



Reading List in Celebration of Juneteenth



Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Two years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, Texans still faced slavery due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the Executive Order. With the surrender of General Lee in April 1865 and Major General Gordon Granger’s regiment on June 19, 1865, the enslaved were now free.

Elementary Juneteenth Books

- History of Juneteenth for Mazie*- Floyd Cooper
- The Story of Juneteenth: An Interactive History Adventure*- Stephen Otfinoski
- Juneteenth Jamboree*- Carole Boston Weatherford
- Juneteenth*- Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- Freedom’s Gifts: A Juneteenth Story*- Valerie Wesley
- All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom*- Angela Johnson
- Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom*- Charles Taylor
- Juneteenth*- Rachel Koestler-Grace
- Juneteenth: Freedom Day*- Muriel Miller Branch

Secondary Juneteenth Books

- Homegoing* - Yaa Gyasi
- Juneteenth* - Ralph Ellison
- The Weary Blues* - Langston Hughes
- Washington Black* -Esi Edugyan
- The Underground Railroad* - Colson Whitehead
- The Water Dancer* - Ta-Nehisi Coats
- There Will Be No Miracles Here* - Casey Gerald
- Come Juneteenth*- Ann Rinaldi
- Tiny’s Emancipation*- Linda Baten Johnson
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* - Jason Reynolds

Self-Growth and Reflection

- We were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy*- Ta-Nehisi Coats
- The Warmth of Other Suns* - Isael Wilkerson
- Stony the Road* - Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- The Fire Next Time* - James Baldwin
- On the Other Side of Freedom: The Case for Hope* - DeRay Mckesson
- Negroland* - Margo Jefferson
- Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* - Ibram X. Kendi
- The Skin You Live In* - Michael J Tyler

- They Can’t Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives* - Wesley Lowery
- Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting in Together in the Cafeteria: And Other Conversations About Race* - Beverly Daniel Tatum
- Unseen: Unpublished Black History from the New York Times Photo Archives* - Dana Canedy, Darcy Eveleigh, Damien Cave, and Rachel L. Swarns
- Separate: The Story of Plessy V. Ferguson, and America’s Journey from Slavery to Segregation*- Steve Luxenberg
- So You Want to Talk about Race* - Ijeoma Oluo

Additional Resources

[Juneteenth](#)
[153 Years of Juneteenth](#)
[Juneteenth Freedom Day](#)

[Teaching Tolerance](#)
[African American Resource Center](#)
[Teaching Juneteenth](#)

[What is Juneteenth?](#)
[Voices Remembering Slavery](#)
[Emancipation Proclamation](#)