



Read, Watch, Listen List

Words Create Worlds Award Winners

2025

Frederick Joseph, *This Thing of Ours*, Candlewick Press (2025)

2024

Dolly Chugh, *A More Just Future*, New York: Atria Books (2022)

2023

Jonathan Eig, *King: A Life*, New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux (2023)

2022

Christine Pride and Jo Piazza *We Are Not Like Them*. New York: NY: Atria Books (2021)

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Brown, Brene' (2021). *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of*

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Gladwell, M. (2019). *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know*. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company.

Grant, A. (2021) *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*. NY, New York: Viking.

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Knight, J. L. (2021). *Heart: A Journey Toward Cultural Humility*, Cleveland, OH: Leading with Humility, LLC.

- Levi, Allen. (2023) *Theo of Golden*. New York, NY: Atria Paperback.
- Livingston, R. (2021). *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*. NY, NY: Penguin Random House.
- Love, B.L. (2019). *We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press.
- McGhee, Heather, (2021). *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and Who We Can Prosper Together*. New York, NY. One World Press.
- Mounk, Y. (2018). *The People vs Democracy: Why our freedom is in danger and how to save it*. Cambridge: MA: Harvard University Press.
- Neiman, S. (2019). *Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil* .New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- Plummer, D. (2017). *Racing across the lines: Changing race relations through friendship* (Third Edition) Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press; Westborough, MA: Half Dozen Publications.
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- Ripley, A. (2021). *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster.
- Ross, Loretta J. (2025). *Calling In*. Simon & Schuster Paperbacks.
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Simon Sinek: How Great Leaders Inspire Action
https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action

Hans and Ola Rosling: How Not to Be Ignorant about the World
https://www.ted.com/talks/hans_and_ola_rosling_how_not_to_be_ignorant_about_the_world

Bryan Stevenson: We Need to Talk about an Injustice
https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice

Kate Stone: The Press Trampled on My Privacy: Here's How I Took it Back
https://www.ted.com/talks/kate_stone_the_press_trampled_on_my_privacy_here_s_how_i_took_back_my_story?language=en

Rich Benjamin: My Road Trip Through the Whitest Towns in America
https://www.ted.com/talks/rich_benjamin_my_road_trip_through_the_whitest_towns_in_america/discussion

Adam Grant, What Frogs in Water Can Teach Us About Thinking Again

https://www.ted.com/talks/adam_grant_what_frogs_in_hot_water_can_teach_us_about_thinking_again?language=en

Podcasts

The 1619 Project New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>

NPR Code Switch

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/>

Ezra Klein Interviews Nikole Hannah-Jones and Ta’Nehesi Coates on the Story We Tell America

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-daily/id1200361736?i=1000530581523>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/30/opinion/ezra-klein-podcast-ta-nehisi-coates-nikole-hannah-jones.html>

Pantsuit Politics: 5 Things To Know About MLK Day

<https://www.pantsuitpoliticsshow.com/show-archives/2022/1/14/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-mlk-day>

Videos

The Problem with Jon Stewart on Racism and White People (Apple TV)

<https://tv.apple.com/us/episode/racism/umc.cmc.2pdsx0nj6zh6lx57hho4w5ffp?showId=umc.cmc.4fcexvzgezr25p9weks6sxpob>

Sundance Film Festival, *The Big Conversation: The Story of Us*

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James Baldwin Debates William F. Buckley 1965

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFeoS41xe7w&t=2342s>

This Changes Everything, Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, 2019, Netflix

<https://www.netflix.com/watch/81110773?source=35>

Who We Are: A Chronicle of Race in America, Jeffrey Robinson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY>

