

## 2022 Inclusive Excellence Summer Reading Recommendations

Please see below for the summer reading recommendations curated by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement.

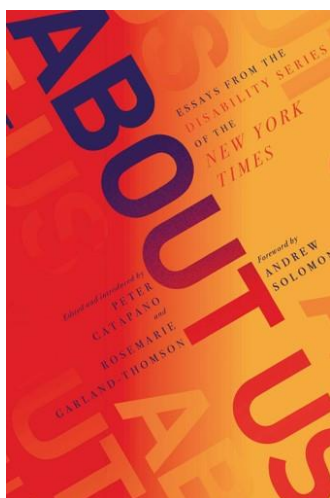
It is our hope that this listing:

- Inspires reflection and understanding
- Adds context for more authentic conversations and dialogue
- Helps us to address our challenges and opportunities to improve and create a stronger University
- Leads to actions that foster a safe, equitable, and inclusive campus community for all to thrive.

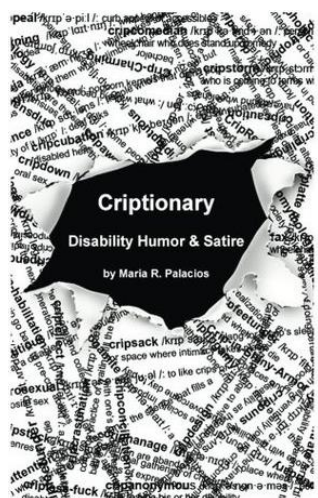


Please share your ideas of resources from research and enlightening reads over the summer (and beyond!) with [odce@hartford.edu](mailto:odce@hartford.edu). Finally, we must take care of ourselves; we wish you time to rest, restore, and to experience joy this summer. Stay safe and be well.

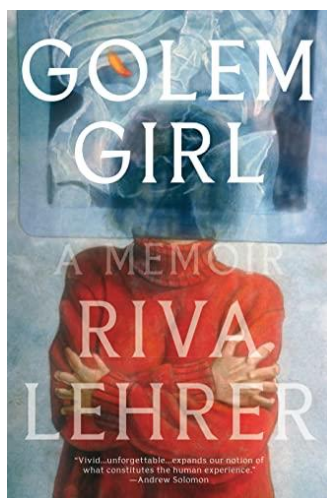
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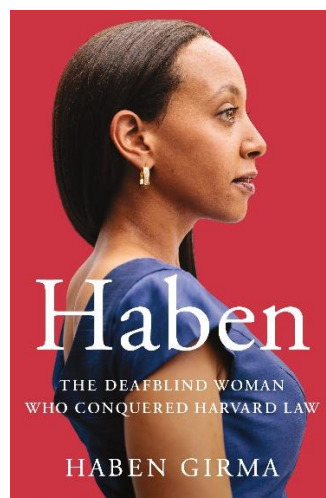
[About Us: Essays from the Disability Series\\*](#), edited by Peter Catapano & Rosemarie Garland-Thomson



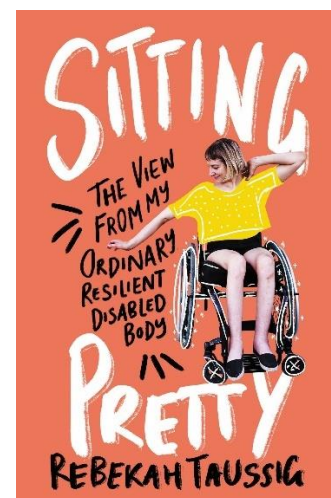
[Criptionary: Disability Humor & Satire](#), by Maria Palacios



[Golem Girl: A Memoir](#), by Riva Lehrer

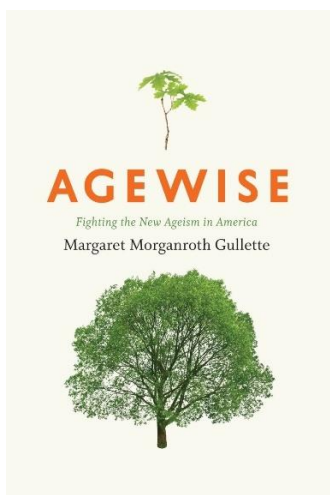


[Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law\\*](#), by Haben Girma

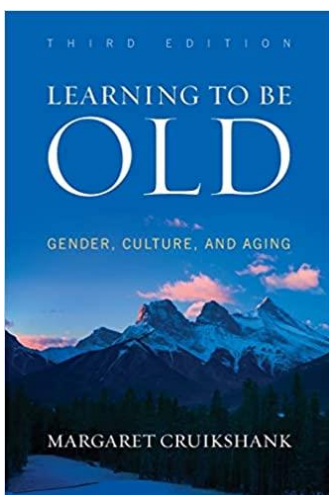


[Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body](#), by Rebekah Taussig

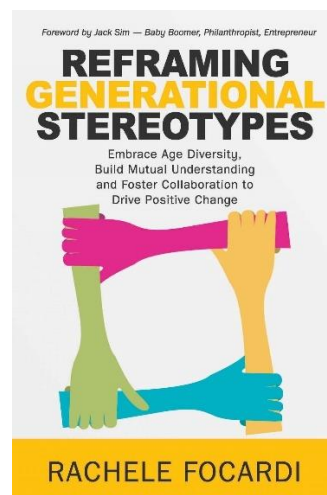
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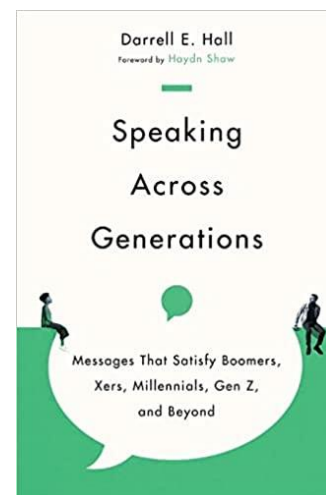
[Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America](#), by Margaret Morganroth Gullette



[Learning to Be Old: Gender, Culture, and Aging\\*](#), by Margaret Cruikshank



[Reframing Generational Stereotypes](#), by Rachele Focardi

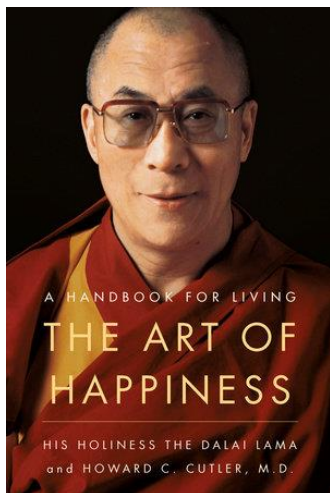


[Speaking Across Generations](#), by Darrell E. Hall

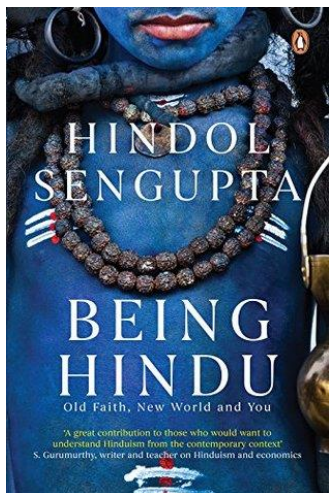


[This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism](#), by Ashton Applewhite

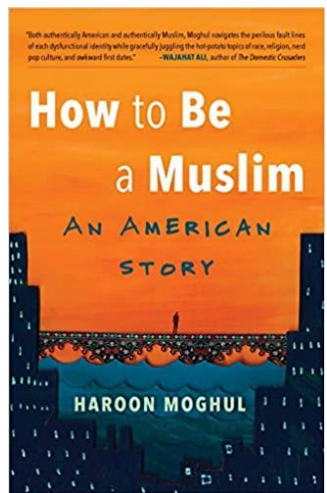
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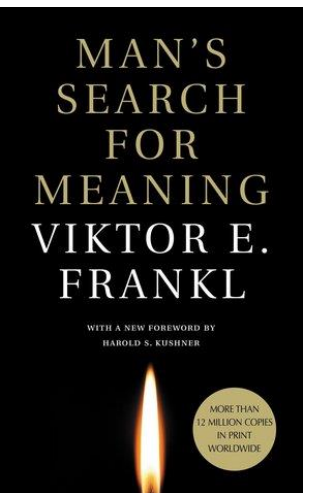
[The Art of Happiness: A Handbook for Living\\*](#), by Dalai Lama



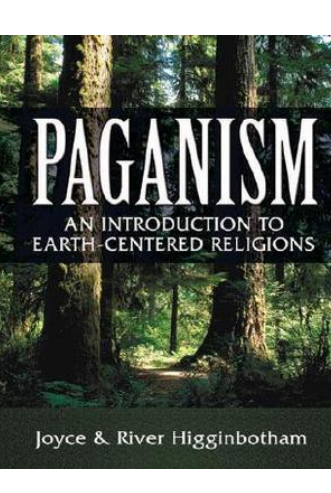
[Being Hindu: Old Faith, New World and You](#), by Hindol Sengupta



[How to Be a Muslim: An American Story](#), by Haroon Moghul



[Man's Search for Meaning\\*](#), by Viktor Frankl

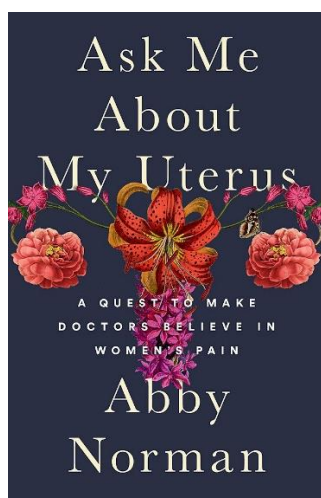


[Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions\\*](#), by Joyce and River Higginbotham

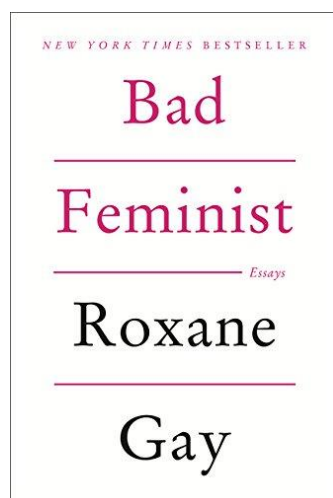
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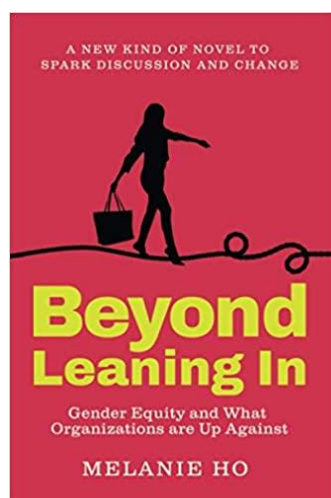
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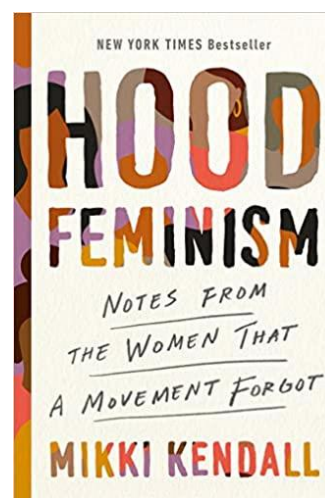
[Ask Me About My Uterus: A Quest to Make Doctors Believe in Women's Pain](#), by Abby Norman



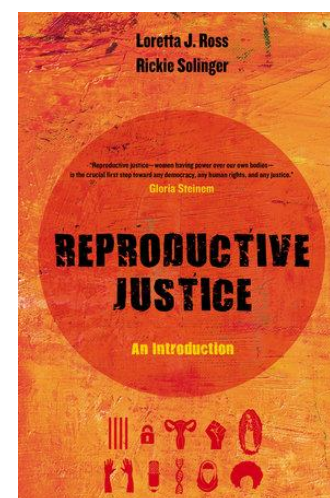
[Bad Feminist\\*](#), by Roxanne Gay



[Beyond Leaning In](#), by Melanie Ho

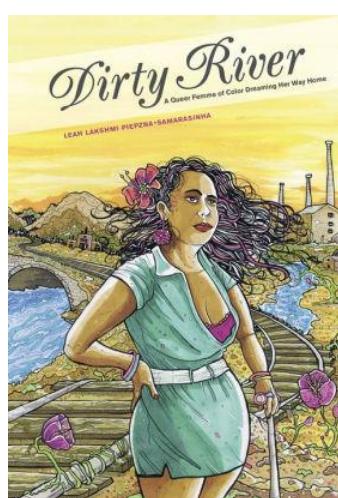


[Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot](#), by Mikki Kendall

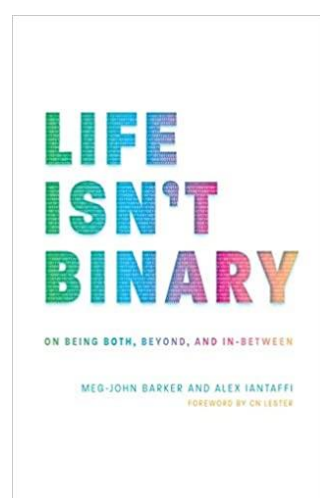


[Reproductive Justice: An Introduction\\*](#), by Loretta Ross and Rickie Solinger

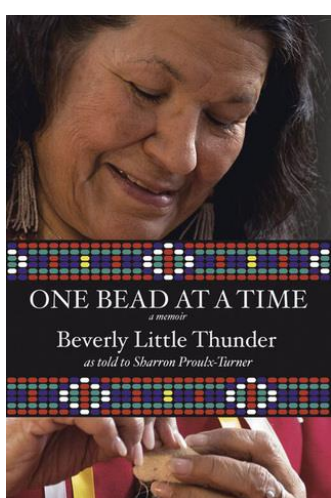
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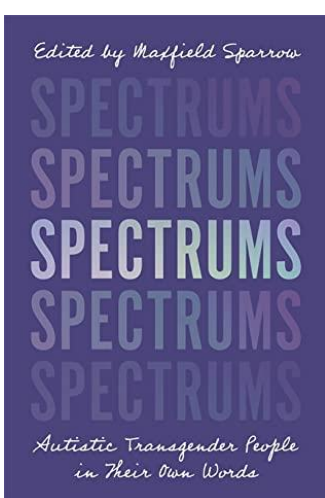
[Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home](#), by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha



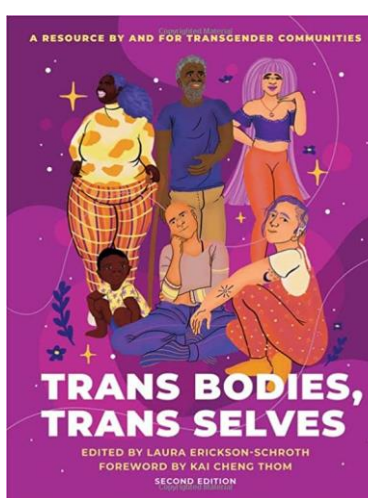
[Life Isn't Binary: On Being Both, Beyond, and In-Between](#), by Meg-John Barker and Alex Iantaffi



[One Bead at a Time](#), by Beverly Little Thunder



[Spectrums: Autistic Transgender People in Their Own Words](#), edited by Maxfield Sparrow

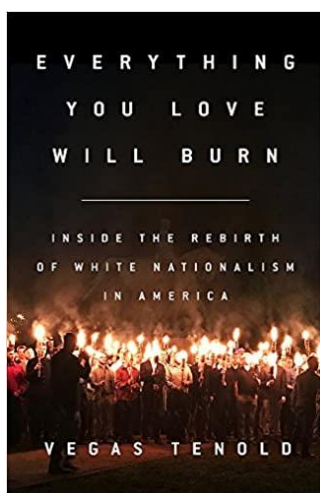


[Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community](#), edited by Laura Erickson-Schroth

### Immigration and Nativism



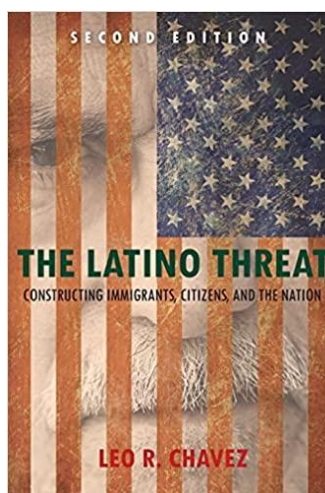
[Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States](#), by Hiroshi Motomura



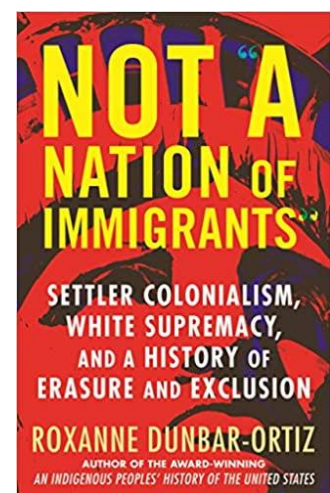
[Everything You Love Will Burn: Inside the Rebirth of White Nationalism in America](#), by Vegas Tenold



[The Good Immigrant: 26 Writers Reflect on America](#), edited by Nimesh Shukla and Chimene Suleyman



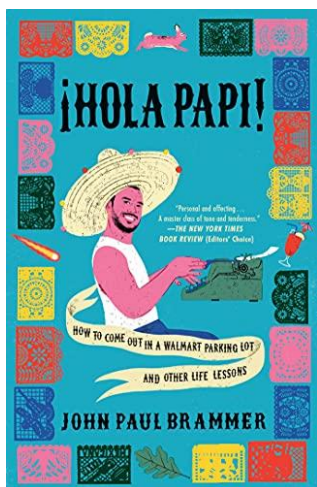
[The Latino Threat: Constructing Immigrants, Citizens, and the Nation](#), by Leo R. Chavez



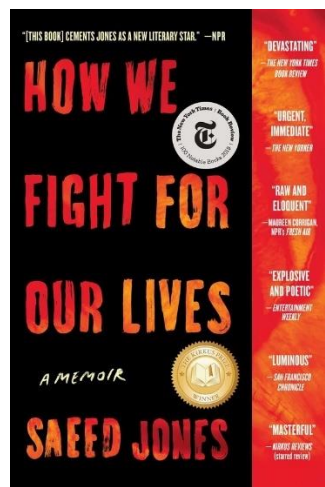
[Not "A Nation of Immigrants": Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and Exclusion](#), by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

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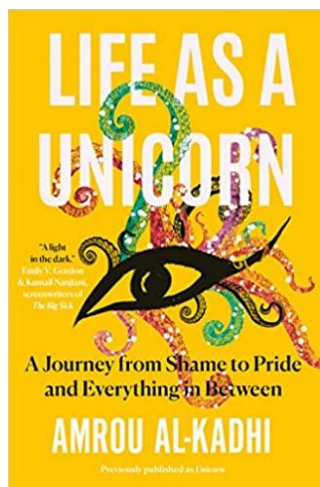
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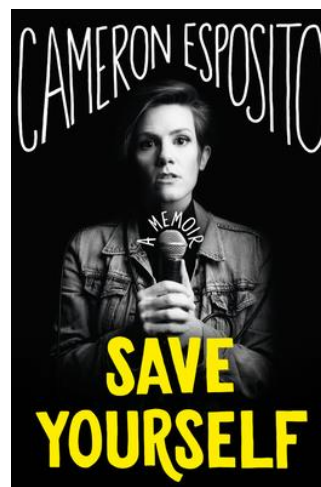
[\*Hola Papi: How to Come Out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons\*](#), by John Paul Brammer



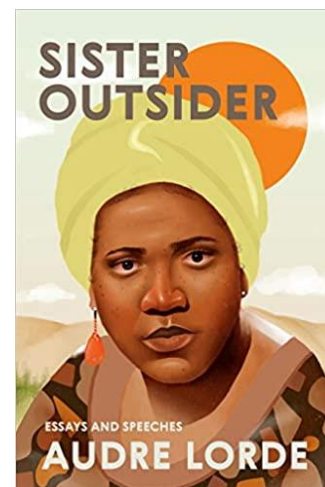
[\*How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir\*](#), by Saeed Jones



[\*Life as a Unicorn: A Journey from Shame to Pride and Everything in Between\*](#), by Amrou Al-Kadhi

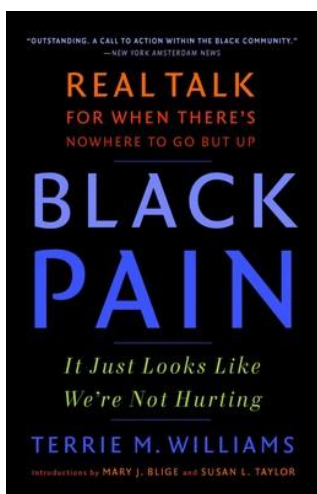


[\*Save Yourself\*](#), by Cameron Esposito

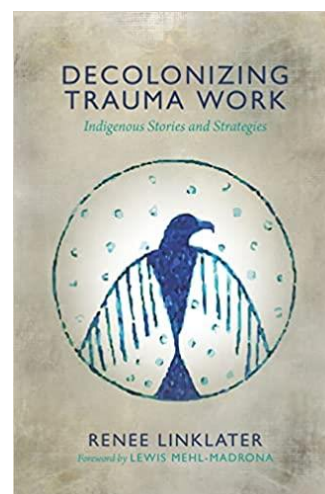


[\*Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches\*](#), by Audre Lorde

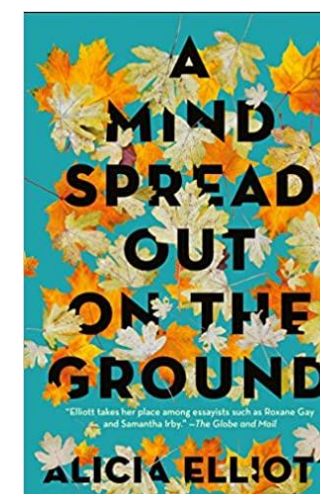
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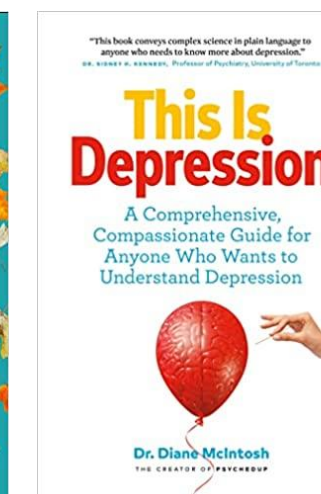
[\*Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting\*](#), by Terrie M. Williams



[\*Decolonizing Trauma Work: Indigenous Stories and Strategies\*](#), by Renee Linklater



[\*A Mind Spread Out on the Ground\*](#), by Alicia Elliott

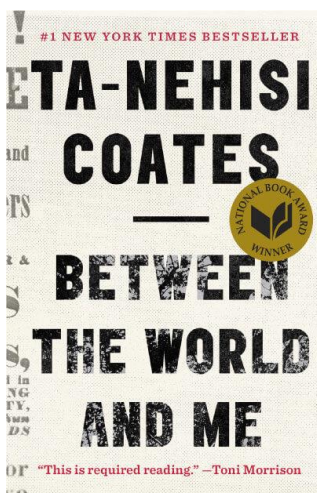


[\*This Is Depression: A Comprehensive, Compassionate Guide for Anyone Who Wants to Understand Depression\*](#), by Diane McIntosh

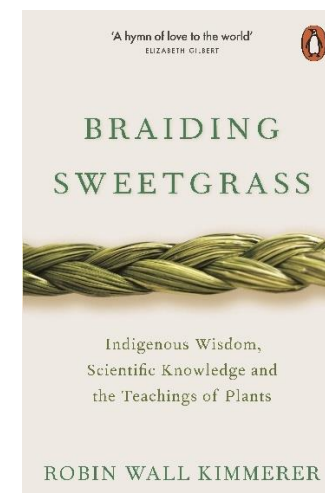


[\*We've Been Too Patient: Voices from Radical Mental Health - Stories and Research Challenging the Biomedical Model\*](#), edited by L. D. Green and Kelechi Ubozoh

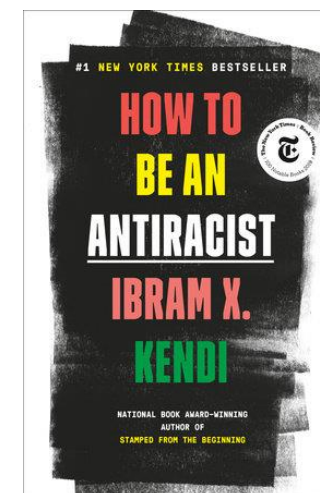
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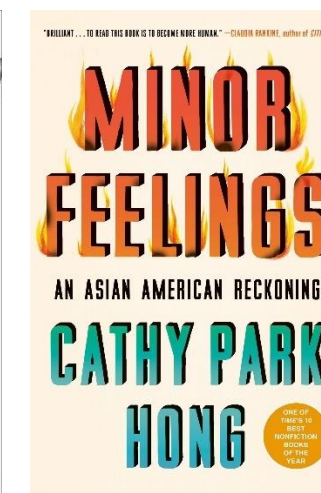
[\*Between the World and Me\*](#), by Ta-Nehisi Coates



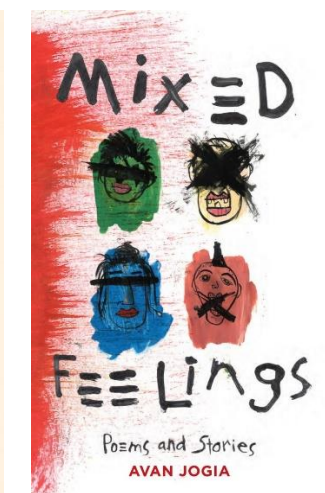
[\*Braiding Sweetgrass\\*\*](#), by Robin Wall Kimmerer



[\*How To Be An Antiracist\\*\*](#), by Ibram X. Kendi



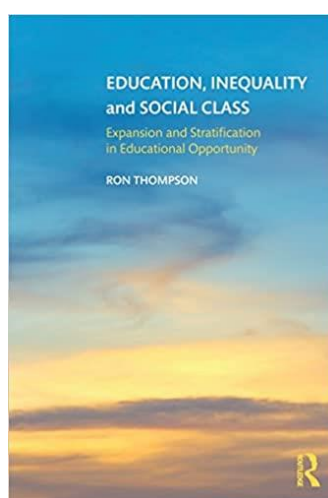
[\*Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning\\*\*](#), by Cathy Park Hong



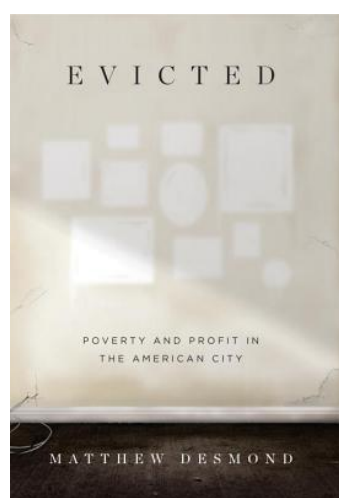
[\*Mixed Feelings: Poems and Stories\*](#), by Avan Jogia

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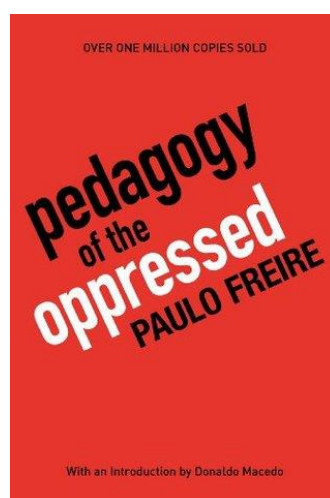
### Socioeconomic Status/Classism



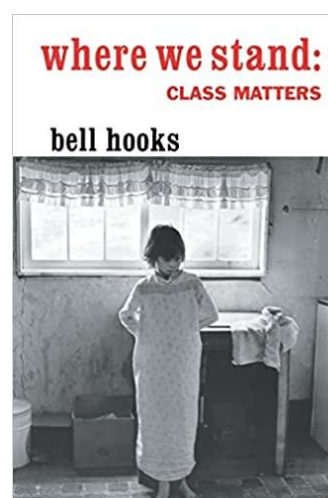
[Education, Inequality and Social Class: Expansion and Stratification in Educational Opportunity](#), by Ron Thompson



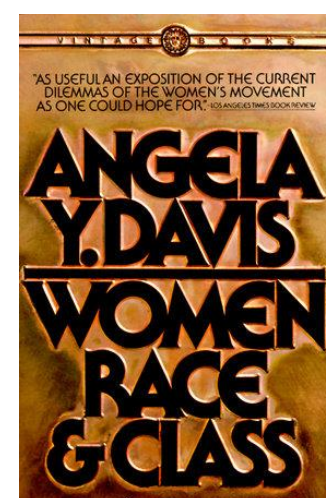
[Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City](#)\*, by Matthew Desmond



[Pedagogy of the Oppressed](#)\*, by Paulo Freire

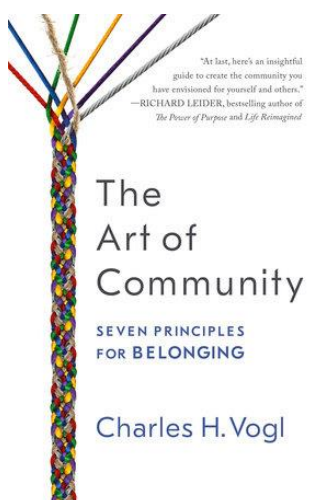


[Where We Stand: Class Matters](#)\*, by bell hooks

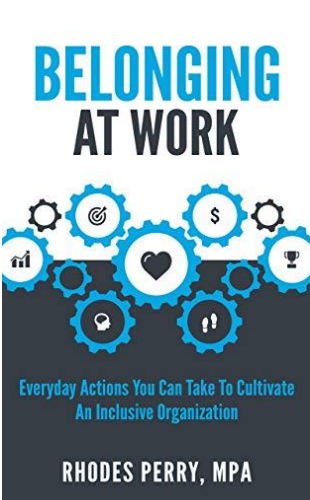


[Women, Race & Class](#)\*, by Angela Y. Davis

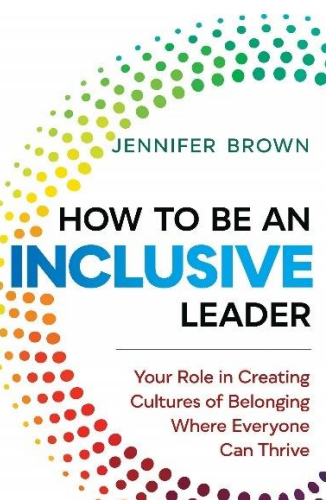
### Books on Inclusion and Belonging



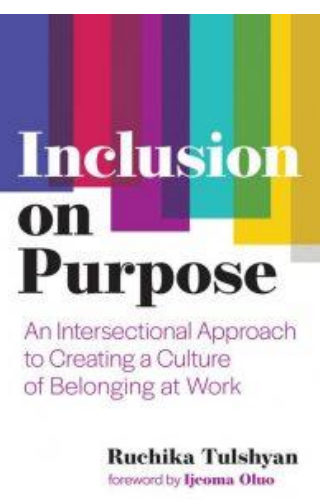
[The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging](#), by Charles Vogl



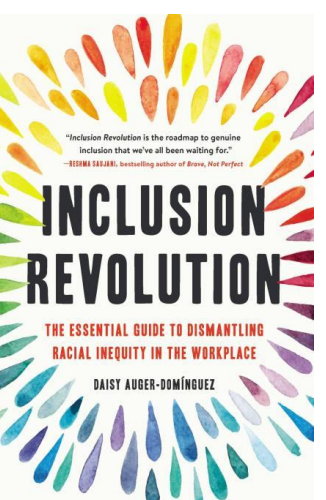
[Belonging At Work: Everyday Actions You Can Take to Cultivate an Inclusive Organization](#), by Rhodes Perry



[How to Be an Inclusive Leader: Your Role in Creating Cultures of Belonging Where Everyone Can Thrive](#), by Jennifer Brown



[Inclusion on Purpose: An Intersectional Approach to Creating a Culture of Belonging at Work](#), by Ruchika Tulshyan



[Inclusion Revolution: The Essential Guide to Dismantling Racial Inequity in the Workplace](#), by Daisy Auger-Domínguez

### Additional DEIJ Books:

- [The African American Struggle for Library Equality: The Untold Story of the Julius Rosenwald Fund Library Program](#)\*, by Aisha M. Johnson-Jones
- [The Best We Could Do](#), by Thi Bui
- [The Body Is Not an Apology](#)\*, by Sonya Renee Taylor
- [Dear Senhuran](#), by Akwaeke Emezi
- [Fairest: A Memoir](#), by Meredith Talusan
- [Fattily Ever After](#), by Stephanie Yeboah
- [Here for It: Or, How to Save Your Soul in America](#), by R. Eric Thomas
- [Last Boat Out of Shanghai: The Epic Story of the Chinese who Fled Mao's Revolution](#), by Helen Zia
- [The Leader's Guide to Unconscious Bias: How to Reframe Bias, Cultivate Connection, and Create High-Performing Teams](#), by Pamela Fuller and Mark Murphy, with Anne Chow
- [Non-Binary Lives: An Anthology of Intersecting Identities](#), edited by Jos Twist, Ben Vincent, Meg-John Barker, Kat Gupta
- [On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous](#), by Ocean Vuong
- [On Juneteenth](#), by Annette Gordon Reed
- [Pregnancy and Power: A Short History of Reproductive Politics in America](#), by Rickie Solinger
- [Reproductive Rights as Human Rights: Women of Color and the Fight for Reproductive Justice](#), by Zakiya Luna
- [The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America](#), by Carol Anderson
- [Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#), by Ibram X. Kendi
- [Taking Children: A History of American Terror](#), by Laura Briggs
- [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#)\*, by Zora Neale Hurston
- [Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality](#), by Sarah McBride
- [Unprotected: A Memoir](#), by Billy Porter
- [We Can't Talk about That at Work! How to Talk about Race, Religion, Politics, and Other Polarizing Topics](#)\*, by Mary-Frances Winters
- [White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide](#), by Carol Anderson
- [You Have the Right to Remain Fat](#), by Virgie Tovar

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