**2020 AARI Recommendations**

*Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band* Kwame Alexander

*Across That Bridge* John Lewis

*Ain’t I a Woman?: Black Women and Feminism* bell hooks

*The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* Henry Louis Gates Jr.

*American Street* Ibi Zoboi

*Americanah* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

*An American Marriage* Tayari Jones

*An Untamed State* Roxane Gay

*Antebellum: A Novel* R Kayeen Thomas

*Anybody's Daughter* Pamela Samuels Young

*As Brave As You* Jason Reynolds

*Aunt Flossie’s Hats* Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

*Bad Feminist: Essays* Roxane Gay

*Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* Nikki Grimes

*Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"* Zora Neale Hurston

*The Battle of Jericho* Sharon M. Draper

*Beautiful Moon* Tonya Bolden

*Behold the Dreamers* Imbolo Mbue

*Between the World and Me* Ta-Nehisi Coates

*Bicycles: Love Poems* Nikki Giovanni

*Big Words to Little Me: Advice to the Younger Self* Sakina Ibrahim, Jessie Lee, and Rah Crawford

*The Black Christ* Kelly Brown Douglas

*Black-Eyed Susans and Midnight Birds: Stories by and about Black Women* Mary Helen Washington, editor

*Black Girls Rock!: Owning Our Magic. Rocking Our Truth* Beverly Bond

*Black Macho and the Myth of the Black Superwoman* Michele Wallace

*Black Wall Street* Hannibal B. Johnson

*Blacks* Gwendolyn Brooks

*Blended* Sharon M. Draper

*Blood Dazzler* Patricia Smith

*Blue-Chip Black* Karyn R. Lacy

*The Book of Harlan* Bernice L. McFadden

*Booked* Kwame Alexander

*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* Trevor Noah

*The Boy in the Black Suit* Jason Reynolds

*A Boy Should Know How to Tie a Tie: And Other Lessons for Succeeding in Life* Antwone Fisher

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* William Kamkwamba

*Breath, Eyes, Memory* Edwidge Danticat

*Brown Girl Dreaming* Jacqueline Woodson

*Brown Girl, Brownstones* Paule Marshall

*Buck: A Memoir* M. K. Asante

*Camo Girl* Kekla Magoon

*Carla Hall’s Soul Food: Everyday and Celebration* Carla Hall

*Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony, Inspired by Historical* *Facts* Nikki Grimes

*Chasing Utopia: A Hybrid* Nikki Giovanni

*Children: Happy to Be Nappy* bell hooks

*Children of Blood and Bone* Tomi Adeyemi

*Citizen: An American Lyric* Claudia Rankine

*Collected Poems: 1974–2004* Rita Dove

*Coming of Age in Mississippi* Anne Moody

*Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me* Condoleezza Rice

*Confessions of a Barefaced Woman* Allison Joseph

*Corregidora* Gayl Jones

*The Crossover* Kwame Alexander

*The Day You Begin* Jacqueline Woodson

*Dear Martin* Nic Stone

*Dread Nation* Justina Ireland

*The Dream of America* Jacqueline Woodson

*Driving the King: A Novel* Ravi Howard

*Eliza’s Freedom Road: An Underground Railroad Diary* Jerdine Nolen

*Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision* Barbara Ransby

*Eva’s Man* Gayl Jones

*Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental American* *Man* Tonya Bolden

*Fake ID* Lamar Giles

*The Fifth Season* N. K. Jemisin

*Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington* Jabari Asim

*Fire in the Streets* Kekla Magoon

*The 5 O’Clock Band* Troy Andrews

*Fledgling* Octavia E. Butler

*For Black Girls Like Me* Mariama J. Lockington

*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics* Donna L. Brazile, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry, Minyon Moore, and Veronica Chambers

*For Every One* Jason Reynolds

*Forty Acres: A Novel* Dwayne Alexander Smith

*Getting to Happy* Terry McMillan

*Ghost Boys* Jewell Parker Rhodes

*Ghost Summer: Stories* Tananarive Due

*Granddaddy’s Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box* Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein

*The Great Greene Heist* Varian Johnson

*Hair Love* Matthew A. Cherry

*The Half Has Never Been Told* Edward E. Baptist

*Harbor Me* Jacqueline Woodson

*Harlem’s Little Blackbird* Renée Watson

*The Hate U Give* Angie Thomas

*Heads of the Colored People: Stories* Nafissa Thompson-Spires

*Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* Kadir Nelson

*The Heart of a Woman* Maya Angelou

*Homegirls: A Black Feminist Anthology* Barbara Smith, editor

*The House of Dies Drear* Virginia Hamilton

*How to Be Drawn* Terrance Hayes

*How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective* Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, editor

*If You Plant a Seed* Kadir Nelson

*In Search of Our Mothers’ Gardens: Womanist Prose* Alice Walker

*In Search of Our Roots: How 19 Extraordinary African Americans Reclaimed Their Past* Henry Louis Gates Jr.

*In the Land of Milk and Honey* Joyce Carol Thomas

*Incendiary Art: Poems* Patricia Smith

*Indigo Blume and the Garden City* Kwame Alexander

*Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves* Glory Edim

*Intimate Thoughts* Darrin DeWitt Henson

*The Intuitionist* Colson Whitehead

*Invasion* Walter Dean Myers

*Jackpot* Nic Stone

*Jada Jones* Kelly Starling Lyons

*The Journey of Little Charlie* Christopher Paul Curtis

*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* Bryan Stevenson

*Kansas City Lightning: The Rise and Times Of Charlie Parker* Stanley Crouch

*Kick* Walter Dean Myers

*Killing the Black Body* Dorothy E. Roberts

*Knock Knock: My Dad’s Dream for Me* Daniel Beaty

*Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina* Misty Copeland

*The Light of The World: A Memoir* Elizabeth Alexander

*Lighthead* Terrance Hayes

*Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement* Janet Dewart Bell

*Linden Hills* Gloria Naylor

*Little & Lion* Brandy Colbert

*Little Green* Walter Mosley

*Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* Vashti Harrison

*Long Way Down* Jason Reynolds

*Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* Jason Reynolds

*Lu* Jason Reynolds

*Lucy* Jamaica Kincaid

*Magical Negro* Morgan Parker

*Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm* *X* Ilyasah Al-Shabazz

*Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* Manning Marable

*Mama’s Boy* ReShonda Tate Billingsley

*March* (trilogy) John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

*Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song* Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney

*Maud Martha* Gwendolyn Brooks

*May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem* Imani Perry

*Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present* Harriet A. Washington

*A Mercy* Toni Morrison

*Meridian* Alice Walker

*The Mighty Miss Malone* Christopher Paul Curtis

*The Mis-Education of the Negro* Carter G. Woodson

*Mom & Me & Mom* Maya Angelou

*Momma: Gone* Nina Foxx

*Monday's Not Coming* Tiffany D. Jackson

*Moses, Man of the Mountain* Zora Neale Hurston

*My Brother Charlie* Holly Robinson Peete

*My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich* Ibi Zoboi

*My Song: A Memoir* Harry Belafonte and Michael Shnayerson

*Nelson Mandela* Kadir Nelson

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* Michelle Alexander

*New Kid* Jerry Craft

*The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke* Jeffrey C. Stewart

*New Shoes* Susan Meyer

*The New Testament* Jericho Brown

*The Nickel Boys* Colson Whitehead

*Nikki G: A Portrait of Nikki Giovanni in Her Own Words* Darryl L. Lacy

*Nine Years Under* Sheri Booker

*No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington* Condoleezza Rice

*Not So Pure and Simple* Lamar Giles

*Odd One Out* Nic Stone

*On the Come Up* Angie Thomas

*One Crazy Summer* Rita Garcia-Williams

*One Righteous Man: Samuel Battle and the Shattering of the Color Line in New York* Arthur Browne

*Opposite of Always* Justin A. Reynolds

*Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir* Nikki Grimes

*Out of My Mind* Sharon M. Draper

*The Patchwork Quilt* Valerie Flourney

*Piecing Me Together* Renée Watson

*Pinned* Sharon G. Flake

*Planet Middle School* Nikki Grimes

*Port Chicago 50* Steven Sheinken

*The Presidency in Black and White: My Up-Close View of Three Presidents and Race in* *America* April Ryan

*The Prison Letters of Nelson Mandela* Nelson Mandela

*Queen Sugar* Natalie Baszile

*A Question of Freedom: A Memoir of Learning, Survival, and Coming of Age in Prison* Dwayne Betts

*A Raisin in the Sun* Lorraine Hansberry

*Raising the Bar* Gabrielle Douglas

*Rebound* Kwame Alexander

*Red at the Bone* Jacqueline Woodson

*The Red Pencil* Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Redbone* Mahogany L. Browne

*Refuse: Poems* Julian Randall

*The Returned* Jason Mott

*Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound* Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Mildred D. Taylor

*Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordon in Pursuit of His Dreams* Deloris Jordan

*Salvage the Bones* Jesmyn Ward

*Sarah Rector: The Richest Black Girl in America* Tonya Bolden

*Sassafrass, Cypress, and Indigo* Ntozake Shange

*The Season of Styx Malone* Kekla Magoon

*The Sellout* Paul Beatty

*Sing, Unburied, Sing* Jesmyn Ward

*Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America* Melissa V. Harris-Perry

*Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga* Pamela Newkirk

*Stand Up Straight and Sing!* Jessye Norman

*The Star Side of Bird Hill* Naomi Jackson

*The Stars Beneath Our Feet* David Barclay Moore

*Stella by Starlight* Sharon M. Draper

*Sula* Toni Morrison

*The Sun Is Also a Star* Nicola Yoon

*Taking the Arrow Out of the Heart* Alice Walker

*Tell My Horse: Voodoo and Life in Haiti and Jamaica* Zora Neale Hurston

*Thank You, Omu!* Oge Mora

*They Come in All Colors* Malcolm Hansen

*Thief in the Interior* Phillip B. Williams

*Things I Should Have Told My Daughter: Lies, Lessons, and Love Affairs* Pearl Cleage

*The Third Life of Grange Copeland* Alice Walker

*This Side of Home* Renée Watson

*Thomas and Beulah* Rita Dove

*Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America* Wil Haygood

*Time of the Locust: A Novel* Morowa Yejide

*Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas* Gwendolyn Hooks

*To Be Young, Gifted, and Black: Lorraine Hansberry in Her Own Words* Lorraine Hansberry

*Topdog/Underdog* Suzan-Lori Parks

*Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers* Frank X. Walker

*The Turner House* Angela Flournoy

*Tyrell* Coe Booth

*Ugly Ways* Tina McElroy Ansa

*The Undefeated* Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

*The Underground Railroad* Colson Whitehead

*Untwine* Edwidge Danticat

*A Voice from the South: A Black Woman of the South* Anna Julia Cooper

*A Wanted Woman* Eric Jerome Dickey

*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great* *Migration* Isabel Wilkerson

*The Water Dancer* Ta-Nehisi Coates

*Watch Us Rise* Renée Watson

*Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments* Saidiya Hartman

*We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide* Carol Anderson

*Well, That Escalated Quickly: Memoirs and Mistakes of an Accidental Activist* Franchesca Ramsey

*What Color Is My World?: The Lost History Of African-American Inventors* Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld

*What Momma Left Me* Renée Watson

*Where We Stand: Class Matters* bell hooks

*Who Asked You?* Terry McMillan

*Wild Beauty: New and Selected Poems* Ntozake Shange

*Wild Hundreds* Nate Marshall

*The Wind in the Reeds: A Storm, A Play, and the City That Would Not Be* *Broken* Wendell Pierce and Rod Dreher

*Women, Race, and Class* Angela Davis

*A Wreath for Emmett Till* Marilyn Nelson

*Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own Person* Shonda Rhimes

*You Can Be a Friend* Tony Dungy

*You Don’t Know Me: Reflections of My Father, Ray Charles* Ray Charles Robinson Jr.

*Zora and Me* T. R. Simon