

A DIVERSE #SUMMERREADING LIST FOR KIDS

We asked around the NPR headquarters, checked out our library and compiled a list of books with authors hailing from around the world, including Korea, India and the South Dakota Sioux reservation. [Click here for more.](#)

MASSACRE AT SAND CREEK

Sand Creek. At dawn on the morning of November 29, 1864, Colonel John Milton Chivington gave the command that led to slaughter of 230 peaceful Cheyennes and Arapahos—primarily women, children, and elderly—camped under the protection of the U. S. government along Sand Creek in Colorado Territory and flying both an American flag and a white flag. Methodists have a special stake in this story. The governor whose policies led the Cheyennes and Arapahos to Sand Creek was a prominent Methodist layman. Colonel Chivington was a Methodist minister. Perhaps those were merely coincidences, but the question also remains of how the Methodist Episcopal Church itself responded to the massacre. Was it also somehow culpable in what happened? It is time for this story to be told. Coming to grips with what happened at Sand Creek involves hard questions and unsatisfactory answers not only about what happened but also about what led to it and why. It stirs ancient questions about the best and worst in every person, questions older than history, questions as relevant as today's headlines, questions we all must answer from within. [Click here for more.](#)

AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States is the first history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples. This book was a 2015 Recipient of the American Book Award. [Click here for more.](#)

DR. ROBIN DIANGELO DISCUSSES 'WHITE FRAGILITY'

The commentary is: University of Washington professor Dr. Robin DiAngelo reads from her book "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," explains the phenomenon, and discusses how white people can develop their capacity to engage more constructively across race. [Click here for more.](#)

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST — IBRAM X. KENDI

In this book, Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America and points us towards new liberating ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. [Click here for more.](#)

29 MOVIES & DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH TO EDUCATE YOURSELF ON RACIAL INJUSTICE

A collection of documentaries and dramas that highlight the stories of Black voices. [Click here for more.](#)

BLACK ELK SPEAKS: THE COMPLETE EDITION

Black Elk Speaks, the story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863–1950) and his people during momentous twilight years of the nineteenth century, offers readers much more than a precious glimpse of a vanished time. Black Elk's searing visions of the unity of humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt, have made this book a classic that crosses multiple genres. Whether appreciated as the poignant tale of a Lakota life, as a history of a Native nation, or as an enduring spiritual testament, Black Elk Speaks is unforgettable. [Click here for more.](#)

JASON REYNOLDS & IBRAM X. KENDI - "STAMPED" AND THE STORY OF RACISM IN THE U.S. | THE DAILY SHOW

Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi speak with Trevor Noah on their new non fiction book for young adults called *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* - a Remix of the National Book Award - winning *Stamped From the Beginning*. They emphasize this is not a history book, but a book for the here and now. It's a book to help us understand race and to better understand why we are where we are and what we can do going forward. [Click here for more.](#)

LOOKING FOR EXCELLENT "DIVERSE" BOOKS FOR CHILDREN? START HERE!

Recommended resource for finding excellent and diverse children's books. [Click here for more.](#)

SOMETHING HAPPENED IN OUR TOWN

On this youtube video, Janelle Conway narrates the children's book *Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice* by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins and Ann Hazzard. The book follows two families — one White, one Black — as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community. The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events, and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives. [Click here for more.](#)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY TITLE

This resource from a UCC church includes multicultural and multiracial books recommended for preschool - 8th grade, along with other books that focus on the environment, LGBTQ+, One World, One God. [Click here to download.](#)

TWELVE BOOKS TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND RACE, ANTI-RACISM AND PROTEST

Literature is just one part of fostering positive sense of self and others, say educators at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. These twelve books are options to get you started. [Click here for more.](#)

TRAIL OF TEARS DOCUMENTARY SERIES

A series of videos on Amazon Prime takes us through ways Native Americans have experienced a history full of oppression and racism. [Click here for more.](#)

URBAN REZ

Rocky Mountain PBS presents "Urban Rez," a nationally distributed documentary exploring the lasting legacy and modern-day effects of the 1950s Relocation policies that encouraged American Indians to leave their

homelands and relocate to urban areas across the country. [Click here for more.](#)

THE BLACK CHURCH | PBS

An intimate four-hour series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* will explore the 400-year-old story of the black church in America, the changing nature of worship spaces, and the men and women who shepherded them from the pulpit, the choir loft, and church pews. [Click here for more.](#)