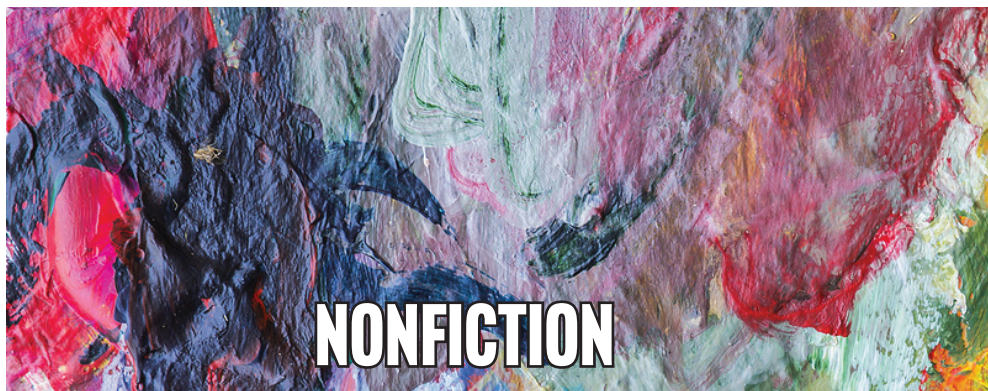


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All fiction and nonfiction titles listed are available
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Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do

by Jennifer L. Eberhardt

(2019) Book, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook; 303.385 EBE

A Stanford psychology professor argues that even those who don't believe they are biased and who strive to treat others equally can still harbor bred-in-the-bone stereotypes.

Eloquent Rage

by Brittney Cooper

(2018) Book, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook; 305.4889 COO

Far too often, black women's anger has been seen as an ugly and destructive force that threatens society but Cooper shows us that there is more to the story than that.

How We Fight For Our Lives: A Memoir

by Saeed Jones

(2019) Book, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook; 811 JON

Haunted and haunting, Jones's memoir tells the story of a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself.



Don't Call Us Dead: Poems

by Danez Smith

(2017) Book; 811 SMI

Smith's unflinching poetry addresses the challenges of living HIV positive at the intersection of black and queer identity.

Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersections of Black and White America

by Zachary H. Wood

(2018) Book, LP; 920.0092 WOO

Growing up in poverty but receiving his education at elite private schools, Wood talks about becoming able to speak to people not like himself and through conversation, create understanding of one another.



FICTION

Americanah

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

(2013) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

A story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

The Vanishing Half

by Brit Bennett

(2020) Book, LP, Playaway, Book Discussion Kit, ebook, eAudiobook

The Vignes twin sisters run away. Ten years later, one sister lives with her black daughter. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past.

Washington Black

by Esi Edugyan

(2018) Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

Working in the sticky heat of the Barbados sugar plantation where he was born, 11-year-old field slave Washington Black is terrified when he's made manservant to his master's offbeat brother.

Juneteenth

by Ralph Ellison

(1999) Book, BOCD, ebook

In Washington D.C., in the 1950s, Senator Sunraider is mortally wounded by an assassin's bullet. As he relives his memories with Hickman, an old black minister, they gradually reveal the secrets of their past.

A Lesson Before Dying

by Ernest Gaines

(1993) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

A young illiterate African American man witnesses two black robbers kill a white store owner in Louisiana in the late 1940s, and he is the one convicted.



The Proposal

by Jasmine Guillory

(2018) Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

After a botched proposal at a Dodger's game, Nik falls for a handsome doctor that comes to the rescue.

Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi

(2016) Book, LP, BOCD, Playaway, ebook, eAudiobook

Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off and live in comfort. Her sister, Esi, is shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.

The Fifth Season

by N. K. Jemisin

(2015) Book, ebook, eAudiobook

Three terrible things happen in a single day. Essun comes home to find that her husband has brutally murdered their son and kidnapped their daughter. Thirdly, the empire Mighty Sanze collapses as its greatest city is destroyed by a madman's vengeance.

American Marriage

by Tayari Jones

(2018) Book, LP, BOCD, Playaway, ebook, eAudiobook

Celestial and Roy are newlyweds. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

Bluebird, Bluebird

by Attica Locke

(2017) Book, LP

Darren Mathews, a black Texas Ranger, is called home to Lark to solve a crime—and save himself in the process—before Lark's long-simmering racial fault lines erupt.



FICTION (CONTINUED)

Five-Carat Soul

by **James McBride**

(2017) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook

Five Strangers find themselves thrown together and face unexpected judgment.

Binti

by **Nnedi Okorafor**

(2015) Book, ebook, eAudiobook

Binti is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, but to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs.

The Bluest Eye

by **Toni Morrison**

(1970) Book, LP, BOCD, Book Discussion Kit, ebook, eAudiobook

Pecola Breedlove, a black girl, prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful.

The Turner House

by **Angela Flournoy**

(2015) Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

Journey with the Turner family and its thirteen siblings as they face the imminent loss of their mother and the necessary abandonment of their family home in struggling Detroit.

Sing, Unburied, Sing

by **Jesmyn Ward**

(2017) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

Jojo and his toddler sister, Kayla, live with their grandparents and occasionally their drug-addicted mother, Leonie. When the white father of Leonie's children is released from prison, she goes on a journey rife with danger and promise.



No One is Coming to Save Us

by Stephanie Powell Watts

(2017) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

JJ Ferguson has returned home to build his dream house and to pursue his high school sweetheart, Ava. But as he reenters his former world, he's startled to find that the people he once knew and loved have changed just as much as he has.

Underground Railroad

by Colson Whitehead

(2018) Book, LP, BOCD, Playaway, Book Discussion Kit, ebook, eAudiobook

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.

American Spy

by Lauren Wilkinson

(2018) Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

In Cold War-blasted 1986, African American intelligence officer Marie Mitchell battles the FBI's white, male establishment.

Another Brooklyn

by Jacqueline Woodson

(2016) Book, LP, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

August, Sylvia, Angela, and Gigi shared confidences as they believed they had a future that belonged to them, but beneath their hopeful promise there was another more dangerous Brooklyn.



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