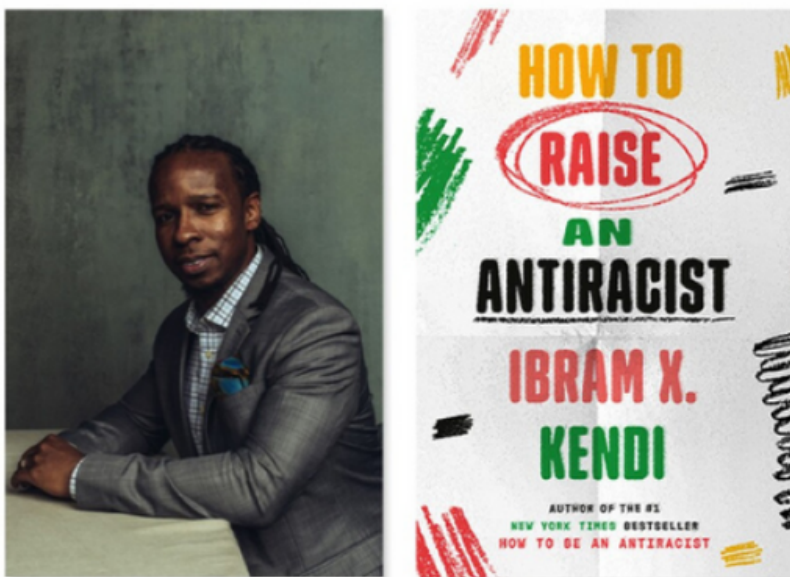


## Dr. Ibram X. Kendi on "How to Raise an Antiracist"



The Bay Area welcomed Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author, professor and antiracist activist, on tour reading from his newly published book "How to Raise an Antiracist." Dr. Kendi was joined by W. Kamau Bell, stand up comedian, author and documentary television producer at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley on Friday, June 24.

With candor and humor, they shared childhood experiences of racism, hard truths about our society, and ultimately, unwavering hope for a more just, antiracist world.

While his book's title references 'raising' antiracist kids, his examples and research also explore racism in school settings and the powerful role educators play. Kendi writes that following George Floyd's murder, "only 14% of teachers said that year they had the training and resources to offer their students an antiracist education."

Although anti-racist training and resources may be lacking in many schools, Kendi suggests that teaching critical thinking is the key to raising antiracist children. Following this format, rather than

telling readers what to do, he combines research and personal narrative, inviting readers to challenge their own beliefs.

He urges caregivers to use the critical thinking approach to talk to children about racism.

- Talk to kids about mistreatment they've seen or experienced. Do not deny that racism exists. Without open discussion, kids may internalize racism.
- Explain what racial profiling is and where it shows up in communities, classrooms and online. Ask kids where they have seen or experienced it.
- Challenge the narrative that racism is interpersonal rather than structural.

Gateway Public Schools is proud of its long-standing commitments to antiracist teaching and educational equity. Gateway teachers will continue this work exploring Dr. Kendi's book in professional learning this fall, and Gateway Impact will offer an Antiracist Classrooms webinar in Spring 2023.

You may learn more about Dr. Kendi's book [here](#).

Read an EdSurge interview with Dr. Kendi focusing on racism in education [here](#).

Look for updates about W. Kamau Bell's new antiracist activity book released later this summer.