

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE READING LIST

We recommend the following books for you to keep learning and thinking about the issues raised in *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50*

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

by Michelle Alexander

This is an emotionally difficult read; however, the information it contains is of the utmost importance in these contemporary times. Michelle Alexander presents a thorough, persuasive argument that the war on drugs and its consequent incarceration of a disproportionate number of black American men amounts to a form of racialized social control akin to the Jim Crow laws.

Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party

by Joshua Bloom and Waldo E. Martin, Jr.

Bloom and Martin create an indispensable political history of the Black Panther Party that clearly explains the Party's origins, rise, and fall. It stays above the fray without losing sight of the story's human drama. A must read.

Who We Be: The Colorization of America

by Jeff Chang

Jeff Chang's culturally infused examination of the question of American identity—from the 1960s, through the 1990s' Culture Wars, to the present age of Obama—is a road map for who we are.

The Beautiful Struggle

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Written in evocative lyrical prose, this memoir focuses on Ta-Nehisi Coates' childhood and relationship with his father, Paul, who was a member of the Black Panther Party in Baltimore. A searing father-son story, *The Beautiful Struggle* is a reflection on manhood, consciousness, and ultimately, the power of love.

The Black Power Mixtape 1967–1975

by Göran Hugo Olsson

Open this book to any page and jump into the past. Not your traditional history text, this book uses a kaleidoscopic array of materials to bring the period to life: excerpts from historic news footage, interviews with figures such as Stokely Carmichael and Angela Davis, music old and new, and contemporary reflections by musicians like Erykah Badu and Questlove. Accompanies the 2011 documentary of the same title.

One Crazy Summer

by Rita Williams-Garcia

This heartwarming story follows three sisters as they travel to Oakland in 1968 to visit their mother. An exciting and educating summer begins with the discovery that their mother is a member of the Black Panther Party. An immersive and captivating tale for readers of all ages.