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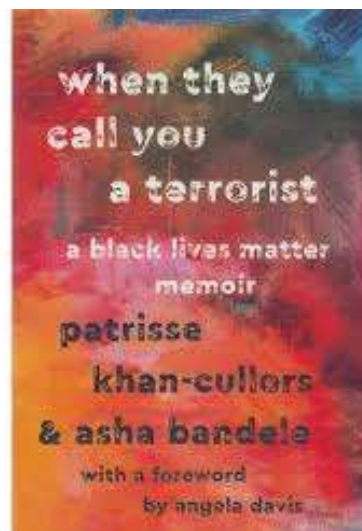
LTA Reads Presents: Curated Reading List- Volume I: Black Narratives & Experiences

Greeting Sisters and Siblings,

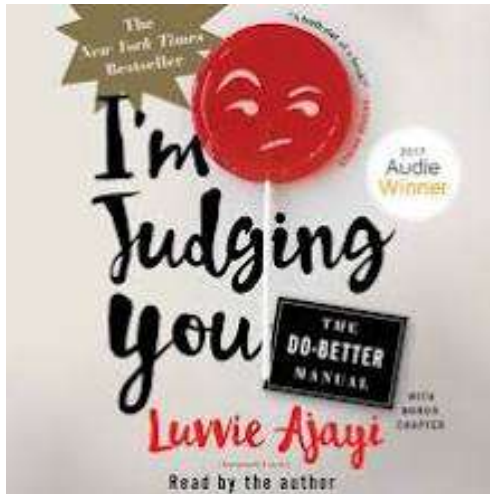
We are in the midst of an important time in history and we must make the strides to educate ourselves. In Spring 2019, we enjoyed reading Michelle Obama's personal narrative during our National Book Club, and it is imperative for us to learn about Black communities and culture from the perspectives of the Black community. During this time, we want to be cognizant of the experiences of those in the Black community whose voices and narratives have often been overshadowed. The history of storytelling and sharing experiences through first hand narratives is a deeply rooted tradition within the Black community. Additionally, these narratives and the storytelling history of Black culture is a necessary and valuable voice in global history.

The National Book Club will be using its platform, LTA Reads, to create curated reading lists to enhance the understanding of experiences of our members. Our first curated list features narratives of the Black community and experiences in diverse genres. Sharing these narratives help shape and educate our communities and others to have a more thorough understanding and appreciation. In addition to these books, we invite you to visit local Black owned bookstores to further engage in supporting Black communities and the importance of their narratives and voice.

1. When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele
2. Ain't I A Woman: Black Women and Feminism by bell hooks
3. Things That Make White People Uncomfortable by Michael Bennett
4. Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America by Charisse Jones
5. The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B Du Bois
6. The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

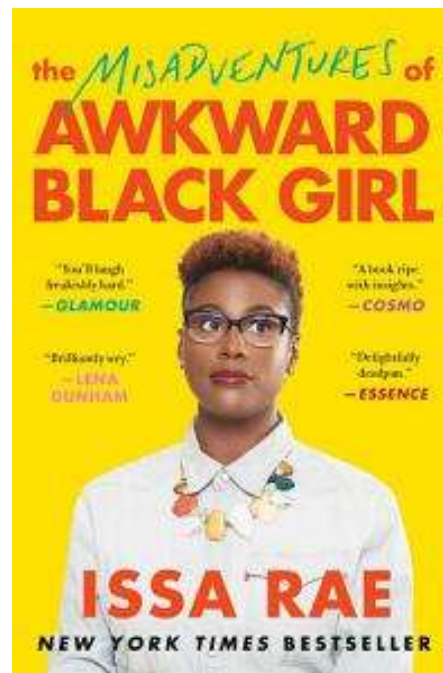


7. The Miseducation of the Negro by Carter Goodwin Woodson
8. The Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire
9. Critical Race Theory: The Key Writings That Formed the Movement by Kimberly Crenshaw, Neil Gotanda and Gary Peller
10. Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America by Melissa V. Harris-Perry



1. Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present by Harriet A. Washington
2. Dear White People by Justin Simien
3. I'm Judging You: The Do Better Manual by Luvvie Ajayi
4. Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting by Terrie M. Williams
5. Intersectionality by Patricia Hill Collins
6. When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America by Paula J. Giddings
7. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing by Joy Degruy
8. Women, Race & Class by Angela Y. Davis
9. Rock My Soul: Black People and Self Esteem by bell hooks
10. The Source of Self Regard by Toni Morrison

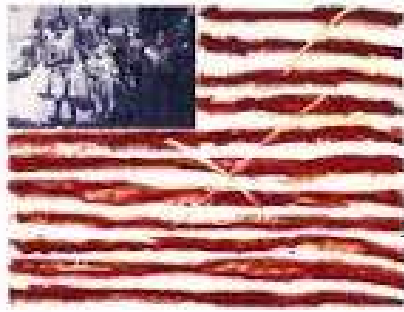
1. Eloquent Rage by Brittney Cooper
2. Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
3. Well That Escalated Quickly by Franchesca Ramsey
4. Small Doses: Potent Truth for Everyday Use by Amanda Seales
5. The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas
6. Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall
7. Year of Yes by Shonda Rhimes
8. Motherhood So White by Nefertiti Austin
9. You Can't Touch My Hair by Phoebe Robinson
10. The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl by Issa Rae



1. White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
2. Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Y. Davis

killing rage

ENDING RACISM



3. Assata by Assata Shakur
4. Killing Rage and Ending Racism by bell hooks
5. Unapologetic by Charlene A. Carruthers
6. The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison
7. Becoming Free, Becoming Black by Alejandro de la Fuente and Ariela J. Gross
8. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
9. Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
10. Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X Kendi

bell hooks

Black Owned Bookstores by State

Arkansas

Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing-Little Rock, AR

California

Eso Won Books-Los Angeles,, CA
 Ashay By The Bay-Vallejo, CA
 Carol's Bookstore-Sacramento, CA
 Marcus Books-Oakland, CA
 Revolution Books-Berkeley, CA

Connecticut

The Key Bookstore-Hartford, CT

D.C.

Mahogany Books
 Loyalty Bookstore
 Sankofa
 Solid State Books

Delaware

MeJah Books, Inc.-Claymont, DE

Florida

Cultured Books-St. Petersburg, FL
 Dare Books-Longwood, FL
 The Gatherings Awareness & Book Center-Pensacola, FL
 Best-Rich African Diaspora Literature Museum-Tampa, FL

Georgia

Black Dot Cultural Center & Bookstore-Lithonia, GA
 Book Boutique-Atlanta, GA
 Brave and Kind Books-Decatur, GA
 For Keeps Books-Atlanta, GA
 Medu Books-Atlanta, GA
 Nubian Bookstore-Morrow, GA
 The Listening Tree-Decatur, GA

Illinois

Frontline Bookstore- Chicago,IL
Semicolon Bookstore & Gallery-Chicago,IL
AfriWare Books-Maywood,IL
Da Book Joint-Chicago,IL
Lushena Books-Bensenville,IL
The Underground Bookstore-Chicago,IL
Black Expressions Bookstore-Evergreen Park,IL

Indiana

Brain Lair Books-South Bend,IN
Beyond Barcodes Bookstore-Kokomo,IN

Kentucky

Wild Fig Books & Coffee-Lexington,KY

Louisiana

Between the Lines Bookstore- Baton Rouge,LA
Community Bookstore-New Orleans,LA
Nubian Cultural Outreach Center-Shreveport,LA

Maryland

Wisdom Book Center-Gwynn,MD
Loyalty Bookstore-Silver Spring,MD
Riches in Reading-Maryland City,MD
MasterWorks Bookstore-Adelphi,MD
Everyone's Place-Baltimore,MD
Expressions Books and Frames-Baltimore,MD
Jay Books- Baltimore,MD
Urban Knowledge Bookstore- Temple Hills,MD

Massachusetts

Pyramid Books-Salem,MA
Frugal Bookstore-Roxbury,MA
Olive Tree Books-n-Voices-Springfield,MA

Michigan

Source Booksellers-Detroit,MI
Detroit Book City-Southfield, MI
Nandi's Knowledge Cafe- Highland Park,MI
The Truth Bookstore-Southfield,MI
Hood Book Headquarters-Warren,MI

Minnesota

Ancestry Books-Minneapolis,MN

Missouri

EyeSeeMe-University City,MO
Willa's Books-Kansas City,MO
Progressive Emporium & Information Center-St. Louis,MO

Nebraska

Aframerican Bookstore-Omaha,NE

New Jersey

La Unique African American Books & Cultural Center-Camden, NJ
Source of Knowledge-Newark,NJ
African American Bookstore-Hackensack,NJ
Urban Books on Wheels-Pleasantville,NJ

New York

Cafe Con Libros-Brooklyn,NY
 The Lit Bar-Bronx,NY
 Sisters Uptown Bookstore-New York City,NY
 Yoruba Bookstore-Brooklyn,NY
 Black Mind Book Boutique-Brooklyn,NY
 Official Connection-Brooklyn, NY
 Grandma's Place-Harlem,NY
 Zawandi Books-Buffalo,NY

Ohio

Smith & Hannon Bookstore-Cincinnati,OH
 Zawandi Books-Columbus,OH
 A Cultural Exchange-Cleveland,OH
 The African Bookshelf-Cleveland,OH
 Ujamaa Bookstore-Columbus,OH
 The Bookstore-Columbus,OH

Oklahoma

Mocha Books-Tulsa, OK
 Fulton Street Books & Coffee- Tulsa, OK
 Nappy Roots Bookstore-Oklahoma City,OH

Pennsylvania

Harriet's Bookshop-Philadelphia,PA
 Hakim's Bookshop-Philadelphia,PA
 The Black Reserve-Landsdale,PA
 Black and Nobel- Philadelphia, PA
 White Whale Bookstore-Pittsburgh,PA
 Books & Stuff-Philadelphia,PA
 Color Book Gallery-Philadelphia,PA
 Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books-Philadelphia,PA

South Carolina

Turning Page Bookshop-Goose Creek,SC

Tennessee

The African Place-Memphis,TN
 Alkebu-Lan Images Bookstore-Nashville,TN

Texas

Black World Books-Killeen,TX
 Enda's Booktique-Duncanville,TX
 The Dock Bookshop-Fort Worth,TX
 Pan-African Connection-Dallas,TX
 African Imports-Houston,TX

Virginia

Books and Crannies-Martinsville,VA
 Harambee Books-Alexandria,VA
 House Of Consciousness-Norfolk, VA

Washington

L.E.M.S Bookstore- Seattle,WA

We hope you enjoy our first curated list and we encourage you to read or re-read these books and engage in thoughtful discussion. We will continue to engage in these important conversations and share tools to empower all of our Sisters and Siblings within Lambda Theta Alpha.

With Unity Love and Respect,

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