

# Non-Fiction DEIA Topic Related Book List

## Untamed by Glennon Doyle

LGBTQ+ author, women's empowerment, biography

- A chart-topping memoir from one of Sigma Kappa's very own, this is a liberating memoir exploring what it means to be a woman today and living your truth.

## How to be an Anti-racist by Ibram X. Kendi

Black author, educational

- An eye-opening read providing a number of societal lenses related to race in America. And as one recommender said, "It's worth the hype".

## Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Indigenous, nature

- The author, as a botanist, and member of the Citizen of the Potawatomi Nation, brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on "a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise".

## The Center Cannot Hold by Elyn Sachs

Mental illness, memoir

- A much-praised memoir of living and surviving mental illness as well as "a stereotype-shattering look at a tenacious woman whose brain is her best friend and her worst enemy"

## Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Racism, criminal justice system

- This book is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

## I'm Still Here by Austin Channing Brown

Memoir, Black female experience in America

- Austin provides a very frank and personal memoir of the Black, female experience in America. She notes that her parents gave her a white man's first name so that she would never be overlooked for a job. This book discusses the complexities of race and gender.

## **Killing Rage by Bell Hooks**

Black feminist, essays

- Written from a Black Feminist perspective, this compilation of essays tackles tough questions about race, gender, and where the two intersect. This is a very honest book that will challenge your preconceived notions about the assumptions of race and gender in America.

## **Disability Visibility, edited by Alice Wong**

Anthology, disability

- This anthology provides a glimpse into the rich complexity of the disabled experience; visible or invisible. These texts invite readers to question their own understanding and assumptions about those living with disabilities.

## **The Memo by Minda Harts**

WOC in business world

- Talks about experiences of WOC in the business world, and the challenges they face regarding micro-aggressions, the wage gap, etc. It discusses ways to mitigate these challenges and what actions organizational leaders and allies can do to start change.

## **Indigenous People's History of US by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz**

Indigenous history, American history

- American history books are very limited in their scope of non-white history which can lead to symbolic annihilation that leaves some communities of color outside of important discussions on racism in our country. An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States spans thousands of years and re-centers this continent's history back on the people who first created empires and civilizations here.

## **War Against All Puerto Ricans by Nelson Antonio Denis**

Latinx, colonialism

- This book explores the violent, and often traumatic, relationship of the US as a colonial power over Puerto Rico. It's a must read for anyone looking to better understand the impact the US has on Latin America as well as the harm federal agencies like the FBI have historically enacted on communities of color.

## **Capitalism & Disability by Marta Russell**

Disability, poverty cycle, ADA

- Explores how capitalism exacerbates the oppression experienced by disabled communities with emphasis on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This book is an anthology of essays, and is a valuable resource for anyone who's never considered the poverty cycle attached to being disabled.