

This list is a compilation of recommendations for further reading from I-Rise staff and community as well as from the RCHP retirees Lit Lovers Book Club. Special thanks to Margaret Guercio for helping to collect and assemble these recommendations into one list. We hope that today's event serves as an invitation to learn more about the issues presented in the plays.

RELATED TO BLACK COMMUNITY WATCHLINE'S WORK

Fiction

A Gift of Love by Martin Luther King, Jr.
Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
They Can't Kill Us All by Wesley Lowery
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

Non-Fiction & Memoir

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X
The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Du Bois
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
White Fragility by Robin Diangelo
Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad
How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
We Do This Til We Free Us by Mariame Kaba
The End of Policing by Alex Vitale
My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem

Plays

Fairview by Jackie Sibbles Drury
August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle (Fences, Jitney, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Gem of the Ocean, The Piano Lesson, Radio Play, Ma'Rain's Back Bottom
For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When The Rainbow Is Enuf - Ntozake Shange
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
Kill Move Paradise by James Ijames

Pipeline by Dominique Morisseau
Funnyhouse of a Negro by Adrienne Kennedy
Choir Boy by Tarell Alvin McCraney
Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992 by Anna Deavere Smith
The MountainTop by Katoir Hall
Scapegoat by Christina Ham
Blues for Mister Charlie by James Baldwin
An Octoroon by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins
Trouble in Mind by Alice Childress

RELATED TO I-RISE'S WORK

Fiction

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong
The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummis
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Say You're One of Them by Uwem Akpan
Tears of the Desert by Bashir, Halima.
Go, Went, Gone by Jenny Erpenbeck,
Sea Prayer by Khaled Hosseini
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
Flight Season by Marie Marquardt
Refuge by Dina Nayeri
The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen
The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Fiction by Refugees

The House of the Spirit by Isabel Allende
Maps by Nuruddin Farah
The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu
In the Shadow of the Banyan by Vaddey Ratner
The Jungle by Joe Robertson and Joe Murphy

Non-Fiction & Memoir

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda by Phillip Gourevitch

Before Night Falls by Arenas, Reinaldo.
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Cantú, Francisco.
Brothers of the Gun: A Memoir of the Syrian War by Crabapple, Molly & Marwan Hisham.
What Is the What by Eggers, Dave.
If the Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures by Fadiman, Ann
A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival by Fleming, Melissa.
At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus Among My Ancestors and Refugee Neighbors Jeung, Russell
The Late Homecomer Kalia Yang, Kao.
Border: A Journey to the Edge of Europe by Kassabova, Kapka.
The New Odyssey: The Story of Europe's Refugee Crisis by Kingsley, Patrick.
The Home That Was Our Country: A Memoir of Syria by Malek, Alia.
The Beekeeper of Sinjar by Mikhail, Dunya
Enrique's Journey by Nazario, Sonia.
We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria by Pearlman, Wendy.
City of Thorns by Rawlence, Ben.
A Man of Good Hope by Steinberg, Jonny
The Newcomers Thorpe, Helen
First They Killed My Father by Ung, Loung
Lines in the Sand by A.A. Gill

Children's Books

Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali
The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story by Aya Khalil
Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai
Island Born by Junot Diaz
Sugar in Milk by Thrity Umrigar
My Papi Has A Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero
Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus
Room for Rent by Leah Goldberg
The Runaway Injera by Jane Kurtz

Poetry

Darwish, Mahmoud. In the Presence of Absence. 2011.
Milosz, Czeslaw. Bells in Winter. 1985.

Shire, Warsan. Teaching My Mother How To Give Birth. 2011.
Shire, Warsan. Home.
Long Journeys: African Migrants on the Road. 2013.
Vuong, Ocean. Night Sky with Exit Wounds. 2016.
Monet, Aja. My Mother Was a Freedom Fighter. 2017.
Darwish, Mahmoud. Mural (with foreword and art by John Berger). 2009.

Religious Texts

Deuteronomy 23:15-16

Plays

The Kitchen by Arnold Wesker
The Jungle by Joe Murphy and Joe Robertson
Ruined by Lynn Nottage
Familiar by Danai Gurira
Queens by Martyna Majok

Documentaries

Between the devil and the deep blue sea: <http://deepblueseafilm.com>
Fire at Sea: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR5I9XDaxK0>
Human Flow: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVZGyTdk_BY - by Ai Wei Wei.
Central Airport THF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuKiweecIVk>
Life on the Border: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOMo-84DoNY> - directed by
refugee children in Iraqi and Syrian camps

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