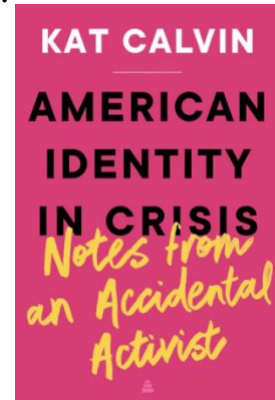


American Identity in Crisis: Notes from an Accidental Activist by Kat Calvin

A trailblazing activist's passionate and incisive look at why she started a movement to ensure that 26 million Americans have access to the IDs they need to escape poverty and live healthy and productive lives.

American Identity in Crisis weaves together three remarkable stories: the making of an activist in the wake of the 2016 presidential election; the fight against the onerous rules that are being used to keep vulnerable and targeted populations from participating in all facets of American life -from obtaining jobs and housing to going to the polls- and how we can solve a problem that impacts millions of American adults.



Kat Calvin ties all of these threads together in profound ways. In *American Identity in Crisis*, she takes us on a cross-country tour as she and her team uncover one of the biggest secrets in America and learn how to solve it. We meet veterans, the unhoused, and senior citizens, and learn the story of the fierce advocate who insists on recognizing their humanity and seeing them as souls who are resilient and striving for change.

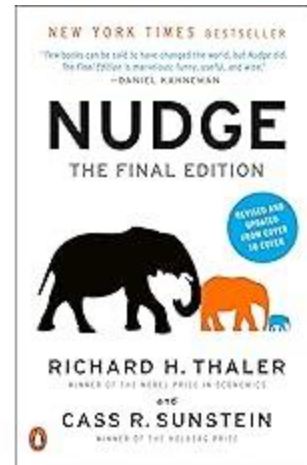
Told in a voice that is strong and vulnerable; funny and fearless, confident and self-deprecating, *American Identity in Crisis* is a defense of human dignity and everyone's right to have access to the pursuit of happiness.

[Hear the author, Kat Calvin speak about the book.](#)

Nudge: The Final Edition (Paperback)

By [Richard H. Thaler](#), [Cass R. Sunstein](#)

Since the original publication of *Nudge* more than a decade ago, the title has entered the vocabulary of businesspeople, policy makers, engaged citizens, and consumers everywhere. The book has given rise to more than 400 “nudge units” in governments around the world and countless groups of behavioral scientists in every part of the economy. It has taught us how to use thoughtful “choice architecture”—a concept the authors invented—to help us make better decisions for ourselves, our families, and our society.

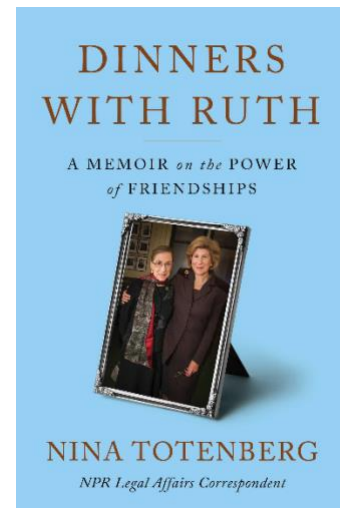


Now, the authors have rewritten the book from cover to cover, making use of their experiences in and out of government over the past dozen years as well as an explosion of new research in numerous academic disciplines. To commit themselves to never undertaking this daunting task again, they are calling this the “final edition.” It offers a wealth of new insights, for both its avowed fans and newcomers to the field, about a wide variety of issues that we face in our daily lives—COVID-19, health, personal finance, retirement savings, credit card debt, home mortgages, medical care, organ donation, climate change, and “sludge” (paperwork and other nuisances we don’t want, and that keep us from getting what we do want)—all while honoring one of the cardinal rules of nudging: make it fun!

Dinners with Ruth:
***A Memoir on the Power of Friendships* (2022)**
by Nina Totenberg

Celebrated NPR correspondent Nina Totenberg delivers an extraordinary memoir of her personal successes, struggles, and life-affirming relationships, including her beautiful friendship of nearly fifty years with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Four years before Nina Totenberg was hired at NPR, where she cemented her legacy as a prizewinning reporter, and nearly twenty-two years before Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed

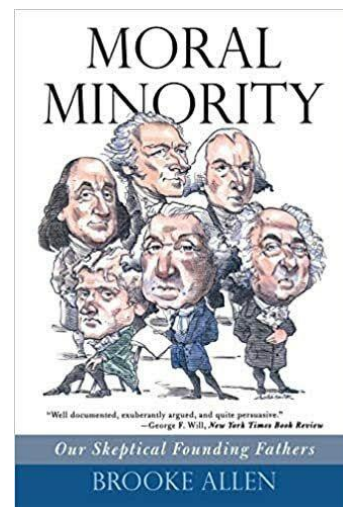


to the Supreme Court, Nina called Ruth. A reporter for The National Observer, Nina was curious about Ruth's legal brief, asking the Supreme Court to do something revolutionary: declare a law that discriminated "on the basis of sex" to be unconstitutional. In a time when women were fired for becoming pregnant, often could not apply for credit cards or get a mortgage in their own names, Ruth patiently explained her argument. That call launched a remarkable, nearly fifty-year friendship.

Moral Minority: Our Skeptical Founding Fathers
by Brooke Allen

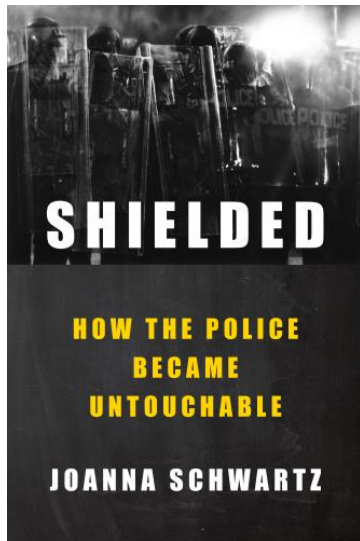
In her lively refutation of modern claims about America's religious origins, Brooke Allen looks back at the late eighteenth century and shows decisively that the United States was founded not on Christian principles at all but on Enlightenment ideas.

Enlivened by generous portions of the founders' own incomparable prose, *Moral Minority* makes an impassioned and scintillating contribution to the ongoing debate—more heated now than ever before—over the separation of church and state and the role (or lack thereof) of religion in government.



Shielded: How the Police Became Untouchable

by Joanna Schwartz



An urgent and definitive examination of how the legal system prevents accountability for police misconduct, from one of the country's leading scholars on policing.

In *Shielded*, University of California, Los Angeles, law professor Joanna Schwartz exposes the myriad ways in which our legal system protects police at all costs, with insightful analyses about subjects ranging from qualified immunity to no-knock warrants. The product of more than two decades of advocacy and research, *Shielded* is a timely and necessary investigation into why civil rights litigation so rarely leads to justice or prevents future police misconduct.

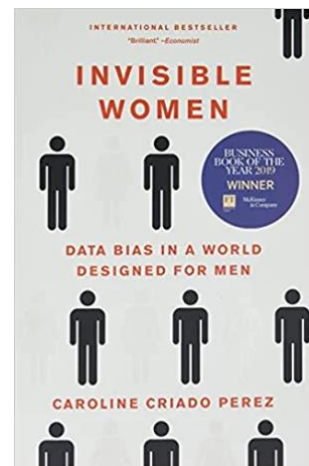
[Hear the author, Joanna Schwartz, on NPR's Fresh Air](#)

Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men

by Caroline Criado Perez

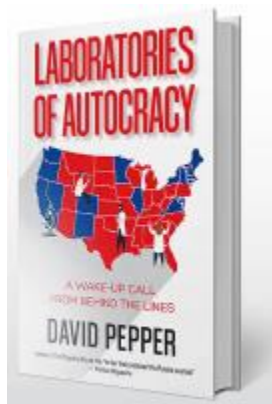
A landmark, prize-winning, international bestselling examination of how a gender gap in data perpetuates bias and disadvantages women.

Data is fundamental to the modern world. From economic development to health care to education and public policy, we rely on numbers to allocate resources and make crucial decisions. But because so much data fails to take into account gender, because it treats men as the default and women as atypical, bias and discrimination are baked into our systems. And women pay tremendous costs for this insidious bias, in time, in money, and often with their lives.



[Hear the author, Caroline Criado-Perez, on NPR's Weekend Edition](#)

Laboratories of Autocracy: A Wake-Up Call from Behind the Lines



by David Pepper

David Pepper's *Laboratories of Autocracy* shows that far more than the high-profile antics of national politicians and Trump himself, it's anonymous, often corrupt politicians in statehouses across the country who pose the greatest dangers to American democracy. Amid all the chaos, these statehouses are hard at work, every day, hacking away at core principles and protections of our democratic system. And they're getting more audacious every year.

Laboratories of Autocracy outlines 30 steps that must be undertaken, from federal action that must be taken immediately to steps every citizen can take to help fight back in their own community.

[Learn more about *Laboratories of Autocracy*](#). Watch the author, David Pepper, give a [presentation to the City Club of Cleveland](#).

Cheap Speech: How Disinformation Poisons Our Politics—and How to Cure It
by Richard L. Hasen

With piercing insight into the current debates over free speech, censorship, and Big Tech's responsibilities, Richard L. Hasen proposes legal and social measures to restore Americans' access to reliable information on which democracy depends. In an era when quack COVID treatments and bizarre QAnon theories have entered mainstream, this book explains how to assure both

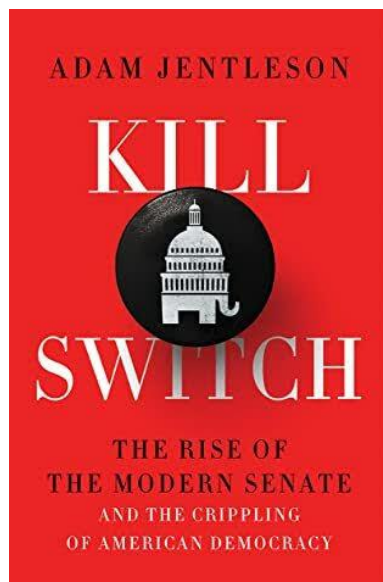


freedom of ideas and a commitment to truth.

[Learn more about *Cheap Speech*.](#) Watch the recording of our April 5th discussion with author Rick Hasen: [How Disinformation Undermines Fair Elections: What Can be Done?](#)

Listen to WNYC Studio's On the Media podcast with the author: [The Imminent Threat of Election Subversion.](#)

Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy



by Adam Jentleson

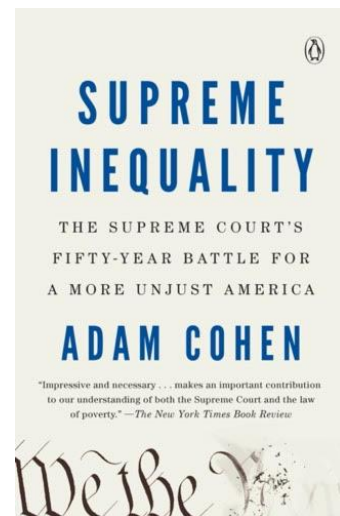
Every major decision governing our diverse, majority-female, and increasingly liberal country bears the stamp of the United States Senate, an institution controlled by people who are almost exclusively white, overwhelmingly male, and disproportionately conservative. Although they do not represent a majority of Americans—and will not for the foreseeable future—today’s Republican senators possess the power to block most legislation. Once known as “the world’s greatest deliberative body,” the Senate has become one of the greatest threats to our democracy. How did this happen?

[Learn more about "Kill Switch."](#)

Listen to NPR's Terry Gross on Fresh Air: ['Kill Switch' Examines The Racist History Of The Senate Filibuster.](#)

Supreme Inequality: The Supreme Court's Fifty-Year Battle for a More Unjust America
by Adam Cohen

In *Supreme Inequality*, bestselling author Adam Cohen surveys the most significant Supreme Court rulings since the Nixon era and exposes how, contrary to what Americans like to believe, the Supreme Court does little to protect the rights of the poor and disadvantaged; in fact, it has not been on their side for fifty years. Cohen proves beyond doubt that the modern Court has been one of the leading forces behind the nation's soaring level of economic inequality, and that an institution revered as a source of fairness has been systematically making America less fair.

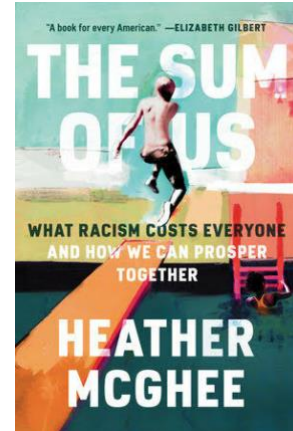


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The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together
by Heather McGhee

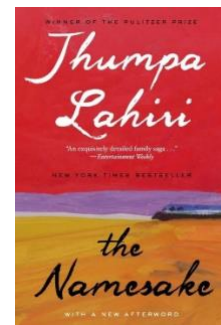
Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy--and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a common root problem: racism. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?



[Read more about "The Sum of Us."](#)

The Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri

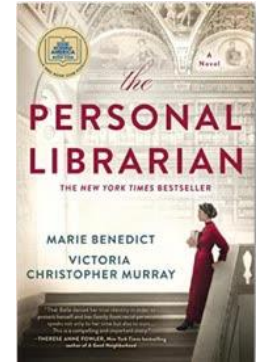
Blurb from the book cover: Meet the Ganguli family, new arrivals from Calcutta, trying their best to become Americans even as they pine for home. The name they bestow on their firstborn, Gogol, betrays all the conflicts of honoring tradition in a new world – conflicts that will haunt Gogol on his own winding path through divided loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs. In **The Namesake**, Lahiri brilliantly illuminates the immigrant experience and the tangled ties between generations.



Blurb from the New York Journal of Books: “The Personal Librarian is a good, well-paced creative nonfiction book about a real person that will snag the reader and hold his or her attention from beginning to end.”

The Personal Librarian is a perfect example of creative nonfiction. It benefits the reader from both types of reading — it is educational and it is entertaining.

The authors picked their subject, Belle da Costa Greene (aka Belle Marion Greener), with care. A true to life person, Belle, chose to work with John Pierpont Morgan establishing his library, is a fair-skinned Black woman who spends her life passing as a white woman.

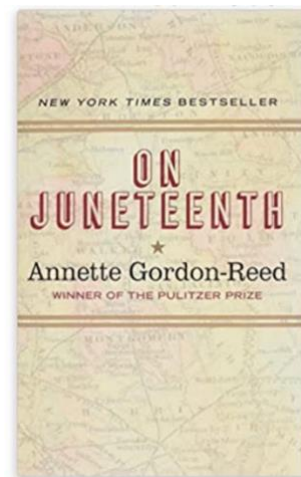


This thread carries through the entirety of the story. Belle’s mother — also fair skinned, as are her other children — encourages Belle to continue the deception. She knows this is the only way her daughter will succeed in life.

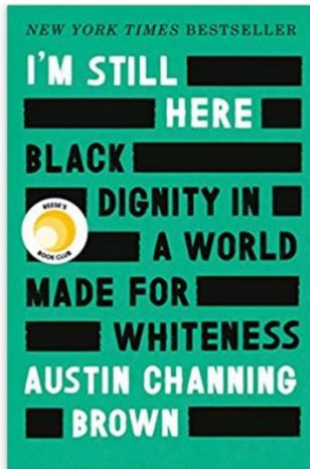
It’s a heavy weight that Belle carries, never sure if her secret will be exposed. There are points in the book where she steps to the edge, almost exposing herself, but catches herself before she steps over.

On Juneteenth Annette Gordon-Reed

Blurb from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com): NEW YORK TIMES ONE OF 10 BEST BOOKS OF 2021 – Weaving together American history, dramatic family chronicle, and searing episodes of memoir, Annette Gordon-Reed’s *On Juneteenth* provides a historian’s view of the country’s long road to Juneteenth, recounting both its origins in Texas and the enormous hardships that African-Americans have endured in the century since, from Reconstruction through Jim Crow and beyond. All too aware of the stories of cowboys, ranchers, and oilmen that have long dominated the lore of the Lone Star State, Gordon-Reed—herself a Texas native and the descendant of enslaved people brought



to Texas as early as the 1820s—forges a new and profoundly truthful narrative of her home state, with implications for us all.



I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness

Austin Channing Brown

Blurb from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com): NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER – REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK – From a leading voice on racial justice, an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals.

· *Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions* by Valeria Luiselli and *Melting Pot or Civil War: A Son of Immigrants Makes the Case Against Open Borders* by Reihan Salam

How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them by Jason Stanley

One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Democracy by Carol Anderson

– *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda Hirschman

– *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

– *Dark Money, The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right* by Jane Mayer

The Prize: Who's In Charge of America's Schools by Dale Russakoff

– *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* by Jeff Hobbs

- *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri
- *The Personal Library* by Heather Terrell and Victoria Christopher Murray
- *The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life* by Anu Partenan
- *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water* by Charles Fishman
- *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- *The Accidental President: Harry Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World*

- *Queen of the Oil Club: The Intrepid Wanda Jablonski and the Power of Information* by Anna Rubino

- *Citizens of London : The Americans Who Stood With Britain in its Darkest Hour* by Lynne Olson

- *Presumed Guilty* by Erwin Chemerinsky

- *American Nations: History of 22 Rival Regional Cultures of No. America* by Colin Woodward

Eight Days at Yalta: How Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin Shaped the Post-War World By Diana Preston

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LWNGO Books after Dark
Recommended Book List (as of Feb2023)

Once I was You by [Maria Hinojosa](#)

Maria Hinojosa is an award-winning journalist who, for nearly thirty years, has reported on stories and communities in America that often go ignored by the mainstream media—from tales of hope in the South Bronx to the unseen victims of the War on Terror and the first detention camps in the US. Bestselling author Julia Álvarez has called her “one of the most important, respected, and beloved cultural leaders in the Latinx community.”

*Evicted by [Matthew Desmond](#)

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • NAMED ONE OF TIME’S TEN BEST NONFICTION BOOKS OF THE DECADE • One of the most acclaimed books of our time, this modern classic “has set a new standard for reporting on poverty” (Barbara Ehrenreich, The New York Times Book Review).

In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (The Nation), “vivid and unsettling” (New York Review of Books), *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of twenty-first-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

*Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair with Trash by [Edward Humes](#)

In *Garbology*, Pulitzer Prize–winning author Edward Humes investigates the trail of that 102 tons of trash—what’s in it; how much we pay for it; how we manage to create so much of it; and how some families, communities, and even nations are finding a way back from waste to discover a new kind of prosperity. Along the way, he introduces a collection of garbage denizens unlike anyone you’ve ever met: the trash-tracking detectives of MIT, the bulldozer-driving sanitation workers building Los Angeles’ immense Garbage Mountain landfill, the artists in residence at San Francisco’s dump, and the family whose annual trash output fills not a dumpster or a trash can, but a single mason jar.

Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet by [Michael Bloomberg](#) and [Carl Pope](#)

From Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former head of the Sierra Club Carl Pope comes a manifesto on how the benefits of taking action on climate change are concrete, immediate, and immense. They explore climate change solutions that will make the world healthier and more prosperous, aiming to begin a new type of conversation on the issue that will spur bolder action by cities, businesses, and citizens—and even, someday, by Washington.

The Broken Ladder: How Inequality Affects the Way We Think, Live, and Die by [Keith Payne](#)

The Broken Ladder explores such issues as why women in poor societies often have more children, and have them younger; why there is little trust among the working class that investing

for the future will pay off; why people's perception of their relative social status affects their political beliefs, and why growing inequality leads to greater political divisions; how poverty raises stress levels in the same way as a physical threat; inequality in the workplace, and how it affects performance; why unequal societies become more religious; and finally offers measures people can take to lessen the harm done by inequality in their own lives and the lives of their children.

How Democracies Die by [Steven Levitsky](#) [Daniel Ziblatt](#) WINNER OF THE GOLDSMITH BOOK PRIZE
• SHORTLISTED FOR THE LIONEL GELBER PRIZE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • Time • Foreign Affairs • WBUR • Paste

Drawing on decades of research and a wide range of historical and global examples, from 1930s Europe to contemporary Hungary, Turkey, and Venezuela, to the American South during Jim Crow, Levitsky and Ziblatt show how democracies die—and how ours can be saved.

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming by [Paul Hawken](#) (Author, Editor), [Tom Steyer](#) (Foreword)

The 100 most substantive solutions to reverse global warming, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world

Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR by [Lisa Napoli](#)

In the years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, women in the workplace still found themselves relegated to secretarial positions or locked out of jobs entirely. This was especially true in the news business, a backwater of male chauvinism where a woman might be lucky to get a foothold on the “women’s pages.” But when a pioneering nonprofit called National Public Radio came along in the 1970s, and the door to serious journalism opened a crack, four remarkable women came along and blew it off the hinges.

Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry that Radicalized America by [Ryan Busse](#) A former firearms executive pulls back the curtain on America's multibillion-dollar gun industry, exposing how it fostered extremism and racism, radicalizing the nation and bringing cultural division to a boiling point.

Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot by [Mikki Kendall](#) Today's feminist movement has a glaring blind spot, and paradoxically, it is women. Mainstream feminists rarely talk about meeting basic needs as a feminist issue, argues Mikki Kendall, but food insecurity, access to quality education, safe neighborhoods, a living wage, and medical care are all feminist issues. All too often, however, the focus is not on basic survival for the many, but on increasing privilege for the few. That feminists refuse to prioritize these issues has only exacerbated the age-old problem of both internecine discord and women who rebuff at carrying the title. Moreover, prominent white feminists broadly suffer from their own myopia with regard to how things like race, class, sexual orientation, and ability intersect with gender. How can we stand in solidarity as a movement, Kendall asks, when there is the distinct likelihood that some women are oppressing others?

The Year of Living Danishly: Uncovering the Secrets of the World's Happiest Country by [Helen Russell](#) From childcare, education, food and interior design to SAD and taxes, The Year of Living Danishly records a funny, poignant journey, showing us what the Danes get right, what they get wrong, and how we might all live a little more Danishly ourselves.

The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade. New Preface and Epilogue with Updates on Economic Issues and Main Characters by [Pietra Rivoli](#)

Tracing a T-shirt's life story from a Texas cotton field to a Chinese factory and back to a U.S. storefront before arriving at the used clothing market in Africa, the book uncovers the political and economic forces at work in the global economy. Along the way, this fascinating exploration addresses a wealth of compelling questions about politics, trade, economics, ethics, and the impact of history on today's business landscape. This new printing of the second edition includes a revised preface and a new epilogue with updates through 2014 on the people, industries, and policies related to the T-shirt's life story.

Daughters of Arraweelo: Stories of Somali Women by Ayaan Adan

After civil war broke out in Somalia in 1991, thousands of families fled the country and sought asylum all over the world. Many Somali women carried the responsibility through this catastrophic time for finding safe passage and new homes for their families. Minnesota now holds the largest number of Somali immigrants of any state. Despite many obstacles, Somali women have built new communities here and become business owners, authors, scholars, activists, elected officials, and change-makers. Unfortunately, the rich stories of Somali women are often reduced to clichés of devastation and trauma—or tokenization and exceptionalism. Rarely are these women depicted with the multilayered humanity they deserve.

Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men by Caroline Criado Perez

Celebrated feminist advocate Caroline Criado Perez investigates this shocking root cause of gender inequality in the award-winning, #1 international bestseller Invisible Women. Examining the home, the workplace, the public square, the doctor's office, and more, Criado Perez unearths a dangerous pattern in data and its consequences on women's lives. Product designers use a "one-size-fits-all" approach to everything from pianos to cell phones to voice recognition software, when in fact this approach is designed to fit men. Cities prioritize men's needs when designing public transportation, roads, and even snow removal, neglecting to consider women's safety or unique responsibilities and travel patterns. And in medical research, women have largely been excluded from studies and textbooks, leaving them chronically misunderstood, mistreated, and misdiagnosed.

Golden Gates: The Housing Crisis and a Reckoning for the American Dream by Conor Dougherty

With propulsive storytelling and ground-level reporting, New York Times journalist Conor Dougherty chronicles America's housing crisis from its West Coast epicenter, peeling back the

decades of history and economic forces that brought us here and taking readers inside the activist movements that have risen in tandem with housing costs.

Laboratories of Autocracy: A Wake-Up Call from Behind the Lines by [David Pepper](#) “It’s the statehouses, stupid.”

Laboratories of Autocracy shows that far more than the high-profile antics of politicians like Marjorie Taylor Greene or Jim Jordan—and yes, even bigger than Donald Trump’s “Big Lie”—it’s anonymous, often corrupt politicians in statehouses across the country who pose the greatest dangers to American democracy. Because these statehouses no longer operate as functioning democracies, these unknown politicians have all the incentive to keep doing greater damage, and can not be held accountable however extreme they get. This has driven steep declines in states like Ohio and others across the country. And collectively, it’s placed American democracy in its greatest peril since the dawn of the Jim Crow era.

Supreme Inequality: The Supreme Court's Fifty-Year Battle for a More Unjust America by [Adam Cohen](#) In Supreme Inequality, bestselling author Adam Cohen surveys the most significant Supreme Court rulings since the Nixon era and exposes how, contrary to what Americans like to believe, the Supreme Court does little to protect the rights of the poor and disadvantaged; in fact, it has not been on their side for fifty years. Cohen proves beyond doubt that the modern Court has been one of the leading forces behind the nation’s soaring level of economic inequality, and that an institution revered as a source of fairness has been systematically making America less fair.

On the Line: A Story of Class, Solidarity, and Two Women's Epic Fight to Build a Union by [Daisy Pitkin](#) On the Line takes readers inside a bold five-year campaign to bring a union to the dangerous industrial laundry factories of Phoenix, Arizona. Workers here wash hospital, hotel, and restaurant linens and face harsh conditions: routine exposure to biohazardous waste, injuries from surgical tools left in hospital sheets, and burns from overheated machinery. Broken U.S. labor law makes it nearly impossible for them to fight back.

Thank You for Voting: The Maddening, Enlightening, Inspiring Truth About Voting in America by [Erin Geiger Smith](#) In this concise, lively look at the past, present, and future of voting, a journalist examines the long and continuing fight for voting equality, why so few Americans today vote, and innovative ways to educate and motivate them; included are checklists of what to do before election day to prepare to vote and encourage others.

The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation by [Anna Malaika Tubbs](#) Berdis Baldwin, Alberta King, and Louise Little were all born at the beginning of the 20th century and forced to contend with the prejudices of Jim Crow as Black women. These three extraordinary women passed their knowledge to their children with the hope of helping them to survive in a society that would deny their humanity from the very beginning—from Louise teaching her children about their activist roots, to Berdis encouraging James to express himself through writing, to Alberta basing all of her lessons in faith and social justice. These women used their strength and motherhood to push their children

toward greatness, all with a conviction that every human being deserves dignity and respect despite the rampant discrimination they faced.

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by [Heather McGhee](#) McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. Along the way, she meets white people who confide in her about losing their homes, their dreams, and their shot at better jobs to the toxic mix of American racism and greed. This is the story of how public goods in this country—from parks and pools to functioning schools—have become private luxuries; of how unions collapsed, wages stagnated, and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world’s advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare.

Allow Me to Retort: A Black Guy’s Guide to the Constitution by [Elie Mystal](#) Allow Me to Retort is an easily digestible argument about what rights we have, what rights Republicans are trying to take away, and how to stop them. Mystal explains how to protect the rights of women and people of color instead of cowering to the absolutism of gun owners and bigots. He explains the legal way to stop everything from police brutality to political gerrymandering, just by changing a few judges and justices. He strips out all of the fancy jargon conservatives like to hide behind and lays bare the truth of their project to keep America forever tethered to its slaveholding past.

Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism by [Safiya Umoja Noble](#) A revealing look at how negative biases against women of color are embedded in search engine results and algorithms.

In Algorithms of Oppression, Safiya Umoja Noble challenges the idea that search engines like Google offer an equal playing field for all forms of ideas, identities, and activities. Data discrimination is a real social problem; Noble argues that the combination of private interests in promoting certain sites, along with the monopoly status of a relatively small number of Internet search engines, leads to a biased set of search algorithms that privilege whiteness and discriminate against people of color, specifically women of color.

Through an analysis of textual and media searches as well as extensive research on paid online advertising, Noble exposes a culture of racism and sexism in the way discoverability is created online. As search engines and their related companies grow in importance--operating as a source for email, a major vehicle for primary and secondary school learning, and beyond--understanding and reversing these disquieting trends and discriminatory practices is of utmost importance. An original, surprising and, at times, disturbing account of bias on the internet, Algorithms of Oppression contributes to our understanding of how racism is created, maintained, and disseminated in the 21st century.

