

Books for Book Groups — Diverse Voices, Diverse Representation

Fiction:

With kids:

Stepping Stone: A Refugee Family's Journey - Margaret Ruurs & Nizar Ali Badr (bilingual Arabic & English)
Amina's Voice - Hena Khan (growing up Muslim in America)
Fred Korematsu Speaks Up - Laura Atkins, Stan Yogi, Yutaka Houlette (Japanese Internment camps)
Feel the Beat: Dance Poems that Zing from Salsa to Swing - Marilyn Singer
Bravo! Poems about Amazing Hispanics - Margarita Engle
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets - Kwame Alexander
Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea - Joyce Carol Thomas
Haiti My Country - Rogé
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher - Dana Alison Levy
The Warriors - Joseph Bruchac (Native American Man)
Mexican WhiteBoy - Matt de la Pena (Mexican American)

With young adults/teens:

The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas (African American Woman)
Dear Martin - Nic Stone (African American Woman)
History is All You Left Me - Adam Silvera (LGBT)
Simon v. The Homo Sapiens Agenda - Becky Albertalli (LGBT) - film out this year - Love, Simon
Akata Witch - Nnedi Okorafor (African Woman)
Persepolis - Marjane Satrapi (Iranian American Woman)
Nylon Road - Parsua Bashi (Iranian American Woman)
Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi (Nigerian-American Woman) - fantasy

With adults:

Future Home of the Living God - Louise Erdrich (Native American Woman) - dystopian fiction
Trail of Lightning - Rebecca Roanhorse (Native American Woman) - Sci-fi
The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood (European American Woman) - dystopian fiction
Kindred - Octavia Butler (African American Woman) - sci-fi/historical fantasy
To Kill A Mockingbird & Go Set a Watchman - Harper Lee
Stay With Me - Ayobami Adebayo (African Woman) -
Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe (African Man) - literary fiction
Sing, Unburied, Sing - Jesmyn Ward (African American Woman) - coming of age story
Sour Heart: Stories - Jenny Zhan (Asian American Woman) - short stories
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao - Junot Diaz (Dominican American Man) - literary fiction (bonus - audio book narrated by Lin-Manuel Miranda)
Refuge - Dina Nayeri (Iranian American Woman) - literary fiction
Difficult Women - Roxane Gay (African American Woman) - short stories
Americanah - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (African Woman) - literary fiction
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness - Arundhati Roy (Indian American Woman)

Black Moses - Alain Mabanckou (African Man)
Binti - Nnedi Okorafor (African Woman) - Sci-fi
The Broken Earth series - N.K. Jemisin - Sci-fi
Tale of Two Americas - John Freeman
Two Old Women - Velma Wallis
The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man - James Weldon Johnson (African American Man)
My People the Sioux - Luther Standing Bear (Native American Man)
The Blacker the Berry - Wallace Thurman (African American Man)
Native Son - Richard Wright (African American Man)
Ficciones - Jorge Luis Borges (Argentinian Man) short stories
The Palm-Wine Drinkard - Amos Tutuola (African Man)
Palace Walk - Naguib Mahfouz (Egyptian Man)
A House for Mr Biswas - V.S. Naipaul (Caribbean South Asian Man)
Silence - Shūsaku Endō (Japanese Man) film starring Adam Driver

Poetry:

Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings - Joy Harjo (Native American Woman)
Bright Raft in the Afterweather - Jennifer Foerster (Native American Woman)
Rain Scald - Tacey M. Atsitty (Native American Woman)
Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson (African American Woman)
Whereas - Layli Long Soldier (Native American Woman)
Thousand Star Hotel - Bao Phi (Asian American Man)

Graphic Novel:

Pemmican Wars: A Girl Called Echo - Katherena Vermette (Native American Woman)
Of Ash and Snow - Elizabeth LaPense'e (Native American Woman)
They Who Walk as Lightning - Elizabeth LaPense'e (Native American Woman)
Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic - Alison Bechdel (LGBT) - made into a stage musical!
Pashmina - Nidhi Chanani (Indian American Woman)
Town Boy - Lat (Muslim Malaysian Man)
American Born Chinese - Gene Luen Yang (Chinese American)
Tomboy - Liz Prince (American Woman) - gender issues
Skim - Mariko Tamaki & Jillian Tamaki (Japanese American)
Blue is the Warmest Color - Julie Maroh (LGBT)
The Arab of the Future - Riad Sattouf (Arab American)
Fetch: How a Bad Dog Brought me Home - Nicole J. Georges (LGBT)
Snapshots of a Girl - Beldan Sezen (Muslim American)

Non-fiction/Memoir:

Heart Berries - Terese Marie Mailhot (Native American Woman)
The Rules do not Apply - Ariel Levy (LGBT)
Hunger - Roxane Gay (African American Woman)
Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (African Woman)

Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates (African American Man)
Behind the Beautiful Forevers - Katheran Boo (European American Woman)
Twelve Years a Slave - Solomon Northup (African American Man)
Hawai'i's Story - Queen Liliuokalani (Polynesian Woman)
Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk about Race and How to Do It - Shelly Tochluk,
How to be an Anti-Racist - Ibram X. Kendi
Me and White Supremacy - Layla Saad
I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness - Austin Channing Brown
So You Want to Talk about Race - Ijeoma Oluo
Just Mercy - Bryan Stevenson
The Fire Next Time - James Baldwin
Waking Up White - Debby Irving

Theology & similar:

Who Lynched Willie Earle?: Preaching to Confront Racism - Will Willimon
God, Sexuality, and the Self - Sarah Coakley
Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God - Kelly Brown Douglas
Redeeming a Prison Society: A Liturgical and Sacramental Response to Mass Incarceration - Amy LeVad
Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America - Michael Eric Dyson
Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart - Christina Cleveland
How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon - Frank A. Thomas
Preaching about Racism: A Guide for Faith Leaders - Carolyn Helsel
Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US. - Lenny Duncan
Radical Reconciliation - Allen Aubrey Boesak & Curtiss DeYoung
The Cross and the Lynching Tree - James Cone
Ethics - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi - Amy-Jill Levine
The Misunderstood Jew - Amy-Jill Levine
Divided by Faith - Michael Emerson & Christian Smith
America's Original Sin - Jim Wallis
United Against Racism: Churches for Change - The National Council of Churches
Luther's Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections - Augsburg Fortress
Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism - Carolyn Helsel
No Future Without Forgiveness - Desmond Tutu
Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Reconciliation - Jennifer Harvey
Disrupting White Supremacy from Within - Jennifer Harvey

Bibles & Commentaries:

The Jewish Annotated New Testament - Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler, eds.
The Gospel of Luke (New Cambridge Bible Commentary) - Amy-Jill Levine and Ben Witherington III

Women's Bible Commentary - Newsom, Ringe, Lapsley, eds.
The Jewish Study Bible (Tanakh)
Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary - Genesis 1-25A - Kathleen O'Connor (only major Genesis commentary by a woman)
Cotton Patch Gospel - Clarence Jordan
The Poverty & Justice Bible - World Vision
Africa Bible Commentary - Adeyemo, ed.
Theological Bible Commentary - O'Day & Petersen, eds.
The Global Bible Commentary - Daniel Patte, ed