

ATN NEWSLETTER

What's up, Winter?



ENGAGING IN AN ANTIRACIST HOLIDAY

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

Welcome back for another issue of the ATN newsletter!

Last December, we started the conversation around de-centering Christmas in [our last December issue](#).

In this ATN issue, we would like to highlight and share different ways that educators can action their commitment to antiracism this holiday season. These ideas may apply in the context of your classrooms and schools, other ideas may apply more to other areas of your life like your homes, communities and city.

As we move into the winter break, we hope that educators take the time to pause and reflect on the school year thus far. Have there been incidents charged by racism that you wish could have been handled better? What do you know about your students? Who are the students you often see and hear from, and who is missing? And how could you better equip yourself to challenge and address racism when it occurs in your school?

In this issue, we will share some resources that could guide your own learning. And as we move into the new year, consider a goal you can set for yourself in relation to your on-going antiracist journey.

DATES OF NOTE FOR DECEMBER

All Month:

November 25th to December

10th - 16 Days of Activism

Against Gender Violence

December 3rd - International

Day of Persons With

Disabilities

December 6th - National Day

of Remembrance and Action

on Violence Against Women

December 7th to 15th -

Hanukkah

December 8th - Bodhi Day

December 10th - Human

Rights Day

December 26th to January

1st, 2024 - Kwanzaa



PODCAST RECCS.

From the ATN!



Recommended by a newsletter reader like you! We suggest checking out the episode: [When Solidarity is Difficult it Means it's Necessary](#).



We recommend [E9: The First Steps on Fresh Snow - Transitioning During Covid](#)

JOIN THE ATN!

Interested in joining the ATN for this school year?
Email: local38atn@gmail.com
for more information!



10 WAYS TO ENGAGE IN AN ANTIRACIST HOLIDAY SEASON

1. **Support BIPOC owned businesses** for your gift giving! We recommend checking out some of the gift guides built by: [Mini Tipi](#) and [RepresentAsian Project](#)
2. Attend and **support local Indigenous markets**. Keep an eye on [Authentically Indigenous](#) and [4 Winds YYC](#) for more information throughout the year!
3. Gift your family and friends with **books related to anti-racism, or books written by BIPOC authors!** Might we suggest looking back on previous **Monthly Book Reccs** from our latest ATN Newsletters?
4. Take the time to **learn about the various holidays celebrated by communities around the world**. [The Center for Racial Justice in Education](#) provides a diverse starting point.
5. **Support local BIPOC restaurants** for your holiday meals and gatherings!
6. Change up your **Holiday Playlist to feature BIPOC artists**. [Decolonizing the Music Room](#) provides some great recommendations!
7. Provide space for other cultures to be represented in your spheres of influence. [@ValentinaESL](#)'s infographic provides some guidance for how this could look in your classroom.
8. **Support BIPOC led community organizations** through volunteering or monetary support.
9. Begin to have those **challenging conversations with family, friends and peers** during the season. **Learning for Justice** shares [the Six Steps to Speak Up](#) along with situation specific advice.
10. Reflect on your work so far and commit to action on your own learning. **Lean Into Allyship** provides an [Anti-Racist Holiday webinar](#)

OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!



K-4

- The Wish Tree** by Kyo Maclear
- How Kids Celebrate Holidays Around the World** by Helena Harastova and Pavla Hanackova
- The Origin of Day and Night** by Paula Ikuutaq Rumbolt,
- Winter Tales: Stories and Folktales from Around the World** by Dawn Casey
- A World Full of Winter Stories: 50 Folk Tales and Legends from Around the World** by Angela McAllister
- Winter's Gifts: An Indigenous Celebration of Nature** by Kaitlin B. Curtice

5-9

- Around the World in 80 Festivals** by Nancy Dickmann
- Breadcrumbs** by Anne Ursu
- When The Sea Turned to Silver** by Grace Lin
- The Girl Who Speaks Bear** by Sophie Anderson
- The Sea in Winter** by Christine Day
- The Lottery's More of Less** by Emma Donoghue

10-12

- Girls of Paper and Fire** by Natasha Ngan
- This Winter** by Alice Oseman
- The Resolutions** by Mia Garcia
- Wicked as You Wish** by Rin Chupeco
- It's a Whole Spiel: Love, Latkes and other Jewish Stories** edited by Katherine Locke and Laura Silverman

For Educators

- Things You May Find Hidden In My Ear** by Mosab Abu Toha
- Beyond Heroes and Holidays**
- A Practical Guide to K-12 Anti-Racist, Multicultural Education and Staff Development** edited by Enid Lee, Deborah Menkart & Margo Okazawa-Rey
- Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019** edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
- All the Quiet Places** by Brian Thomas Isaac



Looking for previous ATN issues?
Find them under

[Antiracist Teacher Network Newsletter](#) here!



What are some things your family does in the winter?

• lift student voice - encourage them to bring pictures & stories

• Cover the walls in students' work and pictures

• Share traditions

• read aloud from a variety of cultures

The winter holidays may look and feel different for each student. Not everyone will go on vacation or have presents under the tree.



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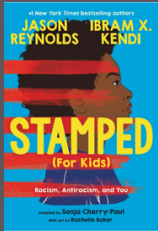


Cultural differences should not separate us from each other, but rather cultural diversity brings a collective strength that can benefit all of humanity.

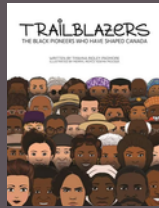
~ Robert Alan

ATN Holiday Gift Guide

Gift Suggestions for Kids



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Jason Reynolds
and Ibram X. Kendi

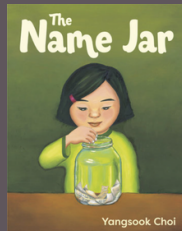


Trailblazers
Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore



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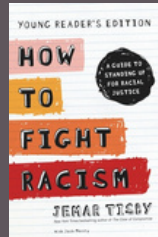
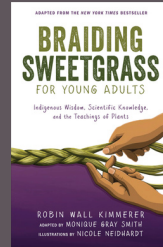
The Name Jar
Yangsook Choi



Intersection Allies
Chelsea Johnson,
LaToya Council,
Carolyn Choi

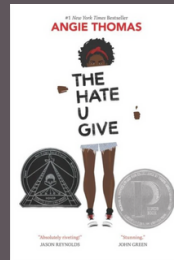
Gift Suggestions for Teens

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Robin Wall Kimmerer

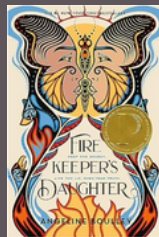


How to Fight Racism
Jemar Tisby

The Hate U Give
Angie Thomas



Fire Keeper's Daughter
Angeline Boulley



This Book is Anti-Racist
Tiffany Jewell

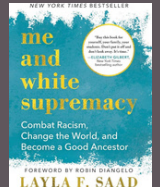


Gift Suggestions for Adults



So You Want To Talk About Race
Ijeoma Oluo

Me and White Supremacy
Layla F. Saad



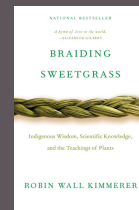
How to be an Antiracist
Ibram X. Kendi



Everyday Antiracism
Mia Pollock



Braiding Sweetgrass
Robin Wall Kimmerer

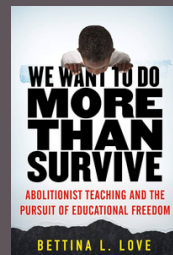
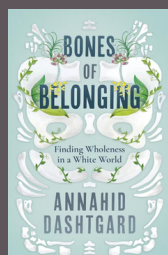


Gift Suggestions for The Passionate Anti-Racist Accomplice



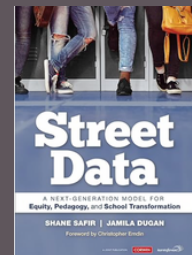
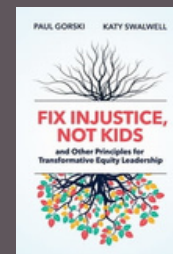
Pushout
Monique W. Morris

Bones of Belonging
Annelid Dashtgard



We Want to do More Than Survive
Bettina L. Love

Fix Injustice, Not Kids
Paul Gorski & Katy Swalwell



Street Data
Shane Safir and Jamila Dugan