"How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi • As more U.S. citizens become aware of the term "antiracist," they can probably credit history professor Kendi. "There is no neutrality in the racism struggle," he says.

"So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo • Oluo's straightforward primer on questions about race helps people talk about the subject with more "confidence and care," she says.

"White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo • No. 1 on Amazon has been a book explaining to white readers how and why they aren’t as woke as they think. Confronted with discussions of racism, whites often respond with "behaviors such as argumentation, silence, and withdrawal from the stress-inducing situation,” writes the author. But what else does it say about the country that amid dozens of books about race by black authors, one of the bestselling titles is written by a white woman?
"The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein • This book gives hard data on the history of government-sanctioned segregation across the United States.

"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" by Beverly Tatum • The author drew attention when she published "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria" way back in 1997. Twenty years later, she updated it, saying the kids were still sitting together and addressing ongoing problems and new activism after the Ferguson protests and others.

"Stamped From the Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi • The author presents a history of racist ideas in the United States. Published in 2016, it won the National Book Award in nonfiction.
"Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You" by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi • This new young adult book was inspired by Kendi’s history "Stamped From the Beginning."