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RECOMMENDED TITLES FOR COURSE ADOPTION SPRING 2020
A Knock at Midnight
A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom
Brittany K. Barnett

Brittany K. Barnett was only a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever—that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, business owner, and, like Brittany, Black daughter of the rural South. A victim of America’s devastating war on drugs, Sharanda had been torn away from her young daughter and was serving a life sentence without parole—for a first-time drug offense. As she studied this case, a system came into focus: one where widespread racial injustice forms the core of America’s addiction to incarceration. Moved by Sharanda’s plight, Brittany set to work to gain her freedom.

This had never been the plan. Bright and ambitious, Brittany was a successful accountant on her way to a high-powered future in corporate law. But Sharanda’s case opened the door to a harrowing journey through the criminal justice system. By day she moved billion-dollar deals, and by night she worked pro bono to free clients in near-hopeless legal battles. Ultimately, her path transformed her understanding of injustice in the courts, of genius languishing behind bars, and the very definition of freedom itself.

The Undocumented Americans
Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Looking beyond the flashpoints of the border or the activism of the DREAMers, Cornejo Villavicencio explores the lives of the undocumented—and the mysteries of her own life as a DACA recipient. She finds the nation of singular, effervescent characters often reduced in the media to political pawns or nameless laborers. The stories she tells are not deferential or naively inspirational but show the love, magic, heartbreak, insanity, and vulgarity that infuse the day-to-day lives of her subjects.

In New York, we meet the undocumented workers who were recruited into the federally funded Ground Zero cleanup after 9/11. In Miami, we enter the ubiquitous botanicas, which offer medicinal herbs and potions to those whose status blocks them from any other healthcare options. In Flint, Michigan, we learn of demands for state ID in order to receive life-saving clean water. And through it all we see the author grappling with the biggest questions of love, duty, family, and survival.

In her incandescent, relentlessly probing voice, Cornejo Villavicencio combines sensitive reporting and powerful personal narratives to bring to light remarkable stories of resilience, madness, and death.
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Golden Gates
Fighting for Housing in America
Conor Dougherty

New York Times journalist Conor Dougherty chronicles America’s housing crisis from its West Coast epicenter, peeling back the decades of history and economic forces that brought us here. Dougherty follows a struggling math teacher who builds a political movement dedicated to ending single-family-house neighborhoods. A teenage girl who leads her apartment complex against their rent-raising landlord. A nun who tries to outmaneuver private equity investors by amassing a multi-million-dollar portfolio of affordable homes. A developer who manufactures homeless housing on an assembly line.

Sweeping in scope and intimate in detail, Golden Gates captures a vast political realignment during a moment of rapid technological and social change. “Illustrate[s] how the crisis plays out in people’s lives and the forces driving the housing market . . . Dougherty’s in-depth reporting provides the reader with a more nuanced understanding of the forces at work in today’s high cost housing markets.” —Chris Herbert, managing director of the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies

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After the Last Border
Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America
Jessica Goudeau

After the Last Border is an intimate look at the lives of two women settling as refugees in Austin, Texas. Mu Naw, a Christian from Myanmar struggling to put down roots with her family, was accepted after decades in a refugee camp at a time when America was at its most open to displaced families; and Hasna, a Muslim from Syria, agrees to relocate as a last resort for the safety of her family—only to be cruelly separated from her children by a sudden ban on refugees from Muslim countries. Writer and activist Jessica Goudeau tracks the human impacts of America’s ever-shifting refugee policy as both women narrowly escape from their home countries and begin the arduous but lifesaving process of resettling in Austin.

After the Last Border situates a dramatic, character-driven story within a larger history—the evolution of modern refugee resettlement in the United States, beginning with World War II and ending with current closed-door policies—revealing not just how America’s changing attitudes toward refugees has influenced policies and laws, but also the profound effect on human lives.

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Hood Feminism
Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot
Mikki Kendall

Mainstream feminists rarely talk about meeting basic needs as a feminist issue, argues Mikki Kendall, but food insecurity, access to quality education, safe neighborhoods, a living wage, and medical care are all feminist issues. All too often, the focus is not on basic survival for the many, but on increasing privilege for the few. Prominent white feminists broadly suffer from their own myopia with regard to how things like race, class, sexual orientation, and ability intersect with gender. How can we stand in solidarity as a movement, Kendall asks, when there is the distinct likelihood that some women are oppressing others?

In her searing collection of essays, Kendall draws on her own experiences with hunger, violence, and hypersexualization, along with incisive commentary on politics, pop culture, the stigma of mental health, and more.

“Kendall has written the missive that feminists—especially white feminists—need to move forward with an intersectional and deliberately anti-racist focus.”—Dianna Anderson, author of Problematic

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How to Be an Antiracist
Ibram X. Kendi

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism—and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see and value ourselves. In How to Be an Antiracist, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

“Ibram Kendi is today’s visionary in the enduring struggle for racial justice. . . . He illuminates the foundations of racism in revolutionary new ways, and I am consistently challenged and inspired by his analysis.”—Robin DiAngelo, New York Times bestselling author of White Fragility

One World • Hardcover • 320 pages • 978-0-525-50928-8 • $27.00
Five Days
The Fiery Reckoning of an American City
Wes Moore with Erica L. Green

When Freddie Gray was arrested for possessing an “illegal knife” in April 2015, he was, by eyewitness accounts that video evidence later confirmed, treated “roughly” as police loaded him into a vehicle. By the end of his trip in the police van, Gray was in a coma from which he would never recover. In the wake of a long history of police abuse in Baltimore, this killing felt like the final straw—it led to a week of protests, then five days described alternately as a riot or an uprising that set the entire city on edge and caught the nation’s attention.

Wes Moore—along with journalist Erica Green—tells the story of the Baltimore uprising both through his own observations and through the eyes of other Baltimoreans, from a conflicted black captain of the Baltimore Police Department to a young white public defender who’s drawn into the violent center of the uprising herself. Each shifting point of view contributes to an engrossing, cacophonous account of one of the most consequential moments in our recent history, which is also an essential cri de coeur about the deeper causes of the violence and the small seeds of hope planted in its aftermath.

Economic Dignity
Gene Sperling

Economic Dignity is former director of the National Economic Council Gene Sperling’s effort to reframe our thinking in a time of wrenching economic change. He combines moral and intellectual seriousness with actual high-level policy experience to argue that economic dignity should be the singular end goal by which we chart America’s economic future. Too often, Sperling says, our economic debate confused ends and means; that we measure economic success by metrics like GDP instead of whether the economy is succeeding in lifting up the sense of meaning, purpose, fulfillment, and security of people.

Sperling sees economic dignity as resting on three pillars. The first: the capacity to care for family without economic deprivation. The second: the right to the pursuit of potential and purpose, including the right to second chances. The third: economic participation with respect and without domination and humiliation. All three pillars are rooted in the highest and most noble values of the American project. But getting there is the rub, and in Economic Dignity, Sperling offers paths that policymakers and citizens can follow for years to come.
Pure Invention
How Japan’s Pop Culture Conquered the World
Matt Alt

We’ve all fallen in love with one or another of Japan’s pop-culture creations, from the techy to the wild to the super-kawaii. But as Japanese media veteran Matt Alt proves in this brilliant investigation of Tokyo’s pop-fantasy complex, we don’t know the half of it. Through the stories of an indelible group of artists, geniuses, and oddballs, Pure Invention reveals how Japanese ingenuity remade global culture and may have created modern life as we know it.

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The Good Country Equation
How We Can Repair the World in One Generation
Simon Anholt

Why doesn’t the world work? Simon Anholt, advisor to governments worldwide and creator of the Good Country Index, tells how he began finding answers to that question. What he came to realize is that the solution is twofold. We need to educate our children to be truly global citizens, to see the impact of their actions beyond their country’s borders. And we need to educate countries in the same way.

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The Smartphone Society
Technology, Power, and Resistance in the New Gilded Age
Nicole Aschoff

Our smartphones have brought digital technology into the most intimate spheres of life. Smartphones have allowed users to connect worldwide in a way that was previously impossible, created communities across continents, and provided platforms for global justice movements. However, the rise of smartphones has led to corporations using consumers’ personal data for profit, unmonitored surveillance, and digital monopolies. But people are using their smartphones to fight back. New modes of resistance are emerging, signaling the possibility that our smartphones could be harnessed for the benefit of people, not profit.

Beacon Press • Hardcover • 216 pages • 978-0-8070-6168-8 • $25.95

The Economic Case for LGBT Equality
Why Fair and Equal Treatment Benefits Us All
M. V. Lee Badgett

We know that homophobia harms LGBT individuals in many ways, but economist M. V. Lee Badgett argues that in addition to moral and human rights reasons for equality, we can now also make a financial argument. Finding that homophobia and transphobia cost 1% or more of a country’s GDP, Badgett expertly uses recent research and statistics to analyze how these hostile practices and environments affect both the US and global economies.

Beacon Press • Hardcover • 240 pages • 978-0-8070-3560-3 • $26.95
A Black Man in Trumpland
Why We Didn’t Riot — But Should Have
Issac J Bailey

Journalist Issac J. Bailey reflects on a wide range of topics that have been increasingly dividing Americans, from police brutality and Confederate symbols to poverty and respectability politics. This book speaks to and for the millions of black and brown people throughout the United States who were marginalized by a media that prioritized the concerns and feelings of the white working class and an administration that made white supremacists giddy.

Other Press • Hardcover • 144 pages • 978-1-63542-028-9 • $19.99

Revolutionary Feminisms
Conversations on Collective Action and Radical Thought
Brenna Bhandar and Rafeef Ziadah

Black, anti-colonial, anti-racist feminist thought is often sidelined in mainstream discourses that transform feminism into simplistic calculations of how many women are in positions of power. Through interviews with key scholars, including Angela Y. Davis and Silvia Federici, Bhandar and Ziadah present a serious and thorough discussion of race, class, gender, and sexuality not merely as intersections to be noted or additives to be mixed in, but as co-constitutive factors that must be reckoned with if we are to build effective coalitions.

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Possible Minds
Twenty-Five Ways of Looking at AI
John Brockman, editor

John Brockman assembles 25 prominent thinkers—from Alison Gopnik and David Deutsch to Frank Wilczek and Stephen Wolfram—to weigh in on artificial intelligence and where it might be taking us.

“While the authors disagree on the answers, they agree on the major question: what dangers might AI present to humankind? Within that framework, the essays offer a host of novel ideas . . . . . . Enlightening, entertaining, and exciting reading.”—Publishers Weekly

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Hill Women
Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains
Cassie Chambers

Appalachian women face issues that are all too common, from domestic violence to the opioid crisis. But they also keep their communities together in the face of a system that continually fails them. With nuance and heart, Chambers uses these women’s stories to break down the myth of the hillbilly and illuminate a region whose poor communities, especially women, can lead it into the future.

“Destined to be compared to Hillbilly Elegy and Educated.”—BookPage (starred review)

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Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do  
Jennifer L. Eberhardt, PhD

One of the world’s leading experts on unconscious racial bias offers an examination of its influence at all levels of society—in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and criminal justice system.

“Drawing on her pioneering research, Jennifer Eberhardt’s new book offers a powerful exploration of how racial bias seeps into our classrooms, college campuses, police departments, and businesses.”  
—Bruce Western, Columbia University

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**Burn It Down!**  
Feminist Manifestos for the Revolution  
Breanne Fahs

In this landmark collection of manifestos spanning three centuries and four waves of feminist activism and writing, *Burn It Down!* is a testament to what is possible when women are driven to the edge. Among this confrontational sisterhood, you’ll find “Dyke Manifesto” by the Lesbian Avengers, “The Ax Tampon Feministo” by the Bloodsisters Project, “The Manifesto of Apocalyptic Witchcraft” by Peter Grey, and 72 other provoking manifestos.

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Stories of Climate Change and Inequality in a Divided World  
Edited by John Freeman

Building from his acclaimed anthology *Tales of Two Americas*, editor John Freeman draws together 35 of our greatest writers to help us see how the environmental crisis is affecting the world. Margaret Atwood conjures a dystopian future. Lauren Groff whisks us to Florida; Edwidge Danticat to Haiti; Tahmima Anam to Bangladesh; Yasmine El Rashidi to Egypt. Eka Kurniawan brings us to Indonesia, Chinelo Okparanta to Nigeria, and Anuradha Roy to the Himalayas.

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**How to They/Them**  
A Visual Guide to Nonbinary Pronouns and the World of Gender Fluidity  
Stuart Getty

Ever wonder what “nonbinary” or “gender nonconforming” really mean? From a they/them—using nonbinary writer, this book makes it humorous and easy to learn so that everyone can get it. No soap boxes or divisive comment section wars here. Sometimes funny, sometimes serious, always human, this 101 primer is about more than just bathrooms and pronouns. It’s about gender expression and the freedom to choose for one’s own self how to identify.

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American Baby
A Mother, a Child, and the Shadow History of Adoption
Gabrielle Glaser

In 1960s America, premarital sex was common, but birth control was hard to get and abortion was illegal. Open adoption is the rule today, but the identities of many who were adopted or who surrendered a child in the postwar decades are locked in sealed files. American Baby lays out how a lucrative and exploitative industry shamed millions of young women into surrendering their children, fabricating stories about infants’ origins and destinations, then closing the door firmly between the parties forever.

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21 Lessons for the 21st Century
Yuval Noah Harari

A probing and visionary investigation into today’s most urgent issues as we move into the uncharted territory of the future. As technology advances faster than our understanding of it, hacking becomes a tactic of war, and the world feels more polarized than ever, Harari addresses the challenge of navigating life in the face of constant and disorienting change and raises the important questions we need to ask ourselves in order to survive.

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The Future of Difference
Beyond the Toxic Entanglement of Racism, Sexism and Feminism
Sabine Hark and Paula-Irene Villa

In recent years, opponents of ‘political correctness’ have surged to prominence, shaping a discourse in which perpetrators are ‘defiantly’ imagined as Muslim refugees, i.e. outsiders/others, while victims are identified as ‘our women’. This poisonous situation grounds Hark and Villa’s theorization of contemporary regimes of power as engaged primarily in the violent production of difference. They argue that the logic of ‘differentiate and rule’ thoroughly permeates our entire ‘way of life’.

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Minor Feelings
An Asian American Reckoning
Cathy Park Hong

As the daughter of Korean immigrants, Cathy Park Hong grew up steeped in shame, suspicion, and melancholy. She would later understand that these “minor feelings” occur when you believe the lies you’re told about your own racial identity. With sly humor and a poet’s searching mind, Hong uses her own story as a portal into a deeper examination of racial consciousness in America today.

“One to read this book is to become more human.”—Claudia Rankine, author of Citizen

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An Odyssey Across the American Divide
Tony Horwitz
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A Human’s Guide to Machine Intelligence
How Algorithms Are Shaping Our Lives and How We Can Stay in Control
Kartik Hosanagar
A Wharton professor makes the compelling case that we need to arm ourselves with a better, deeper, more nuanced understanding of the phenomenon of algorithmic thinking.
“Algorithms and artificial intelligence are overturning the rules of society. . . . Hosanagar’s book is the best guide yet to understanding these digital forces reshaping our lives. Rigorous yet readable, filled with insight and perspective from one of our smartest thinkers about technology.”—Arun Sundararajan, New York University
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Wellness and the Counterculture
Matthew Ingram
The counterculture of the Sixties and the Seventies is remembered for music, art, feminism, black power, cultural revolt and the New Left. But arguably more important than all of these, both to its core identity and in terms of its ongoing significance and impact, is its relationship with health and wellness.
Matthew Ingram connects the dots between the beats, yoga, psychedelic, psychoanalysis, Eastern philosophy, sex, and veganism, showing how the hippies still have a lot to teach us about our wellbeing.
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A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love
Valarie Kaur
A renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer asks: How do we love in a time of rage? How do we fix a broken world while not breaking ourselves? See No Stranger helps us imagine new ways of being with each other—and with ourselves—so that together we can begin to build the world we want to see.
“Valarie Kaur’s powerful memoir offers a reliable moral compass guided by revolutionary love.”—Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow
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Feminist City
Claiming Space in a Man-Made World
Leslie Kern

In *Feminist City*, through history, personal experience and popular culture Leslie Kern exposes what is hidden in plain sight: the social inequalities built into our cities, homes, and neighborhoods. Taking on fear, motherhood, friendship, activism, and the joys and perils of being alone, Kern maps the city from new vantage points, laying out an intersectional feminist approach to urban histories and proposes that the city is perhaps also our best hope for shaping a new urban future.

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Palaces for the People
How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life
Eric Klinenberg

NYU sociologist Eric Klinenberg suggests that the future of democratic societies rests not simply on shared values but on shared spaces: the libraries, childcare centers, bookstores, and parks where crucial, sometimes life-saving social connections are formed.

“If America appears fractured at the national level, the author suggests, it can be mended at the local one.”—Booklist (starred review)

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Confronting Harm and Ending State Violence
Judith Levine and Erica Meiners

With analytical clarity and narrative force, *The Feminist and the Sex Offender* contends with two problems that are typically siloed in the era of #MeToo and mass incarceration: sexual and gender violence, on the one hand, and the state’s unjust, ineffective, and soul-destroying response to it on the other. Drawing on interviews, extensive research, reportage, and history, this book develops an intersectional feminist approach to ending sexual violence. It maps with considerable detail the unjust sex offender regime while highlighting the alternatives we urgently need.

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The Meritocracy Trap
How America’s Foundational Myth Feeds Inequality, Dismantles the Middle Class, and Devours the Elite
Daniel Markovits

Yale Law School professor Daniel Markovits presents a revolutionary new argument attacking the false promise of our so-called meritocracy. Americans still hold tight to the meritocratic ideal: that social and economic rewards should follow achievement; that social mobility should be possible, if hard-earned. But today, meritocracy has become exactly what it was conceived to resist: a mechanism for the concentration and dynastic transmission of wealth and privilege across generations.

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The Story of Two Detectives’ Relentless Search for the Truth
T. Christian Miller and Ken Armstrong, winners of the Pulitzer Prize

In 2008, Marie reported a rape. But confronted with the doubts of others, Marie said her story was a lie. Two years later, detective Stacy Galbraith was assigned to investigate a case of sexual assault, one that bore an eerie resemblance to Marie’s. Based on investigative files and extensive interviews with the principals, Unbelievable reveals the disturbing truth of how sexual assault is investigated today—and the long history of skepticism toward rape victims.

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Christine Montross, M.D.

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Chris Murphy

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Albert Murray, with a foreword by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Rediscover the “most important book on black-white relationships” in America.

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Robert Pondiscio

Teacher and education journalist Robert Pondiscio pulls back the curtain on Success Academy, the network of controversial charter schools in New York City.

“Having spent a year at one of the schools, [Pondiscio] methodically unpacks the ‘magic’ that makes Success so successful, while not shying away from legitimate criticism. The result is both compelling and illuminating.”—Joel Klein, former chancellor of the New York City Department of Education

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How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind
Raghuram Rajan

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“A strikingly insightful analysis of the penalties of neglecting the critically important role of community.”—Amartya Sen, Harvard University, Nobel Prize winner in Economic Sciences

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A Fight for Sacred Land in the American West
Lauren Redniss

Oak Flat tells the story of a struggle for a swath of American land, which pits one of the poorest communities in the U.S. against the federal government and two massive mining conglomerates. The still-unresolved conflict is ripped from today’s headlines, but its story resonates with foundational American themes: the saga of westward expansion, the resistance and resilience of Native peoples, and the efforts of profiteers to control the land while the lives of individuals hang in the balance.

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An Intimate Journey Into America’s Mental Health Crisis
Kenneth Paul Rosenberg, MD

Dr. Kenneth Rosenberg gives readers an inside look at the historical, political, and economic forces that have resulted in the greatest social crisis of the 21st century. One in five adults—40 million Americans—experiences mental illness each year, and yet, with the closures of state mental hospitals, many patients have nowhere to go. The culmination of a seven-year inquiry, Bedlam sheds light on the mental health care crisis and offers a way to move forward with care and compassion.

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The Return of Race Science
Angela Saini
At a time when racialized nationalisms are a resurgent threat throughout the world, Superior is a rigorous, much-needed examination of the insidious and destructive nature of race science—and a powerful reminder that, biologically, we are all far more alike than different.
“[A] brilliant critique of ‘race science’ . . . this is an important and, in an era of rising racial tensions, must-read book, especially for those most sure they do not need to read it.”—Publishers Weekly
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Salt in My Soul
An Unfinished Life
Mallory Smith
Despite her cystic fibrosis diagnosis, Mallory Smith grew up to be a determined, talented young woman who inspired others even as she privately raged against her illness. For more than 10 years, Mallory recorded her thoughts about struggles too personal to share during her life, leaving instructions for her mother to publish her work posthumously. What emerges is a powerful portrait of a brave young woman and blossoming writer who did not allow herself to be defined by disease.
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Cities
The First 6,000 Years
Monica L. Smith
Six thousand years ago, there were no cities on the planet. Today, more than half of the world’s population lives in urban areas, and that number is growing. Weaving together archaeology, history, and contemporary observations, Monica Smith explains the rise of the first urban developments and their connection to our own.
“A panoramic guide to our earliest urban areas. . . . Smith tells the story of how we built the cities that made everything else possible.”—Edward Glaeser, author of Triumph of the City
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Proud Boys and the White Ethnostate
How the Alt-Right Is Warping the American Imagination
Alexandra Minna Stern
What is the alt-right? To help guide us through the contemporary moment, historian Alexandra Minna Stern excavates the alt-right memes and tropes that have erupted online and explores the alt-right’s central texts, narratives, constructs, and insider language. Through careful analysis, Stern brings awareness to the underlying concepts that guide the alt-right and animate its overlapping forms of racism, xenophobia, transphobia, and anti-egalitarianism.
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Fashionopolis
The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes
Dana Thomas

The clothing industry churns out 80 billion garments a year and employs every sixth person on Earth. Historically, the apparel trade has exploited labor, the environment, and intellectual property—and with the simultaneous unfurling of fast fashion, globalization, and the tech revolution, those abuses have multiplied exponentially. Journalist Dana Thomas has traveled the globe to discover the visionary designers and companies who are propelling the industry toward a more positive future by reclaiming traditional craft and launching cutting-edge sustainable technologies.

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Trick Mirror
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