

Hopkinton READS! 2016

PROGRAM GUIDE

**TA-NEHISI
COATES**
—
**BETWEEN
THE WORLD
AND ME**

Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men.... What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

Between the World and Me is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. ... Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

Ta-Nehisi Coates is a national correspondent for *The Atlantic* and the author of the memoir *The Beautiful Struggle*. Coates has received the National Magazine Award, the Hillman Prize for Opinion and Analysis Journalism, and the George Polk Award for his *Atlantic* cover story "The Case for Reparations." He lives in New York with his wife and son.

~ *From the book's jacket flap.* Penguin Random House LLC

Join the Hopkinton community in a discussion of these important and timely issues!



PROGRAMS

All programs are free and held in the library's Community Room

Thursday, November 3, 7pm

"Bowing to the Monsters of the Imagination: Black Artists Confronting the Past"

A talk on contemporary African-American art by NEC Prof. *Inez McDermott*.

Thursday, November 10, 6pm

Movie and Pizza: "Freedom Writers"

Movie adaptation of Erin Gruwell's best-seller, "The Freedom Writer's Diaries: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them." Idealistic Erin Gruwell (Hilary Swank) finds a way to unify her disadvantaged, racially divided students and to improve their academics; partly by having them keep journals about their violent, troubled lives. (123 min., PG-13) PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Thursday, November 17, 7pm

Contemporary African-American Issues: A Panel Discussion

Sociology Prof. *Cliff Brown* and English Prof. *Reggie Wilburn* from UNH; English Prof. *Michael New* from St. Anselm; and activist and author *Brenda Lett*, board chair of the NH Black Women's Health Network, discuss issues raised in Coates' book, "**Between the World and Me.**" Panel moderator: *Laura Kroy* of NHPR

Wednesday, November 30, 1pm and 7pm

Community Book Discussion

Come share your thoughts on this important and thought-provoking work. Evening discussion led by English Prof. *David Watters* from UNH. Afternoon discussion facilitator TBD.

Our Community Reads Event

Since 2002, the Hopkinton Town Library has brought community members together to read and discuss the same book at the same time through its **Hopkinton READS! Program**. READS! is more than a book discussion. Engaging programs are offered to help further explore ideas, entertain, educate, and foster meaningful dialog around central themes raised in each "read." Past titles include: *A Walk in the Woods*; *Life of Pi*; *The Kite Runner*; *My Sister's Keeper*; *Omnivore's Dilemma*; *Following Atticus*; *The Martian*; and more.

THANK YOU!

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SUGGESTED READINGS:
A Sample of Notable Works

NONFICTION

- Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi—*We Should All Be Feminist*
- Alexander, Michelle—*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
- Angelou, Maya—*Letter to My Daughter*
- Baldwin, James—*The Fire Next Time*
- Brown, Cliff—*Racial Competition and Class Solidarity*
- Cary, Lorene—*Black Ice*
- Chang, Jeff—*Who We Be: A Cultural History of Race in Post-Civil Rights America*
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi—*The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoir*
- Freedom Writers (The), and Zlata Filipovic—*The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them*
- Griffin, John Howard—*Black Like Me*
- Irving, Debby—*Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*
- Stevenson, Bryan—*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*
- Whyte III, Daniel—*Letters to Young Black Men: Advice and Encouragement for a Difficult Journey*
- X, Malcolm, and Alex Haley—*The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

FICTION

- Ellison, Ralph—*Invisible Man*
- Gyasi, Yaa—*Homegoing*
- Morrison, Toni—*Jazz; Beloved; Song of Solomon; and others*
- Picoult, Jodie—*Small Great Things*
- Walker, Alice—*The Color Purple; and others*

FOR YOUNGER READERS

- Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely—*All American Boys*
- Williams-Garcia, Rita—*One Crazy Summer*
- Woodson, Jacqueline—*Brown Girl Dreaming*

