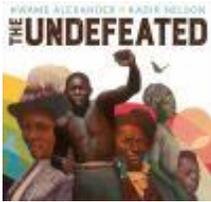


**Black perspectives, prejudice, and social activism. Check out these books available at Grimes Public Library that explore racism and anti-racism in America. Pre-K through adult titles, created June 2020.**

### Picture Books



#### ***The Undefeated***

E Alexander

2019 (*author of color*)

An ode to black life in America, past and present. Text includes words from Martin Luther King Jr. and historical context at the back of the book.

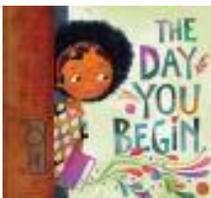


#### ***In Your Hands***

E Weatherford

2017 (*author of color*)

A prayer from a black mother to her newborn son that he will always be safe.

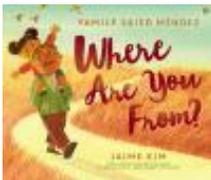


#### ***The Day You Begin***

E Woodson

2018 (*author of color*)

A beautiful story of three new students finding inclusivity at a new school.

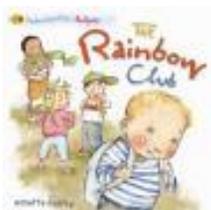


#### ***Where Are You From?***

E Mendez

2018 (*author of color*)

A grandfather's loving response when his granddaughter is asked "Where are you from?"



#### ***The Rainbow Club***

E Aubrey

2007

A class gets caught up in what colors each is wearing until one child reminds them what is on the inside is more important than the colors on the outside.

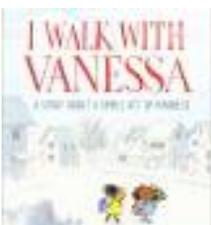


#### ***Let the Children March***

E Clark-Robinson

2018

Under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, children and teenagers march against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

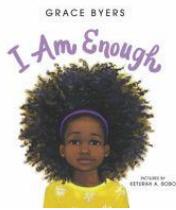


#### ***I Walk with Vanessa***

E Kerascoet

2018

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl and decides to help.



***I Am Enough***

E Byers

2018 (*author of color*)

A story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another.

**Junior Nonfiction**



***What's Racism?***

J 305.8 Rogers

2018

Discover the roots of racism in America and how it still isolates people from one another, and learn what you can do to combat racism and create a more inclusive society.



***Racism and Intolerance***

305.8 Spilsbury

2018

Explores questions such as "What does it mean to be a racist--or intolerant?" and "How can I help?" Children will begin to understand the way others struggle with these issues and become empowered to make a difference.

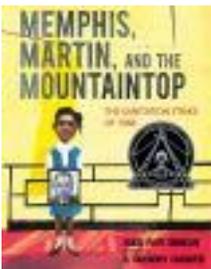


***On the Playground: Our First Talk about Prejudice***

J 303.0 Roberts

2019

Comprehensive introduction to the topic of prejudice in a question/answer format.



***Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: the Sanitation Strike of 1968***

J 331.892 Duncan

2018 (*author of color*)

Nine-year-old Lorraine Jackson witnesses the 1968 Memphis sanitation strike--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final stand for justice before his assassination--when her father, a sanitation worker, participates in the protest.



***Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship***

J 811 Latham

2018 (*author of color*)

Irene Latham, who is white, and Charles Waters, who is black, present paired poems about topics including family dinners, sports, recess, and much more. This relatable collection explores different experiences of race in America.

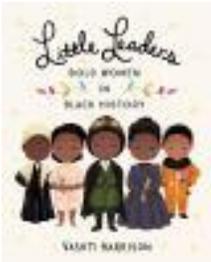


***Lizzie Demands a Seat: Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights***

J 323 Anderson

2020

In 1854, when Lizzie Jennings was forced off a traditionally "whites only" streetcar, she went to court, winning the right for all black passengers to ride in the same car with white people on the Third Avenue Railroad in New York City.

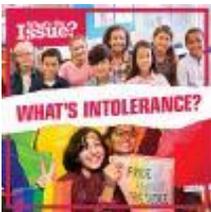


***Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History***

JB Collected Harrison

2017 (author of color)

Shares the stories of 40 bold African American women who shaped history.

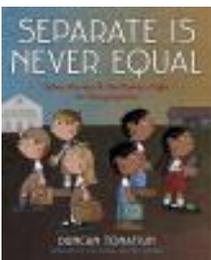


***What's Intolerance?***

J 179 Alexander

2018

What is intolerance, who does it affect, and how can we fight against it?



***Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation***

J 379.2 Tonatiuh

2014 (author of color)

Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in *Mendez v. Westminster*, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California

**Junior Fiction and Graphic**

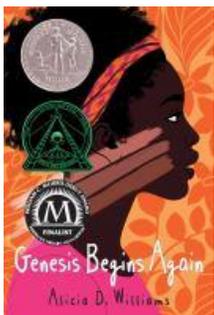


***Midnight without a Moon***

JF Jackson

2017 (author of color)

Rose Lee Carter, a thirteen-year-old African-American girl, dreams of life beyond the Mississippi cotton fields during the summer of 1955, but when Emmett Till is murdered and his killers are unjustly acquitted, Rose is torn between seeking her destiny outside of Mississippi or staying and being a part of an important movement.

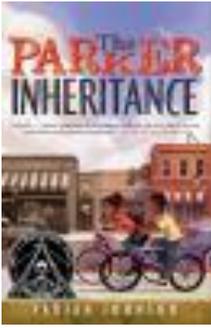


***Genesis Begins Again***

JF Williams

2019 (author of color)

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.



### ***The Parker Inheritance***

JF Johnson

2018 (*author of color*)

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother. When she begins to dig into her grandmother's past, she discovers racial injustices hidden in the town's history.

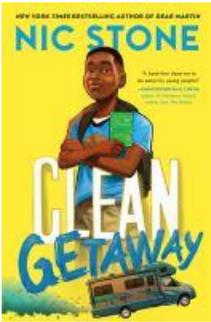


### ***New Kid***

GRA JF Craft

2019 (*author of color*)

Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Gene Luen Yang, *New Kid* is a timely, honest novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.

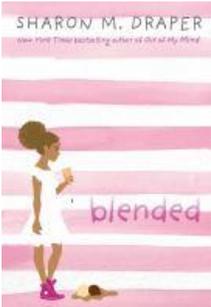


### ***Clean Getaway***

JF Stone

2020 (*author of color*)

For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say FREEDOM. With G'ma's old maps and a strange pamphlet called the 'Travelers' Green Book' at their side, the pair takes off on a journey down G'ma's memory lane.



### ***Blended***

JF Draper

2018 (*author of color*)

Eleven-year-old Isabella's blended family is more divided than ever in this thoughtful story about divorce and racial identity.



### ***Walking with Miss Millie***

JF Bundy

2017

After moving with her mother and deaf brother to Grandma's small Georgia town in the 1960s, Alice copes with feelings of isolation by befriendng the elderly black woman who lives next door.

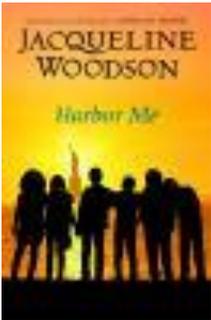


***Ruby Lee & Me***

JF Hitchcock

2016

When a formerly segregated North Carolina town hires its first African-American teacher in 1969, two girls--one black, one white--confront the prejudice that challenges their friendship.



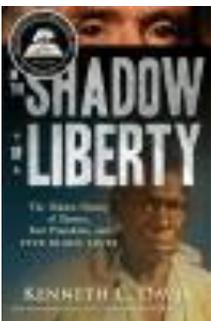
***Harbor Me***

JF Woodson

2018 (*author of color*)

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world

**Teen Nonfiction**



***In the Shadow of Liberty: the hidden history of slavery, four presidents, and five black lives***

J 306.3 Davis

2016

Did you know that many of America's Founding Fathers--who fought for liberty and justice for all--were slave owners? Through the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were "owned" by four of our greatest presidents, this book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.

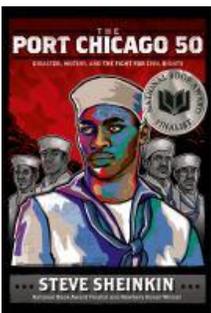


***Making our Way Home: the Great Migration and the Black American Dream***

J 973.04 Imani

2020 (*author of color*)

A powerful illustrated history of the Great Migration and its sweeping impact on Black and American culture, from Reconstruction to the rise of hip hop.

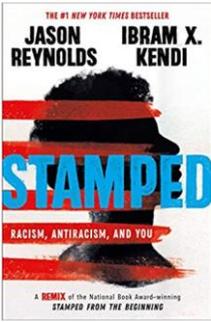


***The Port Chicago 50 : Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights***

J 940.54 Sheinkin

2014

Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.



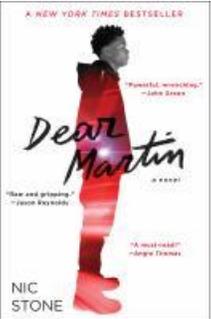
### ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You***

On order

2020 (*author of color*)

Through a gripping, fast-paced, and energizing narrative, this book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas--and on ways readers can identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their daily lives.

## **Teen Fiction and Graphic**

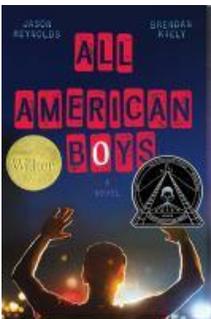


### ***Dear Martin***

YA Stone

2017 (*author of color*)

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.



### ***All American Boys***

YA Reynolds

2015 (*author of color*)

Two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

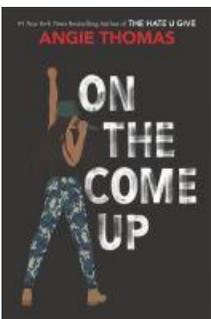


### ***The Hate You Give***

YA Thomas

2017(*author of color*)

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.



### ***On the Come Up***

YA Thomas

2019 (*author of color*)

Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. She pours her anger and frustration into her first song, which goes viral -- for all the wrong reasons. Portrayed by the media as a menace, Bri makes a choice-- and becomes the very thing the public has made her out to be. The odds are stacked against her, and freedom of speech isn't always free.



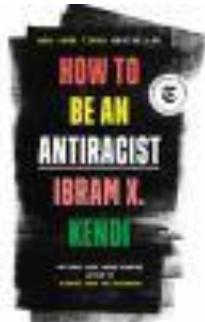
***March*** (3 book series)

GRA YA Lewis

2013 (*author of color*)

Congressman John Lewis' first-hand account of his lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

**Adult Non Fiction**

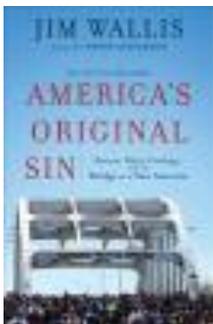


***How to be an Antiracist***

305.8 Kendi

2019 (*author of color*)

Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science, bringing it all together with an engaging personal narrative of his own awakening to antiracism. An essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society."



***America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America***

305.8 Wallis

2017

Fifty years ago, Wallis was driven away from his faith by a white church that considered dealing with racism to be taboo. His participation in the civil rights movement brought him back when he discovered a faith that commands racial justice.

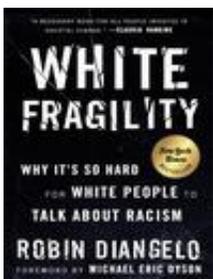


***Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America***

649.7 Harvey, Jennifer

2018

Talking about race means naming the reality of white privilege and hierarchy. How do we talk about race honestly, then, without making our children feel bad about being white? Most importantly, how do we do any of this in age-appropriate ways? Raising White Kids is for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able participants in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions.



***White Fragility***

On order, Overdrive

2018

This book explores the counterproductive reactions *white* people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

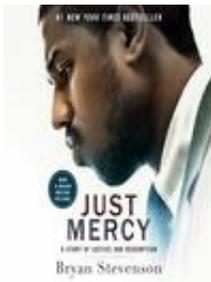


***So You Want to Talk about Race?***

CDA 305.8, Overdrive, On order

2018 (*author of color*)

A current, constructive, and actionable exploration of today's racial landscape, offering straightforward clarity that readers of all races need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide.

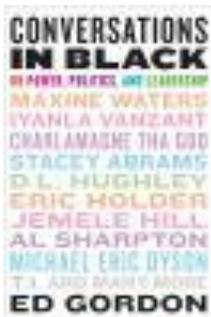


***Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption***

B Stevensen, Overdrive

2014 (*author of color*)

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

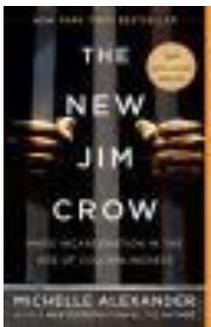


***Conversations in Black: on Power, Politics, and Leadership***

305.8 Gordon

2020 (*author of color*)

Conversations in Black offers sage wisdom for navigating race in a radically divisive America, and, with help from his mighty team of black intelligentsia, veteran journalist Ed Gordon creates hope and a timeless new narrative on what the future of black leadership should look like and how we can get there.

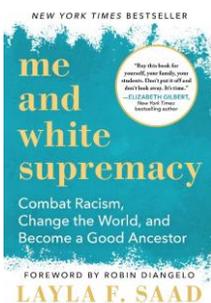


***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness***

Overdrive, Hoopla, New addition on order

2010 (*author of color*)

In the era of colorblindness, it is no longer socially permissible to use race, explicitly, as a justification for discrimination, exclusion, and social contempt. Yet, as legal star Michelle Alexander reveals, today it is perfectly legal to discriminate against convicted criminals in nearly all the ways that it was once legal to discriminate against African Americans.

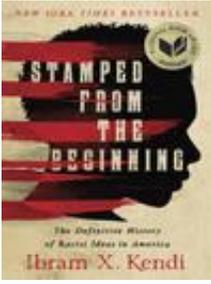


***Me and White Supremacy: combat racism, change the world, and become a good ancestor***

Hoopla, On order

2020 (*author of color*)

This book teaches readers how to dismantle the privilege within themselves so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.

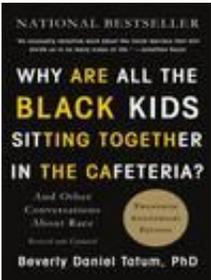


### ***Stamped from the Beginning: the Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America***

Overdrive

2016 (*author of color*)

Historian Ibram X. Kendi argues racist ideas in this country have a long and lingering history, one in which nearly every great American thinker is complicit. In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles *the* entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over *the* course of American history.

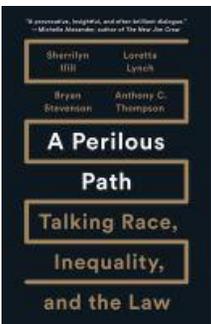


### ***Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?***

Overdrive

2017 (*author of color*)

Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a coping strategy? Straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides.



### ***A Perilous Path: Talking Race, Inequality, and the Law***

Hoopla

2018 (*author of color*)

Sherrilyn Ifill (president, NAACP Legal Defence Fund), Bryan Stevenson (executive director, Equal Justice Initiative; Just Mercy), and former attorney general Loretta Lynch discuss how race and inequality impact the U.S. legal system.