

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## SUGGESTED READING

### **Kindred**

Authored by Octavia Butler

Genre: Science Fiction

Dana, a Black American writer from the 1970s, time-travels to the Antebellum South, encountering her ancestors and grappling with the challenges of slavery.

### **The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person**

Authored by Frederick Joseph

Genre: Non-Fiction

A candid non-fiction exploration of racism and allyship, drawing from personal experiences to provide insights into the challenges faced by people of color.

### **Homegoing**

Authored by Yaa Gyasi

Genre: Fiction

A powerful novel spanning multiple generations, following half-sisters Effia and Esi and their descendants in Ghana and the United States, exploring the impact of slavery.

### **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

Authored by Maya Angelou

Genre: Autobiography

A coming-of-age story, recounting her childhood and adolescence in the segregated South, exploring racism, trauma, and the struggle for identity.

### **Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America**

Authored by Ibram X. Kendi

Genre: Non-Fiction

A comprehensive exploration of the history of racist ideas in the United States, challenging conventional narratives about race.

### **Beloved**

Authored by Toni Morrison

Genre: Fiction

A haunting novel centered around Sethe, an escaped enslaved woman, exploring themes of slavery, trauma, motherhood, and the search for identity.

### **Dear Martin**

Authored by Nic Stone

Genre: YA Fiction

A powerful contemporary novel following Justyce McAllister, a high-achieving Black American student facing racial profiling, as he copes with injustice and grapples with questions of identity.

### **The Hate U Give**

Authored by Angie Thomas

Genre: YA Fiction

A gripping novel centered on Starr Carter, a young Black American girl who witnessed the police shooting of her childhood friend, as she confronts systemic racism and finds her own voice.

### **The Underground Railroad**

Authored by Colson Whitehead

Genre: Fiction

A gripping novel reimagining the Underground Railroad as secret tracks and tunnels, following Cora, a young enslaved woman, as she escapes a Georgia plantation and explores the brutality of slavery and the resilience of those seeking liberty.

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