

## Film Recommendations

Film is a powerful medium that can educate and spark discourse and analysis. These five films made by black filmmakers address and depict issues of race and injustice and provide new perspectives on how to think and talk about these issues.

- **13th** (2016). Director: Ava DuVernay. Documentary that looks at how race and the justice system are linked to the mass incarceration of black Americans. Watch on [Netflix](#).
- **I Am Not Your Negro** (2016). Director: Raoul Peck. Documentary that uses a collection of James Baldwin's notes and letters on race in America to explore his legacy and activism. Watch on [Amazon](#) or rent on [YouTube](#) or [iTunes](#).
- **Do the Right Thing** (1989). Director: Spike Lee. About a fateful day in a Brooklyn neighborhood that has been dealing with the stresses of growing racial tensions. Rent on [YouTube](#), [Amazon](#), or [iTunes](#).
- **If Beale Street Could Talk** (2018). Director: Barry Jenkins. Based on James Baldwin's novel of the same name; the story of a young couple whose future is torn apart by a broken judicial system. Watch on [Hulu](#) or rent on [YouTube](#) or [Amazon](#).
- **Fruitvale Station** (2013). Director: Ryan Coogler. The true story of 22-year-old Oscar Grant III, who becomes swept up in an altercation with police that ends in tragedy. Watch free on [Tubi](#).

North Carolina is also home to two organizations that showcase the work and uplift the voices of black filmmakers.

- The [Hayti Heritage Film Festival](#) in Durham is an annual film festival showcasing works by black filmmakers from the American South and across the African diaspora.
- [House of Pentacles](#) is a film training program and production house designed to launch black trans youth (ages 18–35) into the film industry.