

## Selected Bibliography on Racism (from Rain Zohav and Cat Zavis)

Adams, Maurianne, and John H. Bracey. *Strangers & Neighbors: Relations between Blacks & Jews in the United States*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999.

Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. New Press, 2020.

Hutton, Jonathan, Rodney Green. Social Movements Against Racist Police Brutality and Department of Justice Intervention in Prince George's County, Maryland. *Journal of Urban Health*, 2006. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26883030/> This case study includes far more than just policing. It shows how history, housing, education, public policy, legislative and judicial systems all work towards systemic racism.

Kaye/Kantrowitz, Melanie. "Stayed on Freedom: Jew in the Civil Rights Movement and After" *The Narrow Bridge: Jewish Views on Multiculturalism*, edited by Brettschneider, Marla, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1996, pp. 105-122. One person's account and reflection about her involvement in both the civil rights movement and subsequent efforts. Goes beyond the self-congratulatory reporting from Jewish sources who were not actually participants.

Feagin, Joe R., and Melvin P. Sikes. *Living with Racism: the Black Middle-Class Experience*. Beacon Press, 1995.

Giddings, Paula. *When and Where I Enter*. Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc, 2003. A history of African American women.

Irving, Debby. *Waking up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Elephant Room Press, 2018. This is a very good description of a well-meaning person making the journey from good intentions to becoming effective in anti-racism work. The author, however, sometimes conflates her upper-class background or her protestant background with "whiteness". However, if you use her questions at the end of each chapter to explore your own answers it can be very useful.

King, Martin Luther. "Letter from Birmingham Jail." *Letter from Birmingham Jail, by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, 16 Apr. 1963, [letterfromjail.com/](http://letterfromjail.com/).

Kivel, Paul. *Uprooting Racism*, New Society Publishers, 1996.

Lazarre, Jane. *Beyond the Whiteness of Whiteness: Memoir of a White Mother of Black Sons*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1996. An interesting meditation from an Ashkenazi Jewish perspective on racism and the longing for a post-racial society.

Lerner, Michael, and Cornel West. *Jews & Blacks a Dialogue on Race, Religion, and Culture in America*. Plume, 1996.

Singleton, Glenn E., and Curtis Linton. *Courageous Conversations about Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, 2006.

Steele, Claude. *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do*. W.W. Norton & Company, 2011. Lots of interesting experiments around stereotyping. Kind of sad to see to what lengths an African American in academia has to go to to not use the word racism.

Tatum, Beverly Daniel. *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* Penguin Books, 2021. Written from a child psychologist and a developmental approach. This will answer many of your questions, besides the one in the title.

Wilkerson, Isabel. *Caste (Oprah's Book Club): The Origins of Our Discontents*. Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, 2020. If the idea that racism functions as a caste system in America is new or surprising to you, this book makes a good start in thinking about this issue.

Wilkerson, Isabel. *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration*. Penguin Books, 2020.

Taylor, Keeanga-Yamahtta. *From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation* - a really awesome book that talks about the intersection btw race and class. Here's a link to her website - <http://www.keengataylor.com/media.html>