

Michele's suggestions for our reading list

The Bethlehem Gadfly George Floyd killing August 23, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts responding to the George Floyd killing 

*Good conversation builds community.
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Gadfly loves these suggestions of works for us to read.

It shows where people are coming from, what's shaped their views, and gives the rest of us an opportunity to share another's perspective on the world.

In her response to Cindy O'Brien's public comment at the end of the August 11 Public Safety Committee meeting (Cindy was literally the last caller!), Michele Downing recommended three books.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*

Layla Saad, *Me and White Supremacy*

Ibram Kendi, *Stamped from the Beginning (he who wrote *How to be AntiRacist*)*

We can't really give you text to read here, but the above videos will give you a sense of the authors and how their works and worldviews relate to systemic racism.

Great coincidence regarding Ta-Nehisi Coates. *CBS Sunday Morning* (which Gadfly considers the sanest show on television — ha! not that you care or asked) did an excellent piece on him this morning. View **“Vanity Fair magazine seizes the moment.”**

The coincidence was a sign to order Coates's book. Gadfly did.

Got any suggestions for our reading list?

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