

BLACK-OWEEN-ATHON Readathon Prompts

Recommendations

Group Read: Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin

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Black Queer, Trans, & Non-Binary Book Recs

Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi

The Death of Vivek Oji by fsadsfghosts Rivers Solomon

The Summer of Everything by Julian Winters

Running with Lions by Julian Winters

Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender

Juniper Leaves by Jaz Joyner

Queer Africa (Selected Stories)

Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin

Rainbow Milk by Paul Mendez

The Gilda Stories by Jewelle Gomez

Black Fantasy Recs

The Broken Earth Trilogy by N.K. Jemisin

Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron

How Long 'Til Black Future by N.K. Jemisin

Escaping Exodus by Nicky Drayden

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler

Binti Series by Nnedi Okorafor

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

A Song of Wraiths and Ruin by Roseanne A. Brown

Riot Baby by Tochi Onyebuchi

Fallin in Love with Hominids by Nalo Hopkinson

Dark Matter by Sheree Thomas
Dawn by Octavia E. Butler
Brown Girl in the Ring by Nalo Hopkinson
Skinfolk by Nalo Hopkinson
The Intuitionist by Colson Whitehead
The Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko
The Gilda Stories by Jewelle Gomez
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Akata Witch Series by Nnedi Okorafor

Black Mermaids & Sirens Recs

The Deep by Rivers Solomon
A Song Below Water by Bethany C. Morrow
Sukey and the Mermaid by Robert D. San Souci, Illustrator: Brain Pinkney
Mermaid Dreams by Kate Pugsley
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
The Mermaid's Twin Sister: More Stories from Trinidad by Lynn Joseph
The House of Whispers by Nalo Hopkinson

Black Author: Thriller Recs

The Quiet Ones by Brandon Massey
The Unkind Hours by Dwayne Alexander Smith
The Ancient Nine by Ian K. Smith
Treasure in Exile by S.W. Hubbard
Between Black and White by Robert Bailey
The Cutting Season Attica Locke
Redemption (Urban Paranormal) by Edwina Fort
Makeup and Mayhem by Ava Zuma
Temple Secrets by Susan Gabriel
The Tangled Woods (Dark Corners Series) by Emily Raboteau
Nana by Brandon Massey
Easy Motion Tourist by Leye Adenle
When No One Is Watching by Alyssa Cole

Black Mystery Recs

A Deadly Inside Scoop by Abby Collette
Louisiana Hotshot: A New Orleans Murder Mystery by Julie Smith
Black Water Rising by Attica Locke
Highway 59 series by Attica Locke
Detective Elouise Norton series by Rachel Howzell Hall
Fearless Jones Series by Walter Mosely

Inner City Blues by Paula L. Woods
Pennywise by Jill Brock
Vernetta Henderson Series by Pamela Samuels Young
Down the River Unto the Sea Walter Mosley
When No One Is Watching by Alyssa Cole

Black Witches Recs

Akata Witch Series by Nnedi Okorafor
Conjured Women by Afia Atakora
Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron
Apprentice: The Last Witch of Rome by Rhett Gervais
The Year of the Witching by Alexis Henderson
Take a Hint, Dani Brown by Talia Hibbert

Black Historical Fiction Recs

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet
The Water Dancer by Ta-nehisi Coates
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Kindred by Octavia E. Butler
Mustard Seed by Laila Ibrahim
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Golden Poppies by Laila Ibrahim
Chosen by Rehet Gervais
House of the Patriarch by Barbara Hambly
The Moon Above by Brett Davis
Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce
When Stars Rain Down by Angela Jackson-Brown
Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
The Conductors by Nicole Glover
Mrs. Wiggins by Mary Monroe
Trouble the Saints by Alaya Dawn Johnson
Apprentice: The Last Witch of Rome by Rhett Gervais
Remembered by Yvonne Battle-Felton
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
Small Country by Gael Faye
The Confessions of Frannie Langton by Sara Collins
Beloved by Toni Morrison

Intersectionality by Black Author Recs

(black authors don't often say the word intersectionality in their work YET, though what they write about is intersectional).

On Intersectionality by Kimberle Crenshaw

How to Be An Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi

Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

How We Fight White Supremacy by Akiba Solomon

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Can We All Be Feminists, edited by June Eric-Udorie

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Me, You, and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad

Between the World and Me by Ta-nehisi Coates

We're Going to Need More Wine by Gabrielle Union

The Grace of Silence by Michelle Norris

Bad Feminist by Roxanne Gay

Hunger by Roxanne Gay

Source of Self-Regard by Toni Morrison

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

The Fire This Time by Jesmyn Ward

Under the Udala Tree by Chinelo Okparanta

Slay in Your Lane by Yomi Adegoke and Elizabeth Uviebinené

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson

Heavy by Kiese Laymon

Eloquent Rage by Brittney Cooper