

African-American Fiction

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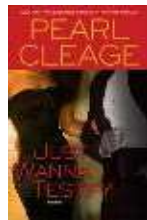
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Books

Check out these fiction titles written by African-Americans:

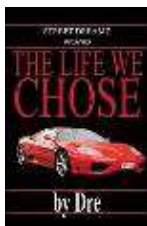
Just Wanna Testify by Pearl Cleage

Blue Hamilton, the unofficial mayor of Atlanta's West End, suspects a quintet of models may have supernatural intentions.



The Life We Chose by Dre (Andre Cooper)

A member of a notorious gang, Niem gains power as the violence in Chester, PA, escalates out of control.



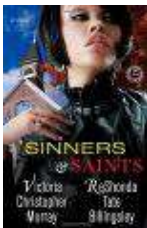
Delilah by Sheila M. Goss

The Reverend Sampson Judges is nearly compromised by a woman hired by an unscrupulous developer, who covets the land owned by the reverend's church.

Bride Experiment by Mimi Jefferson

A minister helps a man learn to treat women with respect.

Sinners & Saints by Victoria Christopher Murray & ReShonda Tate
Church ladies compete to achieve an elevated status for their respective spouses.



Body Snatchers by Roze

Twin Haitian brothers immigrate to NYS and form the Body Snatchers, a brutal crime organization, that has targeted the son of the Governor.

Family Business by Carl Weber & Eric Pete

A patriarch of a Queens, NY, family must choose who will run his lucrative car dealership: his son, daughter, or his lawyer son-in-law?



Back on Top by Angela Winters

Best friends Sherise, Billie, and Erica risk personal well-being in order to advance in the world of cutthroat Washington, D.C.

Killer Poet by Yoshe

A young man struggles with family commitments and staying alive in a tough urban neighborhood.

This is only a sampling of African American authors whose work is available at the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville and other Onondaga County Public Libraries.

If you don't find a particular author or title available, please check with our library staff to locate a copy at another library and have it brought here on reserve. We also welcome suggestions about new authors and titles.

Fiction Authors

James Baldwin

If Beale Street Could Talk
Go Tell It on the Mountain

J. California Cooper

Wild Stars Seeking Midnight Suns

Ernest J. Gaines

A Gathering of Old Men
Lesson Before Dying

Zora Neale Hurston

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Jamaica Kincaid

Mr. Potter
My Brother
A Small Place

Terry McMillan

Disappearing Acts
Getting to Happy
How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Waiting to Exhale

Mary Monroe

God Ain't Through Yet
Mama Ruby

Toni Morrison

Beloved
The Bluest Eye
Jazz

Gloria Naylor

The Women of Brewster Place

Sapphire

Precious (also marketed under the title, **Push**)

Lalita Tademy

Cane River

Alice Walker

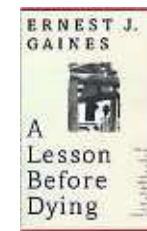
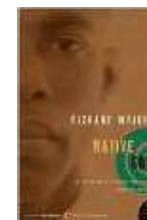
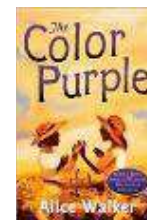
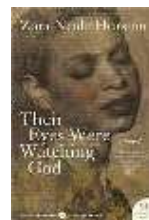
The Color Purple
Possessing the Secret of Joy

Sherley Anne Williams

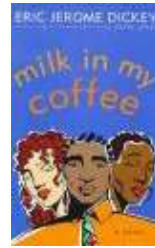
Dessa Rose

Richard Wright

Native Son

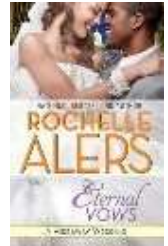


Connie Briscoe	Big Girls Don't Cry A Long Way From Home
Eric Jerome Dickey	Milk in My Coffee One Night Pleasure Resurrecting Midnight Tempted by Trouble
Gwynne Forster	Breaking the Ties That Bind When the Sun Goes Down
E. Lynn Harris	Basketball Jones I Say a Little Prayer In My Father's House Just Too Good to Be True Mama Dearest
Kimberla Lawson Roby	Copycat A Deep Dark Secret Here and Now Love, Honor and Betray A Sinful Calling
Bernice L. McFadden	The Book of Harlan
Mary Morrison	If I Can't Have You
Victoria Christopher Murray	Lady Jasmine
Trisha R. Thomas	Nappily Faithful Nappily Ever After
Tracy Price-Thompson	Gather Together in My Name
Omar Tyree	Leslie Pecking Order



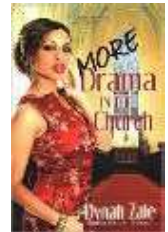
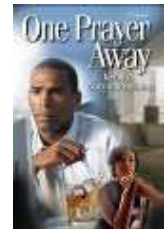
URBAN FICTION/ROMANCE

Rochelle Alers	Eternal Vows
Nikki Turner	Girls From Da Hood Natural Born Hustler
Zane	Nervous The Other Side of the Pillow



INSPIRATIONAL/CHRISTIAN FICTION

Kendra Norman-Bellamy	One Prayer Away
ReShonda Tate Billingsley	Can I Get a Witness? Let the Church Say Amen The Pastor's Wife
Ashea Goldson	The Lovechild
Pat G'Orge-Walker	Cruisin' on Desperation Somewhat Saved
Vanessa Davis Griggs	Promise Beyond Jordan
Norma L. Jarrett	Sunday Brunch Diaries
Jacquelin Thomas	The Ideal Wife
Dynah Zale	More Drama in the Church



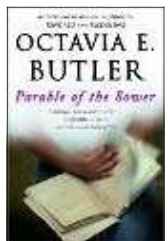
MYSTERY

Walter Mosley	Devil in a Blue Dress Charcoal Joe Fearless Jones When the Thrill is Gone
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SCI-FI/FANTASY

Octavia Butler	Kindred Parable of the Sower Bloodchild
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True Stories

Novels and true stories from Africa.

Say You're One of Them

Uwen Akpan

In this collection of stories, Nigerian-born Jesuit priest Akpan transports readers to war-torn Africa, presenting gritty scenes of chaos and fear.



Beasts of No Nation

Uzodinma Iweala

A young boy is recruited into a unit of guerilla fighters as civil war engulfs his West African country.

Wizard of the Crow

Ngugi wa Thiong'o

Steeped in African storytelling, this novel dramatizes the battle for control of the souls of an African people.

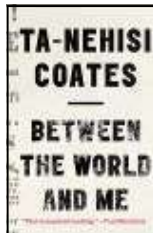
NONFICTION

Between the World and Me

Spiegel & Grau, New York. © 2015

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A journey through America's history of race and its contemporary resonances through a series of awakenings.



Under African Skies

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York. © 1997

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A collection of modern stories.



Classic Slave Narratives

New American Library, New York. © 1987

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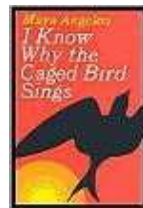
By 1944, over 6,000 ex-slaves had written moving stories of their captivity, providing a prolific testimony to the horrors of bondage and servitude. Noted scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. compiles four of the most important "slave narratives" in this classic volume.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

BIO ANGELOU

This is the now classic 1969 autobiography of the early years of African-American writer and poet Maya Angelou. The first in a six volume series detailing her life, this is Maya's coming of age story.



Poets, Plays & Short Stories

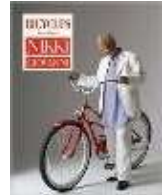
Nikki Giovanni

Bicycles: Love Poems

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Chasing Utopia: a Hybrid

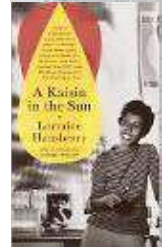
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Langston Hughes

Poems

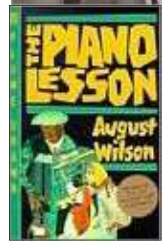
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Lorraine Hansberry

A Raisin in the Sun

In Literature 812.54 HAN



August Wilson

Fences

Gem of the Ocean

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

The Piano Lesson

All in Literature 812.54 WIL

STORY COLLECTIONS

You Only Get Better

Kimani Press, New York. ©2007

In Story Anthologies 813.6 YOU

Includes stories by Connie Briscoe, Lolita Files, and Anita Bunkley.



Internet Resources

Booklists—African American Fiction Writers

www.cincinnati.library.org/booklists/?id=africanamericanwriters

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County compiled this list of select authors.

Goodreads.com

Goodreads.com/shelf/show/African-American-authors

A list of recommended popular African-American authors

Wikipedia

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_African-American_writers

An alphabetical list of African-American authors/writers with links to biographical information and bibliographies.

Blackpast.org

Blackpast.org/bibliography/101-african-american-novels

These 101 books are considered the most influential titles by African-American authors and editors.

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Some full-text articles of magazines can be accessed using our databases.



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