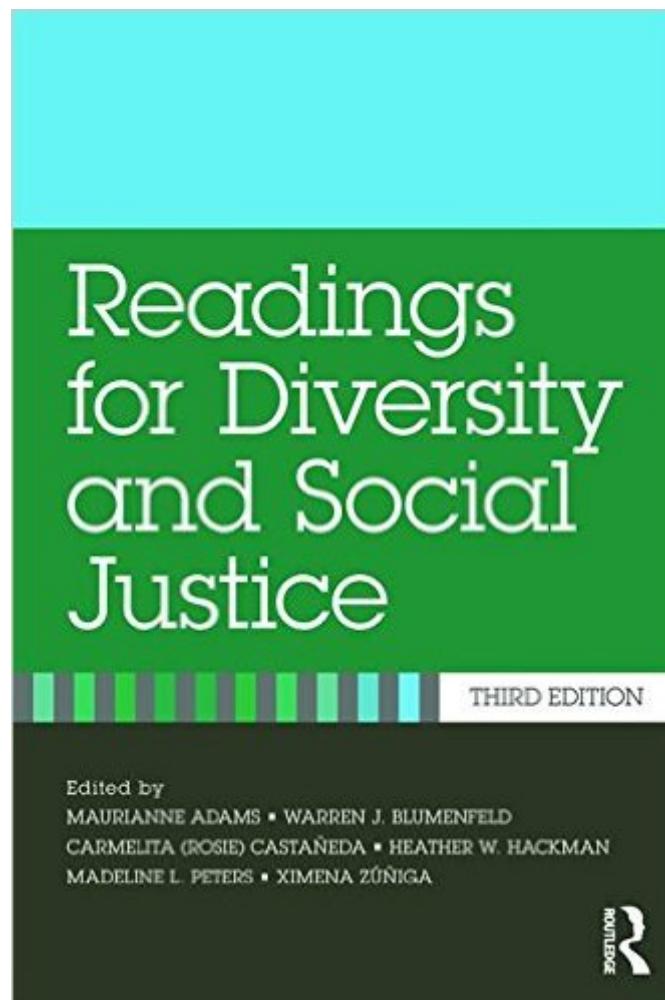


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# Readings For Diversity And Social Justice



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This is a wonderful comprehensive view of the different lenses through which we view others and oppress others. It's pretty heavy reading, so plan on spending a lot of time with it. Great for anyone who is in any type of helping profession: teachers, police officers, doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.

Got it for school, very dry portions especially in the beginning but very good information and examples. Over all affective but if a class is being taught on this book and not supplemented with other readings you aren't doing a good job.

I think this should be standard reading for everyone. It is interesting, insightful, and could help people with less experience in social justice develop knowledge on the subject matter as well as a vocabulary and language to discuss the topic in more detail.

This text is used in two of my master's level course! It is a solid resource for anyone looking to further their knowledge in identity, diversity, privilege, oppression, and social justice.

This book proves how rhetoric of "diversity and social justice" can be easily manipulated into serving the interests of the oppressive status quo. Readers with an interest in truly fighting exploitation and domination will not find much (if anything) that is helpful in this volume. The readings are carefully selected so as not to be offensive to the sensibilities of middle-class liberal American sociologists. The editors even present Hilary Clinton's UN address as some sort of feminist statement! How anyone who is complicit in the mass killing of women of color in the middle east can be considered feminist is beyond me. The editors clearly do not understand, or do not care, how imperialism and mass slaughter are so often justified by presenting the ruling elite of an imperialist power as being "tolerant" or "enlightened." That is role of the liberal Democrats in the US. So why should their spokespeople be featured in a reader about social justice?! There are one or two interesting articles in the book, but sociology readers who are interested in social justice, fighting oppression and inequality, and learning about the possibilities of feminism and revolutionary change should instead read something (anything) by Andrea Smith, Nadine Naber, Sylvia Federichi, Selma James, Walter Rodney, CLR James, Matilda Sycamore, or Dean Spade.

As other commenters have said, this book assumes that you are a white, Christian, heterosexual, able-bodied male who has never stopped to consider that there are other people in the world who are unlike you. I am a white, Christian, heterosexual disabled female and so while a couple of the readings were thought provoking, most were just irritating. I think most decent people realize that oppression exists and has existed for all of time, and this book breaks down history for you in a way that is very condescending way. (At one point, it literally explains to you that there were once slaves in America. You don't say?) The book comes with a heaping pile of guilt for whatever dominant category you fall into, so be prepared. Oh, you AREN'T white, Christian, heterosexual, able-bodied, or male? I'm so sorry. The authors were so busy making sure that they made prejudiced people feel bad about their prejudice that they forgot to make this book relevant for the very people they were trying so hard to defend. Had to read this for an ethics class. Every read was frustrating. Don't buy this unless you have to. There are many WAY more informative books that can actually help you address your conscious or unconscious prejudice without making you feel like a child.

Amazingly informative if you're oblivious to suffering in America. However, the ignorance it ascribes to its broad audience indicates two things. 1. A patronizing assumption that the underprivileged are blind to their circumstances and/or 2. that the underprivileged would not take such a class. If you come from poor, ill, or just messed up backgrounds then you'll be better off reading Spider-Man comics for insight into social justice.

I only read bits and pieces of this book but what I did read was incredible. Something I would save and not rent or sell back. Well, I think so anyway. It will get you through your human diversity class for sure.

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