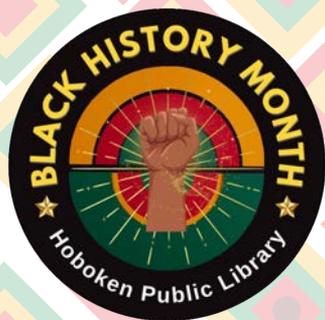


**BOOKS TO CELEBRATE**



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



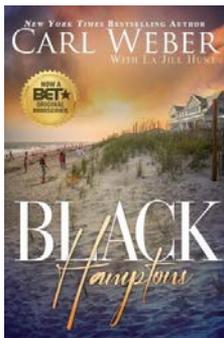
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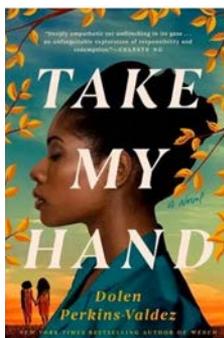
# Adult Fiction



## Black Hamptons

Carl Weber

When a piece of land comes up for sale in this exclusive community, it sparks a war between the Brittons and Johnsons, two African American families. It's old money vs. new money, and neither family will compromise. \*



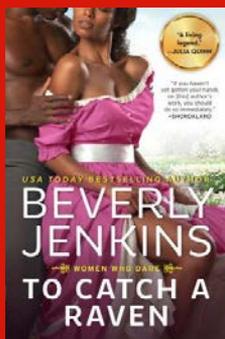
## Take My Hand

Dolen Perkins-Valdez  
Inspired by a true event following Civil Townsend, who starts working at the Montgomery Family Planning Clinic. When her first week leads her to two new patients, she makes a terrible discovery that changes the course of all of their lives forever.

## To Catch a Raven

Beverly Jenkins

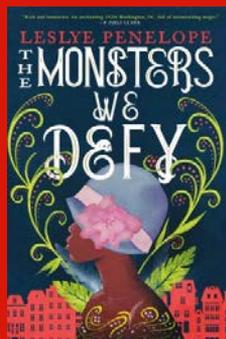
When the Declaration of Independence is stolen by a former Confederate official, a fearless female grifter is forced by the government to get it back. She finds both her life and heart on the line as she falls for the partner posing as her husband. \*



## Monsters We Defy

Leslye Penelope

In 1925, someone is preying on black residents in Washington DC's "Black Broadway." A young woman with spiritual powers decides to investigate these incidents. However, a dangerous spirit interferes at every turn.



## Rules of Engagement

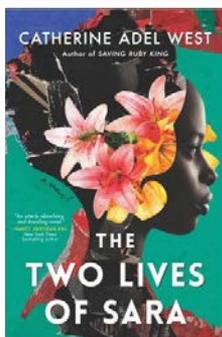
Stacey Abrams  
with Selena Montgomery



## Rules of Engagement

Stacey Abrams

An operative for a top-secret intelligence agency knows that undercover work has risks. So she doesn't hesitate when asked to infiltrate a terrorist group that has stolen lethal environmental technology.



## Two Lives of Sara

Catherine Adel West

A young mother, trying to outrun her past in Chicago, finds refuge and friendship at a boarding house in Memphis in the 1960s. Here, family encompasses more than just blood and hidden truths can bury you or set you free. \*



## James Baldwin

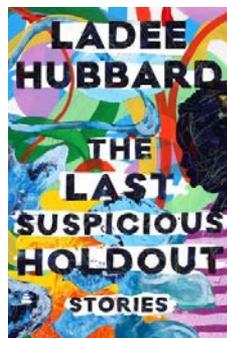
Novelist &  
Playwright

August 2, 1924 -  
December 1, 1987

## Last Suspicious Holdout

Ladee Hubbard

A collection of gripping short stories capturing powerful and poignant moments in the lives of everyday African American families, friends and neighbors. The stories span the beginning of the Clinton presidency to the eve of Barack Obama's election. \*



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# Adult Fiction

## Recitatif: A Story

Toni Morrison

A short story about race and relationships that shape us through life.

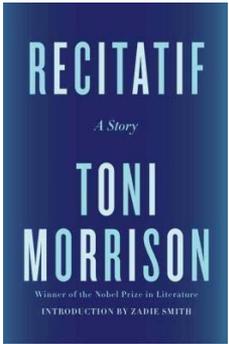
Two young black women, friends since childhood, are at opposite ends of every problem as they grow older. However, they cannot deny the deep bond they have forged over the years.



## **Maya Angelou**

Poet & Civil Rights Activist

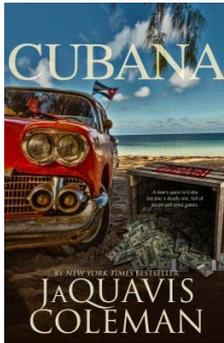
April 4, 1928 - May 28, 2014



## Cubana

JaQuavis Coleman

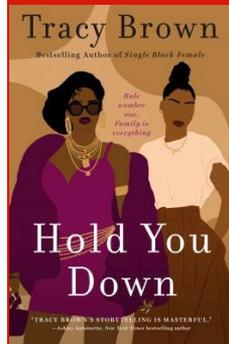
A man's quest to escape his past is an uphill battle. He visits Cuba and gets involved in an underground society of high stakes gambling, crime, money games, and backstabbing. How he survives is suspenseful. \*



## Faith and Trust

Blake Karrington

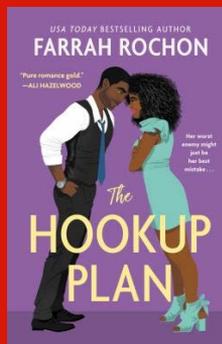
A young woman feels her boyfriend has way too much money for the small legal deals he tells her about, but she chooses to believe him. One day the feds kick in her door looking for him. She discovers he's leading a double life and must decide their future. \*



## Hold You Down

Tracy Brown

Two sisters grow up on the mean streets of Harlem with an absentee mother. Now young, smart mothers they are determined to survive in NYC while raising their sons. A decision lands them in uncharted territory.



## The Hookup Plan

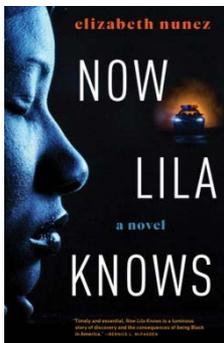
Farrah Rochon

A pediatrician decides to ease the stress of her job by attending a high school reunion with a handsome man. She learns that he has been hired by her hospital to spearhead a buyout. Clashes ensue in their relationship. \*

## Now Lila Knows

Elizabeth Nunez

A visiting Black professor at a small college in VT witnesses the fatal shooting of a Black man (a fellow professor) by police. She's encouraged to be a witness in the trial against the police, but fears this may jeopardize her position. \*



## Sing Her Name

Roslynn Story

The intertwined stories of two gifted black singers whose lives are connected across time (the 19th and 21st centuries) are explored in this compelling story. Prejudice bars both of them from achieving fame. \*



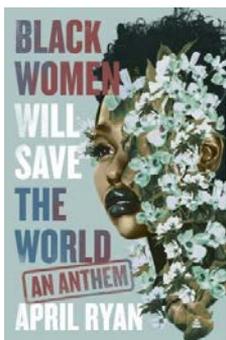
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# Adult Nonfiction

## Black Women Will Save the World: An Anthem

April Ryan

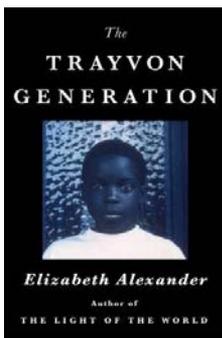
As a White House correspondent and political analyst, April Ryan interviews influential Black women to highlight the ways in which they have helped hold up our democracy time and again.



## Trayvon Generation

Elizabeth Alexander

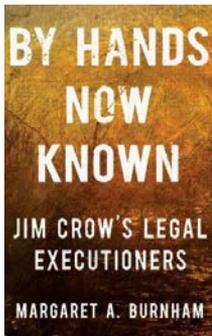
The lives and attitudes of young people in Black America who were murdered in their prime are explored in this moving reflection. The murder of Trayvon Martin in 2012 is used as a starting point for this powerful discussion. \*



## By Hands Now Known

Margaret Burnham

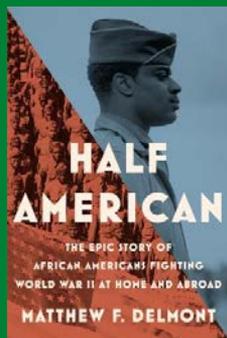
An extensive investigation of Jim Crow-era violence, the legal apparatus that sustained it, and its enduring legacy by a renowned legal scholar. Evidence from over 1,000 cases of racial violence is revealed as supportive documentation. \*



## Half American

Matthew Delmont

The definitive history of WWII from the African American perspective. Over one million Black men and women served in WWII at home and abroad, but many were denied housing and educational opportunities afterwards. \*

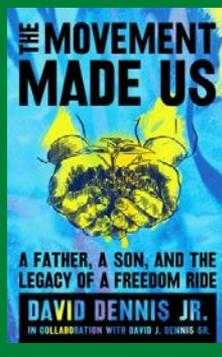
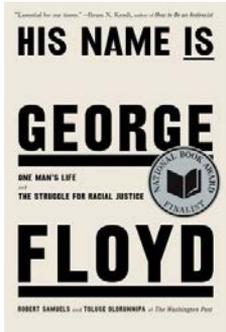


## His Name is George

Floyd

Robert Samuels

A landmark biography that reveals how systemic racism shaped George Floyd's life and legacy - from his family's roots in the NC tobacco fields to ongoing inequality in housing, education, health care, criminal justice and policing. \*



## Movement Made Us

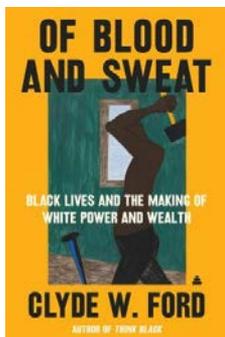
David J. Dennis

A dynamic oral history and memoir between a father and son chronicling the incredible story of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and its living legacy embodied in Black Lives Matter.

## Of Blood and Sweat

Clyde W. Ford

A story of how Black lives and labor created White power and wealth in agriculture, politics, law enforcement, medicine, financial services, and other fields. Black men and women have created American institutions of power and wealth, while being denied access.

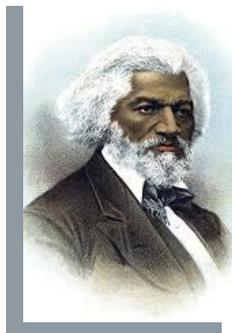


## Frederick Douglass

Abolitionist & Statesman

February 1817-

February 14, 1895



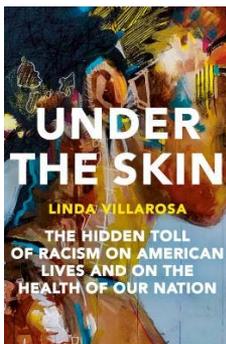
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# Adult Nonfiction

## Under the Skin

Linda Villarosa

A landmark book that tells the full story of racial health disparities in America, revealing the toll racism takes on individuals and the health of our nation. A link between racial discrimination and the health of Black Americans is explored.

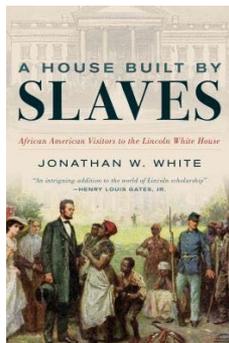


## A House Built by

### Slaves

Jonathan W. White

An exploration of why Lincoln's unprecedented welcome of African Americans to the White House transformed race relations in the U.S. Lincoln used the White House to empower Black voices in America.



## **Shirley Chisholm**

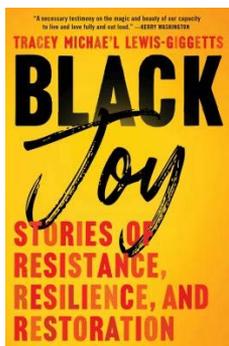
Politician  
(first black woman  
elected to  
U.S. Congress in 1969)  
November 30, 1924–  
January 1, 2005



## Black Joy

Tracey Lewis-Giggetts

An inspiring collection of stories of resistance, resilience, and resolution deeply rooted in the cultural experiences and expressions of Black people. A book about comfort and healing and how to quiet the mind and soul.

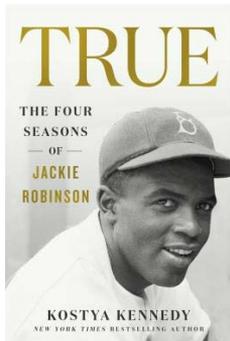


## True: Four Seasons

### of Jackie Robinson

Kostya Kennedy

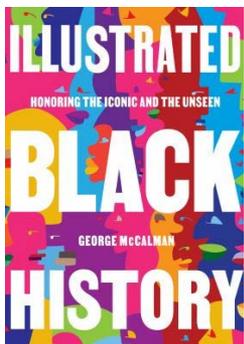
A richly-detailed biography of Jackie Robinson, a significant figure in baseball and American history. He opened the doors for Black Americans to participate in sports and spoke nationally about inequality.



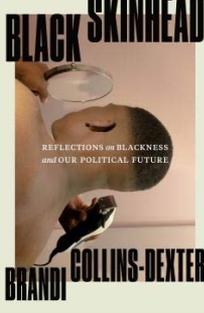
## Illustrated Black History

George McCalman

A beautiful collection of 145 original portraits that celebrates Black pioneers, famous and little known, in politics, science, literature, music, and more with biographical reflections.



## Black Skinhead



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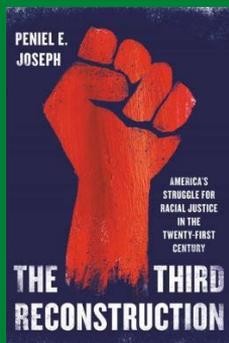
Brandi Collins-Dexter

A radical conversation about Black America and political identity. The fragile alliance between Black voters and the Democratic party is explored in sharp, timely essays. An outward look at Black votership and electoral politics.

## The Third Reconstruction

Peniel Joseph

The summer of 2020 marked the climax of a Third Reconstruction, a new period of intense struggle to secure citizenship and dignity for Black Americans.

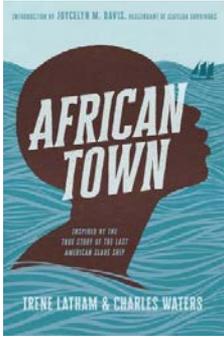


# Teen Fiction & Nonfiction

## African Town

Irene Latham

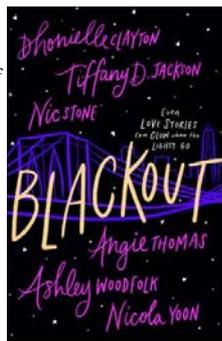
A chronicle of the story of the last Africans brought illegally to the U.S. on the Clotilda in 1860. Their journey recounts savage Middle Passage and being hidden in the Alabama swamplands before sent to plantations.



## Blackout

Dhonielle Clayton

Six bestselling and award-winning authors bring the glowing warmth and electricity of Black teen love to this interlinked novel of charming, hilarious, and heartwarming stories that shine a bright light through the dark. \*



## Happily Ever Afters

Elise Bryant

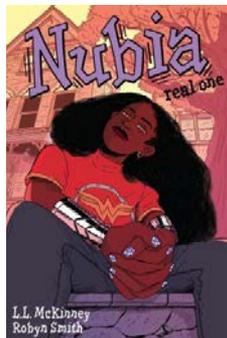
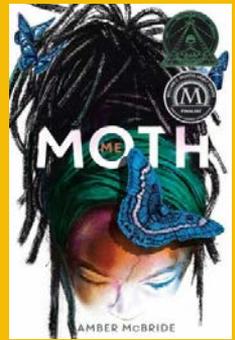
A 16-year-old Black girl is accepted into the creative writing program of a prestigious art school where she hopes her stories will shine. However, she must find inspiration in a real-live love story of her own to overcome writer's block. \*



## Me (Moth)

Amber McBride

Moth, who lost her family in an accident, and Sani, who is battling ongoing depression, take a road trip that has them chasing ghosts and searching for ancestors, which helps them move forward in surprising ways. \*



## Nubia: Real One

L.L. McKinney

A spirited graphic novel about a Black teen with Amazon-like powers. Her best friend is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, so she risks her safety to become the hero that society says she's not. \*



## We Deserve Monuments

Jas Hammonds

When a 17-year-old girl moves to rural Georgia to live with her ailing grandmother, she encounters a decade-old family secret. She also uncovers a mystery surrounding the town's racist past.

## Black Birds in the Sky

Brandy Colbert

A searing account of the history and legacy of one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history: the Tulsa Race Massacre. On June 1, 1921, a white mob marched into a Black neighborhood and razed 35 square blocks, leaving hundreds dead. \*



## Nonfiction

### Freedom! Story of the Black Panther Party

Jetta Grace Martin

A well-researched story about the Black Panther Party for young readers. It focuses on the party members, their supporters and allies, the Free Breakfast Program and the Ten Point Program. \*



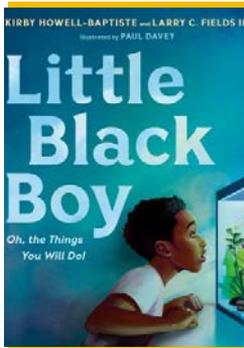
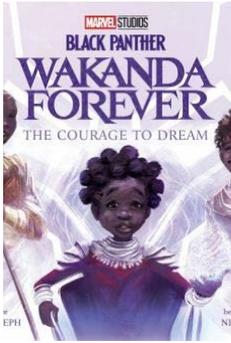
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# Children's Fiction & Nonfiction

## Black Panther:

### Wakanda Forever

Frederick Joseph  
A young Wakandan aspires to be part of the Dora Milaje, the warriors who protect Wakanda. However, her disability stands in the way. She must overcome her disability and have the courage to dream. \*



### Little Black Boy

Kirby H. Baptiste  
A little black boy is fascinated by water and marine life and is determined to become a marine biologist. He wants to protect the beaches and oceans that sea creatures call home, so he pursues his dream.

## Ty's Travels: Lab Magic

Kelly Starling Lyons  
Ty and his brother Corey love science! On a trip to the museum they use their imaginations and pretend their scientists, studying bugs, and hunting for fossils. Ty continues to use his imagination at home, creating experiments. \*



## Wednesday & Woof:

### Catastrophe!

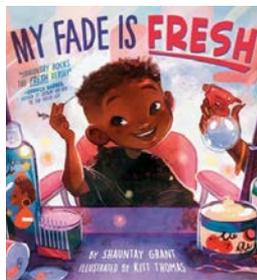
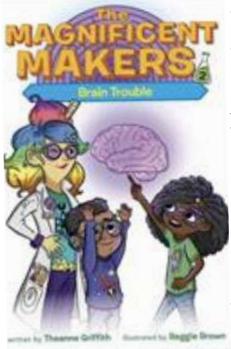
Sherri Winston  
Wednesday and her service dog Woof are the best detective duo in the neighborhood. Join them on their latest case, as they try to find their neighbor's missing cat before her big trip.



## Magnificent Makers:

### Brain Trouble

Theanne Griffith  
At their schools' Brain Fair best friends Violet and Pablo stumble upon a riddle that opens up a magical portal. They then embark on a journey where they learn about the human brain.



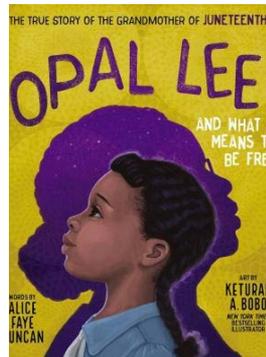
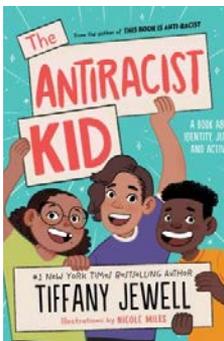
### My Fade is Fresh

Shauntay Grant  
With so many hairstyles to choose from, a little black girl decides to get the freshest fade on the block. This book celebrates the many shapes and forms Black hair can take.

## Nonfiction

### Opal Lee

Alice Faye Duncan  
Opal Lee is known as the Grandmother of Juneteenth, because of her advocacy in helping to establish the national holiday. On the day of celebration, she gathers her grandson and other children to tell how the holiday came to be. \*



## The Antiracist Kid

Tiffany Jewell  
An informative book that asks what is racism and what is antiracism. It teaches children how to recognize racism and what to do if they encounter it. Discusses identity, activism, and justice.

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# Upcoming Events

## Art with Liz: Featuring Black Contemporary Artists

Wed., Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 10 am

Artist Theaster Gates Weds., Feb. 1 10 am

Artist Charles White Weds., Feb. 8 10 am

Artist Torkwase Dyson Weds., Feb. 15 10 am

Artist Lorna Simpson Weds., Feb. 22 10 am

Learn Reverse Glass Painting with artist Ibou Ndoye Fri., Feb. 3 10 am

Listen, Craft, Relax: Embroidery Group Sun., Feb. 5 12 pm

Garden State Jazz Greats: Slam Stewart Weds., Feb. 8 6:30 pm Zoom

Women in Science (for Teens) Movie & STEM Toys Sat., Feb. 11 11 am

Documentary Screening: *"The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution"*

Sat., Feb. 11 1:30 pm

Black History Month Trivia (for Teens) Weds., Feb. 15 4 pm

Plant and Grow in Community Sat., Feb. 18 3 pm

Black History Story Times Tues., Feb. 21 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

What's New Book Club: *"Memphis"* by Tara Stringellow Weds., Feb. 22 5 pm

Virtual Museum Tour: National Museum of African American  
History & Culture Thurs., Feb. 23 3 pm

Family FUNday (for Children) Sat., Feb. 25 11 am

Community Mentorship: Transforming Our Youth at HHA Sat., Feb. 25 1pm

Well-Read Book Club: *"Wandering in Strange Lands"* by Morgan Jerkins

Sat., Feb. 25 3 pm

The full calendar of *Black History Month* programs at HPL can be found at [hobokenlibrary.org/black-history-month](https://hobokenlibrary.org/black-history-month)



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