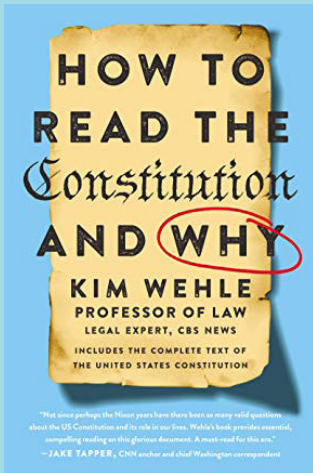


The ACLU of Washington is pleased to share our Summer Reading List, featuring diverse authors telling important stories, uncovering essential truths, and challenging us to think more deeply.

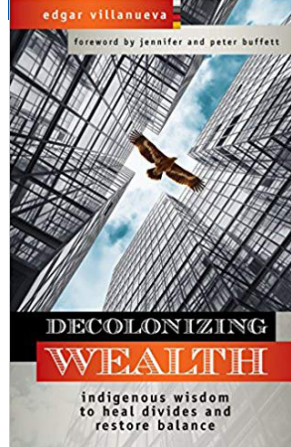
Featured Book of the Summer



How to Read the Constitution and Why by Kim Wehle

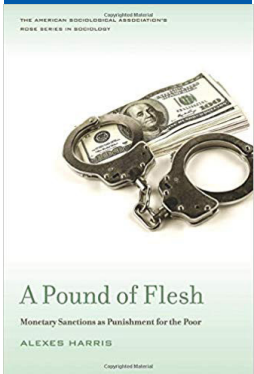
What is the president actually allowed to do under the U.S. Constitution? This insightful, urgent, and relevant handbook lays out in common sense language how the U.S. Constitution works, and how its protections are eroding before our eyes—essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the constantly breaking news about the backbone of American government.

Decolonizing Wealth by Edgar Villanueva



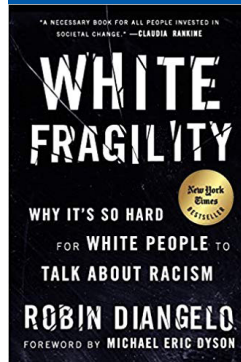
After 14 years in philanthropy, Edgar Villanueva has seen past the field's glamorous, altruistic façade, and into its shadows: the old boy networks, the savior complexes, and the internalized oppression among the select few people of color who gain access. He advocates for an orientation towards justice to open the floodgates for a rising tide that lifts all boats.

Pound of Flesh by Alexes Harris



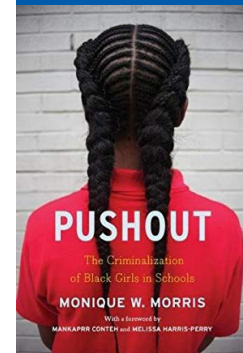
Over 7 million Americans are incarcerated, on probation, or on parole, with their criminal records affecting access to higher education, jobs, and housing. Sociologist and former ACLU-WA board member Alexes Harris shows how monetary sanctions in the criminal justice system permanently penalize the poor.

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

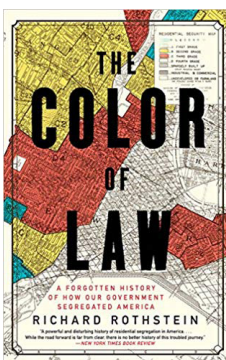


Anti-racist educator Robin DiAngelo coined the term “white fragility” to describe the disbelieving defensiveness that white people exhibit when their ideas about race and racism are challenged. In this essential book DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris

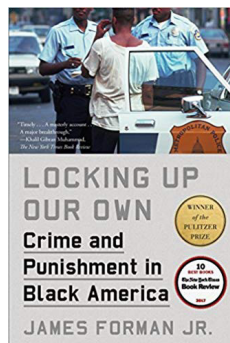


Morris chronicles the experiences of Black girls across the country whose intricate lives are misunderstood and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish.



The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

Widely heralded as a masterful history of the modern American metropolis, Rothstein offers the most forceful argument on how federal, state, and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation.



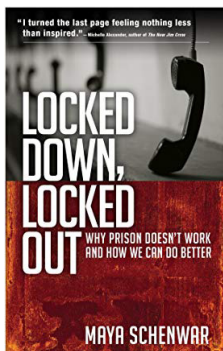
Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America by James Forman, Jr.

A former public defender seeks to understand the war on crime and why it was supported by many African American leaders in the nation's urban centers.



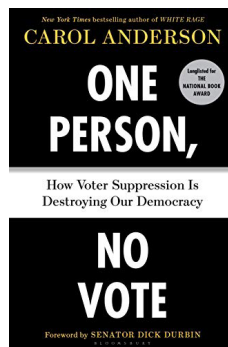
March by John Lewis

A graphic novel telling the vivid firsthand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.



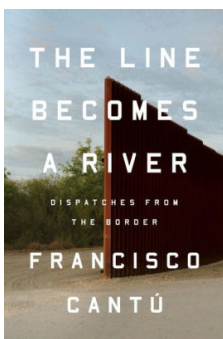
**Locked Down, Locked Out:
Why Prison Doesn't Work and
How We Can Do Better**
by Maya Schenwar

Schenwar profiles community-based initiatives that successfully deal with problems through connection rather than isolation, moving toward a safer, freer future for all of us.



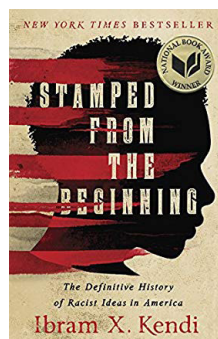
One Person, No Vote
by Carol Anderson

Anderson follows the story of government-dictated racial discrimination as more and more states adopt voter suppression laws—and she explores the resistance: the organizing, activism, and court battles to restore the basic right to vote to all Americans.



**The Line Becomes a River:
Dispatches from the Border**
by Francisco Cantú

Plagued by his complicity in a dehumanizing enterprise, Cantú left the Border Patrol. His memoir lays bare the brutality of our immigration system.

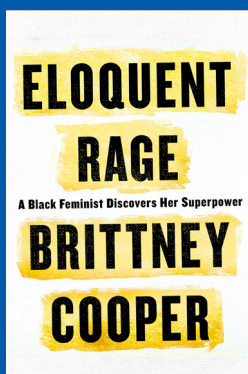


Stamped from the Beginning
By Ibram X. Kendi

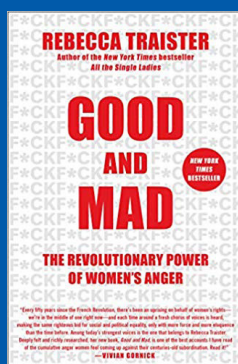
The National Book Award winning history of how racist ideas were created and spread in American society. As Kendi shows, racist ideas did not arise from ignorance or hatred. They were created to justify the nation's racial inequities.

**ACLU SPOTLIGHT:
POWERFUL WOMEN'S VOICES**

There has been a recent spotlight on the discrimination, harassment, and violence women endure every day. These three important books, all published in 2018 and all widely acclaimed, explore women's anger: its past and present, the costs of expressing it, and its immense power as a force for positive change.



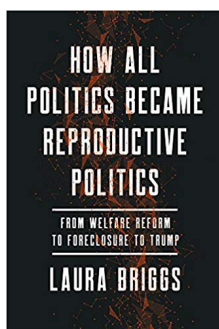
**Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist
Discovers Her Superpower**
by Brittney Cooper



**Good and Mad: The Revolutionary
Power of Women's Anger**
by Rebecca Traister

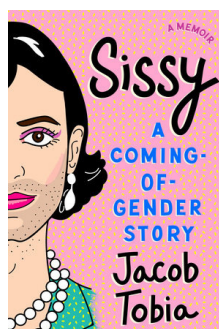


**Rage Becomes Her:
The Power of Women's Anger**
by Soraya Chemaly



**How All Politics Became Reproductive Politics:
From Welfare Reform to Foreclosure to Trump**
by Laura Briggs

From longer work hours to the election of Donald Trump, our current political crisis is above all about reproduction. Briggs brilliantly outlines how politicians' racist accounts of reproduction—such as stories of Black “welfare queens”—were the leading wedge in the government disinvestment in families.



Sissy
by Jacob Tobia

Writing with fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor, and wrenching vulnerability, Tobia shatters the long-held notion that people are easily sortable into “men” and “women.”