

# 2024 FAIR HOUSING READING LIST

FOR ADULTS

## LOCAL READS

1. *Derelict Paradise: Homelessness and Urban Development in Cleveland, OH*, Daniel R. Kerr
2. *A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930*, Kenneth Kusmer
3. *Surrogate Suburbs*, Todd Michney
4. *Democratizing Cleveland*, Randy Cunningham
5. *Resisting Segregation*, Susie Kaiser

## STAFF PICKS

6. *Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law*, Leah Rothstein, Richard Rothstein
7. *The Politics of Public Housing, Black Women's Struggles against Urban Inequality*, Rhonda Y. Williams
8. *The Sociology of Housing, How Homes Shape Our Social Lives*, Edited by Brian J. McCabe and Eva Rosen
9. *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, Matthew Desmond
10. *Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership (Justice, Power, and Politics)*, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
11. *We Keep Us Safe: Building Secure, Just, and Inclusive Communities*, Zach Norris

## IN NARRATIVE FORM

12. *The Lines Between Us: Two Cities Families and a Quest to Cross the Racial Divide*, Lawrence Lanahan
13. *Show Me A Hero: A Tale of Murder, Suicide, Race, and Redemption*, Lisa Belkin
14. *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, Bich Minh Nguyen
15. *Disillusioned, Five Families and the Unraveling of America's Suburbs*, Benjamin Herold
16. *Them: A Novel*, Nathan McCall
17. *A Man Called Ove: A Novel*, Fredrik Backman
18. *All the Way Home*, Ann Tatlock

## ON RACIAL CAPITALISM

19. *How to Be an Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi  
*\*Parallel read with How to Be a (Young) Antiracist, Ibram X. Kendi, Nic Stone*
20. *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, Robin DiAngelo
21. *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, Isabel Wilkerson
22. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, Heather McGhee  
*\*Parallel read with The Sum of Us: How Racism Hurts Everyone (Adapted for Young Readers), Heather McGhee*
23. *White Space, Black Hood: Opportunity Hoarding and Segregation in the Age of Inequality*, Sheryll Cashin
24. *Some of My Best Friends Are Black: The Strange Story of Integration in America*, Tanner Colby

## FAIR HOUSING POLICY + HISTORY

25. *Segregation by Design*, Jessica Trownstein
26. *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, Ibram X. Kendi
27. *Sundown Towns*, James Loewen
28. *A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story Of Hope And Faith*, Anna-Lisa Cox
29. *The Fight for Fair Housing*, Gregory Squires
30. *The Voucher Promise: "Section 8" and the Fate of an American Neighborhood*, Eva Rosen
31. *The Color of Law*, Richard Rothstein



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## FOR YOUNG READERS

### EARLY READERS (3+)

- 32. *Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too*, Jennifer Grant
- 33. *The Other Side*, Jacqueline Woodson
- 34. *The Berenstain Bears' New Neighbors*, Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain
- 35. *What If the Zebras Lost Their Stripes*, John Reitano
- 36. *All are Welcome*, Alexandra Penfold

### ELEMENTARY

- 37. *The Fair Housing Five & the Haunted House*, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center
- 38. *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*, Paula Young Shelton
- 39. *Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Peña
- 40. *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation*, Duncan Tonatiuh
- 41. *Something Happened in Our Town*, Marianne Celano

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 42. *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros
- 43. *Youth to Power*, Jamie Margolin
- 44. *One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia
- 45. *The Sum of Us: How Racism Hurts Everyone (Adapted for Young Readers)*, Heather McGhee
- 46. *How to Be a (Young) Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi, Nic Stone

### ABOUT FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Each April, National Fair Housing Month is celebrated to reaffirm our commitment to ending housing discrimination and commemorate the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act in 1968, which prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.

At the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research, we've put together a list of our favorite reads that tackle important topics relating to fair housing, inequality, and discrimination. From children's books celebrating diversity to more advanced reading detailing the history of racist ideas in America, there's something on the list for everyone in the family.

*Join us in celebrating Fair Housing Month by learning more about fair housing and social justice.*

### ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research (The Fair Housing Center) is a nonprofit fair housing organization based in Cleveland, Ohio, whose mission is to protect and expand fair housing rights, eliminate housing discrimination, and promote integrated communities. The Fair Housing Center has been in existence for over 40 years, beginning as the Metropolitan Strategy Group in 1983.



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