

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CURATED READINGS



Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts: Stories and Recipes from Five Generations of Black Country Cooks
Crystal Wilkinson

This Is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets
Kwame Alexander

3 Shades of Blue: Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Bill Evans, and the Lost Empire of Cool
James Kaplan

A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance
Hanif Abdurraqib

Black Women Writers at Work
Edited by Claudia Tate; foreword by Tillie Olsen

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents
Isabel Wilkerson

Black Folk Could Fly: Selected Writings
Randall Kenan

No Justice, No Peace: From the Civil Rights Movement to Black Lives Matter
Devin Allen

Black Bone: 25 Years of the Afrilachian Poets
Edited by Bianca Lynne Spriggs & Jeremy Paden

Black TV: Five Decades of Groundbreaking Television from Soul Train to Black-ish and Beyond
Bethonie Butler

Women of the Harlem Renaissance: Poems & Stories
Edited by Marissa Constantinou; introduction by Kate Dossett

Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden
Camille T. Dungy

Smoketown: The Untold Story of the Other Great Black Renaissance
Mark Whitaker



African American Art: Harlem Renaissance, Civil Rights Era, and Beyond
Richard J. Powell and Virginia Mecklenburg

Adrienne Kennedy: Collected Plays & Other Writings
Edited by Marc Robinson

Dilla Time: The Life and Afterlife of J Dilla, the Hip-Hop Producer Who Reinvented Rhythm
Dan Charnas

Dark Days: Fugitive Essays
Roger Reeves

Black Power 50
Edited by Sylviane A. Diouf and Komozi Woodard

His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice
Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa

Butter: Novellas, Stories, and Fragments
Gayl Jones

Black Futures
Edited by Kimberly Drew and Jenna Wortham

Black Anarchism and the Black Radical Tradition: Moving Beyond Racial Capitalism
by Atticus Bagby-Williams and Nsambu Za Suekama



The Humanity Archive: Recovering the Soul of Black History from a Whitewashed American Myth
Jermaine Fowler

Soul Culture: Black Poets, Books, and Questions that Grew Me Up
Remica Bingham-Risher

Yearning: Race, Gender, and Cultural Politics
bell hooks

American Whitelash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress
Wesley Lowery

Sometimes I Trip on How Happy We Could Be
Nichole Perkins

The End of White World Supremacy: Four Speeches
Malcolm X

A Raisin in the Sun
Lorraine Hansberry

Black Ball: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Spencer Haywood, and the Generation that Saved the Soul of the NBA

Theresa Runstedtler

We See Each Other: A Black, Trans Journey Through TV and Film

Tre'vell Anderson

Black Folk: The Roots of the Black Working Class

Blair LM Kelley

Ordinary notes

Christina Sharpe

Black Food: Stories, Art, and Essays

Edited by Bryant Terry



You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live: Ten Weeks in Birmingham That Changed America

Paul Kix

The Fire Next Time

James Baldwin

A Black Women's History of the United States

Daina Ramey Berry and Kali Nicole Gross

Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature

Farah Jasmine Griffin

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Zora Neale Hurston

Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019

Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

King: A Life

Jonathan Eig

The Meaning of Soul: Black Music and Resilience Since the 1960s

Emily J. Lordi

The Souls of Black Folk

W.E.B. Du Bois



Juke Joints, Jazz Clubs, and Juice: Cocktails from Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks

Toni Tipton-Martin

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

August Wilson; foreword by Frank Rich

Black Disability Politics

Sami Schalk

As We See It: Artists Redefining Black Identity

Aida Amoako

The Black Box: Writing the Race

Henry Louis Gates, Jr.



Half American: The Heroic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad

Matthew F. Delmont

Make Good the Promises: Reclaiming Reconstruction and Its Legacies

Edited by Kinshasha Holman Conwill and Paul Gardullo

Tupac Shakur: The Authorized Biography

Staci Robinson

Musical Landscapes in Color: Conversations with Black American Composers

William C. Banfield

Affrilachia: Poems

Frank X Walker

All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake

Tiya Miles

Assata Taught Me: State Violence, Racial Capitalism, and the Movement for Black Lives

Donna Murch

August Wilson: A Life

Patti Hartigan

The Gilda Stories

Jewelle Gomez

The Selected Letters of Ralph Ellison

Edited by John F. Callahan and Marc C. Conner



America on Fire: The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s

Elizabeth Hinton

The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speak about Race

Jesmyn Ward

The Weary Blues

Langston Hughes

Becoming Ella Fitzgerald: The Jazz Singer Who Transformed American Song

Judith Tick

Paul Laurence Dunbar: The Life and Times of a Caged Bird

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