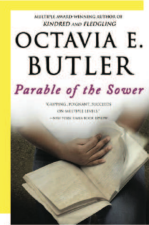


# Summer stories: social justice edition

by Robyn De Leon, Social Justice Editor

The school year is coming to a close with intense final papers, projects and exams, but just because we're ending it on a stressful doesn't mean learning is coming to a halt. Keep yourself "woke" this summer with some recommended social justice focused books from students, teachers and me!

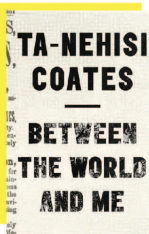


## Parable of the Sower

by Octavia Butler

"'Parable of the Sower' is a perfect mixture of fiction and reality, transporting you to a dystopian society that challenges your thoughts and perspectives with each event that occurs. Lauren, an African-American teenager, questions life as she experiences it, learning about empathy and survival for the human race."

-Robyn De Leon, freshman English and Spanish double major



## Between the World and Me

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

"I think that 'Between the World and Me' is a great social justice read for the summer. It is so fitting for the political climate and allows the reader to become one with the plight of black Americans today." - Christiana Davis, junior English major

### Honorable mentions:

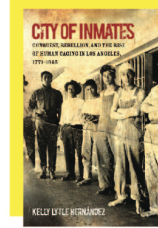
**The Bluest Eyes** by Toni Morrison

**House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas

**An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones

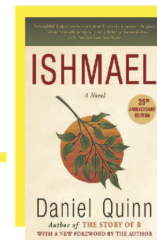
**Invisible Man** by Ralph Ellison



## City of Inmates

by Kelly Lytle Hernandez

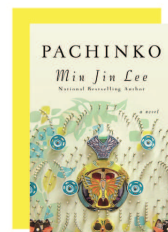
"'City of Inmates' is an eye-opening book that reveals the untold truth about racialized incarceration in LA. The book traces incarceration back to colonialism and the destruction of indigenous peoples. It also discusses the formation of anti-immigrant sentiment in particular towards those of color, and the issue of deportation. It's a really important read, given the high rates of incarceration and deportation in the US." -Alexandra Radilaleh, freshman political science major



## Ishmael

by Daniel Quinn

"It's essentially a book that examines what's wrong with humans and what we need to do to save ourselves. It's basically a philosophy book with a narrative structure, which makes it easier to read. It also has some aspects that reference environmentalism." -Darwin Chavez, junior communications studies major



## Pachinko

by Min Jin Lee

"This is a big fat book, but I also just finished Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, which is this multi-generational epic about a Korean family as they experience the harrowing effects of Japanese colonialism. It reminds me of my favorite nineteenth-century British novels, honestly." -Julia Lee, English professor