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Andrew K. Diemer

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RJ Young

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Kyle T. Mays

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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.

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Albert Samaha
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Harvest of Empire
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Juan Gonzalez
The first new edition in ten years of this important study of Latinos in U.S. history, Harvest of Empire spans five centuries—from the European colonization of the Americas through the 2020 election. With family portraits of real-life immigrant Latino pioneers, as well as accounts of the events and conditions that compelled them to leave their homelands, Gonzalez highlights the complexity of a segment of the American population that is often discussed but frequently misrepresented.
A Good Country
My Life in Twelve Towns and the Devastating Battle for a White America
Sofia Ali-Khan

The daughter of Pakistani immigrants, Sofia Ali-Khan has lived, worked, and worshipped in 12 different towns across America and, by the time she had children of her own, felt deeply American. But as vitriolic attacks on Islam and Muslims intensified, she wondered if the American dream had ever applied to families like her own, and if she had gravely misunderstood her home.

In A Good Country, Ali-Khan revisits the color lines in each of her 12 towns, unearthing the half-buried histories of forced migration that still shape every state, town, and reservation in America today. She braids this historical exploration with her own story, providing an intimate perspective on the modern racialization of American Muslims, and why she chose to leave. Equal parts memoir, history, and current events, A Good Country presents a vital portrait of our nation, its people, and the pathway to a better future.

Not “A Nation of Immigrants”
Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and Exclusion
Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Many Americans will say proudly that we are a nation of immigrants. Here, historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz asserts his ideology is harmful and dishonest because it serves to mask and diminish the US’s history of settler colonialism, genocide, white supremacy, slavery, and structural inequality, all of which we still grapple with today.

“Historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz rightly argues that the United States is not ‘a nation of immigrants’ but, more accurately, a nation of colonizers.”
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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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Recognizing Racist Cultural Infrastructure in Memorials, Museums, and Patriotic Practices
Kristin Hass

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