



## 10 Book Recommendations for Black History Month

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**February is Black History Month**—a time to honor the achievements of African Americans and recognize our role in shaping history. What began as Negro History Week in 1926, led by Carter G. Woodson, has grown into a month-long celebration of Black excellence, resilience, and contributions to society.

Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania encourages you to learn, grow, and share our history. Here are 10 must-read books to deepen your understanding and appreciation of Black history and culture:

- 📖 "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson – A powerful account of the Great Migration and its impact on Black America.
- 📖 "The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story" by Nikole Hannah-Jones – A deep exploration of how slavery shaped the foundation of the United States.
- 📖 "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson – Examines the hidden caste system shaping American society.
- 📖 "The Fire Next Time" by James Baldwin – A classic work addressing race and identity in America.
- 📖 "Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot" by Mikki Kendall – A critical look at mainstream feminism and its neglect of Black women's issues.
- 📖 "Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"" by Zora Neale Hurston – The true story of the last known survivor of the transatlantic slave trade.
- 📖 "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois – A foundational text discussing the Black experience in America.
- 📖 "Just as I Am" by Cicely Tyson – The legendary actress's inspiring memoir of resilience and purpose.
- 📖 "Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019" edited by Ibram X. Kendi & Keisha N. Blain – A collective history covering 400 years of Black life in America.
- 📖 "Black People Invented Everything: The Deep History of Indigenous Creativity" by Dr. Sujana Kumar Dass – A compelling book exploring Black innovation and contributions throughout history.