UNDERSTANDING AND DISMANTLING RACISM: A BOOKLIST FOR WHITE READERS

Below is a list assembled by Charis Books. They have designed an amazing list. Please consider supporting them and their work by buying directly from them. They also released a book list for teens and children, which you can find here.

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice (Paperback)

By Paul Kivel
ISBN: 9780865718654
Published: New Society Publishers - September 19th, 2017

Over 50,000 copies sold of earlier editions Powerful strategies and practical tools for white people committed to racial justice
Witnessing Whiteness (Paperback)
By Shelly Tochluk
ISBN: 9781607092575
Published: Rowman & Littlefield Education - January 2010

Witnessing Whiteness invites readers to consider what it means to be white, describes and critiques strategies used to avoid race issues, and identifies the detrimental effect of avoiding race on cross-race collaborations. The author illustrates how racial discomfort leads white people toward poor relationships with people of color.

Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race (Paperback)
By Derald Wing Sue
ISBN: 9781119241980
Published: Wiley - February 2016

Turn Uncomfortable Conversations into Meaningful Dialogue
If you believe that talking about race is impolite, or that "colorblindness" is the preferred approach, you must read this book. *Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence* debunks the most pervasive myths using evidence, easy-to-understand examples, and practical tools.

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**The Emperor Has No Clothes: Teaching about Race and Racism to People Who Don't Want to Know (Educational Leadership for Social Justice) (Paperback)**

*By Tema Jon Okun*

ISBN: 9781617351044  
*Published: Information Age Publishing - September 9th, 2010*

A volume in Educational Leadership for Social Justice Series Editor Jeffrey S. Brooks, University of Missouri-Columbia, Denise E. Armstrong, Brock University; Ira Bogotch, Florida Atlantic University; Sandra Harris, Lamar University; Whitney H.

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**Towards the Other America: Anti-Racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter (Paperback)**

*By Chris Crass*
Chris Crass calls on all of us to join our values to the power of love and act with courage for a world where Black lives truly matter. A world where the death culture of white supremacy no longer devours the lives of Black people and no longer deforms the hearts and souls of white people.

Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships Across Race (Teaching/Learning Social Justice) (Paperback)
By Frances Kendall
ISBN: 9780415874274
Published: Routledge - December 11th, 2012

Knowingly and unknowingly we all grapple with race every day. Understanding White Privilege delves into the complex interplay between race, power, and privilege in both organizations and private life. It offers an unflinching look at how ignorance can perpetuate privilege, and offers practical and thoughtful insights into how people of all races can work to break this cycle.
The Possessive Investment in Whiteness: How White People Profit from Identity Politics, Revised and Expanded Edition
(Paperback)

By George Lipsitz
ISBN: 9781592134946
Published: Temple University Press - March 10th, 2006

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race
(Paperback)

By Debby Irving
ISBN: 9780991331307
Published: Elephant Room Press - January 9th, 2014

For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn’t understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction.
How I Shed My Skin: Unlearning the Racist Lessons of a Southern Childhood (Paperback)

By Jim Grimsley
ISBN: 9781616205348
Published: Algonquin Books - February 23rd, 2016

More than sixty years ago, the Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education* that America’s schools could no longer be segregated by race. Critically acclaimed novelist Jim Grimsley was eleven years old in 1966 when federally mandated integration of schools went into effect in the state and the school in his small eastern North Carolina town was first integrated.

Everyday White People Confront Racial and Social Injustice: 15 Stories (Paperback)

By Eddie Moore (Editor), Marguerite W. Penick-Parks (Editor), Ali Michael (Editor)
ISBN: 9781620362082
Published: Stylus Publishing (VA) - March 2nd, 2015

While we are all familiar with the lives of prominent Black civil rights leaders, few of us have a sense of what is entailed in developing a White anti-racist identity.
Understanding and Dismantling Racism: The Twenty-First Century Challenge to White America (Paperback)

By Joseph Barndt
ISBN: 9780800662226
Published: Fortress Press - September 2007

More than 15 years have passed since Joe Barndt wrote his influential and widely acclaimed Dismantling Racism (1991, Augsburg Books). He has now written a replacement volume - powerful, personal, and practical - that reframes the whole issue for the new context of the twenty-first century.

Beyond the Pale: White Women, Racism, and History (Feminist Classics) (Paperback)

By Vron Ware, Mikki Kendall (Foreword by)
ISBN: 9781784780128
Published: Verso - June 9th, 2015

How have ideas about white women figured in the history of racism? Vron Ware argues that they have been central, and that feminism has, in many ways, developed as a political movement within racist societies.
Charleston Syllabus: Readings on Race, Racism, and Racial Violence (Paperback)

By Chad Williams (Editor), Kidada E. Williams (Editor), Keisha N. Blain (Editor)
ISBN: 9780820349572
Published: University of Georgia Press - May 15th, 2016

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We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in 21st Century America (Paperback)

By Elizabeth Betita Martinez (Editor), Matt Meyer (Editor), Mandy Carter (Editor), Cornell West (Foreword by), Alice Walker (Afterword by), Sonia Sanchez (Afterword by)
ISBN: 9781604864809
Published: PM Press - October 5th, 2012

A compendium of writings that detail the grassroots actions of social and political activists from the civil rights era of the early 1960s to the present day, this book reviews the major points of intersection between white supremacy and the war machine through historic and contemporary articles from a diverse range of scholars and activists.

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to read more about Charleston Syllabus, We Have Not Been Moved, and killing rage: Ending Racism, please visit their respective pages or websites.
By bell hooks
ISBN: 9780805050271
Published: Holt Paperbacks - October 15th, 1996

One of our country's premier cultural and social critics, bell hooks has always maintained that eradicating racism and eradicating sexism must go hand in hand. But whereas many women have been recognized for their writing on gender politics, the female voice has been all but locked out of the public discourse on race.

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The New Jim Crow (Paperback)
By Michelle Alexander, Cornel West (Introduction by)
ISBN: 9781595586438
Published: New Press - January 16th, 2012

Once in a great while a book comes along that changes the way we see the world and helps to fuel a nationwide social movement. The New Jim Crow is such a book. Praised by Harvard Law professor Lani Guinier as "brave and bold," this book directly challenges the notion that the election of Barack Obama signals a new era of colorblindness.

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Acting White?: Rethinking Race in Post-Racial America (Paperback)
What does it mean to "act black" or "act white"? Is race merely a matter of phenotype, or does it come from the inflection of a person's speech, the clothes in her closet, how she chooses to spend her time and with whom she chooses to spend it? What does it mean to be "really" black, and who gets to make that judgment?

Towards Collective Liberation: Anti-Racist Organizing, Feminist Praxis, and Movement Building Strategy (Paperback)

By Chris Crass, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Foreword by), Chris Dixon (Introduction by)
ISBN: 9781604866544
Published: PM Press - May 2013

Organized into four sections, this collection of essays is geared toward activists engaging with the dynamic questions of how to create and support effective movements for visionary systemic change. These essays and interviews present powerful lessons for transformative organizing.
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race (Paperback)
By Beverly Daniel Tatum
ISBN: 9780465060689
Published: Basic Books - September 5th, 2017

The classic, bestselling book on the psychology of racism -- now fully revised and updated

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide (Paperback)
By Carol Anderson
ISBN: 9781632864130
Published: Bloomsbury USA - September 5th, 2017

National Book Critics Circle Award Winner
New York Times Bestseller
A New York Times Notable Book of the Year
A Washington Post Notable Nonfiction Book of the Year
A Boston Globe Best Book of 2016
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America (Paperback)

By Ibram X. Kendi
ISBN: 9781568585987
Published: Bold Type Books - August 15th, 2017

The National Book Award winning history of how racist ideas were created, spread, and deeply rooted in American society.

White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son (Paperback)

By Tim Wise
ISBN: 9781593764258
Published: Soft Skull Press - September 13th, 2011

With a new preface and updated chapters, White Like Me is one-part memoir, one-part polemical essay collection. It is a personal examination of the way in which racial privilege shapes the daily lives of white Americans in every realm: employment, education, housing, criminal justice, and elsewhere.
White Trash (Paperback)
By Annalee Newitz, Matt Wray (Editor), Annalee Newitz (Editor)
ISBN: 9780415916929
Published: Routledge - February 20th, 1997
First published in 1997. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America's Police Forces (Paperback)
By Radley Balko
ISBN: 9781610394574
Published: PublicAffairs - August 26th, 2014
The last days of colonialism taught America's revolutionaries that soldiers in the streets bring conflict and tyranny. As a result, our country has generally worked to keep the military out of law enforcement. But according to investigative reporter Radley Balko, over the last several decades, America's cops have increasingly come to resemble ground troops.

Race Traitor (Paperback)
By Noel Ignatiev (Editor), John Garvey (Editor)
ISBN: 9780415913935
*Race Traitor* brings together voices ranging from tenured university professors to skinheads and prison inmates to discuss the "white question" in America.

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**Feeling White: Whiteness, Emotionality, and Education (Cultural Pluralism #2) (Paperback)**

By Cheryl E. Matias  
ISBN: 9789463004480  
Published: Brill - Sense - January 2016  


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**Disrupting White Supremacy from Within (Paperback)**

By Jennifer Harvey (Editor), Karin A. Case (Editor), Robin Hawley Gorsline (Editor)  
ISBN: 9780829816075  
Published: Pilgrim Press - May 13th, 2008  

Through careful, thoughtful examination of the nature and workings of race, racism, and white supremacy, the contributors--an all-white group of theologians, ethicists, teachers, ministers, and
activists--have provided a resource that will help white people do their own souls, acknowledging its devastating effects on people of color, and taking their own steps toward its abolishment.

Hillbilly Nationalists, Urban Race Rebels, and Black Power: Community Organizing in Radical Times (Paperback)
By Amy Sonnie, James Tracy, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Introduction by)
ISBN: 9781935554660
Published: Melville House - September 16th, 2011
THE STORY OF SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND LITTLE-KOWN ACTIVISTS OF THE 1960s, IN A DEEPLY SOURCED NARRATIVE HISTORY

For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood... and the Rest of Y'all Too: Reality Pedagogy and Urban Education (Race, Education, and Democracy) (Paperback)
By Christopher Emdin
ISBN: 9780807028025
Published: Beacon Press - January 3rd, 2017
Merging real stories with theory, research, and practice, a prominent scholar offers a new approach to teaching and learning for every stakeholder in urban education.

Benign Bigotry: The Psychology of Subtle Prejudice
(Paperback)
By Kristin J. Anderson
ISBN: 9780521702591
Published: Cambridge University Press - February 2010

While overt prejudice is now much less prevalent than in decades past, subtle prejudice - prejudice that is inconspicuous, indirect, and often unconscious - continues to pervade our society. Laws do not protect against subtle prejudice and, because of its covert nature, it is difficult to observe and frequently goes undetected by both perpetrator and victim.

Subversive Southerner: Anne Braden and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Cold War South (Civil Rights and the
Anne McCarty Braden (1924–2006) rejected her segregationist, privileged past to become one of the civil rights movement’s staunchest white allies. In 1954 she was charged with sedition by McCarthy-style politicians who played on fears of communism to preserve southern segregation.

How Jews Became White Folks and What That Says About Race in America (Paperback)

By Karen Brodkin
ISBN: 9780813525907
Published: Rutgers University Press - October 1998

The fashion identities in the context of a wider conversation about American nationhood, to whom it belongs and what belonging means. Race and ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality are all staple ingredients in this conversation.
Racism Without Racists (Paperback)
By Eduardo Bonilla-Silva
ISBN: 9781442276239
Published: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers - May 9th, 2017

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva’s acclaimed Racism without Racists documents how, beneath our contemporary conversation about race, there lies a full-blown arsenal of arguments, phrases, and stories that whites use to account for--and ultimately justify--racial inequalities. The fifth edition of this provocative book makes clear that color blind racism is as insidious now as ever.

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America (Paperback)
By Jim Wallis, Bryan Stevenson (Foreword by)
ISBN: 9781587434006
Published: Brazos Press - February 14th, 2017

America's problem with race has deep roots, with the country's foundation tied to the near extermination of one race of people and the enslavement of another. Racism is truly our nation’s original sin.
Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America

(Paperback)

By Catherine Meeks (Editor), Jim Wallis (Foreword by)
ISBN: 9780819233219
Published: Morehouse Publishing - November 24th, 2016

While the dream of a "Post-Racial" America remains unfulfilled, the struggle against racism continues, with tools both new and old. This book is a report from the front, combining personal stories and theoretical and theological reflection with examples of the work of dismantling racism and methods for creating the much-needed "safe space" for dialogue on race to occur.

Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People About Race

(Hardcover)

By Reni Eddo-Lodge
ISBN: 9781408870556
Published: Bloomsbury Circus - November 7th, 2017

Selected by Emma Watson as the Our Shared Shelf Book Club Pick for January/February 2018
Sunday Times Bestseller
Winner of the British Book Awards Non-Fiction Narrative Book of the Year
Winner of the Jhalak Prize

"This is a book that was begging to be written . . . Essential." --Marlon James
So You Want to Talk About Race (Hardcover)
By Ijeoma Oluo
ISBN: 9781580056779
Published: Seal Press - January 16th, 2018
In this New York Times bestseller, Ijeoma Oluo offers a hard-hitting but user-friendly examination of race in America

Promise And A Way Of Life: White Antiracist Activism (Paperback)
By Becky Thompson
ISBN: 9780816636341
Published: Univ Of Minnesota Press - August 7th, 2001
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism (Paperback)
By Robin DiAngelo, Michael Eric Dyson (Foreword by)
ISBN: 9780807047415
Published: Beacon Press - June 26th, 2018

The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

What Does It Mean to Be White?: Developing White Racial Literacy (Counterpoints #398) (Paperback)
By Robin DiAngelo
ISBN: 9781433111150
Published: Peter Lang Inc., International Academic Published - May 30th, 2012

What does it mean to be white in a society that proclaims race meaningless yet is deeply divided by race? In the face of pervasive racial inequality and segregation, most whites cannot answer that question.