

## BOOKS BY AND ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE

Growing up, the majority of the characters in the books I read did not match my pigmentation: they were white. I wanted to be like the Hermione Grangers of the world; however, by middle school, I realized that, because of the color of my skin, I would never be able to properly see myself in the characters I loved so much. Consequently, a hate for my black skin began to grow in my heart. I would cry myself to sleep and ask God why he had forsaken me with this skin. Now that I have grown in confidence and love for my melanin, I would like to save young black children across the country from the same destruction of self that I endured. This list is meant to increase representation and show black children everywhere that they can see themselves slaying dragons and saving the world in a way I never could have dreamed. Also, increased inclusivity on the shelves will help white and other non-black patrons gain access to black experiences that they might not be exposed to otherwise.

- Thando Khumalo

**Bolded books are books that are high priority!!!**

\*\* are essays/collections/compilations

### Children's Books

***Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o**

*Enough: 20 Protesters Who Changed America* by Emily Easton

***We Are The Change* by Harry Belafonte**

***This Book is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell**

*All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles

*Standing on her Shoulders: A Celebration of Women* by Monica Clark-Robinson

***Girl like You* by Frank Murphy**

*Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin

*Freedom We Sing* by Amyra León

*Hey Black Child* by Useni Eugene Perkins

*Grandmother and I* by Helen E. Buckley

*Thank You Omu!* by Oge Mora

***You Matter* by Christian Robinson**

*Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins* by Carole Boston Weatherford

*Many Thousand Gone: African-Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Brown Boy Joy* by Dr. Thomishia Booker

***Lullaby* by Langston Hughes**

*Imani's Moon* by Janay Brown Wood

*Little Leaders: Bold Women In Black History* And *Little Legends: Exceptional Men In Black History* by Vashti Harrison And Kwesi Johnson

***A is for All of the Things You Are: A Joyful ABC Book* by Anna Frogerson Hindley**

**Hair Love** by Mathew A. Cherry

**Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library** by Carole Boston Weatherford

**Miami Jackson Gets It Straight** by Patricia and Frederick McKissack

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe

**Celeste's Harlem Renaissance** by Eleanora E. Tate

**Firebird** by Misty Copeland

*Grandpa Cacao: A Tale of Chocolate, From Farm to Family* by Elizabeth Zunon

*Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold

*Happy To Be Nappy* by Bell Hooks

*My Brother Charlie* by Holly Robinson Pete and Ryan Elizabeth Pete

*Mixed Me* by Taye Diggs

*A Choir For My Mother* by Vera. B. Williams

**Don't Touch My Hair** by Sharee Miller

**Daddy Calls Me Man** by Angela Johnson

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

**Of Thee I Sing** by Barack Obama

*A Kids Book About Racism* by Jelani Memory

*Visiting Day* by Jaqueline Woodson

*Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice* by Marianna Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazard

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt De La Peña

*Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* by Myna Harris

*Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson

*The ABCs of Diversity: Helping Kids (and Ourselves!) Embrace Our Differences* by Carolyn B. Helsel and Y. Joy Harris-Smith

*A Terrible Thing Happened* by Margaret Holmes

*Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X. Kendi

*I Am Not A Number* by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer

*Ruth and the Green Book* by Calvin Alexander Ramsey

*The Skin I'm In: A First Look at Racism* by Pat Thomas

*This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work* by Tiffany Jewell

*A Letter to Amy* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Hi, Cat!* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Saturday* by Oge Mora

*Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

*I Got Next* by Daria Peoples-Riley

*Not Quite Snow White* by Ashley Franklin *Fresh Princess* by Denene Millner

*This Is It* by Daria Peoples-Rile

*I am enough* by Grace Byers

*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds

*Full, Full, Full of Love* by Trish Cooke

*Please, Baby, Please* by Spike Lee

Biographies on Black Leaders

*Muhammad Ali: A Champion Is Born* By Gene Barretta  
*The Youngest Marcher* By Cynthia Levinson  
*Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History* By Walter Dean Myers  
*Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe  
*The Legendary Miss Lena Horne* By Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice* by Veronica Chambers  
*Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X* by Ilyasah Shabazz  
*Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh  
*Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged!* by Jody Nyasha Warner and Richard Rudnicki  
*Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills* by Renée Watson, illustrated by Christian Robinson  
*Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis* by Jabari Asim  
*Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison  
*Coretta Scott* by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson  
*Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni  
*Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
***Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney**  
*That's Not Fair! Emma Tenayuca's Struggle for Justice* by Carmen Tafolla and Sharyll Tenayuca  
*Young Water Protectors: A Story About Standing Rock* by Aslan and Kelly Tudor  
*Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina* by Lea Lyon and A. LaFaye  
*Althea Gibson: The Story of Tennis' Fleet-of-Foot Girl* by Megan Reid  
*The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver* by Gene Barretta  
*Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly  
***Barack* by Jonah Winter**  
*My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Martin Luther King III  
*Ida B. Wells* by Walter Dean Myers  
***Sesame Street's We're Different, We're the Same* by Bobbi Jane Kates**  
*I Am Enough* by Grace Byers  
***Happy in Our Skin* by Fran Manushkin and Lauren Tobia**  
***Daddy Why Am I Brown?: A healthy conversation about skin color and family* by Bedford F. Palmer**  
*My Hair is a Garden* by Cozbi A. Cabrera  
*Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America* by Jennifer Harvey  
***Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness* by Anastasia Higginbotham**  
*Let's Talk About Race* by Julius Lester  
*The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz  
*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson

*My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope* by Diane Guerrero and Erica Moroz

*Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story* by Reem Faruqi

***Chocolate Milk, Por Favor: Celebrating Diversity with Empathy* By Maria Dismondy**

*Big Hair, Don't Care* by Crystal Swain-Bates

*Skin Like Mine* by LaTashia M. Perry

*A is for Activist* by Innosanto Nagara

*Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman

*Summer Housing Boy* by Shaniqua Lewis

*Tan to Tamarind* by Iyengar

*Bird* by Elliot

*Calling the Water Drum* by Redding

*Rent Party Jazz* by William Miller

***Love Twelve Miles Long* by Glenda Armand**

*Sweet Potato Pie* by Kathleen D. Lindsey

*A House by the River* by William Miller

***Gettin' through Thursday* by Melrose Cooper**

*Catching the Moon* by Crystal Hubbard

*Dear Mrs. Park* by Rosa Parks

*Destiny's Gift* by Natasha Tarpley

*George Crum and Saratoga Chip* by Gaylia Taylor

*Frederick Douglass* by William Miller

***How We Are Smart* by W. Nikola-Lisa**

*Howard Thurman's Great Hope* by Kai Jackson Issa

*I and I Bob Marley* by Tony Medina

*In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall* by Javaka Steptoe

*Joshua's Masai Mask* by Dakari Hru

*Juneteenth Jamboree* by Carole Boston Weatherford

*Keepers* by Jeri Hanel Watts

*John Lewis in the Lead* by Kathleen Benson, Jim Haskins

***Tiny Stitches* by Gwendolyn Hooks**

***Ira's Shakespeare Dream* by Glenda Armand**

***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown**

*Seaside Dream* by Janet Costa Bates

*Ira's Shakespeare Dream* by Glenda Armand

*Going Back Home* by Toyomi Igus

*In Her Hands* by Alan Schroeder

*Janna and the Kings* by Patricia Smith

***Joe Louis, My Champion* by William Miller**

***Only the Mountains Do Not Move* by Jan Reynolds**

*Paul Robeson* by Eloise Greenfield

*Ray Charles* by Sharon Bell Mathis

*Richard Wright and the Library Card* by William Miller

***Saturday at The New You* by Barbara E. Barber**

*Seeds of Change* by Jen Cullerton Johnson  
***Seven Miles to Freedom* by Janet Halfmann**  
*Steel Drumming at the Apollo* by Trish Marx  
*Sweet Music in Harlem* by Debbie A. Taylor  
*The Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby* by Crystal Hubbard  
*The Legend of Freedom Hill* by Linda Jacobs Altman  
*When the Horses Ride By* by Eloise Greenfield  
*Zoe Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree* by William Miller  
*I See the Rhythm* by Toyomi Igus  
*Love to Langston* by Tony Medina  
*Night Golf* by William Miller  
*Chess Rumble* by Gregory Neri  
*Poems in the Attic* by Nikki Grimes  
*Step Right Up* by Donna Jannell Bowman  
*Game, Set, Match, Champion Arthur Ashe* by Crystal Hubbard  
*Baby Flo: Florence Mills Lights Up the Stage* by Alan Schroeder  
*Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed  
*Look What Brown Can Do* by T. Marie Harris  
*Coretta Scott* by Ntozake Shange  
*Juneteenth for Mazie* by Floyd Cooper  
*All Different Now* by Angela Johnson  
*Horizon* by Scott Westerfield  
***What's Racism?* by Amy Waters**  
***Can I Touch Your Hair?* by Charles Waters**

## Chapter Books

*The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon  
*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson  
***Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson**  
*Blended* by Sharon M. Draper  
*The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* by Brenda Woods  
***Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis**  
*Clayton Byrd Goes Undercover* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds  
*Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott  
*The Harlem Charade* by Natasha Tarpley  
*Hurricane Child* by Kheryn Callender, Kacen Callender  
*The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*American's First Black Poet* by Rebecca Sodergren  
*Mae's War* by Tanita S. Davis  
***The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake**

***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor**

***Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson**

*The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou* by Kristin Lattany

***Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* by Clifton Taulbert**

***Midnight Without a Moon* by Linda Williams Jackson**

*Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz

*Love Like Sky* by Leslie C. Youngblood

*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks

*The Zero Degree Zombie Zone* by Patrik Henry Bass

***Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges**

***The Story of Tennis Champion Arthur Ashe* by Crystal Hubbard**

*The Story of Civil Rights Hero John Lewis* by Kathleen Benson, Jim Haskins

*The Story of Trailblazing Actor Ira Aldridge* by Glenda Armand

42 is Not Just a Number by Doreen Rappaport

Black Moon Rising by D.J MacHale

***Breakout* by Kate Messner (this book is so amazing!)**

Lebron James by Marie Morreale

Black Girl Magic by Mahogany L. Browne

Silentó: A Breakout Rapper by Alisha Gabriel

The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis

***Spirit Week Showdown* by Crystal Allen**

Like Vanessa by Tami Charles

Love Double Dutch! by Doreen Spicer-Donnelly

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

***The Case of the Haunted History Museum* by Steven Brezenoff**

Astrophysicist and Space Advocate Neil DeGrasse Tyson by Marne Ventura

***Marley Gets It Done and So Can You* by Marley Dias**

*The Civil Rights Movement* by Nancy Ohlin

*A Spy Called James: The True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent* by Anne F. Rockwell

*Maritcha: A Nineteenth Century American Girl* by Tonya Bolden

*Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

*Zoe in Wonderland* by Brenda Woods

*Liberty* by Kirby Larson

*Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome* by Brad Montague

*A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin* by Jennifer Bryant

*The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds

*The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* by Brenda Woods

*Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Searching for Sarah Rector* by Tonya Bolden

*All About Madame C.J Walker* by A'Lelia Perry Bundles

*P.S Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
***Public School Superhero* by James Patterson**  
*The Buffalo Soldiers* by Cliff Mills  
*Ruby Lee & Me* by Shannon Hitchcock  
*Framed!* by James Ponti  
*Skateboard Party* by Karen English  
*Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth  
*Nine, Ten* by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
*Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness* by Donna Janell Bowman  
*Martin Luther King* by Ed Clayton  
*It All Comes Down to This* by Karen English

## Children's Series

### **The Magnificent Makers**

Who Was? (Tuskegee Airmen, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Michelle Obama, Barack Obama, Coretta Scott King, Venus and Serena Williams)

*Nikki and Deja* by Karen English

### **Tristan Strong by Kwame Mbalia**

*The Lost Tribes* series by C. Taylor-Butler

*Sal and Gabi* series by Carlos Hernandez

*Tristan Strong* series by Kwame Mbalia

### **Dyamonde Daniel series by Nikki Grimes**

*Ruby and the Booker Boys* series by Derrick Barnes

### **Max Tilt Series by Peter Lerangis**

### **Flashback Four Series by Dan Gutman**

### **Absolutely Alfie by Sally Warner**

### **Girls Who Code by Stacia Deutsch**

### **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (specifically *Underground Abductor*)**

*Sassy* by Sharon M. Draper

*Ellray Jakes* by Sally Warner

## YA Series

***Legacy of Orisha (Children of Blood and Bones)* by Toni Adeyemi**

***The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith**

***The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton**

## YA Books

***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**

***Taking Up Space: The Black Girl's Manifesto for Change* by Chelsea Kwakye and Ore Ogunbiyi**

*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose

*You Can't Touch My Hair* by Phoebe Robinson

*The Freedom Summer Murders* by Don Mitchell

***American Street* by Ibi Zoboi**

*Jackpot* by Nic Stone

*Opposite of Always* by Justin A. Reynolds

***Black Boy White School* by Brian F. Walker**

***When You Were Everything* by Ashley Woodfolk**

*I'm Not Dying With You Tonight* by Gilly Segal and Kimberly Jones

*The Voice in My Head* by Dana L. Davis

*I Wanna Be Where You Are* by Kristina Forest

***Dear Martin* by Nic Stone**

*Who Put This Song On?* By Morgan Parker

*On The Come Up* by Angie Thomas

*Not So Pure And Simple* by Lamar Giles

*Watch Us Rise* by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan

*Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson

*Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

***Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

*Slay* by Brittney Morris

***The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo**

***All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely**

***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X.Kendi**

*The Fall of Rome* by Martha Southgate

***Dear Martin* by Nic Stone**

***Another Way to Dance* by Martha Southgate**

*A Song Below Water* by Bethany C. Morrow

*A Phoenix Must Burn* \*\*

***Not So Pure & Simple* by L.R. Giles**

*Kingdom of Souls* by Rena Barron

*By Any Means Necessary* by Candice Montgomery

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alice Williams

***The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus**

***War Girls* by Tochi Onyebuchi**

*Light It Up* Kekla Magoon

*Who Put This Song On?* by Morgan Parker

*Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi

*The Voice in My Head* by Dana Davis

*Watch Us Rise* by Renee Watson

*Let Me Hear a Rhyme* by Tiffany D. Jackson

*With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo



*On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas  
*Spin* by L.R. Giles  
*Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
*Black Enough* \*\*  
*Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Williams  
*Pride* by Ibi Aanu Zobo  
***Swing* by Kwame Alexander**  
*So Done* by Paula Chase  
***Odd One Out* by Nic Stone**  
***Learning To Breathe* by Janice Lynn Mathers**  
***Tiffany Sly Lives Here Now* by Dana Davis**  
*Tyler Johnson Was Here* by Jay Coles  
***Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor**  
*I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony medina  
*Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson  
***Solo* by Kwame Alexander**  
***Beasts Made of Night* by Tochi Onyebuchi**  
*The Stars Beneath Our Feet* by David Barclay Moore  
*Calling My Name* by Liara Tamani  
*Little & Lion* by Brandon Colbert  
*The Battle of Jericho* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson  
*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes  
*Peas and Carrots* by Tanita S. Davis  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Patina* by Jason Reynolds  
*This Side of Home* by Renee watson  
*Endangered* by L. R. Giles  
***X* by Ilyasah Shabazz**  
***The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds**  
*How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon  
*Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Ghetto Cowboy* by Greg Neri  
*Dread* by Justina Ireland

## Graphic Novels

*March* by John Lewis (Series)  
*Strange Fruit, Volumes I/II: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History* by Joel Christian Gill,  
Henry Louis Gates, Jr.  
*The Harlem Hellfighters* by Andrew Aydin  
***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander**  
*Fire!!* By Peter Bagge

*Bayou* by Jeremy Love  
*Nat Turner* by Kyle Baker  
*The Silence of Our Friends* by Mark Long  
*Satchel Paige* by James Sturm  
*Malcom X* by Andrew Helfer  
*The Truth* by Robert Morales  
*Yummy* by G. Neri  
*Who is the Black Panther?* by Reginald Hudlin  
*Hip Hop Family Tree* by Ed Piskor  
*The Many Adventures of Miranda Mercury* by Brandon Thomas (Series)  
*Still I Rise* by Roland Owen Laird  
*Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun* by Jamar Nicholas  
*A.D.* by Josh Neufeld  
*Venus* by Jeffery Morris (Series)  
*African-American Classics* (compilation of stories by many illustrators)  
*Incognegro* by Mat Johnson  
*Runaways* by Brian K. Vaughan (Series)  
*Priceless* by Jeremy Whitley  
*Green Lantern Corps* by Peter Tomasi (Series)  
*Black Comix* by Damian Duffy  
*Secret Coders* by Gene Luen Yang  
***Best Shot in the West: The Adventures of Nat Love* by Pat McKissack**

*The Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson

## Fiction

***Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe**  
***White Teeth* by Zadie Smith**  
***On Beauty* by Zadie Smith**  
*Swing Time* by Zadie Smith  
*NW* by Zadie Smith  
*Grand Union* by Zadie Smith  
*The Autograph Man* by Zadie Smith  
*Changing My Mind: Occasional Essays* by Zadie Smith \*\*  
***The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**  
*Welcome to Braggsville* by T. Geronimo Johnson  
*Boy, Snow, Bird* by Helen Oyeyemi  
***Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**  
*The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout  
*The Comet* by W.E.B. Dubois  
***Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison**  
*A Taste of Honey* by Jabari Asim

*Betsey Brown* by Ntozake Shange  
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines  
*Native Son* by Richard Wright  
*King Hedley II* by August Wilson  
*Stuck Rubber Baby* by Howard Cruse  
*Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination* by Toni Morrison  
*All about Skin: Short Fiction by Women of Color* by Jina Ortiz  
***Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine**  
*The Embassy of Cambodia* by Zadie Smith  
*The Wife of Willesden* by Zadie Smith  
***A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry (play)**  
*Who Fears Death* by Nnedi Okorafor  
***Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison**  
***Beloved* by Toni Morrison**  
***The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison**  
***Another Country* by James Baldwin**  
***Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston**  
***If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin**  
***Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin**  
*Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The Thing Around Your Neck* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*Cell One: From the Collection The Thing Around Your Neck* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The Shivering* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*Imitation* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*You In America* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The House Behind the Cedars* Charles Chesnutt  
***Third Girl from the Left* Martha Southgate**  
*Long Division* by Kiese Laymon  
*The Ecstatic* by Victor D. LaValle  
*Shifting Through Neutral* by Bridgett M. Davis  
*The Kind of Light that Shines on Texas* by Reginald McKnight  
*Erasure* by Percival Everett  
*Crytelle Mourning* by Eisa Nefertari Ulen  
*Rails Under My Back* by Jeffrey Renard Allen  
*The Chaneyville Incident* by David Bradley  
*Elbow Room* by James Alan McPherson \*\*  
***Sula* by Toni Morrison**  
***The Sport of the Gods* by Paul Lawrence Dunbar**  
***Passing* by Nella Larsen**  
*Freedomland* by Richard Price  
*Our Nig* by Harriet E. Wilson  
*The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride  
*Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

*Song Yet Sung* by James McBride  
*Five Carat Soul* by James McBride  
*Miracle at St. Anna* by James McBride  
*The Taste of Salt* by Martha Southgate  
*Third Girl From the Left* by Martha Southgate  
*Real Life* by Brandon Taylor  
*Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid  
***The Changeling* by Victor LaValle**  
*The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy  
*So We Can Glow: Stories* by Leesa Cross-Smith  
*The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues* by Edward Kelsey Moore  
*Heads of Colored People* by Nafissa Thompson  
*How to Love a Jamaican* by Alexia Arthurs  
*Secrets We Kept: Three Women of Trinidad* by Krystal A. Sital  
*One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes  
*Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Cater to You* by Shamara Ray  
*Don't Ask, Don't Tell* by M.T. Pope  
*A Deep Dark Secret* by Kimberla Lawson Roby  
***Basketball Jones* by E. Lynn Harris**  
*Not a Day Goes By* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Just Too Good to Be True* by E. Lynn Harris  
*I Say a Little Prayer* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Abide With Me* by E. Lynn Harris  
*If this World Were Mine* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Secret Obsession* by Kimberla Lawson Roby  
*Dangerous Obsession* by Ellen Sade  
*Perfect Peace* by Daniel Black  
*Mama Dearest* by E. Lynn Harris  
***If I Can't Have You* by Mary B. Morrison**  
*Married But Still Single and Lonely* by Marques Lewis  
*Scandalicious* by Allision Hobbs  
*Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez  
*Up To No Good* by Carl Weber  
*She Had It Coming* by Mary Monroe  
*The Upper Room* by Mary Monroe  
*Something on the Side* by Carl Weber  
***Black Boy* by Richard Wright**  
*Invisible Life* by E. Lynn Harris  
*Any Way the Wind Blows* by E. Lynn Harris  
*And This Too Shall Pass* by E. Lynn Harris  
***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou**  
*Conception* by Kalisha Buckhanon

*The Coldest Winter Ever* by Sister Souljah  
*A Day Late and a Dollar Short* by Terry McMillan  
*Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler  
*The Other Brother* by Brandon Massey  
*Disappearing Acts* by Terry McMillan  
*God Don't Like Ugly* by Mary Monroe  
*Waiting to Exhale* by Terry McMillan  
*Drama Queen* by La Jill Hunt  
*Double Dippin'* by Allison Hobbs  
***How Stella Got Her Groove Back* by Terry McMillan**  
*A Love of My Own* by E. Lynn Harris  
*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead  
*An American* by Tayari Jones

## Non-Fiction

***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**  
***The Autobiography of Assata Shakur* by Assata Shakur**  
*The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin  
*On Beauty* by Zadie Smith  
*Swing Time* by Zadie Smith  
*Feel Free* by Zadie Smith  
***Between the World & Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**  
*We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Black Feminist Thought* by Patricia Hill Collins  
*Sister Outsider* by Audre Lorde \*\*  
***Ain't I A Woman* by Bell Hooks**  
*This Bridge Called My Back* by Rosario Morales  
***Women, Race, and Class* by Angela Davis**  
*Home Girls* by Barbara Smith \*\*  
*Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower* by Brittney Cooper  
*All the Women Are White, All the Blacks Are Men, But Some of Us Are Brave* by Akasha Gloria, Barbara Smith, and Patricia Bell-Scott \*\*  
***In Search of Our Mothers' Garden* by Alice Walker \*\***  
*The Black Woman: An Anthology* by Toni Cade Bambara \*\*  
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