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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## NONFICTION MUST-READS

- *A Black Women's History of the United States* by Daina Ramey Berry & Kali Nicole Gross
- *Nature Swagger: Stories & Visions of Black Joy in the Outdoors* by Rue Mapp
- *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
- *An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States* by Kyle T. Mays
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Driving the Green Book: A Road Trip Through the Living History of Black Resistance* by Alvin Hall
- *Respect Yourself: The Story of Stax Records and the Soul Explosion* by Robert Gordon
- *All About Love* by bell hooks
- *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee
- *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi
- *Wake: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts* by Rebecca Hall
- *Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal* by Bettina L. Love

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## FICTION MUST-READS

- *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
- *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
- *Kindred* by Octavia Butler
  - Now streaming on Hulu!
- *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *Family Meal* by Bryan Washington
- *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas
- *The Davenports* by Krystal Marquis
- *You Truly Assumed* by Laila Sabreen
- *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

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## MEMOIRS & other MUST-READS

- *Quilt of Souls* by Phyllis Biffle Elmore
- *Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *The Rise: Black Cooks and the Soul of American Food* by Marcus Samuelsson
- *Becoming Richard Pryor* by Scott Saul
- *Respect: The Life of Aretha Franklin* by David Ritz
- *The Wind at My Back* by Misty Copeland
- *The Origin of Others* by Toni Morrison
- *My Song* by Harry Belafonte
- *Bad Feminist* by Roxanne Gay
- *In Love & Trouble* by Alice Walker
- *The Weary Blues* by Langston Hughes
- *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
- *Heavy* by Kiese Laymon
- *Chasing Me to My Grave: An Artist's Memoir of the Jim Crow South* by Winfred Rembert
- *The Talk* by Darrin Bell