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- Bryant-Davis, Thelma

**The antiracism handbook: practical tools to shift your mindset & uproot racism in your life & community**

Oakland: New Harbinger Publications, Inc., [2022]

Call Number/Availability 305.8 BRY PINES

"An antiracist society starts with you. That's the message in this powerful-yet practical-handbook. Using evidence-based interventions and exercises, two psychologists and experts in race, identity, equity, and inclusion empower readers to make their own personal contribution to creating an antiracist society. By shifting thought patterns and behaviors to cultivate an antiracist mindset, readers can actively change their community-and the world-by changing themselves"-- Provided by Publisher.

- Carson, Ben

**Created equal: the painful past, confusing present, and hopeful future of race in America**

New York: Center Street, [2022]

Call Number/Availability 305.8009 CAR ARCPLS and PINES

"External physical characteristics that are genetically encoded are things over which no individual has control. But rather than appreciating the gift of diversity, some have chosen to use it to drive wedges between groups of people. Some of these external characteristics are associated with the past moral failing of slavery. Though slavery in America formally ended in the 1860s, the vestiges of that evil institution are still with us today, and those vestiges often inflict guilt on some and facilitate feelings of victimhood in others. In Created Equal, Dr. Carson uses his own personal experiences as a member of a racial minority, along with the writings and experiences of others from multiple backgrounds and demographics, to analyze the current state of race relations in America. Instead of using race as an excuse to remake America into something completely antithetical to the Constitution, Dr. Carson suggests ways to enhance and bring great success to our nation and all multiethnic societies by magnifying America's incredible strengths instead of her historical weaknesses"-- Provided by publisher.



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- DiAngelo, Robin

**White fragility: why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism**

Boston: Beacon Press, [2018]

Call Number/Availability 305.8 DIA PINES

"In this groundbreaking and timely book, antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility. Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo explores how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively."--Back cover

- Finan, Christopher

**How free speech saved democracy: the untold history of how the First Amendment became an essential tool for securing liberty and social justice**

Lebanon, New Hampshire: Truth to Power, an imprint of Steerforth Press, [2022]

Call Number/Availability 323.443 FIN PINES

"A revealing reminder that First Amendment rights have often been curtailed in efforts to block progress, and that current measures to reduce hurtful language and to end hate speech could backfire on those who promote them. To those who see free speech as a threat to democracy, Finan offers engaging evidence from a long and sometimes challenging history of free speech in America to show how free speech has been essential to expanding democracy. From the beginning of American history, free speech has been used to advocate for change. In the 19th century, abolitionists, advocates for women's rights, and leaders of the labor movement had to fight for free speech. In the 20th century, the civil rights and anti-war movements expanded free speech, creating a shield for every protest movement we see today. Written by a historian who became a full-time defender of civil liberties and has spent four decades advocating for the rights of victims of censorship, this book grew out of Finan's desire to address the declining support for free speech that is occurring as our country becomes increasingly polarized. Through his evocative storytelling Finan demonstrates how the most effective antidote for the growth of hate speech and violence is support for and cultivation of the robust alternative of free speech." -- Provided by Publisher



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- Frazier, Herb

**We are Charleston: tragedy and triumph at Mother Emanuel**

Nashville: W Publishing Group, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, [2016]

Call Number/Availability 364.15 FRA ARCPLS and PINES

On June 17, 2015, at 9:05 p.m., a young man with a handgun opened fire on a prayer meeting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina, killing nine members of the congregation. The captured shooter, twenty-one-year-old Dylan Roof, a white supremacist, was charged with their murders. Two days after the shooting, while Roof's court hearing was held on video conference, some of the families of his nine victims, one by one, appeared on the screen--forgiving the killer. The "Emanuel Nine" set a profound example for their families, their city, their nation, and indeed the world. We Are Charleston not only recounts the events of that terrible day but also offers a history lesson that reveals a deeper look at the suffering, triumph, and even the ongoing rage of the people who formed Mother Emanuel A.M.E. church and the wider denominational movement. In many ways, this church's story is America's story-- the oldest A.M.E. church in the Deep South fighting for freedom and civil rights but also fighting for grace and understanding. Fighting to transcend bigotry, fraud, hatred, racism, poverty, and misery. The shootings in June 2015, opened up a deep wound of racism that still permeates Southern institutions and remains part of American society. We Are Charleston tells the story of a people, continually beaten down, who seem to continually triumph over the worst of adversity. Exploring the storied history of the A.M.E. Church may be a way of explaining the price and power of forgiveness, a way of revealing God's mercy in the midst of tremendous pain. We Are Charleston may help us discover what can be right in a world that so often has gone wrong." – Provided by Publisher

- Grandin, Greg

**The end of the myth: from the frontier to the border wall in the mind of America**

Boston: Mariner Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2021]

Call Number/Availability 973 GRA ARCPLS and PINES

"Ever since this nation's founding, the idea of an open and ever-expanding frontier has been central to American identity. Symbolizing a future of endless promise, the frontier made possible the United States' belief in itself as an exceptional nation -- democratic,



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individualistic, forward-looking. Today, though, the country has a new symbol: the border wall. In [this book], acclaimed historian Greg Grandin explores the effect that constant, relentless expansion had on America's domestic politics, examining the full sweep of U.S. history -- from the American Revolution to the Spanish-American War, the New Deal to the election of 2016. For centuries, he shows, the ability to move outward -- fighting wars and opening markets -- provided America with a "gate of escape," helping to deflect domestic political and economic conflicts. But this deflection meant that the country's problems, from racism to inequality, were never confronted directly. And now, the combined catastrophes of the 2008 financial meltdown, our unwinnable wars in the Middle East, and a deepening ecological crisis have slammed this gate shut, bringing political passions that had long been directed elsewhere back home. It is this new reality, Grandin says, that explains the rise of reactionary populism and racist nationalism, the extreme anger and polarization that catapulted Trump to the presidency. The border wall may or may not be built, but it will survive as a rallying point, an allegorical tombstone marking the end of American exceptionalism."--Dust jacket flap.

- Greenblatt, Jonathan

**It could happen here: why America is tipping from *hate* to the unthinkable--and how we can stop it**

Boston: Mariner Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022]

Call Number/Availability 364.1509 GREE PINES

"It's almost impossible to imagine that unbridled hate and systematic violence could come for us or our families, but it has happened in our lifetimes-- and it could happen here. As CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, Greenblatt has made it his personal mission to demonstrate how antisemitism, racism, and other insidious forms of intolerance can destroy a society. He warns that this they are gathering momentum in the United States-- and violence on an ever larger, more catastrophic scale could be just around the corner. Here Greenblatt offers a bracing primer on how we-- as individuals, as organizations, and as a society-- can strike back against hate." -- Adapted from jacket



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Henry, Andre

**All the white friends I couldn't keep hope--and hard pills to swallow--about fighting for black lives**

New York: Random House, [2022]

Call Number/Availability 305.80097 HEN PINES

"A leading voice for social justice reveals how he stopped arguing with white people who deny the ongoing legacy of racism--and offers a proven path forward for Black people and people of color based on the history of nonviolent struggle. When the rallying cry "Black Lives Matter" was heard across the world in 2013, Andre Henry was one of the millions for whom the movement caused a political awakening and a rupture in some of his closest relationships with white people. As he began using his artistic gifts to share his experiences and perspective, Henry was aggrieved to discover that many white Americans--people he called friends and family--were more interested in debating whether racism existed or whether Henry was being polite enough in the way he used his voice. In this personal and thought-provoking book, Henry explores how the historical divides between Black people and non-Black people are expressed through our most mundane interactions, and why this struggle won't be resolved through civil discourse, diversity hires, interracial relationships, or education. What we need is a revolution, one that moves beyond symbolic progress to disrupt systems of racial violence and inequality in tangible, creative ways. Sharing stories from his own path to activism--from studying at seminary to becoming a student of nonviolent social change, from working as a praise leader to singing about social justice--and connecting those experiences to lessons from successful nonviolent struggles in America and around the world, Andre Henry calls on Black people and people of color to divest from whiteness and its false promises, trust what their lived experiences tell them, and practice hope as a discipline as they work for lasting change"-- Provided by Publisher

- Kendi, Ibram



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**Stamped from the beginning: the definitive history of racist ideas in America**

New York: Nation Books, [2016]

Call Number/Availability 305.8 KEN ARCPLS and PINES

“Americans like to insist that we are living in a postracial, color-blind society. In fact, racist thought is alive and well; it has simply become more sophisticated and more insidious. And as 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. Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. Stamped from the Beginning uses the lives of five major American intellectuals to offer a window into the contentious debates between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and antiracists. From Puritan minister Cotton Mather to Thomas Jefferson, from fiery abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison to brilliant scholar W.E.B. Du Bois to legendary anti-prison activist Angela Davis, Kendi shows how and why some of our leading proslavery and pro-civil rights thinkers have challenged or helped cement racist ideas in America.. While racist ideas are easily produced and easily consumed, they can also be discredited” --From Publisher's website.

**How to be an antiracist**

New York: One World, [2019]

Call Number/Availability 305.80 KEN ARCPLS and PINES

"The only way to undo racism is to consistently identify and describe it -- and then dismantle it." Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism reenergizes and reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America -- but even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. In How to Be an Antiracist, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it. In this book, 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. How to Be an Antiracist is 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."-- Provided by Publisher.



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- Lehr, Dick

**White hot hate: a true story of domestic terrorism in America's heartland**

Boston: Mariner Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2021]

Call Number/Availability 363.325 LEH ARCPLS and PINES

"For fans of I'll Be Gone in the Dark, the thrilling true story of a would-be terrorist attack against a Kansas farming town's immigrant community, and the FBI informant who exposed it. In the spring of 2016, as immigration debates rocked the United States, three men in a militia group known as the Crusaders grew aggravated over one Kansas town's growing Somali community. They decided that complaining about their new neighbors and threatening them directly wasn't enough. The men plotted to bomb a mosque, aiming to kill hundreds and inspire other attacks against Muslims in America. But they would wait until after the presidential election, so that their actions wouldn't hurt Donald Trump's chances of winning. White Hot Hate will tell the riveting true story of an averted case of domestic terrorism in one of the most remote towns in the US, not far from the infamous town where Capote's In Cold Blood was set. In the gripping details of this foiled scheme, we see in intimate focus the chilling, immediate threat of domestic terrorism-and racist anxiety in America writ large."-- Provided by Publisher

- Lemon, Don

**This is the fire: what I say to my friends about racism**

New York: Back Bay Books, [2022]

Call Number/Availability 305.896 LEM ARCPLS and PINES

"The host of CNN Tonight with Don Lemon is more popular than ever. As America's only Black prime-time anchor, Lemon and his daily monologues on racism and antiracism, on the failures of the Trump administration and of so many of our leaders, and on America's systemic flaws speak for his millions of fans. Now, in an urgent, deeply personal, riveting plea, he shows us all how deep our problems lie, and what we can do to begin to fix them"-- Provided by Publisher

- Moffic, Evan



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**First the Jews: combating the world's longest-running hate campaign**

Nashville: Abingdon Press, [2019]

Call Number/Availability 305.8924 MOF PINES

“News reports and statistics about defaced synagogues and death threats against Jewish community centers are on the rise around the world. A rise in anti-Semitism from the right side of the political spectrum has been accompanied by a different kind of anti-Semitism from parts of the left revolving around the state of Israel. Rabbi Evan Moffic provides a compelling discussion to help Christians understand this dangerous rise by working to address tough questions, including: Why have Jews been the object of the most enduring and universal hatred in history? What is different between anti-Semitism in the past versus today's culture? How, and in what forms, may it be carried out in the future? Focusing on the events since September 11, 2001, Rabbi Evan Moffic considers the twenty-first-century anti-Semitism and the historical pattern of discrimination. With a hopeful and collaborative tone, he suggests actions for all people of faith to combat words and actions of hate while lifting up practical ways Christians and Jews can work together. First the Jews offers new insights and unparalleled perspectives on some of the most recent, pressing developments in the contemporary world.” -- Provided by Publisher





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Oppenheimer, Mark

**Squirrel Hill: the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting and the soul of a neighborhood**

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, [2021]

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"Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh is one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in the country, known for its tight-knit community and the profusion of multi-generational families. On October 27, 2018, a gunman killed eleven Jews who were worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill--the most deadly anti-Semitic attack in American history. Many neighborhoods would be understandably subsumed by despair and recrimination after such an event, but not this one. Mark Oppenheimer poignantly shifts the focus away from the criminal and his crime, and instead presents the historic, spirited community at the center of this heartbreak. He speaks with residents and nonresidents, Jews and gentiles, survivors and witnesses, teenagers and seniors, activists and historians. Together, these stories provide a kaleidoscopic and nuanced account of collective grief, love, support, and revival. He has reverently captured the vibrancy and caring that still characterize Squirrel Hill, and it is this phenomenal resilience that can provide inspiration to any place burdened with discrimination and hate"-- Provided by Publisher

- Weiss, Bari

**How to fight anti-Semitism**

New York: Crown, [2019]

Call Number/Availability 305.892 WEI PINES

"No longer the exclusive province of the far right and far left, anti-Semitism finds a home in identity politics and the reaction against identity politics, in the renewal of "America first" isolationism and the rise of one-world socialism. An ancient hatred increasingly allowed into modern political discussion, anti-Semitism has been migrating toward the mainstream in dangerous ways, amplified by social media and a culture of conspiracy that threatens us all. This timely book is Weiss's cri de couer: an unnerving reminder that Jews must never lose their hard-won instinct for danger, and a powerful case for renewing Jewish and liberal values to guide us through this uncertain moment. Not just for the sake of America's Jews, but for the sake of America"-- Provided by Publisher



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Yoo, Paula

**From a whisper to a rallying cry the killing of Vincent Chin and the trial that galvanized the Asian American movement**

New York: Norton Young Readers, an imprint of W.W. Norton & Company, [2021]

Call Number/Availability 305.895 YOO PINES

"A groundbreaking portrait of Vincent Chin and the murder case that took America's Asian American community to the streets in protest of injustice. America in 1982. Japanese car companies are on the rise and believed to be putting American autoworkers out of their jobs. Anti-Asian American sentiments simmer, especially in Detroit. A bar fight turns fatal, leaving Vincent Chin—a Chinese American man—beaten to death at the hands of two white men, autoworker Ronald Ebens and his stepson Michael Nitz. From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry is a searing examination of the killing and the trial and verdicts that followed. When Ebens and Nitz pled guilty to manslaughter and received only a \$3,000 fine and three years' probation, the lenient sentence sparked outrage in the Asian American community. This outrage galvanized the Asian American movement and paved the way for a new federal civil rights trial of the case. Extensively researched from court transcripts and interviews with key case witnesses—many speaking for the first time—Yoo has crafted a suspenseful, nuanced, and authoritative portrait of a pivotal moment in civil rights history, and a man who became a symbol against hatred and racism"--Provided by Publisher