The fire this time: a new generation speaks about race

305.896 FIR

A collection of essays addressing the history and predicament of race in an attempt to envision a better future.

For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf: a choreopoem

811 SHA

A "choreo-poem" reflecting the views of an African-American woman about the women of her race.

The hate u give

F THO

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not-say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.
Homegoing : a novel
F GYA

"Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonial, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising half-caste children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, and then shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery"--Provided by publisher.

How the Garcia girls lost their accents
F ALV

The story of the Garcia families adjustment to life in the United States.

I am not your perfect Mexican daughter
F SAN

"Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out every possible way Julia has failed"--OCLC.

In the country we love : my family divided
B GUE

Diane Guerrero, television actress from the hits "Orange is the New Black" and "Jane the Virgin," recalls the day her parents were detained and deported when she was 14, and how she was able to remain in the country, finish her education, and build a successful acting career.
In the shadow of liberty: the hidden history of slavery, four presidents, and five black lives
920.0092 DAV

"An examination of American slavery through the true stories of five enslaved people who were considered the property of some of our best-known presidents"--Provided by publisher.

Integration nation: immigrants, refugees, and America at its best
305.9 EAT

"In Utah, we meet educators who connect newly arrived Spanish-speaking students and U.S.-born English-speaking students, who share classrooms and learn in two languages. In North Carolina, we visit the nation's fastest-growing community-development credit union, serving immigrants and U.S.-born depositors and helping to lower borrowing thresholds and crime rates alike"--Jacket flap.

Just mercy: a story of justice and redemption
B STE

The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.

The leavers: a novel
F KO

"One morning, Deming Guo's mother, an undocumented Chinese immigrant named Polly, goes to her job at the nail salon and never comes home. With his mother gone, eleven-year-old Deming is left with no one to care for him. He is eventually adopted by two white college professors who move him from the Bronx to a small town upstate. Set in New York and China, the Leavers is the story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he’s loved has been taken away--and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of her past"--Provided by publisher.
Make your home among strangers: a novel
F CRU

"When Lizet—the daughter of Cuban immigrants and the first in her family to graduate from high school—secretly applies and is accepted to an ultra-elite college, her parents are furious at her decision to leave Miami. Just weeks before she's set to start school, her parents divorce and her father sells her childhood home, leaving Lizet, her mother, and Leidy—Lizet's older sister, a brand-new single mom—without a steady income and scrambling for a place to live. Pulled between life at college and the needs of those she loves, Lizet is faced with difficult decisions that will change her life.--Provided by publisher.

The making of a dream: how a group of young undocumented immigrants helped change what it means to be American
362.7 WID

A journalist chronicles the next chapter in civil rights—the story of a movement and a nation, witnessed through the poignant and inspiring experiences of five young undocumented activists who are transforming society's attitudes toward one of the most contentious political matters roiling America today: immigration.

The namesake
F LAH

A young man born of Indian parents in America struggles with issues of identity from his teens to his thirties.

Pride
F ZOB

"When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley. She especially can't stand the judgmental and arrogant Darius. Yet as Zuri and Darius are forced to find common ground, their initial dislike shifts into an unexpected understanding. But with four wild sisters pulling her in different directions, cute boy Warren vying for her attention, and college applications hovering on the horizon, Zuri fights to find her place in Bushwick's changing landscape, or lose it all"--Dust jacket flap.
Queer, there, and everywhere: 23 people who changed the world

World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals -- and you've never heard of many of them. Queer author and activist Sarah Prager delves deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden and a bisexual blues singer who didn't make it into your history books, these true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era.

The sun is also a star

"Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them"--OCLC.

Things fall apart

Set in an Ibo village in Nigeria, the novel recreates pre-Christian tribal life and shows how the coming the white man led to the breaking up of the old ways.

The underground railroad: a novel

"Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. Their first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels."--Provided by publisher.
Undocumented: a Dominican boy's odyssey from a homeless shelter to the Ivy League
B PAD
Dan-el Padilla Peralta discusses how he went from a young boy living in the United States illegally to a successful student at Princeton.

We took the streets: fighting for Latino rights with the Young Lords
323.1 MEL
A memoir in which Miguel "Mickey" Melendez discusses his role in the formation of the central committee of the New York branch of the Young Lords in the 1960s, and recalls the activities of the radical group which sought to empower Puerto Ricans and other Latin American groups.

Yaqui Delgado wants to kick your ass
F MED
Piddy Sanchez deals with bullying at her new school, and as the harassment escalates, she struggles to survive and to discover who she really is.

Behold the dreamers: a novel
F MBU
A Cameroonian immigrant arrives in Harlem hoping for a better life for his family, but when the economy collapses, their marriage begins to fall apart and all four members' lives are dramatically upended.
Between the world and me

"For Ta-Nehisi Coates, history has always been personal. At every stage of his life, he's sought in his explorations of history answers to the mysteries that surrounded him--most urgently, why he, and other black people he knew, seemed to live in fear. What were they afraid of? ... Coates takes readers along on his journey through America's history of race and its contemporary resonances through a series of awakenings--moments when he discovered some new truth about our long, tangled history of race, whether through his myth-busting professors at Howard University, a trip to a Civil War battlefield with a rogue historian, a journey to Chicago's South Side to visit aging survivors of 20th century America's 'long war on black people,' or a visit with the mother of a beloved friend who was shot down by the police"--Provided by publisher.

Born a crime : stories from a South African childhood

"Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. .... Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother--his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life"--Amazon.com.

The color of law : a forgotten history of how our government segregated America

Explores the history of America's housing policy, as well as the racial divide and discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.
Daring to drive : a Saudi woman's awakening
320.082 SHA

"A ... memoir by [Manal al-Sharif.] a devout woman from a modest family in Saudi Arabia who became the unexpected leader of a courageous movement to support women's right to drive"--Provided by publisher.

Dear Martin
F STO

"Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him"--Provided by publisher.

The fire next time
301.451 BAL

Contains a letter to Baldwin's nephew on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation describing his childhood, views on Black Muslims, and his visions.

The 57 bus
364.15 SLA

"If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes"--Jacket flap.
Americanah : a novel
F ADI
"A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected"—Provided by publisher.

Americanized : rebel without a green card
305.891 SAE
In San Jose, California, in the 1990s, teenaged Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American and her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants.

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe
F SAE
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Before we were free
F ALV
Anita, a typically self-absorbed twelve-year-old living in the Dominican Republic in the early 1960s, is surprised to discover her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.