

Diversity and Inclusion Book & Film Club Recommended List

Book Club

1. White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo – discussed at the monthly book club from December 2020 until May 2021
2. Black and British, A Forgotten History by David Olusoga.
3. Anti - Racist Ally – An Introduction to Action and Activism by Sophie Williams
4. The Help by Kathryn Stockett - discussed at the 29.01.21 book club
5. To Kill a Mocking Bird by Harper Lee – discussed at the 23.04.21 book club
6. Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly – discussed at the 21.05.21 book club.
7. **Audre Lorde (1934 - 1992)**



Born in New York in 1934, Audre is known as the 'black lesbian mother warrior poet'. She worked as a librarian for many years before she published her first volume of poetry, *First Cities*, in 1968. Audre's work covered everything from civil rights (*The Black Unicorn*) and sexuality to her own battle with breast cancer. Audre dedicated both her life and creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Almost three decades after her death, she continues to be rightly celebrated for her artistry and civil rights activism.

“Your Silence Will Not Protect” you which contains the essay **The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House:**

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Your-Silence-Will-Not-Protect/dp/0995716226/ref=pd_sbs_4?pd_rd_w=GQx2A&pf_rd_p=2cc879b3-0437-401a-870d-ced07a584039&pf_rd_r=YFRA7ZCSWAZHA9ARTJ2W&pd_rd_r=9b391434-1fc2-42c6-a015-84eb1d2ad294&pd_rd_wg=Muy8N&pd_rd_i=0995716226&psc=1 – discussed at the 25.06.21 and 30.07.21 book club.

8. [Equal Ever After: The fight for same-sex marriage - and how I made it happen by Lynne Featherstone](#)

The author of this book, Lynne Featherstone, is a British Liberal Democrat parliamentarian who worked to establish legal same-sex marriage in the United Kingdom. The book details her part in the fight for same-sex marriage and how she helped to make it happen

9. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Orlando-Biography-Wordsworth-Virginia-Woolf/dp/1853262390> - Orlando by Virginia Woolf

10. [Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo](#)

You might have come across Bernadine Evaristo's eighth novel as the deserving winner of the 2019 Booker prize. Girl, Woman, Other tells the stories of twelve women living in the UK. Each life story is different, but ultimately all are interconnected, coming together in a broad and open picture of what it means to be a woman in 21st century Britain

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Girl-Woman-Other-Bernadine-Evaristo/dp/0241364906>

11. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Another_Country_\(novel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Another_Country_(novel)) – Another Country by James Baldwin.

12. The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga – discussed at the 24.09.21 book and film club.

13. Poet Rabindranath Tagore

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=rabindranath+tagore&cvid=b3d3c9ce13404f33917e8b5a87f569b3&aqs=edge.0.0l7.6868j0j4&FORM=ANAB01&PC=U531>

14. Linton Kwesi Johnson - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linton_Kwesi_Johnson - discussed at 03.09.21 book club.

<https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=video&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiR0Jfj2uTwAhWt3OAKHc80Bl4QtWlWB3oECACQAw&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D7uvY5qU7ayg&usg=AOvVaw0WzEIUfWErA-RkA-11YrAu> – Linton Kwesi Johnson - Sonny's Letter

https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwil1OPu3OTwAhV07OAKHc1nD30QwqsBMAJ6BAgIEAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D0zL1rmcl-eY&usg=AOvVaw1_hqe9afp54n9JqzLn_W3 – Linton Kwesi Johnson – More Time

<https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjO74aU3eTwAhVWBGMBHQ4fBXoQwqsBMAp6BAGkEAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dxphdl8rco54&usg=AOvVaw3XyL4vgUN1aKdldCgclrFj> Linton Kwesi Johnson – It Noh Funny

15. Phillis Wheatley including one of her poems entitled “A Hymn to the Evening” – due to be discussed at the 26.11.21 book club.

Film Club

1. A suggestion was given to watch a bite size video on White Privilege by John Amaechi, a Psychologist and former NBA player – link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrvkbqt>

2. Mississippi Masala – discussed at 18.12.20 Film club.
3. Jingle Jangle
4. The Help – discussed at the 29.01.21 film club.
5. To Kill a Mockingbird – discussed at April 2021 film club.
6. Small Axe Films – a collection of 5 films by Director Steve McQueen available on BBC IPlayer – discussed at 26.03.21 film club.
7. Hidden Figures – discussed at May 2021 film club.
8. Red Tails – discussed at the 30.07.21 film club.
9. The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – discussed at 26.02.21 film club.
10. The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson:



This Netflix documentary is about the death of Marsha P. Johnson, a black gay rights activist who was prominent in the 1969 Stonewall riots. The documentary looks into her unexplained death in 1992, as well as celebrating her life and achievements – discussed at the 25.06.21 Film club.

11. Hollywood:



This Netflix series is about a group of aspiring actors and filmmakers in the post-WW2 Hollywood Golden Age. It focuses on characters who are faced with homophobia, sexism and racism – scheduled to be discussed at the June 2021 film club

12. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carol_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carol_(film)) - Carol

13. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinky_Boots_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinky_Boots_(film)) – Kinky Boots
14. The White Tiger – available on Netflix- discussed at the 24.09.21 book and film club.
15. <https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/blog/indian-film-season-2021> - Indian Film Season. The Film - Mahanagar (The Big City) discussed at 24.09.21 film club.
16. **Rugby Bridges:** a member previously relayed the story of a 6 year old girl who “scored high in her tests and exams across the county and beating a lot of her white counterparts. JF Kennedy devised a plan to integrate schools and she along with her parents were the first to send their child. She did suffer but for a young child she certainly maintained a level of objectivity, strength and didn’t demonstrate any anger despite it being presented against her everyday.”
17. **When They See Us:** relating to the Central Park 5, their wrongful conviction and exoneration in 2002
18. **Queen and Slim:** An American romantic road crime drama which includes an altercation with a racist police officer.
19. **12 Angry Men:** Featuring the Actor Henry Fonda depicting 12 jurors on a criminal case – “ a dissenting juror in a murder trial slowly manages to convince the others that the case is not as obviously clear as is seemed in court
20. United Kingdom.
21. **Harriet 2019 available on Netflix - Harriet Tubman** (born **Araminta Ross**, c. March 1822^[1] – March 10, 1913) was an American [abolitionist](#) and political activist. Born into [slavery](#), Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including family and friends,^[2] using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the [Underground Railroad](#). When the Civil War began, Tubman worked for the [Union Army](#), first as a cook and nurse, and then as an armed scout and spy. The first woman to lead an armed expedition in the war, she guided the [raid at Combahee Ferry](#), which liberated more than 700 enslaved people. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the movement for [women's suffrage](#) – due to be discussed at the 26.11.21 film club.

Suggested further addition to Book and Film club list.

Bayard Rustin:



Bayard Rustin was a close friend and advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. and organiser of the 1963 March on Washington. As he was an openly gay man, he did not receive wide recognition for his role in the civil rights movement at the time. Bayard's sexuality was used against him by opposing parties,

who threatened to spread lies about his relationship with Martin Luther King Jr. This forced him to work in the shadows to prevent further controversy for the pair. Despite this, Bayard remained a political and gay activist, working to bring the AIDS crisis to the NAACP's (National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People) attention.