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# Summer Reading List

## Assume Nothing: A Story of Intimate Violence

Tanya Selvaratnam

Tanya shares her story about the abuse she suffered from NY State AG Eric Schneiderman that includes sexual assault and issues of racism. This is an insightful story to see the dynamics that are hidden with abuse.

- Carmen

## In the Dream House

Carmen Maria Machado

In a creative and captivating memoir, Machado shares her experience in an abusive same-sex relationship. It's a powerful and informative read challenging readers to examine misconceptions they may have about what abuse looks like.

- Monique

## The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness and Healing in a Toxic Culture

Gabor Maté & Daniel Maté

This book offers a framework to understand what we're collectively experiencing as a society. I find Gabor Maté's critique necessary to understand if we want to create safer, healthier communities.

- Cynthia

## Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny

Kate Manne

I find Manne's theory of what drives misogyny to have a lot of predictive and explanatory power in our society and in many women's individual experiences of violence and coercion.

- Julie

## Victory City

Salman Rushdie

First time reading Salman Rushdie and I absolutely loved his writing. With words he created this beautiful complex world. Your imagination will thank you.

- Sonia



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## Poverty by America

Matthew Desmond

This book reframes the issue and condition of poverty and focuses on asking who benefits from and is enriched by poverty. It is a fascinating exploration and explanation of the ways wealth is subsidized and protected in this country at the expense of abolishing poverty.  
- Emma

## A Place Called Home: A Memoir

David Ambroz

This book was intense for me. I read through it quickly because I wanted to get beyond his continual awful, gut-wrenching life situations. This book is David's story of living in violence and being in foster care.  
- Dan

## Finding Me: A Memoir

Viola Davis

I recommend listening to this as an audiobook and hearing Viola in her own voice detail the struggle, poverty and violence she endured. It's an inspiring and powerful tale of finding your self-worth and persevering against the odds.  
- Marissa

## The Final Girl Support Group

Grady Hendrix

A horror novel playing on slasher films and their lead characters. Also a fun and interesting read.  
- Abigail

## Impossible Subjects

Mae M. Ngai

This is a fascinating history book that investigates the origins of the "illegal alien" in the American legal system and society at large, providing valuable insights into the legal regime we continue to struggle against in our work today.  
- Kenneth

## Violeta

Isabel Allende

The book discusses a woman's point of view of her country's evolving landscape. Circumstances and events cause the protagonist to view things differently and change how she approaches things in her later life.  
- Leasly