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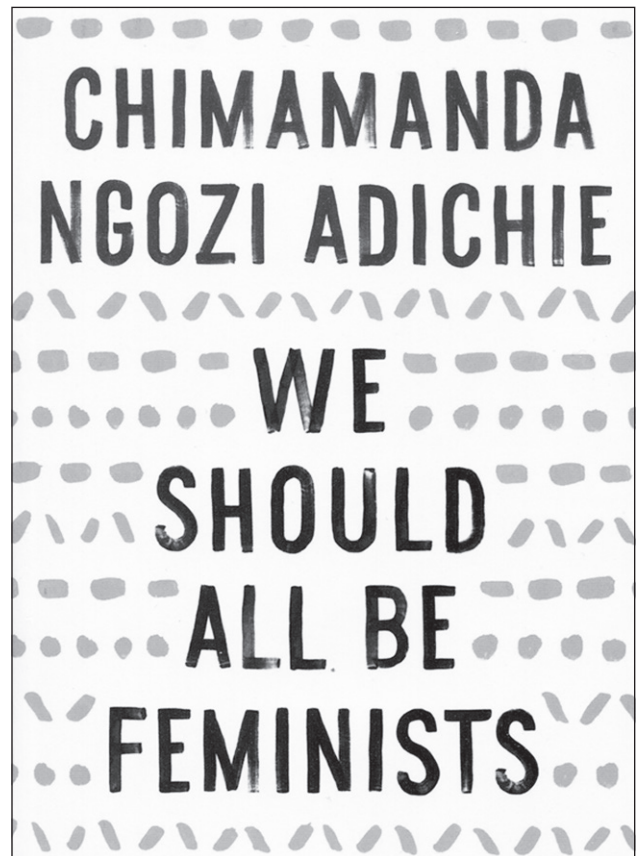
## **EIGHT BOOKS AND ARTICLES WHITE FEMINISTS SHOULD READ...** by Lucie Witt, at [bit.ly/1V7DDnb](http://bit.ly/1V7DDnb).

The title of that blog post, dated February 8, 2016, continues with “for Black History Month,” but of course the value of these recommendations doesn’t expire.

“White feminists have a bad history of ignoring Black women at best,” writes Witt. To help remedy that history of ignoring, she makes some suggestions of books and essays that “all touch on or center around critical historical context.” Here are the authors and titles; you can read what Witt has to say about them on her blog.

1. Kimberlé Crenshaw, “Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics,” in *University of Chicago Legal Forum*, vol. 1989, no. 1, pp. 139–167 ([chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/uclf/vol1989/iss1/8](http://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/uclf/vol1989/iss1/8)).
2. Ashley Ford, “I’m Not Grateful for Viola Davis’ Win — It Was Long Overdue,” in *Elle*, September 22, 2015 ([bit.ly/1V8QlRx](http://bit.ly/1V8QlRx)).
3. Dorothy Roberts, *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. Vintage Books, 1999. 384 pages.
4. Josie Pickens, “#FlintWaterCrisis Is a Reproductive Justice Issue,” in *Ebony*, February 2, 2016 ([bit.ly/1or5fZQ](http://bit.ly/1or5fZQ)).
5. Melissa V. Harris-Perry, *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*. Yale University Press, 2011. 392 pages.
6. Brittney Cooper, “Black, Queer, Feminist, Erased from History: Meet the Most Important Legal Scholar You’ve Likely Never Heard Of,” in *Salon*, February 18, 2015 ([bit.ly/17glvV0](http://bit.ly/17glvV0)).
7. Danielle L. McGuire, *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance — A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power*. Knopf, 2010. 416 pages.
8. Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The New Press, 2010. 290 pages.

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One of the “top ten” titles on this year’s Amelia Bloomer list is **WE SHOULD ALL BE FEMINISTS**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Anchor Books, 2015). The personal essay in the pocket-sized, 52-page booklet is adapted from Adichie’s famous 2012 TEDx talk at an annual conference focused on Africa. The Bloomer project committee recommends it for grades seven and up; it is indeed extremely approachable and a quick read. It’s certainly making news in the world: the U.K.’s *Guardian* reported in December 2015 that the Swedish edition (*Alla Borde Vara Feminister*) was being distributed to every 16-year-old in Sweden.

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