

Resources
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Books

The Color of Law: A forgotten history of how our government segregated America

by Richard Rothstein

The most comprehensive example(s) of institutional racism.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

By Matthew Desmond

Won a 2017 Pulitzer Prize and is a gripping narrative of how poverty perpetuates itself (across all races).

The Warmth of Other Suns

by Isabelle Wilderson

A work of amazing historical research and narrative story telling; nonfiction that reads like a novel about the Great Migration – the exodus of 6 million Black Americans from the South to the industrial North.

Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents

by Isabelle Wilkerson

About the caste system that is the American social structure.

Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America, and What We Can Do About It

By Mindy Fullilove

When a neighborhood or community ties are destroyed by urban renewal or gentrification or crime or any other disruption, those who live there suffer “root shock” – a kind of PTSD; the concept is applicable to a history of oppression and marginalization, too.

Community Dialogue Ideas

Zebra Friends podcast on Spotify, iTunes or <http://zebra-friends.libsyn.com/>

Black educator and Singer/Songwriter Katani Sumner and white writer Sara Hunter navigate the minefields of racial sensitivity within the context of a best-friendship.

Essential Partners

<https://whatisessential.org/sites/default/files/inline-images/Race%20Guide%20Form/EP%20Race%20Dialogue%20Guide.pdf>

Articles

How systemic racism shaped George Floyd's life

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/george-floyd-america/systemic-racism/>

This Washington Post project offers point-by-point examples of institutional racism in Floyd's life

J.D. and Ethel Shelley: Celebrating the People Behind the Landmark Shelley v. Kraemer Case

<https://claragermani.com/the-shelleys-thesis>

Clara Germani's master's thesis: a narrative story of the poor Mississippi family that came north to St. Louis in the 1930s, labored hard to buy a house and were threatened with eviction by whites who were exercising old restrictive covenants prohibiting Black residents.

Brown like 'them'

https://www.salon.com/2012/07/06/brown_like_them_salpart/

Clara Germani's personal essay mentioned in the Q&A.