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RECOMMENDED READING:

A Selection of Books About the Civil Rights Movement

By **David J. Garrow**, author of "Bearing the Cross," a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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You're familiar with the three R's, but civil rights books can be categorized in terms of the three L's: leaders, legal and local. Here are three books in each category.

The Dream: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Speech That Inspired a Nation

By Drew D. Hansen

The best book in more than a decade on the movement's best-known leader.

Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin

By John D'Emilio

A recent biography of the gay African-American strategist who boosted Martin Luther King Jr.'s ascent and also organized the famous 1963 March on Washington.

A Fire You Can't Put Out: The Civil Rights Life of Birmingham's Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth

By Andrew M. Manis

A spiritually insightful portrait of one of the movement's crucial but less-heralded leaders.

Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality

By Richard Kluger

One of the finest history books ever written.

Along Freedom Road: Hyde County, North Carolina, and the Fate of Black Schools in the South

By David S. Cecelski

An instructive account of how school integration was not always a blessing for Southern black communities.

Hiring the Black Worker: The Racial Integration of the Southern Textile Industry, 1960-1980

By Timothy J. Minchin

A pioneering examination of what workplace desegregation really amounted to at the blue-collar level.

I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle

By Charles M. Payne

The most insightful and essential book yet written about local, grass-roots Southern activism.

Race & Democracy: The Civil Rights Struggle in Louisiana, 1915-1972

By Adam Fairclough

An impressive history that underscores how Southern black protest long predated the 1954-1968 era.

Dividing Lines: Municipal Politics and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Montgomery, Birmingham, and Selma

By J. Mills Thornton III

A comprehensive study of three Alabama cities, and the single most important political interpretation of local protest struggles.