## **National African American Read-In**

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## **Supplemental List for Young Adults and Adults**

## Recommended by Black Caucus Members Compiled by Sandra E. Gibbs

The following list contains selected works recommended by Black Caucus members. There are <u>many</u> other books by African Americans which we encourage you to read; this is a starter list and not intended to be all inclusive of other excellent works by African Americans. Join in and continue to enrich your lives after February by reading books by African Americans.

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AUTHOR	TITLE
Adams, Jenoyne	Resurrecting Mingus, The Free Press, 2001.
Agins, Michelle & Julia Chance	Sisterfriends: Portraits of Sisterly Love, Simon & Schuster, 2001.
Alexander, Adele Logan	Homelands and Waterways: The American Journey of the Bond Family, 1846-1926, Pantheon Books, 1999. History
Alexander, Eleanor	Lyrics of Sunshine and Shadow: The Tragic Courtship and Marriage of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice Ruth Moore, New York University Press, 2001. Social History
Angelou, Maya	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1983. Autobiography (Plus any of her other works.)
Ansa, Tina McElroy	You Know Better, William Morrow, 2002. Fiction
	The Hand I Fan With, Doubleday & Co., 1996. Fiction
	Ugly Ways, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993. Fiction
	Baby of the Family, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989. Fiction
Arrington, E.D.	Stay the Course, AuthorHouse, 2010.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

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Ashe, Arthur	Days of Grace: A Memoir, Alfred A. Knopf, 1993.

Autobiography

Baldwin, James Collected Essays, The Library of America, 1998.

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Dell Publishing, 1985. Non-

Fiction (Plus any of his other works.)

Bambara, Toni Cade Those Bones Are Not My Child, Pantheon Books, 1999.

Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)

Gorilla My Love, Random House, 1981. Short Story

Collection

Barboza, Steven (ed.) The African American Book of Values, Doubleday, 1998.

**Collection/Short Stories** 

Barksdale, Richard *Praisesong of Survival*, University of Illinois Press, 1992.

Lectures and Essays 1957-89

Bates, Karen Grigsby Chosen People, Avon Books, 2006. Mystery

Bates, Karen Grigsby Basic Black: Home Training for Modern Times,

& Karen Elyse Hudson Doubleday, 1996. Essays

Beals, Melba Pattilo Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to

Integrate Little Rock's Central High, Pocket Books, 1994.

Biography

Bell, Derrick Gospel Choirs: Psalms of Survival in An Alien Land Called

Home, Basic Books, 1996. Short Stories

Confronting Authority: Reflections of An Ardent Protester,

Beacon Press, 1994. Essays (Plus any of his other works.)

Bell-Scott, Patricia (et.al.) Double Stitch: Black Women Write About Mothers and

Daughters, Beacon Press, 1991. Poems, Stories, Essays

Bennett, Lerone The Shaping of Black America: The Struggles and

Triumphs of African-Americans, 1619 to the 1900s, Viking

Penguin, 1993. History

Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America, Viking

Penguin, 1984. History

Benson, Christopher Death of Innocence: The Story of the Crime that

Changed America, Random House Adult Publishing, 2003.

& Mamie Till-Mobley

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Bland, Eleanor Taylor (ed.)	Shades of Black: Crime and Mystery Stories by African Americans, Berkeley Publishing, 2004.
Bogle, Donald	Dorothy Dandridge, Amistad Press, 1997. Biography
Bontemps, Arna	American Negro Poetry, 1982. Poetry (Plus any of his other works.)**
Bontemps, Arna & Langston Hughes	Popo & Fifina, Oxford University Press, 1932. Reissued 1993. Fiction
Boyd, Valerie	Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston, Scribner, 2003. Biography
Briscoe, Connie	Can't Get Enough, Doubleday, 2005.
	P. G. County, Doubleday, 2002. Fiction
	A Long Way From Home, HarperCollins, 1999. Fiction
Brooks, Gwendolyn	<i>In Montgomery and Other Poems</i> , Third World Press, 2003. Poetry
	Children Coming Home, The David Company, 1991. Poetry
	Selected Poems, HarperCollins, 1982. (Plus any of her other works.)
Brown, Elaine	A Taste of Power, Pantheon Books, 1992. Autobiography
Brown, Sterling A.	The Collected Poems of Sterling A. Brown, Broadside Press, 1990. (Compiled by Michael S. Harper) Poetry
Busby, Margaret (ed.)	Daughters of Africa, Pantheon Books, 1992. (International anthology of words and writings by women of African descent.)
Butler, Octavia E.	Fledgling, Seven Stories Press, 2005. Novel
	Parable of the Talents, Seven Stories Press, 1998. Fiction
	Parable of the Sower, Four Walls Eight Windows, 1993. Futuristic
	Kindred, Beacon Press, 1988. Science Fiction
Campbell, Bebe Moore	72 Hour Hold, Alfred Knopf, 2005.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

What You	Owe Me.	G.P.	Putnam's	Sons.	2001.

*Singing in the Comeback Choir*, Putnam Publishing, 1998. Fiction

Brothers and Sisters, Putnam Publishing, 1994. Fiction

Your Blues Ain't Like Mine, Putnam Publishing, 1992. Fiction

Carmichael, Stokely Ready for Revolution: The Life and Struggles of Stokely

Carmichael, Scribner, 2003.

Carroll, Rebecca Swing Low: Black Men Writing, Carol Southern Press,

1995. Interviews

I Know What the Red Clay Looks Like: The Voice and Vision of Black Women Writers, Carol Southern Press,

1995. Interviews

Carter, Stephen L. The Emperor of Ocean Park, Alfred Knopf, 2002. Fiction

Chambers, Veronica Mama's Girl, Riverhead Press, 1996. Memoir

Chase-Riboud, Barbara The President's Daughter, Crown Publishers, 1994.

**Historical Novel** 

Chesnutt, Charles W. Stories, Novels & Essays, The Library of America, 2002.

(Collection—Reissue and New)

Childress, Alice Rainbow Jordan, Avon Books, 1982. Fiction (Plus any of

her other works.)

Clarke, Breena River, Cross My Heart, Little, Brown & Co., 1999. Fiction

Cleage, Pearl Baby Brother's Blues, One World, 2006. Fiction

Babylon Sisters, One World/Ballantine Books, 2005.

**Fiction** 

Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do, Ballantine Books,

2003. Fiction

I Wish I Had a Red Dress, William Morrow, 2001. Fiction

What Looks Like Crazy on An Ordinary Day . . ., Avon

Books, 1997. Fiction

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

The Brass Bend and Other Stories, Third World Press
1991. Poetry and Fiction

Clifton, Lucille Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems, 1988-2000,

BOA Editions, Ltd., 2000. Poetry

Three Wishes, Doubleday, 1992. Fiction

(Children's author. Plus any of her other works which in

poetry for secondary and adult.)

Cobbs, Price M. (M.D.) My American Life: From Rage to Entitlement, Atria Books,

2005. Memoir

Cole, Johnetta Conversations, Doubleday, 1993. Essays

Coleman, Chrisena Just Between Girlfriends: African-American Women

Celebrate Friendship, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Essays

Coleman, Evelyn What a Woman's Gotta Do, Simon & Schuster, 1998.

**Fiction** 

Collier-Thomas, Bettye A Treasury of African-American Christmas Stories, Volume

II, Henry Holt, 1999. Short Stories

Daughters of Thunder: Black Women Preachers and Their

Sermons, 1850-1979, Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1998.

History

Comer, James P. Maggie's American Dream: The Life and Times of a Black

Family, Dutton/New American Library, 1989.

Autobiography

Waiting for a Miracle: Why Schools Can't Solve Our Problems and How We Can, Dutton Publishing, 1997.

Essays

Cook, William W. Spiritual, Reed & Cannon Company, 1999. Poetry

Cooper, J. California Some People, Some Other Place, Doubleday, 2004.

Fiction

Some Love, Some Pain, Sometime, Doubleday, 1995.

**Short Stories** 

Family, Doubleday, 1992. Fiction (Plus any of her other

works.)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Cortez, Jayne	Coagulations: New and Selected Poems, Thunders Mouth Press, 1984. Poetry
Cosby, Camille & Renee Pouissant	A Wealth of Wisdom: Legendary African American Elders Speak, Atria Books, 2004. Essays
Cose, Ellis	Bone to Pick: Of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Reparation, and Revenge, Atria Books, 2004.
	The Envy of the World: On Being a Black Man in America, Washington Square Press, 2002. Essays
	Color-Blind: Seeing Beyond Rage in a Race Obsessed World, HarperCollins, 1997. Essays
	The Rage of a Privileged Class, HarperCollins, 1993. Essays
Crouch, Stanley & Playthell Benjamin	Reconsidering The Souls of Black Folk: Thoughts on the Groundbreaking Classic Work of W.E.B. Dubois, Running Press, 2002. Essays
Cunningham, Michael	Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats, Random House, 2000.
Dance, Daryl Cumber	From My People: 400 Years of African American Folklore, W.W. Norton & Co., 2002. Folklore
	Honey, Hush!: An Anthology of African American Women's Humor, W.W. Norton & Co., 1988. Anthology
Danticat, Edwidge	The Farming of the Bones, SoHo Press, 1998. Fiction
	Krik? Krak!, Vintage Books, 1996. Short Stories
	Breath, Eyes, Memory, Vintage Books, 1994. Fiction
Datcher, Michael	Raising Fences: A Black Man's Love Story, Riverhead Books, 2001. Fiction
Davis, Angela	Women, Race and Class, Random House, 1983. Non-Fiction
Davis, Ossie	Langston: A Play, Delacorte Press, 1982.
Davis, Ossie	With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together, William

& Ruby Dee

Morrow & Co., 1998. Autobiography

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Dawkins, Wayne	Rugged Waters: Black Journalists Swim the Mainstream, August Press, 2003. History
	Black Journalists: The NABJ Story, August Press, 1997. History
DeBerry, Virginia	Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made, St. Martin's Press, 1997. Fiction
DeBerry, Virginia & Donna Grant	Better Than I Know Myself, St. Martin's Press, 2004.
	Far From the Tree, St. Martin's Press, 2000.
Delaney, Sarah Louise & Annie Elizabeth Delaney	Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters First 100 Years, Dell Publishing, 1994. Biography
Dellums, Ronald V. & H. Lee Halterman	Lying Down with the Lions: A Public Life from the Streets of Oakland to the Halls of Power, Beacon Press, 2000. Memoir
Delpit, Lisa	The Skin That We Speak: Thoughts on Language and Culture in the Classroom, The New Press, 2002. Essays
	Other People's Children: Cultural Conflict in the Classroom, The New Press, 1995. Essays
Derricotte. Toi	Black Notebooks: An Interior Journey, W.W. Norton & Co., 1997. Memoir
Dickerson, Debra J.	An American Story, Pantheon Books, 2000. Memoir
Douglass, Frederick	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave, Reprint Services Corp., 1992. Autobiography
Dove, Rita	Mother Love, W.W. Norton & Co., 1995. Poetry
	Through the Ivory Gate: A Novel, Random House, 1992. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
Draper, Sharon	Copper Sun, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.
	Romiette and Julio, Simon & Schuster, 1999.
	Tears of a Tiger, Aladdin Paperbacks, 1996. Fiction
Dryden, Lt. Col. Charles W.	A-Train: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman, University of Alabama Press, 1997.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Due, Tananarive	The Black Rose, Ballantine Publishing, 2000. Biography
Duke, Lynne	Mandela, Mobutu, and Me: A Newswoman's African Journey, Doubleday, 2003. Memoir
Dunbar, Paul Laurence	The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar, Reprint Services Corp., 1992.
Dyson, Michael Eric	Why I Love Black Women, Basic Civitas Books, 2003. Memoir
	I May Not Get There with You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr., Simon & Schuster, 2000. Non-Fiction
	Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line, Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1996. Essays
Edelman, Marian Wright	Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors, Beacon Press, 1999.
	Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children, Beacon Press, 1995. Essays
	The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours, Beacon Press, 1992.
Elders, Joycelyn	Joycelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecropper's Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America, William Morrow & Co., 1996. Autobiography
Ellison, Ralph (ed.)	Juneteenth, Random House, 1999. Fiction
	Flying Home & Other Stories, Random House, 1996. Short Stories
	The Collected Essays of Ralph Ellison, Random House, 1995. Essays
Evans, Mari	Clarity as Concept: A Poet's Perspective, Third World Press, 2006. Essays
	I'm Late: The Story of LaNeese and Moonlight and Alisha Who Didn't Have Anyone of Her Own, Just Us Books, 2006. Fiction [Ages 13-17]
	A Dark & Splendid Mass, Harlem River Press, 1992.

Poetry

I Am a Black Woman	Writers 8	k Readers	Publishing,	1992.
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Poetry

Evers-Williams, Myrlie Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the Way to Becoming

the Woman I Was Meant to Be, Little, Brown & Co., 1999.

Autobiography

Fales-Hill, Susan Always Wear Joy: My Mother Bold and Beautiful,

HarperCollins, 2003. Memoir

Fisher, Antwone Quenton Finding Fish: A Memoir, HarperCollins, 2001.

A Boy Should Know How to Tie a Tie and Other Lessons

for Succeeding in Life, Simon & Schuster, 2010.

Fleming, Robert The Wisdom of the Elders, Ballantine Books, 1996.

Flowers, Arthur

I See the Promised Land: A Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Tara Books, 2010.

Forman, Ruth Renaissance, Beacon Press, 1997. Poetry

Foster, Sharon Ewell The Resurrection of Nat Turner, Part I: The Witnesses, Howard

Books, 2011.

Franklin, John Hope Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope

Franklin, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005.

Gabbin, Joanne V. (ed.) Furious Flower: African American Poetry from the Black

Arts Movement to the Present, University of Virginia Press,

2004. Poetry

Gaines, Ernest A Lesson Before Dying, Alfred Knopf, 1993. Fiction

A Gathering of Old Men, Random House, 1992. Fiction

(Plus any of his other works.)

Gates, Jr., Henry Louis The Bondwoman's Narrative: Hannah Crafts, Warner

Books, 2002.

Slave Narratives, The Library of America, 2000.

Wonders of the African World, Alfred Knopf, 1999. History

The Norton Anthology of African American Literature,

W.W. Norton & Co., 1997.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Colored People: A Memoir, Alfred Knopf, 1994. Autobiography

Gates, Jr., Henry Louis & Cornel West

The Future of the Race, Alfred Knopf, 1996. Essays

Gilyard, Keith

How I Figure, Whirlwind Press, 2003. Poetry

Liberation Memories: The Rhetoric and Poetics of John Oliver Killens, Wayne State University Press, 2003. Criticism

Poemographies, Whirlwind Press, 2001. Poetry

Let's Flip the Script: An African American Discourse on Language, Literature and Identity, Wayne State University Press, 1996.

American Forty, Eclipse III Press, 1993. Poems

Voices of the Self: A Study of Language Competence, Wayne State University Press, 1991. Memoir

Giovanni, Nikki

Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: Poems and Not Quite Poems, HarperCollins, 2002. Poetry

Love Poems, William Morrow & Co., 1997. Poetry

Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Poems, Henry Holt & Co., 1996. Poetry

Racism 101, William Morrow & Co., 1994. Essays

Golden, Marita

Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent

World, Doubleday, 1995. Essays

Wild Women Don't Wear No Blues, Doubleday, 1993.

Essays

Golden, Marita & E. Lynn Harris Gumbo: An Anthology of African American Writing,

Harlem Moon, 2002.

Gordon-Reed, Annette Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings: An American

Controversy, University Press of Virginia, 1997. Non-

Fiction

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Goss. Linda Talk that Talk: An Anthology of African-American & Marian E. Barnes Storytelling, Simon & Schuster, 1989. Short Stories

Graham, Lawrence Otis The Senator and the Socialite: The True Story of America's

First Black Dynasty, HarperCollins, 2006. Biography

Greenfield, Eloise Talk About a Family, HarperCollins Children's Books,

1991. (Children's author—Plus any of her other works.)

Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback into a New Guinier, Lani

Vision of Social Justice, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Memoir

Afeni Shakur: Evolution of a Revolutionary, Artia Books, Guy, Jasmine

2004. Biography

The Friends, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1983. Fiction Guy, Rosa

(Young Adult. Plus any of her other works.)

Guy-Sheftall, Beverly (ed.) Words of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist

Thought, New Press, 1995. Anthology

Gwaltney, John Langston Drylongso: A Self-Portrait of Black America, 1981. Non-

Fiction\*\*

Haley, Alex The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Ballantine Books, 1992.

& Malcolm X Autobiography

Hamilton, Virginia Many Thousand Gone, Alfred Knopf, 1993.

Children/History

The People Could Fly, Alfred Knopf, 1988. Folktales

(Plus any of her other works.)

Harper, Michael S. (ed.) The Vintage Book of African American Poetry: 200 Years & Anthony Walton

of Vision, Struggle, Power, Beauty, and Triumph from 50

Outstanding Poets, Vintage Books, 2000.

Harris, Juliette (ed.) Tenderheaded: A Comb-Bending Collection of Hair

& Pamela Johnson Stories, Pocket Books, 2001. Collection

Hayden, Robert Collected Poems, Liveright, 1985. Poetry

Height, Dorothy Open Wide the Freedom Gates: A Memoir, PublicAffairs,

2003.

Henry, Ava Black Scientists & Inventors, Book 1, BIS Publications,

1999.

& Michael Williams

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Black Scientists & Inventors, Book 2, BIS Publications,	
2003.	

Higgins, Chester Feeling the Spirit: Searching the World for the People of

Africa, Bantam Books, 1994. History

Hill, Anita Speaking Truth to Power, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1997.

Memoir

Call & Response: The Riverside Anthology of the African Hill, Patricia (ed.)

American Literary Tradition, Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

Hine, Darlene Clark A Shining Thread of Hope: The History of Black Women & Kathleen Thompson

in America, Broadway Books, 1998. History

Passed On: African American Mourning Stories: A Holloway, Karla F.C.

Memorial, Duke University Press, 2002.

Codes of Conduct: Race, Ethics, and the Color of Our Character, Rutgers University Press, 1995. Essays

Holmes, Keith C. Black Inventors: Crafting Over 200 Years of Success,

Global Black Inventors Research Projects, Inc., 2008.

hooks, bell Killing Rage: Ending Racism, Henry Holt & Co., 1995.

**Essays** 

Black Looks: Race and Representation, South End Press,

1992. Essays

Hoskins, Michele Sweet Expectations: Michele Hoskins' Recipe for Success,

Adams Media, 2004.

Hudson, Cheryl (eds.) In Praise of Our Fathers & Our Mothers: A Black Family

Treasury by Outstanding Authors and Artists, Just Us

Books 1997. Collection

Huggins, Nathan Irvin Black Odyssey: The Afro-American Ordeal in Slavery,

Random House, 1990. History

Hughes, Langston The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Poems,

1921-1940, Volume I, University of Missouri Press, 2001.

The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Poems, 1941-1950, Volume 11, University of Missouri Press, 2001.

& Wade Hudson

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Novels,
Not Without Laughter and Tambourines to Glory, Volume
4, University of Missouri Press, 2001.

*Selected Poems*, Random House, 1990. Poetry (Plus any of his other works.)

Hull, Gloria T. (ed.) Give Us Each Day: The Diary of Alice Dunbar-Nelson,

1984. Non-Fiction\*\*

Hunter, Kristin God Bless the Child, Howard University Press, 1987.

Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)

Hunter-Gault, Charlayne New News Out of Africa: Uncovering Africa's Renaissance,

Oxford University Press, 2006. Memoir/Essays

In My Place, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1992. Memoir

Hurston, Zora Neale Their Eyes Were Watching God, HarperCollins, 1990.

Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)

Jackson-Opoku, Sandra The River Where Blood is Born, Ballantine Books, 1997.

Fiction

Jamison, Judith Dancing Spirit, Doubleday, 1993. Autobiography

Jarrett, Hobart The History of Sigma Pi Phi: First of the African-American

Greek-Letter Fraternities, Volume II, Quantum Leap

Publishers, 1995.

Johnson, Angela Toning the Sweep, Scholastic, 1994. Novel

(Plus any of her other works.)

Johnson, Charles Dreamer: A Novel, Scribner, 1998. Fiction

Middle Passage, Dutton/New American Library, 1991.

Fiction

Johnson, Charles Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery,

& Patricia Smith Harcourt Brace & Co., 1998. History

Johnson, James Weldon God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse, Viking

Penguin, 1990. Poetry (Plus any of his other works.)

Johnson-Feelings, Dianne (ed.) The Best of the Brownies Book, Oxford University Press,

1996. (Original stories from *The Brownies Books*, a 1920's

magazine for African American children.)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Jones, Edward P. All Aunt Hagar's Children, Amistad, 2006. Short Stories

The Known World, Amistad Press, 2003.

Jones, Gayl The Healing, Beacon Press, 1998. Fiction

Jones, Quincy Q: The Autobiography of Quincy Jones, Doubleday, 2001.

Jordan, June Affirmative Acts, Doubleday, 1998. Essays

Naming Our Destiny, Thunder Mouth Press, 1989.

(Plus any of her other works.)

Jordan, Vernon E. Vernon Can Read!: A Memoir, PublicAffairs, 2001.

Kamauesi, Zindika Valiant Women: Profiles of Women in Struggle, 1500s-

1970s, BIS Publications, 2009.

Kearney, Janis F. Cotton Field of Dreams, Writing Our World Press, 2004.

Memoir

Kelly, William Melvin A Different Drummer, Doubleday, 1962. Fiction

(Plus any of his other works.)\*\*

Khan, Chaka Chaka! Through the Fire, Rodale Books. 2003.

Autobiography

Kincaid, Jamaica Mr. Potter: A Novel, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2002.

Talk Stories, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2001. Essays

The Autobiography of My Mother, Farrar, Straus & Giroux,

1996. Novel (Plus any of her other works.)

Lane, Pinkie Gordon Elegy for Etheridge, Louisiana State University Press,

2000.

Girls at the Window, Louisiana State University Press,

1991. Poetry (Plus any of her other works.)

Lattany, Kristin Hunter Kinfolks, Ballantine Books, 1997. Fiction

(Plus any of her other works.)

Lawrence, Beverly Hall Reviving the Spirit: A Generation of African Americans

Goes Home to Church, Grove/Atlantic, Inc., 1996. Non-

Fiction

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Lawrence-Lightfoot, Sara	I've Known Rivers: Lives of Loss and Liberation, Addison Wesley Publishing, 1994.Personal Essays
	Balm in Gilead: Journey of a Healer, Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1988. Biography
Leeper, Beverley Williams	Shayla & The Dream Factory, Sterling Signatures, 2006.
Lester, Julius	To Be A Slave, Scholastic, 1986. Non-Fiction
Louise, Regina	Somebody's Someone: A Memoir, Warner Books, 2003.
Madgett, Naomi Long	Pilgrim Journey, Lotus Press, 2006. Autobiography
	Connected Islands: New and Selected Poems, Lotus Press, 2004.
	Octavia and Other Poems, Third World Press, 1992. Poetry
Madhubuti, Haki	Yellow Black: The First Twenty-One Years of a Poet's Life, Third World Press, 2005. Memoir
	Run Toward Fear: New Poems and a Poet's Handbook, Third World Press, 2004.
	Tough Notes: A Healing Call for Creating Exceptional Black Men, Third World Press, 2002. Essay
	Heartlove: Wedding and Love Poems, Third World Press, 1998. Poetry
	Groundwork: New and Selected Poems, 1966-1996, Third World Press, 1996. Poetry
	Black Men: Obsolete, Single, Dangerous, Third World Press, 1990. Essays (Plus any of his other works.)
Mandela, Nelson	Long Walk to Freedom, Little, Brown & Co., 1994. Autobiography
Marshall, Paule	The Fisher King, Scribner Publishing, 2000. Fiction
	Daughters, Dutton/New American Library, 1992. Fiction

1984. Fiction

Praisesong for the Widow, Dutton/New American Library,

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Massaguoi, Hans J.	Destined to Witness: Growing Up Black in Nazi Germany,

William Morrow & Co., 1999. Memoir

Mathis, Deborah Yet a Stranger: Why Black Americans Still Don't Feel at

Home, Warner Books, 2002. Essays

Mathis, Sharon Bell Teacup Full of Roses, Puffin Books, 1987. Fiction

(Young adult)\*\*

McCall, Nathan Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America,

Random House, 1994. Autobiography

McKay, Claude Selected Poems, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1969. Poetry

McKinney-Whetstone, Diane Tumbling: A Novel, William Morrow & Co., 1996. Fiction

McKissack, Patricia Christmas in the Big House; Christmas in the Quarters,

Scholastic, 1994. Non-Fiction (Young Adult)

Mirandy and Brother Wind, Alfred Knopf, 1988. Fiction

(Plus any of her other works.)

McKissack, Patricia Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts,

Scholastic, 1996. History

McMillan, Terry The Interruption of Everything, Viking Press, 2005.

A Day Late and A Dollar Short, Viking Press, 2001.

How Stella Got Her Groove Back, Viking Penguin, 1996.

Waiting to Exhale, Viking Penguin, 1992. Fiction

Disappearing Acts, Viking Penguin, 1989. Fiction

McPherson, James Alan A Region Not Home: Reflections from Exile, Simon &

Schuster, 2000. Essays

Medearis, Angela Shelf Come This Far to Freedom: A History of African

Americans, Atheneum Books, 1993. History

Miller, E. Ethelbert Fathering Words: The Making of an African American

Writer, St. Martin's Press, 2000.

Whispers, Secrets, and Promises, Black Classic Press,

1998. Poetry

& Frederick L. McKissack

<sup>\*\*</sup>Out of print. Check at your local library.

Moody, Anne	Coming of Age in Mississippi: An Autobiography, Dell Publishing, 1991.
Morrison, Toni	Remember: The Journey to School Integration, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.
	Love: A Novel, Alfred Knopf, 2003.
	The Bluest Eye, Dutton/Plume, 2000. Reprint
	The Big Box, Hyperion Books, 1999. Fiction (First book for children.)
	Paradise, Alfred Knopf, 1997. Fiction

Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and The Literary Imagination, Harvard University Press, 1992. Criticism

*Beloved*, Dutton/New American Library, 1991. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)

Cinnamon Kiss, Little, Brown & Co., 2005.

Jazz, Alfred Knopf, 1992. Fiction

Little Scarlet, Little, Brown & Co., 2004. Mystery

Six Easy Pieces, Washington Square Press, 2003. Short Stories

Bad Boy Brawly Brown, Little, Brown & Co., 2002. Mystery

Workin' on the Chain Gang: Shaking Off the Dead Hand of History, Ballantine Books, 2000. Essay

Walkin; the Dog, Little, Brown & Co., 1999. Fiction

Gone Fishin', Black Classic Press, 1997. Fiction

*Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned,* W.W. Norton & Co., 1998. Fiction

A Little Yellow Dog: A Novel, W.W. Norton & Co., 1996.

Black Betty, W.W. Norton & Co., 1994. Mystery

Mosley, Walter

Mullane, Deirdre	Words to Make My Dream Children Live: A Book of

African American Quotations, Anchor Books, 1995.

Murray, Pauli Proud Shoes: The Story of an American Family, Beacon

Press, 1999.

Myers, Walter Dean Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices, Holiday House,

2004. Poetry

The Glory Field, Scholastic, 1994. Fiction (Young Adult)

Fallen Angels, Scholastic, 1989. Adult

Naylor, Gloria The Men of Brewster Place, Hyperion Books, 1998. Fiction

Children of the Night: The Best Short Stories by Black Writers, 1967 to the Present, Little, Brown & Co., 1996.

Bailey's Café, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992. Fiction

Mama Day, Random House, 1989. Fiction

Neely, Barbara Blanche Cleans Up, Viking Penguin, 1998. Fiction

Nelson, Jill Straight, No Chaser: How I Became a Grown-Up Black

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