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## **April is Fair Housing Month**

*Celebrating this Landmark Legislation at Home*

**Helena, MT, April 16, 2020** - In April 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the National Fair Housing Act. This act protects Americans from discrimination when buying, renting or financing a house based on race, religion, national origin, sex (and as amended) handicap and family status.

Every April, most REALTOR® Associations around the state of Montana hold celebrations to acknowledge the role REALTORS® play in unlocking doors, building communities and shaping the future.

While this April looks a little different in how we celebrate Fair Housing Month, the importance of homeownership is on full display. A home provides protection and solace. It's part of our social fabric and contributes to a vibrant economy. Strong communities are built by strong neighborhoods, where everyone has a chance to live and work together.

The National Association of REALTORS® has compiled a list of recommended books and videos to help you better understand our nation's housing history and how we should build for the future.

### **BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein  
American Apartheid by Douglas S. Massey  
Race for Profit by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor  
Arc of Justice by Kevin Boyle  
Wilmington's Lie by David Zucchino

### **VIDEO RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Disturbing History of the Suburbs | Adam Ruins Everything ([View on YouTube](#))  
Segregated by Design ([View on Vimeo](#))  
Why Cities Are Still So Segregated | Let's Talk ([View on YouTube](#))  
America Divided: A House Divided ([View on YouTube](#))  
A Matter of Place ([View on Vimeo](#))  
Seven Days Documentary | 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act ([View on YouTube](#))

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REALTORS® is the business and public policy advocate for its members and the consumers they serve.

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