

Racial Justice

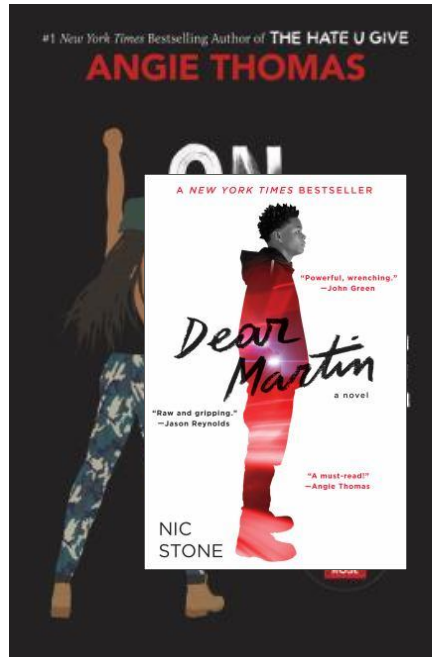
It's really hard to choose! There are so many books involving racial justice (and injustice!) in the library. To get the complete list, go to the "Online Catalog" and narrow your search. Put "Race" in the search box next to "Keyword" or "Subject."

The lists below are separated into categories: Fiction, Graphic Novels, Nonfiction, and Movies

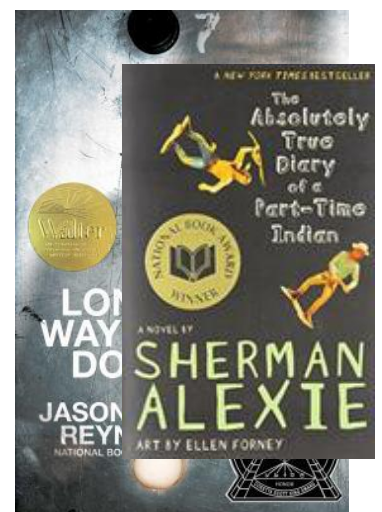
Fiction



*I'm
With
you
by
Told*



*Not Dying
You
Tonight,
Kimberly
Jones, Gilly
Segal.
from two*



viewpoints, Atlanta high school

seniors Lena and Campbell, one

black, one white, must rely on each other to survive after a football rivalry escalates into a riot.

Dear Martin, by Nic Stone.

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

On the Come Up, by Angie Thomas.

When sixteen-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy.

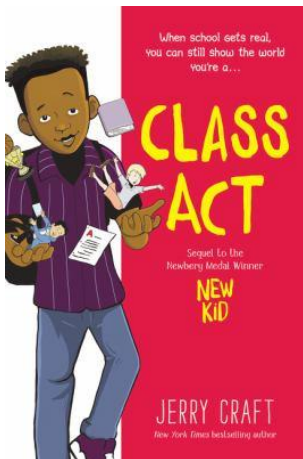
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian, by Sherman Alexie; art by Ellen Forney.

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds.

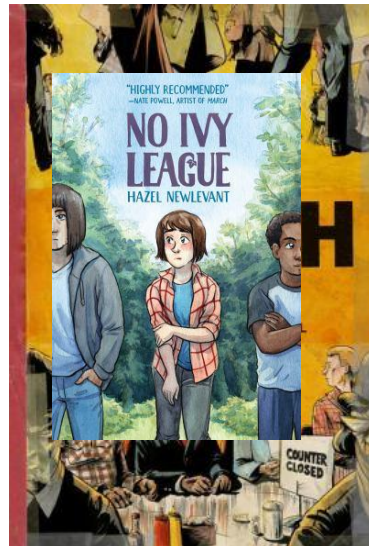
As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Graphic Novels

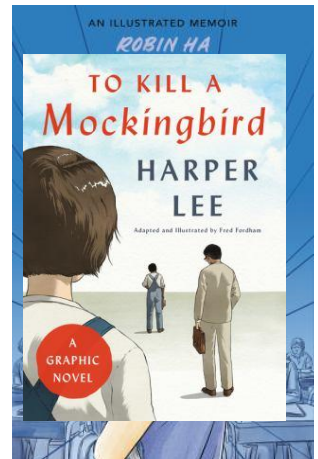


Class Act, by
Eighth
Ellis
he isn't
same
no matter
works, that

classmates at the Riverdale
granted, and to make matters
good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids.



Jerry Craft.
grader Drew
recognizes that
afforded the
opportunities,
how hard he
his privileged
Academy Day School take for
worse, Drew begins to feel as if his



No Ivy League, by Hazel Newlevant.

When 17-year-old Hazel Newlevant takes a summer job clearing ivy from the forest in her home town of Portland, Oregon, her only expectation is to earn a little money. Homeschooled, affluent, and sheltered, Hazel soon finds her job working side by side with at-risk teens to be an initiation into a new world that she has no skill in navigating. This uncomfortable and compelling memoir is an important story of a girl's awakening to the racial insularity of her life, the power of white privilege, and the hidden story of segregation in Portland.

March: Books One, Two, and Three, by John Lewis ; co-written by Andrew Aydin ; art by Nate Powell.

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

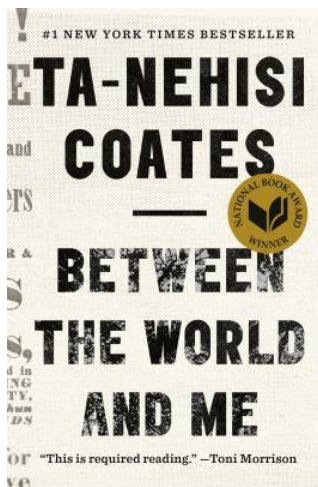
To Kill a Mockingbird: a Graphic Novel, by Harper Lee; adapted and illustrated by Fred Fordham.

The explosion of racial hate in an Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape.

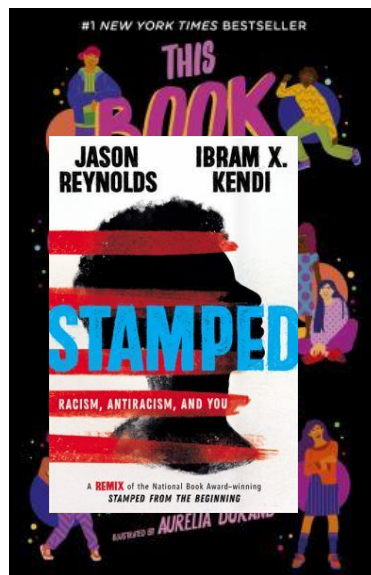
Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir, by Robin Ha.

For as long as she can remember, it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. When a vacation to visit friends in Huntsville, Alabama, unexpectedly becomes a permanent relocation, Robin is devastated. She is dropped into a new school where she doesn't understand the language and struggles to keep up. She is completely cut off from her friends in Seoul and has no access to her beloved comics. Then one day Robin's mother enrolls her in a local comic drawing class, which opens the window to a future Robin could never have imagined.

Nonfiction

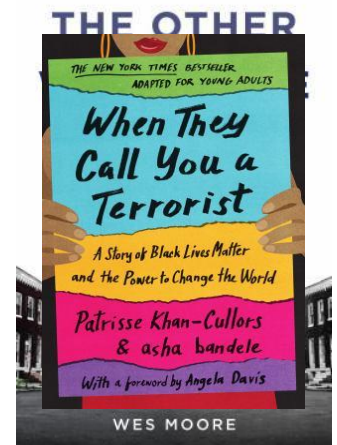


*Between
and Me*, by
Coates.
Americans
empire on
"race," a
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Ta-Nehisi

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damages us



all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men -- bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. *Between the World and Me* is Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

A remix of the National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning*; A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today. Really easy and interesting to read, deeply informative.

This Book is Anti-Racist, by Tiffany Jewell; illustrated by Aurélia Durand.

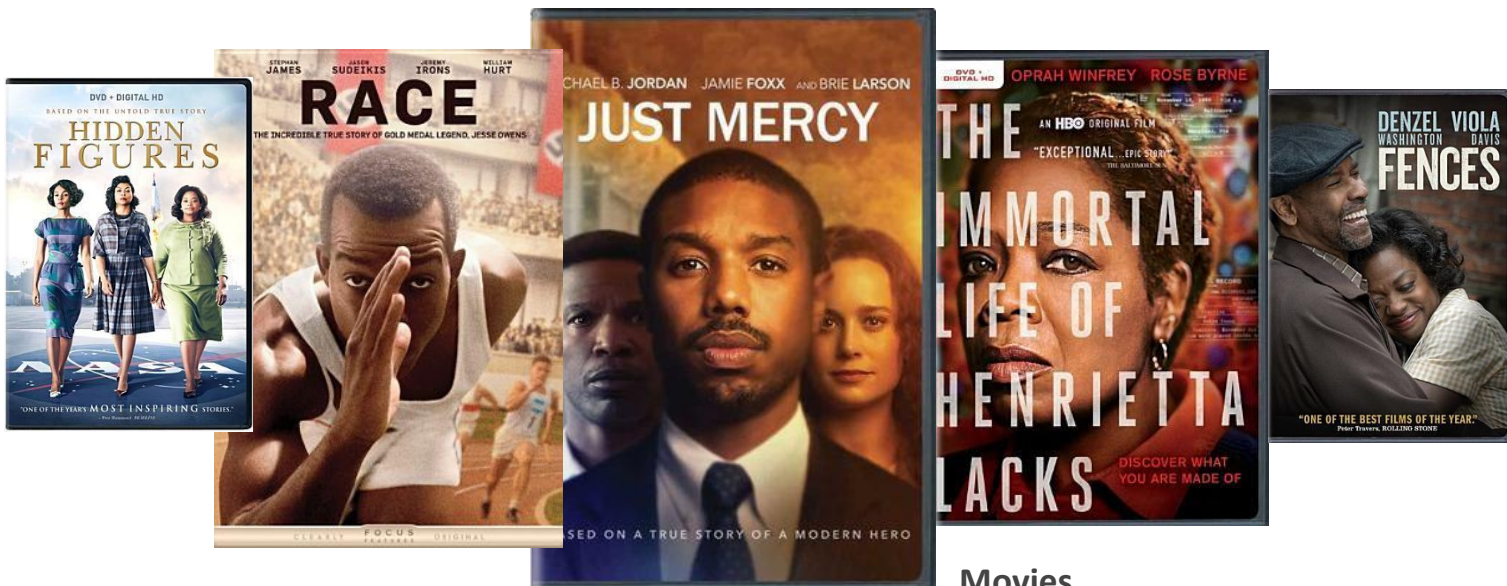
This book is written for the young person who doesn't know how to speak up to the racist adults in their life. For the 14 year old who sees injustice at school and isn't able to understand the role racism plays in separating them from their friends. For the kid who spends years trying to fit into the dominant culture and loses themselves for a little while. It is written so children and young adults will feel empowered to stand up to the adults who continue to close doors in their faces. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it. In short, it is for everyone.

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Story of Black Lives Matter and the Power to Change the World, by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele; adapted with Bennee Knauer.

This is the story of how the movement that started with a hashtag--#BlackLivesMatter--spread across the nation and then across the world. Necessary and timely, 'When They Call You a Terrorist' reminds us that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love: that love is the push to search for justice for those victimized by the powerful.

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, by Wes Moore.

Two kids with the same name were born blocks apart in the same decaying city within a few years of each other. One grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, army officer, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation.



Movies

Hidden Figures

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes.

Race

Jesse Owens' quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history launches him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy.

Just Mercy

A powerful and thought-provoking true story follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation.

The immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

An African-American woman becomes an unwitting pioneer for medical breakthroughs when her cells are used to create the first immortal human cell line in the early 1950s.

Fences

In 1950s Pittsburgh, a Black garbage collector named Troy Maxson--bitter that baseball's color barrier was only broken after his own heyday in the Negro Leagues--is prone to taking out his frustrations on his loved ones.