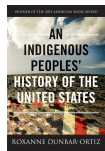


Celebrating America 250

Use this booklist to find stories that were previously untold or under-told, so all of Connecticut's residents can see themselves reflected in the 250+ year history of our nation. For much of our history, the United States has excluded people—women, free and enslaved African Americans, Indigenous people, immigrants, people with disabilities, the poor, and many others—from full participation and representation in the nation's political, economic, and cultural life. This commemoration is an opportunity to continue the nation's reckoning with the past, both its glory and its missteps and flaws. By telling previously untold stories we will enable everyone to find a place in our nation's narrative.



An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States

by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire. **Also an OverDrive/Libby eBook.**



Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America

by Ibram X. Kendi

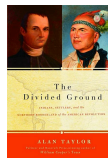
In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. As Kendi shows, racist ideas did not arise from ignorance or hatred. They were created to justify and rationalize deeply entrenched racist policies and the nation's racial inequities. **Also a Hoopla audiobook.**



Native Nations: A Millennium in North America

by Kathleen DuVal

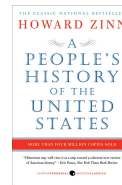
Kathleen DuVal shows how the definitions of power and means of exerting it shifted over time, but the sovereignty and influence of Native peoples remained a constant-- and will continue far into the future.



The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution

by Alan Taylor

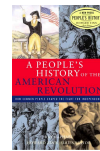
In 1761, at a boarding school in New England, a young Mohawk Indian named Joseph Brant first met Samuel Kirkland, the son of a colonial clergyman. They began a long and intense relationship that would redefine North America. For nearly fifty years, their lives intertwined, at first as close friends but later as bitter foes. By telling their dramatic story, Alan Taylor illuminates the dual borders that consolidated the new American nation after the Revolution.



A People's History of the United States

by Howard Zinn

Known for its lively, clear prose as well as its scholarly research, *A People's History of the United States* is the only volume to tell America's story from the point of view of--and in the words of--America's women, factory workers, African-Americans, Native Americans, the working poor, and immigrant laborers. **Also a Hoopla eBook and audiobook.**



A People's History of the American Revolution

by Ray Raphael

The first major effort to tell the history of the American Revolution from the often overlooked standpoints of its everyday participants, *A People's History of the American Revolution* is a highly accessible narrative of the wartime experience that brings in the stories of previously marginalized voices: the common people, slave and free, who made up the majority in eighteenth-century America. **Also a Hoopla eBook and audiobook.**



By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Land

by Rebecca Nagle

A work of reportage and American history in the vein of *Caste* and *How the Word Is Passed* that braids the story of the forced removal of Native Americans onto treaty lands in the nation's earliest days, and a small-town murder in the '90s that led to a Supreme Court ruling reaffirming Native rights to that land over a century later. **Also a Hoopla eBook and audiobook.**



Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019

by Book Author

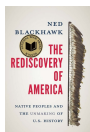
A 'choral history' of African Americans covering 400 years of history in the voices of 80 writers. **Also an OverDrive/Libby audiobook.**



The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story

by Nikole Hannah-Jones

The New York Times Magazine's award-winning 1619 Project issue reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. This book substantially expands on that work, weaving together eighteen essays that explore the legacy of slavery in present-day America. **Also an OverDrive/Libby audiobook.**



The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History

by Ned Blackhawk

A sweeping and overdue retelling of U.S. history that recognizes that Native Americans are essential to understanding the evolution of modern America. **Also an OverDrive/Libby eBook and a Hoopla audiobook.**



Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

by David Grann

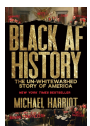
Grann revisits a series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and new evidence, the book outlines the steps that reveal a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is an indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. **Also an OverDrive/Libby eBook and audiobook.**



This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving

by David J. Silverman

Ahead of the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving, a new look at the Plymouth colony's founding events, told for the first time with Wampanoag people at the heart of the story. **Also an OverDrive/Libby eBook.**



Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed Story of America

by Michael Harriot

From beloved columnist Michael Harriot comes a comprehensive and bitingly hilarious appraisal of American history, in which the dominant narrative is directly confronted and corrected to showcase the perspectives and experiences of Black Americans. **Also a Hoopla eBook and audiobook.**



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Someone Knows My Name

by Lawrence Hill

Abducted from Africa as a child and enslaved in South Carolina, Aminata Diallo thinks only of freedom--and of the knowledge she needs to get home. This captivating story of one woman's remarkable experience spans six decades and three continents and brings to life a crucial chapter in world history. **Also an OverDrive/Libby audiobook and Hoopla eBook. (Alternate Title: *The Book of Negros*).**



Crow Mary

by Kathleen Grissom

In 1872, sixteen-year-old Goes First, a Crow Native woman, marries Abe Farwell, a white fur trader. He gives her the name Mary, and they set off on the long trip to his trading post in the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan, Canada.



Ghost Warrior

by Lucia St Clair-Robson

Some call her the Apache Joan of Arc. Lozen, valiant warrior, revered shaman, and beautiful woman, fought alongside Geronimo, Cochise, and Victorio, holding out against the armies of both the United States and Mexico. Here, at last, is her compelling story, set in the last half of the nineteenth century. **Also a Hoopla eBook.**



Chains

by Laurie Halse Anderson

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. **Also an OverDrive/Libby audiobook. (Young Adult).**



Happy Land

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

A woman learns the incredible story of a real-life American Kingdom--and her family's ties to it--in this enthralling novel from the NAACP Image Award-winning author of *Take My Hand*.



Wandering Stars

by Tommy Orange

Wandering Stars traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Industrial School for Indians through to the shattering aftermath of Orvil Redfeather's shooting in *There There*. **Also an OverDrive/Libby eBook and audiobook.**