

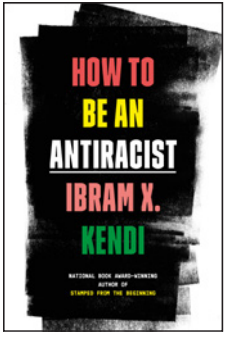
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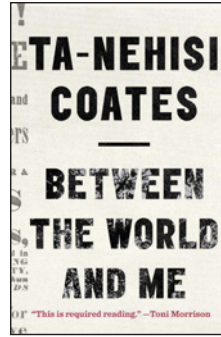
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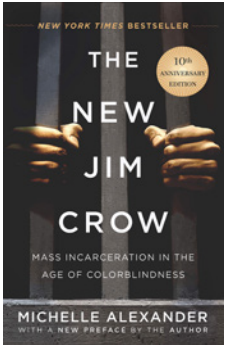
How to Be an Antiracist by **Ibram X. Kendi** is “not only an essential instruction manual but also a memoir of the author’s own path from anti-black racism to anti-white racism and, finally, to antiracism.... [The book] gives us a clear and compelling way to approach, as Kendi puts it in his introduction, ‘the basic struggle we’re all in, the struggle to be fully human and to see that others are fully human.’”

– *NPR*



In **Between the World and Me**, **Ta-Nehisi Coates** “shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children’s lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bracingly confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.”

– *Author’s [website](#)*



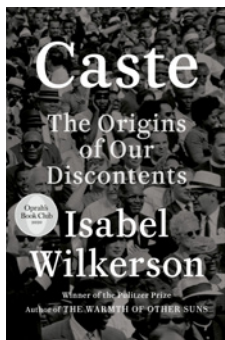
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by **Michelle Alexander**

Two years after Obama’s election, Alexander put the entire criminal justice system on trial, exposing racial discrimination from lawmaking to policing to the denial of voting rights to ex-prisoners. This bestseller struck the spark that would eventually light the fire of Black Lives Matter.

—*Ibram X. Kendi, The New York Times*



In **The Purpose of Power, How We Come Together When We Fall Apart**, **Alicia Garza**’s tells stories about growing up in the 1980s and 1990s, and about her experiences in organizing and activism, including co-founding Black Lives Matter. She situates her stories within historical and political context. The book is informative, inspiring and “an essential guide to building transformative movements to address the challenges of our time.”



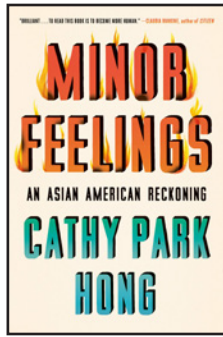
In **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** by **Isabel Wilkerson**, she “rigorously defines eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, heredity, and dehumanization. She documents the parallels with two other hierarchies in history, those of India and of Nazi Germany, and no reader will be left without a greater understanding of the price we all pay in a society torn by artificial divisions.”

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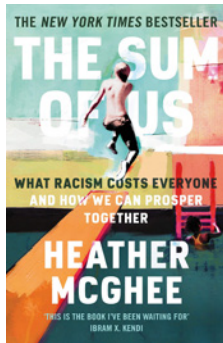
New York Times–bestselling author **Brit Bennett's** *[The Vanishing Half](#)* is a stunning novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

– Author's [website](#)



In *[Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning](#)*, “poet and essayist **Cathy Park Hong** fearlessly and provocatively blends memoir, cultural criticism, and history to expose fresh truths about racialized consciousness in America....

– Publisher's [website](#)



[The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together](#), by **Heather McGhee**, is a brilliant analysis of how we arrived here: divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal. McGhee marshals economic and sociological research to paint an irrefutable story of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves. With startling empathy, this heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.

– Publisher's [website](#)



In her book *[The Origin of Others](#)*, America's foremost novelist, **Toni Morrison**, reflects on the themes that preoccupy her work and increasingly dominate national and world politics: race, fear, borders, the mass movement of peoples, the desire for belonging. What is race and why does it matter? What motivates the human tendency to construct Others? Why does the presence of Others make us so afraid?

– Publisher's [website](#)



Milkman Dead was born shortly after a neighborhood eccentric hurled himself off a rooftop in a vain attempt at flight. For the rest of his life he, too, will be trying to fly. With this brilliantly imagined novel, *[Song of Solomon](#)*, **Toni Morrison** transfigures the coming-of-age story. As she follows Milkman from his rustbelt city to the place of his family's origins, Morrison introduces an entire cast of strivers and seeresses, liars and assassins, the inhabitants of a fully realized black world.



– [Bookshop.org](#)

Upcoming book, Feb. 2022



[The 1619 Project](#), created by Nikole Hannah Jones, speaks to our current moment, contextualizing the systems of race and caste that still define so much of American life today. It reveals the hidden truths around our nation's founding and construction—and the way that the legacy of slavery did not end with emancipation, but continues to shape contemporary American life.

(Publisher's [website](#))