



# Summer Reading List

Our top five picks:

**1** **5 Broken Cameras:** Award-winning documentary by a Palestinian father, farmer and activist, filmed over 5 years of turmoil in a West Bank Village . *Recommended by Dr Sophie Roborgh*

**2** **My Name is Why:** Memoir by Lemn Sissay, current chancellor of UoM, about his childhood in the institutional care system, and finding out the truth about his family at 17. Themes of race, British-ness and home. *Recommended by Dr Billy Tusker Haworth*

**3** **Your wall can(not) divide us:** Digital exhibition of graffiti and street art in conflict zones, used to protest politics, engage the community and share messages of hope and resistance, put together by a number of HCRI academics. View [here](#)

**4** **Half of a Yellow Sun:** Best-selling author Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche's novel set during the Nigerian/Biafran civil war of 1967-70. *Recommended by Dr Roisin Reed*

**5** **Force Majeure:** Fictional film about family relations and fragile masculinity before, during, and after an avalanche in the French Alps. *Recommended by Dr Nat O'Grady*



# SEE BELOW FOR MORE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF AND STUDENTS



Please note: many of these resources transcend multiple themes. We've tried to place them with a key theme to match reader interests.

## Disasters

- Disasters by Choice: How our actions turn natural hazards into catastrophies, by Ian Kelman
- Floodlines: The story of an unnatural disaster (podcast)
- Disasters: Deconstructed (podcast)
- Online tools can help people in disasters, but do they represent anyone? The Conversation article
- The Impossible (film)

## Conflict/Peace

- Parts of a Circle: History of the Karabakh Conflict (documentary)
- Deogratias: A Tale of Rwanda, by Jean-Philippe Stass
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- The Queue, by Basma Abdel-Amiz
- War Reporting for Cowards, by Chris Ayers
- I am Malala, by Malala Yousafzai

## Migration/Refugees

- Manchester Happened, by Jennifer Nan-subuga Makumbi
- African Titanics, by Abu Bakr Khaal
- Refugee Stories (Podcast)
- Exit West, by Mohsin Hamid
- The Displaced, by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- Border Criminologies (blog)

## Humanitarianism/Aid

- Chasing Chaos: My Decade in and out of Humanitarian Aid, by Jessica Alexander
- Into the Fire, short film by Mines Advisory Group
- Crisis Caravan: What's wrong with Humanitarian Aid? By Linda Polman
- Cambodia Calling, by Richard Heinzl



## Race

- No White Saviours (blog)
- Ain't no Black in the Union Jack, by Paul Gilroy
- Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
- Dance of the Jakaranda, by Peter Kimani
- Pod Save the People (Podcast)
- Why are the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? By Beverly Daniel Tatum
- OJ: Made in America (Documentary)
- 'Why Covid-19 is Killing Black People' The United States of Anxiety (Podcast)

## Gender/Sexuality

- Beyond the Gender Binary, by Alok Vaid-Menon
- Banker to the Poor, by Muhammad Yunus
- A Woman in Berlin, anonymous
- Our Bodies their Battlefield, by Christina Lamb
- UN Women Watch (blog)
- FABULOUS: The Rise of the Beautiful Eccentric, by Madison Moore
- It's not about the Burqa: Muslim Women on Faith, Feminism, Sexuality and Race, by Mariam Khan

## Global Health

- Getting to Zero: A Doctor and a Diplomat on the Ebola Frontline, by Sinead Walsh and Oliver Johnson
- This Podcast will Kill You (Podcast)
- And the Band Played On (Film)
- Fire in the Blood (Documentary)
- The Invisible Cure, by Helen Epstein

## Climate

- The Uninhabitable Earth by David Wallace-Wells
- Blue Gold: World Water Wars (Documentary)
- Mothers of Invention (Podcast)
- Before the Flood (Documentary)
- Solar, by Ian McEwan

Read/Watch/Listen to any of these? Let us know your thoughts!

