

Juneteenth Reading List

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Children's Books

[*Juneteenth for Mazie*](#) – Floyd Cooper

[*The Juneteenth Story: Celebrating the End of Slavery in the United States*](#) – Allilah L. Agostini

[*What Is Juneteenth?*](#) – Kirsti Jewel and Who HQ

[*All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom*](#) – Angela Johnson

[*Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth*](#) – Alice Faye Duncan

[*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*](#) – Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

[*The Night Before Freedom: A Juneteenth Story*](#) – Glenda Armand

[*Hidden Black History: From Juneteenth to Redlining \(The Fight for Black Rights\)*](#) – Amanda Jackson Green

[*Come Juneteenth*](#) – Ann Rinaldi

Adult Books

[*On Juneteenth*](#) – Annette Gordon-Reed

[*Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*](#) – Ibram X. Kendi

[*1619 Project*](#) – Nikole Hannah-Jones

[*Juneteenth*](#) – Ralph Ellison

[*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*](#) – Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

[*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*](#) – Isabel Wilkerson

[*Envisioning Emancipation: Black Americans and the End of Slavery*](#) – Deborah Willis and Barbara Krauthamer

The Brightest Day: A Juneteenth Historical Romance Anthology – Kianna Alexander, Alyssa Cole, Lena Hart, and Piper Huguley

Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America – W. Caleb McDaniel
winner of the Pulitzer Prize

Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk about Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Emancipation – edited by Ira Berlin, Marc Favreau, and Steven F. Miller

How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America – Clint Smith

Articles and Blogs

Nonprofit Organizations You Need to Check Out for Juneteenth

Celebrating Juneteenth and Continuing to Work in Solidarity for Racial Justice, Equality, and Equity

We Honor the Black Protestors Who Made Juneteenth a Federal Holiday

Fulfilling Juneteenth: Why Many Black Americans Are Still Awaiting Emancipation After 157 Years