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BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME
by TA-NEHISI COATES

Between the World and Me is a personal literary exploration of America’s racial history. Pivoting from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation’s history and current crisis.

“I’ve been wondering who might fill the intellectual void that plagued me after James Baldwin died. Clearly it is Ta-Nehisi Coates. The language of Between the World and Me, like Coates’s journey, is visceral, eloquent, and beautifully redemptive. And its examination of the hazards and hopes of black male life is as profound as it is revelatory. This is required reading.” —Toni Morrison

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WE WERE EIGHT YEARS IN POWER
An American Tragedy
by TA-NEHISI COATES

We Were Eight Years in Power is a vital account of modern America, from one of the definitive voices of this historic moment. The book features Ta-Nehisi Coates’s iconic essays first published in The Atlantic, including “Fear of a Black President,” “The Case for Reparations,” and “The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” along with eight fresh essays that revisit each year of the Obama administration through Coates’s own experiences, observations, and intellectual development, capped by a bracingly original assessment of the election that fully illuminated the tragedy of the Obama era.

COURSES: Political Sociology; Race Relations; Social Change; Social Movements and Collective Behavior

THE CULTURE CODE
The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups
by DANIEL COYLE

Daniel Coyle explores the question of what makes a successful group tick, visiting some of the world’s most productive groups, including Pixar, Navy SEALs, and Zappos. Based on thorough research and presenting compelling real-world case studies, The Culture Code will revolutionize how students think about creating and sustaining successful groups.

“If you want to understand how successful groups work—the signals they transmit, the language they speak, the cues that foster creativity—you won’t find a more essential guide than The Culture Code. This is a marvel of insight and practicality.” —Charles Duhigg, New York Times bestselling author of The Power of Habit

COURSES: Sociology of Organizations; Group Dynamics; Sociology of Work

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EVICTED
Poverty and Profit in the American City
by MATTHEW DESMOND
Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction; the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction; Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction; Hillman Prize for Book Journalism; the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize

Based on years of embedded fieldwork in the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, where families spend most of their income on housing and where eviction has become routine, Evicted transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem.

“Desmond is an academic who teaches at Harvard—a sociologist or, you could say, an ethnographer. But I would like to claim him as a journalist too, and one who . . . has set a new standard for reporting on poverty.” —Barbara Ehrenreich, The New York Times Book Review

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COURSES: Social Welfare Policy; Family Welfare; Sociology of Family; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Specialized Courses in Family

TRAINWRECK
The Women We Love to Hate, Mock, and Fear . . . and Why by SADY DOYLE

She’s everywhere once you start looking for her: the trainwreck. She’s Britney Spears shaving her head, Whitney Houston saying, "crack is whack," and Amy Winehouse, dying in front of millions. But the trainwreck is also as old (and as meaningful) as feminism itself. For an age when any form of self-expression can be the one that ends you, Sady Doyle’s book is as intelligent as it is funny and compassionate—a timely, feminist anatomy of the female trainwreck.

“A ruthlessly funny, smart, and relentlessly on-point takedown of modern misogyny. . . . Doyle’s debut book places her on the A-list of contemporary feminist writers.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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COURSES: Women’s Studies; Gender Studies; Sociology of Women; Specialized Courses in Race and Gender; Popular Culture

INCARCERATION NATIONS
A Journey to Justice in Prisons Around the World by BAZ DREISINGER

Incarceration Nations is a first-person odyssey through the prison systems of the world. Professor, journalist, and founder of the Prison-to-College Pipeline, Baz Dreisinger looks into the human stories of incarcerated men and women and those who imprison them, creating a jarring, poignant view of a world to which most are denied access, and a rethinking of one of America’s most far-reaching global exports: the modern prison complex.

“Incarceration Nations sheds important light on the ways that justice systems around the world are similar, as well as their unique aspects. . . . This is a great read for both students of criminal justice, as well as citizens of the world.” —Debbie Mukamal, Executive Director, Stanford Criminal Justice Center, Stanford Law School

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COURSES: Social Problems; Deviance; Introduction to Criminology; Specialized Courses in Criminal Justice; Criminal Law; Human Rights
DEMOCRACY IN BLACK
How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul
by EDDIE S. GLAUDE, JR.

Part manifesto, part history, part memoir, Democracy in Black argues that we live in a country founded on a “value gap”—with white lives valued more than others—that still distorts our politics. Whether discussing why all Americans have racial habits that reinforce inequality, why black politics based on the civil rights era have reached a dead end or why only remaking democracy from the ground up can bring real change, Eddie Glaude crystallizes the untenable position of black America—and offers thoughts on a better way forward.

“Eddie Glaude speaks some hard truths in this important new book. Glaude is the fiercest of thinkers, and this book is a brilliant and crucial prescription for necessary change.”—Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

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COURSES: Political Sociology; Social Psychology; Race Relations; Specialized Courses in Race/Class/Gender; Social Stratification

FUTURES OF BLACK RADICALISM
Edited by GAYE THERESA JOHNSON and ALEX LUBIN

In Futures of Black Radicalism, now in paperback, key intellectuals—inspired by the new movements and by the seminal work of the scholar Cedric J. Robinson—recall the powerful tradition of Black radicalism while defining new directions for the activists and thinkers it inspires.

“Cedric Robinson was a towering intellectual and courageous activist in the grand tradition of W.E.B Du Bois. In these bleak times, it is imperative to keep his legacy alive and build on his work and witness. This book meets this imperative in a powerful way!”—Cornel West, author of The Radical King

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LIVING IN THE ANTHROPOCENE
Earth in the Age of Humans
Edited by W. JOHN KRESS and JEFFERY K. STINE

Living in the Anthropocene contextualizes the Age of Humans by presenting paleontological, historical, and contemporary views of various human effects on Earth. It discusses environmental and biological systems that have been changed and affected; the causes of the Anthropocene; how societies are responding and adapting to these changes; how these changes have been represented in art, film, television, and literature; and finally, offers a look at the future of our environment and our own lives.

“Scientists, humanists, and artists offer their perspectives on the sort of future they envision while providing advice on the action needed to help shape that future. . . . With so many perspectives present, there’s something of interest to a wide array of readers.”—Publishers Weekly

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COURSES: Human Ecology; Biological/Physical Anthropology; Specialized Courses in Cultural and Social Anthropology
THE FAR AWAY BROTHERS
Two Young Migrants and the Making of an American Life
by LAUREN MARKHAM

In this chronicle of contemporary immigration, journalist Lauren Markham follows the seventeen-year-old Flores twins as they make their harrowing journey across the Rio Grande and the Texas desert, into the hands of immigration authorities.

"The Far Away Brothers is impeccably timed, intimately reported and beautifully expressed. Markham brings people and places to rumbling life; she has that rare ability to recreate elusive, subjective experiences—whether they're scenes she never witnessed or her characters' interior psychological states—without taking undue liberties. In many ways, her book is reminiscent of Adrian Nicole LeBlanc's Random Family. It's about teenagers who raise themselves."
—Jennifer Senior, The New York Times

“You should read The Far Away Brothers. We all should.” —NPR

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COURSES: Political Sociology; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Social Welfare Policy; Social Stratification

TOMORROW WILL BE DIFFERENT
Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality
by SARAH MCBRIDE

Before Sarah McBride became the first transgender person to speak at a national political convention in 2016 at the age of twenty-six, she struggled with the decision to come out. When the Facebook post announcing her truth went viral, she realized how much impact her story could have on the country. McBride would go on to become one of the nation’s most prominent transgender activists, walking the halls of the White House and advocating the passing of laws. Informative, heartbreaking, and empowering, Tomorrow Will Be Different is McBride’s story of love and loss, a powerful entry point into the LGBTQ community’s battle for equal rights and what it means to be openly transgender. From issues like bathroom access to health care, McBride weaves the important political and cultural milestones into a personal journey that will open hearts and change minds.

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COURSES: Gender Studies; Human Sexuality; Specialized Courses in Race/Class/Gender; Social Change

A FALSE REPORT
A True Story of Rape in America
by T. CHRISTIAN MILLER and KEN ARMSTRONG

In 2008, eighteen-year-old Marie reported that a masked man raped her. Within days, the police and her family became suspicious of her story. Confronted with inconsistencies in her story and the doubts of others, Marie broke down and said her story was a lie. Police charged Marie with false reporting. More than two years later, Colorado detective Stacy Galbraith was investigating a case of sexual assault that bore an eerie resemblance to an earlier rape in a nearby town that might be the work of a serial rapist. A False Report is a serpentine tale that unveils the disturbing reality of how sexual assault is investigated today—and the long history of skepticism toward rape victims.

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COURSES: Violence and Abuse; Deviance; Gender Studies; Social Problems

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THE LAST GIRL
My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State
by NADIA MURAD

In this memoir, a former captive of the Islamic State tells her harrowing and insightful story. In 2014, Islamic State militants massacred the people of her village, killing her brothers and mother. Nadia Murad was taken to Mosul and forced, along with thousands of other Yazidi girls, into the IS slave trade. Finally, she managed a narrow escape through the streets of Mosul. As a farm girl in rural Iraq, Murad could not have imagined she would one day address the United Nations or be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Today, Murad’s story has forced the world to pay attention to the ongoing genocide in Iraq.

“A devastating yet ultimately inspiring memoir that doubles as an urgent call to action.” — Kirkus Reviews

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COURSES: Political Sociology; Sociology of Women; Sociology of Religion; Violence and Abuse

BORN A CRIME
Stories from a South African Childhood
by TREvor NOAH

Trevor Noah traces his unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show in Born a Crime, a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother’s unconventional, unconditional love.

“[A] compelling new memoir. . . . By turns alarming, sad and funny, [Trevor Noah’s] book provides a harrowing look, through the prism of Mr. Noah’s family, at life in South Africa under apartheid. . . . Born A Crime is not just an unnerving account of growing up in South Africa under apartheid, but a love letter to the author’s remarkable mother.”

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COURSES: Race Relations; Social Change; Specialized Courses in Race/Class/Gender; Political Sociology

AN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINX HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES
by PAUL ORTIZ

Spanning more than two hundred years, An African American and Latinx History of the United States is a revolutionary, politically charged narrative history arguing that the “Global South” was crucial to the development of America as we know it. Ortiz shows how placing African American, Latinx, and Indigenous voices unapologetically front and center transforms American history into the story of the working class organizing against imperialism.

“A fierce and masterful work of historical scholarship. Extraordinary in its depth and breadth.” — Gaye Theresa Johnson, author of Spaces of Conflict, Sounds of Solidarity

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COURSES: Race Relations; Social Stratification; Specialized Courses in Race/Class/Gender; Social Movements and Collective Behavior; Social Change

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RESET
My Fight for Inclusion and Lasting Change
by ELLEN PAO

In 2015, Ellen K. Pao sued a powerhouse Silicon Valley venture capital firm, calling out workplace discrimination and retaliation against women and other underrepresented groups. Her suit rocked the tech world—and exposed its toxic culture and its homogeneity. Though Pao lost her suit, she revolutionized the conversation at tech offices, in the media, and around the world.

“Necessary and incisive. . . . It was great to see a highly accomplished woman of color speaking out like this, and hopefully this book will encourage more women to come forward, give voice to their experiences in the workplace, and contribute to meaningful change.”—Roxane Gay

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CLASS, RACE, AND MARXISM
by DAVID ROEDIGER

As a key figure in the critical study of whiteness, U.S. historian David Roediger has received both criticism and praise, alleging that he left Marxism behind to work on questions of identity. This volume challenges such a view, arguing that racial division is not only part of the history of capitalism but also of the logic of capital.

“No contemporary intellectual has better illuminated the interwoven social histories and conceptual dimensions of race and class domination. With this stunning new collection of essays, David Roediger once again demonstrates that he is a vital thinker for all of us seeking to bridge the imperatives of economic and social justice.”—Nikhil Singh, New York University

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I CAN’T BREATHE
A Killing on Bay Street
by MATT TAIBBI

In a work of riveting literary journalism, Matt Taibbi explores the roots and repercussions of the infamous killing of Eric Garner by the New York City police. A masterly narrative of urban America and a scathing indictment of the perverse incentives built into our penal system, I Can’t Breathe drills down into the particulars of one case to expose the human cost of America’s broken approach to dispensing criminal justice.

“[A] brilliant work of narrative nonfiction . . . [Matt] Taibbi is unsparing in his excoriations of the system, police, and courts that led to the fatal choke hold and worked to blur the abuse afterward. . . . This is a necessary and riveting work.”—Booklist(starred review)

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