

Discussions to Educate, Motivate, and Urge Respect for, Embracing of, Diversity

Notes: to foster educating others feel free to pass along this list. Not all books are reviewed by Collogistics, but we solicit folks to email us your comments for your favorites!

The key to some *Make Sense* to read books is as follows: (*1: UAM.Today; *2: ByThePeople.Today; *3: UAim.Today). These three websites contain book reviews as well as essays.

2023-24 (or prior years)

FIRESTICKS by Thomas J. Soucy *3

2024-25

A Curated list copied from and inspired by S.U.R.E. Diversity (<https://www.surediversity.org/>)

December - In the Time of the Butterflies historical fiction by Julia Alvarez - Human Rights Day (Dec.10) *2
January - The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley
February - The Trayvon Generation (expanded essay with art and poems) by Elizabeth Alexander - Black History Month *3
March - All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine - K. Wilkinson - Women's History Month *2
April - Shubeik Lubeik (graphic novel) by Deena Mohamed - Arab American Heritage *1
May - Don't Ask me Where I'm From, by Jennifer De Leon *1
June - How Far the Light Reaches: A Life in Ten Sea Creatures, by Sabrina Imbler (essays) - LGBTQIA Pride Month *1
July - Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist by Judith Heumann and Kristen Joiner (memoir) - Disability Pride Month *2
August - The Souls of Black Folk: Essays and Sketches by W.E.B. Du Bois - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition *2

2025-26

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September - Solito by Javier Zamora (Hispanic Heritage)
October - Beautiful Country, a memoir by Quian Julie Wang (October 28 is National Immigrants Day) *1
November - Braiding Sweetgrass, nonfiction by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Native American Heritage Month) *2
December - The Farming of Bones, historical fiction by Edwidge Danticat (Human Rights Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) *3
January- Persepolis , a graphic novel and memoir by Marjane Satrapi (Muslim American Heritage Month) *2
February- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, nonfiction by Michelle Alexander (Black History Month) *3
March- The Joy Luck Club by, fiction by Amy Tan (International Women's Day - March 8)
April- Dearborn, a short story collection by Ghassan Zeineddine (Arab-American Heritage Month) *1
May- Maus I, II graphic novel by Art Spiegelman (Jewish-American Heritage Month)
May- People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks *1
June - When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Cullors (LGBTQIA+ Pride) *1
July - A Disability History of the United States, nonfiction by Kim E. Nielsen (Disability Pride Month) *1
August - Twelve Years a Slave, 1853 memoir by Solomon Northup (International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition) *1

2026-27

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September 28, 2026 (Sep.27: World Day of Migrants and Refugees)

The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives, edited by Viet Thanh Nguyen (essays) *1

October 19, 2026 (October 8th : International Lesbian's Day)

In the Dream House, by Carmen Maria Machado (memoir)

November 16, 2026 (Native American Heritage Month)

There, There by Tommy Orange (fiction)

December 21, 2026 (Human Rights Day)

The Future is Peace by Maoz Inan and Aziz Abu Sarah (nonfiction)

January 25 (4th Monday), 2027 (Muslim American Heritage Month)

Defiance: A Memoir of Awakening, Rebellion, and Survival in Syria, by Loubna Mrie

February 22, 2027 (4th Monday) (Black History Month)

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson (nonfiction)

March 15, 2027 (March 8: International Women's Day)

Believing, by Anita Hill (nonfiction)

April 19, 2027 (Celebrate Diversity Month)

The History of White People, by Nell Irvin Painter (nonfiction)

May 17, 2027 (Asian-American Heritage Month)

On Gold Mountain by Lisa See (nonfiction)

June 21, 2027 (Caribbean-American Heritage Month)

Keeper of My Kin by Ada Ferrer (Cuban memoir)

July 19, 2027 (Disability Pride Month)

Disability Visibility (nonfiction: essays)

Aug.16, 2027 (Black August)

Backtalker by Kimberle Crenshaw (memoir)

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