



## SUGGESTED READING LIST

Across the country, the urban landscape is changing. [EAST LAKE MEADOWS: A PUBLIC HOUSING STORY](#) gives voice to some of the most marginalized people in our society and raises critical questions about how we, as a nation, have created concentrated poverty and limited housing opportunities for African Americans, and what can be done to address it. Executive Produced by Ken Burns, the film is a feature-length documentary directed and produced by Sarah Burns and David McMahon airing on PBS in March 2020. This list includes the books of experts included in the film, as well as an array of other resources.

### **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City** <<Matthew Desmond

The Winner of a Pulitzer Prize, *Evicted* captures the hardships of eight families in Milwaukee struggling with housing insecurity. It tells the story of poverty and economic exploitation of marginalized Americans, and provides insights into possible solutions. MacArthur "Genius" Desmond leaves the reader with a better understanding of housing insecurity and the centrality of home.

### **Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership**

<< Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

A 2019 National Book Award Finalist, this book takes a historical look at how civil unrest and public policies promoted *predatory inclusion*, a process in which lenders offer needed services to marginalized households on exploitative terms that limit long-term benefits. The author exposes how relationships between regulators and the industry further created incentives to promote discriminatory practices. This book underscores the impact that housing policies have had on African American home ownership.

### **White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism** <<Kevin Kruse

This book examines the causes and consequences of "white flight" in Atlanta and in other US cities. The author explores segregationists and their resistance, as he aims to demonstrate that traditional elements of modern conservatism have resulted from the postwar struggle over segregation and the flight to white suburbia.

### **New Deal Ruins: Race, Economic Justice, and Public Housing Policy** Paperback

<<Edward G. Goetz

This book traces the history of public housing and illustrates how changes to housing policy in the 1990s, which favored subsidized units in mixed-income communities and tenant-based vouchers, negatively impacted hundreds of thousands of people. Goetz discusses how the transformation is related to pressures of gentrification and the enduring influence of race in US cities.

### **Capital City.** <<Samuel Stein

The author examines how the transformation of urban life and politics has been driven by the "state" and the urban planning process. This book provides insight into the role of planners in real estate and the significant power they play in the re-design of urban life today.

### **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America** <<Richard Rothstein

A *New York Times* Bestseller, this book provides a masterful history of the modern American city and highlights how federal, state, and local governments through policies and financial incentives gave rise to and fostered neighborhood segregation. The author demonstrates how political decisions have influenced the existence of a segregated America.

### **Living Apart: How the Government Betrayed a Landmark Civil Rights Law**

<< Nikole Hannah-Jones

This book describes ProPublica's investigation into housing segregation,

and the federal government's significant failings to support laws meant to eliminate it. The author highlights the lack of dollars spent by HUD to fight segregation and its failure to create integrated neighborhoods.

### **After the Projects: Public Housing Redevelopment and the Governance of the Poorest Americans**

<<Lawrence J. Vale

This book examines the politics of public housing development and redevelopment as lower-income Americans struggle to find affordable rental housing in many cities. By interviewing hundreds of people, the author investigates the public housing transformation on a national scale by taking an in-depth look at four major American cities. This book discusses the social, political and economic forces that underlie housing displacement.

### **Segregation by Design: Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities**

<<Jessica Trounstein

Utilizing quantitative and qualitative data from thousands of American cities over the last century, the author explores how local governments generate race and class segregation by using their power of land use. This book asserts that inequality has occurred in cities by design.

### **In Defense of Housing: The Politics of Crisis** <<Peter Marcuse & David Madden

The authors examine the causes and implications of the housing crisis and call for a necessary response based on the fact that housing is a necessity.