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BFA Suggested Summer Reading List: History & Theory of Visual Culture 2023

Author	Title	Publisher
Julieta Aranda, et al	What is Contemporary Art?	E-flux publishing
Roland Barthes	Camera Lucida	Vintage
Eddie Chambers	Black Artists in British Art	I.B. Tauris
Peter Kalb	Art Since 1980	Laurence King
Audre Lorde	The Master's Tools Will Never	
	Dismantle the Master's House	Penguin
Julian Stallabrass	Contemporary Art, 2^{nd} edition	Oxford
Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing	The Mushroom at the End of the World	Princeton

These are not set texts, just suggestions of books that contemporary art students often find useful or stimulating. You might also take a look at a couple of excellent series and, following your own interests, choose one work or theme to explore in more depth: Afterall's *One Work* https://www.afterall.org/books/one.work/ and Whitechapel/MIT's *Documents of Contemporary Art* https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/series/whitechapel-documents-contemporary-art.

It is also well worth reading art magazines like *Frieze* (https://frieze.com), *Art Monthly* (https://www.artmonthly.co.uk), and *e-flux* (https://www.artmonthly.co.uk), and *e-flux* (https://www.artmonthly.co.uk), and *e-flux* (https://www.bucs.com). The Tate Modern website also has links to articles and videos on contemporary art and artists: https://www.tate.org.uk/art.