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Here is our "book report" on what people have been reading during Black History Month. In response to my suggestion about reading about Henrietta Lacks, I was joined by another reader who enlightened me to read her grandson's version of her story (see comments) below). Also, the suggestion was made to read about Frederick Douglass, and then two books by African American authors Charles Payne and Oba T'Sjaka. I share them with you below:

- *I have been meaning to read the story of Henrietta Lacks for a while. Your share (and its accessibility) just provides more incentive*
- *I remember enjoying that book, but lately it has come under fire from Henrietta Lacks' grandson, Ron Lacks, who wrote his own book "Henrietta Lacks: The Untold Story". See:*
- https://www.democracynow.org/2021/10/8/henrietta_lacks



- [Family of Henrietta Lacks Files Lawsuit over Use of Stolen Cells, Lambasts Racist Medical System | Democracy Now!](#)
- *The family of Henrietta Lacks has filed a lawsuit against biotech company Thermo Fisher Scientific for making billions in profit from the "HeLa" cell line. Henrietta Lacks was an African ...*
- www.democracynow.org

- *I actually read Fredrick Douglass. For such small book of about 100 pages I found it incredible in the history of the black slaves in our country.*
- *I will never the feeling and emotions of those experiences, but Mr. Douglass account of what he went through will always be a strength for me to be a support for those that are underserved, or have been persecuted for who they are or what they believe in.*
- *I wanted to share two books I read in my undergraduate studies at SFSU when taking Africana classes. Books by African American authors*
 - ***I've Got The Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle*** by Charles M. Payne
 - ***The Integration Trap: The Generation Gap*** by Oba T'Shaka, PH.D

One day, we can gather together, in person, and discuss our “reads” together.....Oba T’Shaka also has books on the “Art of Leadership,” highlighting several Black leaders and the lessons we can learn from them.

Best regards,

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