

I've compiled a list of resources that I feel to be essential components of a broader understanding of socialism (and its history), colonialism, capitalism (and the oppressions inherent to capitalism), and resistance to exploitation. A few of the pieces are challenging, particularly the Himani Bannerji book, which I'd recommend reading after you've completed at least a few from the list. This list is hardly exhaustive, and undoubtedly, there are many other titles that perhaps should have been included. Drawing on a decade of organizing, activism, and educational work, this is a list that I feel comfortable sharing. When possible, PDFs were shared.

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**The list:**

"The Wretched of the Earth" by Frantz Fanon (PDF) – <http://abahlali.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Frantz-Fanon-The-Wretched-of-the-Earth-1965.pdf>

"The Assassination of Fred Hampton" by Jeffrey Haas  
– <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/6561790-the-assassination-of-fred-hampton>

"An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz  
– <http://www.beacon.org/An-Indigenous-Peoples-History-of-the-United-States-P1164.aspx>

"The Socialist Imperative" by Michael Lebowitz  
– <https://monthlyreview.org/product/socialist-imperative/>

"Assata: An Autobiography" by Assata Shakur (PDF) – <https://libcom.org/files/assataauto.pdf>

"Open Veins of Latin America" by Eduardo Galeano  
– <https://monthlyreview.org/product/open-veins-of-latin-america/>

"Creating an Ecological Society: Toward a Revolutionary Transformation" by Fred Magdoff and Chris Williams – <https://monthlyreview.org/product/creating-an-ecological-society/>

"Thinking Through: Essays on Feminism, Marxism, and Anti-Racism" by Himani Bannerji  
– [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/627138.Thinking\\_Through](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/627138.Thinking_Through)

"The Bending Cross: A Biography of Eugene Victor Debs" by Ray Ginger  
– <https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/839-the-bending-cross>

"October" by China Mieville – <https://www.versobooks.com/books/2731-october>

"Pedagogy of the Oppressed" by Paulo Freire (PDF)  
– <https://selforganizedseminar.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/freire-pedagogy-oppressed1.pdf>

"Don't Leave Your Friends Behind: Concrete Ways to Support Families in Social Justice Movements" by Victoria Law – [https://secure.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product\\_detail&p=502](https://secure.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=502)

"Ya Basta!: Ten Years of the Zapatista Uprising" by Subcomandante Marcos  
– [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3618.Ya\\_Basta](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3618.Ya_Basta)

"Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches" by Audre Lorde

– [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/32951.Sister\\_Outsider](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/32951.Sister_Outsider)

"The History of the Russian Revolution" by Leon Trotsky (PDF)

– <https://www.marxists.org/ebooks/trotsky/history-of-the-russian-revolution/ebook-history-of-the-russian-revolution-v1.pdf>

"The Assassination of Lumumba" by Ludo De Witte – <https://www.versobooks.com/books/792-the-assassination-of-lumumba>