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AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART AND ARTISTS: A PATHFINDER

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BOOKS

Monographs on Notable Artists

Books on individual artists can be found by searching under the artist's name in the LEO Catalog. The following are some of famous African American artists: Romare Bearden, Gordon Parks, Jacob Lawrence, James Van der Zee, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Henry Ossawa Tanner, Robert Stuart Duncanson, Betye Saar, Faith Ringgold, Elizabeth Catlett, Horace Pippin, Martin Puryear, Aaron Douglas, John T. Biggers, etc.

Searchable Subject Headings

Afro-American art, Afro-American artists, Afro-Americans in art, Blacks in art, Afro-American women artists, Afro-American painters, Afro-American photographers, etc.

Indexes

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Davis, Lenwood G.. *Black Artists in the United States: an Annotated Bibliography of Books, Articles, and Dissertations on Black Artists, 1779-1979*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1980. (016.7097 D)

Igoe, Lynn Moody. *250 Years of Afro-American Art: an Annotated Bibliography*. New York: Bowker, 1981. (016.704 I)

Biography

Riggs, Thomas, ed.. *St. James Guide to Black Artists*. Detroit, MI: St. James Press, 1997. (Closed Shelf Reference 709.2396 S)

Lewis, Samella S.. *African American Art and Artists*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990. (704.0396 L)

Perry, Regenia. *Free within Ourselves: African-American Artists in the Collection of the National Museum of American Art*. Washington, D.C.; San Francisco, Calif.: National Museum of American Art in Association with Pomegranate Artbooks, 1992. (704.0390 P)

Rollock, Barbara. *Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books: a Biographical Dictionary*. New York: Garland Pub., 1988. (011.6208 R)

History

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Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America. New York: Studio Museum in Harlem: Abradale Press, 1994, 1987. (704.0396 H)

Hedgepeth, Chester. *Twentieth-century African-American Writers and Artists*. Chicago: American Library Association, 1991. (700.9227 H)

Huggins, Nathan Irvin. *Harlem Renaissance*. Oxford University Press, 1971. (700.9747 H)

Powell, Richard J. *Black Art and Culture in the 20th Century*. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1997. (704.0396 P)

Exhibitions and Interviews

Black Art, Ancestral Legacy: the African Impulse in African-American Art. Lewisburg, Pa: The Gallery, 1985. (704.042 G)

Since the Harlem Renaissance: 50 Years of Afro-American Art. Lewisburg, Pa.: The Gallery, 1985. (704.0396 S)

Women Artists

Bearing Witness: Contemporary Works by African American Women Artists. New York: Spelman College and Rizzoli International Publications, 1996. (704.042 B)

Gumbo Ya Ya: Anthology of Contemporary African-American Women Artists. New York: Midmarch Arts Press, 1995. (704.042 G)

Hankes, Robert. *The Art of Black American Women: Works of Twenty-four Artists of the Twentieth Century.* Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 1993. (704.042 H)

Image of Blacks in Art

The Image of the Black in Western Art. Fribourg: Office du livre, 1976. (704.9493 I)

McElroy, Guy. *Facing History: the Black Image in American Art, 1710-1940.* San Francisco, CA: Washington, D.C.: Bedford Arts; Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1990. (Special Collection 707.9499 M)

Collectors and Collecting

Taha, Halima. *Collecting African American Art.* New York: Crown, 1998. (760.8996 T)

Fashion

Alexander, Lois K. *Blacks in the History of Fashion.* New York: Harlem Institute of Fashion, 1982. (746.92 A)

Summers, Barbara. *Skin Deep: Inside the World of Black Fashion Models.* New York: Amistad Press, 1998. (746.9208 S)

Photography

Picturing Us: African American Identity in Photography. New York: New Press, 1994. (770.8996 P)

Willis-Thomas, Deborah. *Black Photographers, 1840-1940: An Illustrated Bio-bibliography.* New York: Garland, 1985. (770.922 W)

VERTICAL FILES

Consult the Librarian at the Art Information Desk for vertical file materials on individual artists that may include exhibition catalogues, newspaper clippings, etc.

VIDEOS

Search The LEO Catalog by subject such as Afro-American artists - video recordings, Afro-American art -video recordings, or by key word such as "Bearden video."

PERIODICAL ARTICLES

"Art Index" for articles published since September 1984 on CD-ROM and in print form since 1929. In print form in "Artbibliographies Modern," and "BHA: Bibliography of the History of Art."

WEB SITES

African American Artists

www.usc.edu/library/ref/ethnic/black_art.html

African American art: an Introduction

www.satie.arts.usf.edu/~ooguibe/afroam.htm

African-Americans in the Visual Arts: A Historical Perspective

www.liunet.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aavaahp.htm

Art in Context

www.artincontext.com

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Picture Collection, Mid-Manhattan Library, 3rd floor for images arranged by subject.

History and Social Sciences Department, Mid-Manhattan Library, 5th floor.

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd 10037. Tel: 491-2200.