

Recommended Reading

Adelman, Bob and Charles Johnson, 2007, **Mine Eyes Have Seen: Bearing Witness to the Civil Rights Struggle**: Liberty Street. “Inspired by the courage of student’s demonstrators, Bob Adelman began as a volunteer for CORE and SNCC riskily taking photographs of Freedom Rides and lunch counter demonstrations.”

Baldwin, James, 1963, **The Fire Next Time**: Vintage Books, New York. Includes an essay on the role of race in American history and an essay on relations between race and religion. Ta-Nehisi Coates said, “Basically the finest essay I’ve ever read. . . . Baldwin refused to hold anyone’s hand. He was both direct and beautiful all at once. He did not seem to write to convince you. He wrote beyond you.”

Corn, Marti, 2016, **The Ground on Which I Stand – Tamina, a Freedmen’s Town**; Texas A & M University Press, 160 pp. Portraits of members of the Freedmen’s community of Tamina in Montgomery County, TX. One of the photos was featured in an exhibit at the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery.

Gibson, Larry S., 2012, **Young Thurgood – The Making of a Supreme Court Justice**; Prometheus Books, 413 pp. Scenes from the movie Thurgood are based on this book, researched and written by Baltimore attorney, political consultant and University of Maryland law professor Larry S. Gibson.

Giddings, Paula J., 2009, **Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching**: Amistad; Reprint edition, New York. Goodreads says “is a sweeping narrative about a country and a crusader embroiled in the struggle against lynching: a practice that imperiled not only the lives of black men and women, but also a nation based on law and riven by race.”

Gordon-Reed, Annette, 2009, **The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family**; Norton, W. W. & Company, 800 pp. Annette Gordon-Reed is a graduate of Conroe High School and is a professor of law at New York Law School and a history professor at Rutgers University. Her book has received the National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize.

King, Martin Luther Jr., 1964, **Why We Can’t Wait**: The book is about the civil rights movement in the United States, focusing on the 1963 Birmingham campaign. King wrote “Just as lightning makes no sound until it strikes, the Negro Revolution generated quietly. But when it struck, the revealing flash of its power and the impact of its sincerity and fervor displayed a force of a frightening intensity. Three hundred years of humiliation, abuse, and deprivation cannot be expected to find voice in a whisper.”

Shipp, Robbin and Nick Chiles, 2014, **Justice While Black: Helping African-American Families Navigate and Survive the Criminal Justice System**; Agate, 160 pp. Robbin Shipp, Esq., is an attorney in Decatur, Georgia. Nick Chiles has won more than a dozen major journalism awards, including a Pulitzer Prize as a newspaper reporter in New York City.

Tatum, Beverly Daniel, 2017, **Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? and Other Conversations About Race**: BasicBooks, New York. Updated version of Tatum’s 1997 book. “Beverly Daniel Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides.”

Tisby, Jemar and Lecrae Moore, 2019, **The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism**; Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 256 pp. Jemar Tisby (B.A., University of Notre Dame, Mdiv Reformed Theological Seminary) is the president of The Witness, a Black Christian Collective where he writes about race, religion, politics, and culture. He is also the co-host of the Pass the Mic podcast.