

# legacies of **SLAVERY**

## **Resources for Black History Month** some for viewing, some for listening, some for reading

### **VIEWING**

*Viewing comes in two sections – YouTube starter ideas and Films & TV Series*

#### **Some YouTube ‘Starter’ links for your own explorations of Black Lives Matter themes**

Dave ‘Black’ live at the Brits...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXLS2IzZSdg>

George the poet discusses BLM on BBC Newsnight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn6t74KjoO8>

Trevor Noah on peaceful BLM protests

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tBKvgvnClg>

BLM in London – the Guardian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9nEj6IN7s8>

Marques Brownlee - a brilliant tech reviewer, on the colour of his skin

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_WXXVye3Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_WXXVye3Y)

The history of BLM – Channel Four News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG8GjILbbvs>

Ibram X Kendi explains anti-racism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCUOX3NMd4U>

Robin Di Angelo – why “I’m not a racist” is not enough  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzLT54QjIA>

Rene Eddo-Lodge – Why I’m no longer talking to white people about race  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vJZdeSqfFY>

Akala on the UK being responsible for slavery in the US  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amdmmX\\_xpWc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amdmmX_xpWc)

Ta Nehisi Coates & Ibram X Kendi discuss Coates’ “*The water dancer*”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXcpOuFSxqc>

Anthony Reddie on UK Black Theology  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtoQTKNwtZU>

Robert Beckford and DJ Sidesman on BLM in the UK  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1f4ZvEF3qU>

Barack Obama addresses black young people  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqdL3z6fzY4>

Michael Che stand-up (with expletives) on Black Lives Matter  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q5ctljPg20>

The Windrush Scandal  
<https://youtu.be/izsLi-FB5Fg>

Paul Stephenson A Journey to Justice  
<https://youtu.be/-0eR7dH7BYY>

Hair Love  
[https://youtu.be/kNw8V\\_Fkw28](https://youtu.be/kNw8V_Fkw28)

JoJo & Gran Gran  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000ghpx/jojo-gran-gran>

# Films / TV Series

## **Selma** [2015]

*David Oyelowo stars in this film depicting the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to secure equal voting rights. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

## **Race** [2016]

*The story of Jesse Owens who ran to victory in the Berlin Olympics of 1936, collecting 4 Gold medals in a single Olympiad. In choosing to race in Berlin Jesse has to overcome competition and face the brutal challenge of racism in the US and Nazi Germany. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

## **Just Mercy** [2020]

*Michael B Jordan leads in this retelling of the story of Lawyer Bryan Stevenson fighting for the life of Walter McMillan, one of many black men on death row in Alabama whose cases Stevenson took up, proving them to be wrongly convicted and saving their lives. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

## **Fences** [2016]

*Powerful film directed and starring Denzel Washington. Set in the 1950s showing the ups and downs of black family dynamics and the 'fences' people build to keep people out and the ones they build to keep people in. [Drama]*

## **Loving** [2017]

*Richard and Mildred Loving take their case all the way to Supreme Court after 'violating' a Virginia State Law in 1967 that prohibited interracial marriage. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

## **Do The Right Thing** [1989]

*A Spike Lee Joint! Exploring race relations in Brooklyn one HOT summer's day tensions build and build when Sal refuses to diversify the décor of his restaurant to better represent the community he is catering to. [Drama]*

## **Hidden Figures** [2017]

*The TRUE STORY of three African-American women (Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson) who helped NASA win the Space Race with their mathematical skills and determination. Daring to overcome racism and sexism in the work place and at home. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **Queen of Katwe [2016]**

*The story of a young girl from the streets of Uganda who becomes a Chess champion displaying the transferrable skills of determination, intelligence and fighting spirit. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **The Birth of a Nation [2016]**

*The story of Nat Turner slave / preacher leading a slave rebellion and attempting to lead his people to freedom by uprising. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **Marshall [2017]**

*Working as a lawyer for the NAACP a young Thurgood Marshall defends a black chauffeur accused of rape and attempted murder by his white employer. Marshall later became the first black Supreme Court justice. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **Harriet [2019]**

*The story of the remarkable Harriet Tubman who led many slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **Black Panther [2018]**

*Marvel comic superhero and afro-futurism combined. The film that changed it all, for many – Wakanda Forever! Starring the late great Chadwick Boseman. [Blockbuster fantasy drama with a largely black cast – game-changing]*

### **Hard Stop [2016]**

*A ‘fly-on-the-wall’ style exploration of the after effects of the death of Mark Duggan in a police shooting in August 2011 on his friends and family. Mark’s death sparked a night of unrest in Tottenham with copycat disruption across the UK. [documentary]*

### **The Central Park Five [2019]**

*A careful exploration of how a biased investigation of a brutal murder in Central Park led to a miscarriage of justice and the lives of five black teenagers in New York were altered forever. [documentary]*

### **Blue Story [2019]**

*Fast-paced drama from rapper turned director Rapman. Based on life on the streets of South East London, exploring the destructive effects of postcode gang culture on the lives of black teenagers [drama]*

### **Queen & Slim [2020]**

*A first date takes a turn for the worst, which leads to Queen & Slim, this new couple being on the run from police. By this story the limits of black freedom in the US are powerfully explored [drama]*

### **The Last Tree [2019]**

*A story of the search for identity, through various stages of life. Femi grows up with his foster mother in Lincolnshire. When his birth mother brings him to London the shift in environment, culture and values makes for a struggle. [drama]*

### **42 [2013]**

*The story of Jackie Robinson crossing and defying the major league baseball's colour barrier in 1946, starring Chadwick Boseman [Acted retelling of a true story]*

### **If Beale Street Could Talk [2019]**

*Based on a novel by James Baldwin. A pregnant African-American woman sets out to prove her fiancé's innocence after he is falsely imprisoned. [drama]*

### **The Wire [2008]**

An epic very gritty but very human portrayal of the dysfunction of a US city (Baltimore) spread over 5 seasons of drama. The central foci are the drugs trade and the police who investigate it, but season by season it investigates urban job loss, politics, schools and journalism, without losing its main focus. Nothing else comes close. [drama]

## **Available on *Netflix***

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> [2016]**

*A documentary analysing the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment of the US constitution which legislated a loophole to the abolition of slavery which has been used time and again for the criminalisation of African-Americans including the twenty-first century's mass incarceration of a frightening proportion of black Americans. [documentary]*

### **Becoming [2020]**

*A documentary following Michelle Obama as she promotes her best-selling book 'Becoming' and reflects on life as the former first lady of the United States of America. [documentary]*

**When They See Us [2019]**

*Ava DuVernay directs this look at the miscarriage of justice in 1989 when five teenagers were coerced and interrogated under duress to confessing to a rape and murder in Central Park. A crime they did not commit. [Acted retelling of a true story]*

**Da 5 Bloods [2020]**

*Another Spike Lee Joint! Four veterans return to Vietnam decades after the war to find their squad leader's remains and the stash of gold they left all those years ago. [drama]*

# **LISTENING**

## **A Music Playlist ♪**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (feat. Morgan Heritage) – Buju Banton**

<https://youtu.be/oUwW2wfk3Y8>

**The Lord is Coming – H.E.R.**

<https://youtu.be/PshE6-pM5nM>

**Take My Hand, Precious Lord – Ledisi** (written by Thomas Dorsey)

<https://youtu.be/qxVpHiyT5kE>

**Ride on King Jesus! – Wilmington Chester Mass Choir**

<https://youtu.be/MTfRSoRG9h4>

**A Change Is Gonna Come – Sam Cooke**

[https://youtu.be/AaA6clr7U\\_Y](https://youtu.be/AaA6clr7U_Y)

**Take It To The Lord in Prayer – Aeolians of Oakwood University**

(Original Version by Kirk Franklin)

<https://youtu.be/7ign89A1NuY>

# READING

*first we offer 5 books to dive into and 5 children's books to dive into...*

*then we'll give you other fuller listings of relevant books in various categories*

## 5 Books for you to dive into...

### **Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race**

By *Reni Eddo-Lodge*

Explores a wide of Black History starting with the transatlantic slave trade, then moving to the Bristol Bus Boycott and the 1981 riots to name but a few topics.

### **Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire**

By *Akala*

Covers a wide range of topics well, ranging from identity, education, politics and other issues of race. Prior to the release of this book Akala was mainly known for being a rapper, this book demonstrates two old adages. The first never judge a book by it's cover; the second black people are not a monolithic group.

### **Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging**

By *Afua Hirsh*

What is the lived experience of Britishness to those of dual-heritage born to immigrant parents? This book utilises memoir, history and research to gives us a glimpse into the life of many a minority peoples, and calls for change.

### **But Where Are You Really From?: On Identity, Humanhood and Hope**

By *Amanda Khozi Mukwashi*

### **We Need To Talk About Race: Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches**

By *Ben Lindsay*

An absolute must-read for anyone serious about dismantling racism and it oppressive structures within the church.

## 5 Children's Books for you to dive into...

### **Black is a Rainbow Colour**

By *Angela Joy*

A celebration of all things black in colour, a story with a simple message black is beautiful

### **The Watcher: Inspired by Psalm 21**

By *Nikki Grimes*

in this book the words of Psalm 21 are transformed into a 'Golden Shovel' poem of friendship and compassion. After reading why not try your own?

### **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

By *Kadir Nelson*

the world that God created is good. This African-American hymn has been beautifully illustrated by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson.

### **Hair Love**

By *Matthew A. Cherry*

Zuri needs her hair done for a special occasion. It is her father's first time doing her hair, what could go wrong? A story celebrating the relationship between a father and daughter.

### **Sulwe**

By *Lupita Nyong'o*

We are all fearfully and wonderfully made, this story highlights that we should celebrate our own unique beauty.

# **Other Reading Possibilities...**

*this list of a few suggestions is divided into five sections:*

- 1. Black History in Britain and the Caribbean*
- 2. Black History in the United States*
- 3. African History*
- 4. White privilege and contemporary studies*
- 5. Relevant Children's books*

*(a section on relevant fiction and poetry is still to be added)*

## **I. Black History in Britain and the Caribbean**

### **Black and British: A Forgotten History**

By David Olusoga

### **The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings**

By Olaudah Equiano

### **Abolition!: The Struggle to Abolish Slavery in the British Colonies**

By Richard Reddie

### **Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England**

By A. D. A. France-Williams

### **Black Spartacus: The Epic Life of Toussaint Louverture**

By Sudhir Hazareesingh

### **Memoirs Of A Black Englishman**

By Paul Stephenson OBE

### **Mother Country**

Edited By Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff

### **The Whole Picture: The colonial story of the art in our museums & why we need to talk about it**

By Alice Procter

**Legacies of British Slave Ownership – colonial slavery and the formation of Victorian Britain**

By *Catherine Hall et al.*

**The Good Immigrant**

Edited By *Nikesh Shukla*

**The Zong: A Massacre, The Law & The End of Slavery**

By *James Walvin*

**Black, Listed**

By *Jeffrey Boakye*

**Island on Fire: The Revolt That Ended Slavery in the British Empire**

By *Tom Zoellner*

**Staying Power: The History of Black People in Britain**

By *Peter Fryer*

**A search for belonging**

By *Michael Fuller*

**The Louder I will Sing**

By *Lee Lawrence*

**The Fearless Benjamin Lay – the Quaker dwarf who became the first revolutionary abolitionist**

By *Marcus Rediker*

**Ethnicity, Race and inequality in the UK**

By *Brigid Byrne*

## **2. Black History in the United States**

**Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass**

By *Frederick Douglass*

**Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom**

By *David W. Blight*

**The New Jim Crow – mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness**

By *Michelle Alexander*

**Privilege: The Myth of a Post-Racial Society**

By *Kalwant Bhopal*

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

By *Ibrahim X Kendi*

**Slavery by another name – the re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II**

By *Douglas A Blackmon*

**Just Mercy**

By *Brian Stephenson*

**Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope**

By *Esau McCaulay*

**Sweet Land of Liberty : The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North**

By *Thomas J Sugrue*

**White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America**

By *Khyati Y. Joshi*

**I'm Still Here – Black dignity in a world made for whiteness**

By *Austin Channing Brown*

### **3. African History**

**The Scramble for Africa**

By *Thomas Packenham*

**The State of Africa: A History of the Continent Since Independence**

By *Martin Meredith*

**King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in**

**Colonial Africa**

By *Adam Hochschild*

### **4. White privilege and contemporary studies**

**White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism**

By *Robin DiAngelo*

**Superior: The Return of Race Science**

By *Angela Saini*

**Me & White Supremacy**

By *Layla F. Saad*

**The Social Construction of Whiteness – white women, race matters**

By *Ruth Frankenberg*

**How to Argue with a Racist: History, Science, Race & Reality**

By *Adam Rutherford*

**How to be an anti-racist**

By *Ibrahim X Kendi*

## **5. Relevant Children's books**

### **Everybody Counts**

By *Dr. Eleanor Akaho*

### **Hands Up!**

By *Breanna J. McDaniel*

### **Amazing Grace**

By *Mary Hoffman*

### **Wait and See**

By *Tony Bradman*

### **Going Down Home with Daddy**

By *Kelly Starling Lyons*

### **Hammering For Freedom**

By *Rita Lorraine*

### **Coming on Home Soon**

By *Jacqueline Woodson*

### **Look Up!**

By *Nathan Bryon*

### **Seeing Into Tomorrow: Haiku by Richard Wright**

By *Richard Wright*, Bio and Illustrations By *Nina Crews*

### **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut**

By *Derrick Barnes*

### **Schomburg, The Man Who Built a Library**

By *Carole Boston Weatherford*

### **In Your Hands**

By *Carole Boston Weatherford*

**Grandad Mandela**

By Zazi Ziwelene

**Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream For Me**

By Daniel Beaty

**Jake Makes A World: Jacob Lawrence, an Artist in Harlem**

By Sharifa Rhodes-Pitt

**Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis**

By Jabari Asim

**This Book is Anti-Racist**

By Tiffany Jewell

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**To dive even deeper here are two links to explore further:**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2020/06/atlantic-reader-race-and-racism-us/613057/>

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/books/>