories at both a young adult and adult level as well as non-fiction and fiction). We suggest beginning with [The New Jim Crow](#), [White Fragility](#) and [Between the World and Me](#) and then picking another of personal interest from the list. We encourage you to connect with others in the Reframing Racism cohorts about your reflections – you may even consider starting a reading group!

Systemic Racism

- [The New Jim Crow](#) by Michelle Alexander
- [Courageous Conversations About Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools](#) by Glenn Singleton and Curtis Linton
- [Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong](#) by James W. Loewen
- [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo
- [Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race](#) by Debby Irving
- [Pushout](#) by Monique W. Morris
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [Stamped From the Beginning](#) by Ibram X. Kendi
- [The Color of Law](#) by Richard Rothstein

Racial Autobiographies and Cultural Counter-stories

- [Piecing Me Together](#) by Renee Watson
- [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [Americanah](#) by Chimamanda Adichie
- [Stubborn Twig](#) by Lauren Kessler
- [Together Tea](#) by Marjan Kamali
- [In the Country: Stories](#) by Mia Alvar
- [Mexican Whiteboy](#) by Matt De La Pena
- [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie
- [I am Malala](#) by [Malala Yousafzai](#)
- [Rez Life](#) by David Treuer
- [The Autobiography of Malcolm X](#) by Malcolm X and Alex Haley
- [The House on Mango Street](#) by Sandra Cisneros
- [The Joy Luck Club](#) by Amy Tan
- [Farewell to Manzanar](#) by [James D. Houston](#) and [Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston](#)
- [Always Running](#) by Luis J. Rodriguez
- [The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir](#) by Kao Kalia Yang
- [Kindred](#) by Octavia Butler
- [All American Boys](#) by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds
- [Brothers and Sisters](#) by Bebe Moore Campbell
- [All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir](#) by Nicole Chung
- [Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen](#) by Jose Antonio Vargas
- [On the Other Side of Freedom: The Case for Hope](#) by DeRay Mckesson
- [Homegoing](#) by Yaa Gyasi

- Burro Genius by Victor Villaseñor
- You Don't Have to Say You Love Me by Sherman Alexie
- This Will Be My Undoing by Morgan Jerkins