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Caste
The Origins of Our Discontents
Isabel Wilkerson

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In these stirring pages, Glaude locates hope and guidance in Baldwin as he mixes biography—drawn partially from newly uncovered Baldwin interviews—with history, memoir, and poignant analysis of our current moment to reveal the painful cycle of Black resistance and white retrenchment. As Glaude bears witness to the difficult truth of racism’s continued grip on the national soul, Begin Again is a searing exploration of the tangled web of race, trauma, and memory.

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Harriet Jacobs
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W.E.B Du Bois
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Fannie Lou Hamer’s Enduring Message to America
Keisha N. Blain

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The History of Race and Immigration in the United States from Chinese Exclusion to the Border Wall

Reece Jones

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Notable Native People

50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers, and Changemakers from Past and Present

Adrienne Keene, Illustrated by Ciara Sana

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Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and Exclusion
Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Many Americans, regardless of party affiliation, will say proudly that we are a nation of immigrants. In this bold new book, renowned historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz asserts this ideology is harmful and dishonest because it serves to mask and diminish our history of settler colonialism, genocide, white supremacy, slavery, and structural inequality. This paradigm shifting new book from the highly respected author of An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States charges that we need to stop believing and perpetuating this simplistic and ahistorical idea and embrace the more accurate history of the United States.

“Dunbar-Ortiz’s captivating and accessible historical account forces a reckoning with the various layers of the US imperialist project, from territorial control to economic and political influence at the expense of Black populations, migrants, and Indigenous peoples.”
—Alexandra Délano, Chair and Associate Professor of Global Studies, The New School

An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States
Kyle T. Mays

Beginning with pre-Revolutionary America and moving into the movement for Black lives and contemporary Indigenous activism, Afro-Indigenous historian, Kyle T. Mays argues that the foundations of the US are rooted in antiblackness and settler colonialism, and that these parallel oppressions continue into the present. He explores how Black and Indigenous peoples have always resisted and struggled for freedom, sometimes together, and sometimes apart. Whether to end African enslavement and Indigenous removal or eradicate capitalism and colonialism, Mays show how the fervor of Black and Indigenous peoples calls for justice have consistently sought to uproot white supremacy.

Mays uses a wide-array of historical activists and pop culture icons, “sacred” texts, and foundational texts like the Declaration of Independence and Democracy in America. He covers the civil rights movement and freedom struggles of the 1960s and 1970s, and explores current debates around the use of Native American imagery and the cultural appropriation of Black culture.
A Nation of Women
An Early Feminist Speaks Out
Luisa Capetillo
Edited with an Introduction by Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Translated by Alan West-Durán

In 1915, Puerto Rican activist Luisa Capetillo was arrested for wearing men’s trousers publicly. While this act of rebellion elevated her to feminist icon status, it also overshadowed the contributions she made to the women’s and anarchist labor movements of the early twentieth century. With this volume, Capetillo’s activism is given the spotlight it deserves with its inclusion of the first English translation of her landmark *Mi opinión sobre las libertades, derechos y deberes de la mujer.*

The Equivalents
A Story of Art, Female Friendship, and Liberation in the 1960s
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“‘This deft history charts the relationships among five of the earliest fellows. . . . Doherty relates their often fraught intimacies in detail, emphasizing how these dynamics prefigured currents in American feminism and culture’”—The New Yorker

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Misdiagnosis and Myth in a Man-Made World
Elinor Cleghorn

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New Women in the Old West
From Settlers to Suffragists, an Untold American Story
Winifred Gallagher

Between 1840 and 1910, hundreds of thousands of men and women traveled deep into the underdeveloped American West, galvanized by the spirit of Manifest Destiny. Alongside this expansion, a social shift was taking place: survival in a settler society required women to take on some of the same responsibilities as their husbands.

In *New Women in the Old West,* Winifred Gallagher brings to life the riveting history of the women—the White, Black, and Asian settlers, and the Native Americans and Hispanics they displaced—who played monumental roles in one of America's most transformative periods.
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Ernesto Che Guevara
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Foreword by Aleida Guevara

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“Che Guevara at the prime of his life and the height of his fame, went off to fight in the Congo. In that fleeting, anonymous passage through Africa, Che Guevara was to sow a seed that no one will destroy.”
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I Was a French Muslim
Memories of an Algerian Freedom Fighter
Mokhtar Mokhtefi
Translated by Elaine Mokhtefi

The son of a butcher and the youngest of six siblings, Mokhtar Mokhtefi was born in 1935 and grew up in a village de colonisation near the capital of Algiers. In 1957, at age twenty-two, he joined the National Liberation Army, which had been waging war against France since 1954. Mokhtefi’s powerful memoir bears witness to the extraordinary men and women who fought for Algerian independence against a colonial regime that viewed non-Europeans as fundamentally inferior, designating them not as French citizens, but as “French Muslims.”

The State of Israel vs. the Jews
Sylvain Cypel

More than a decade ago, the historian Tony Judt considered whether the behavior of Israel was becoming not only “bad for Israel itself” but also, on a wider scale, “bad for the Jews.” In The State of Israel vs. the Jews, veteran journalist Sylvain Cypel addresses it in depth, exploring Israel’s rightward shift on the international scene and with regard to the diaspora.

“Veteran French journalist Sylvain Cypel reflects on the growing divide between Israel and the Jewish diaspora in both France and the U.S. Composed with the general reader in mind, this is a superb summary of the current impasse.”—Peter E. Gordon, Harvard University

Under Jerusalem
The Buried History of the World’s Most Contested City
Andrew Lawler

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