



THE SCHOMBURG CENTER'S BLACK LIBERATION READING LIST

For 95 years, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture has preserved, protected, and fostered a greater understanding of the Black experience. These books celebrate the Black experience, help foster understanding and empathy, teach important history, educate on current events, and will spark important discussions and conversations.

All the Women Are White, All the Blacks Are Men, But Some of Us Are Brave: Black Women's Studies

Akasha Gloria Hull,
Patricia Bell-Scott &
Barbara Smith, eds.

American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin

Terrance Hayes

The Art of Death: Writing the Final Story

Edwidge Danticat

The Autobiography of Malcolm X

Malcolm X as told
to Alex Haley

Bad Feminist: Essays

Roxane Gay

Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do

Jennifer L. Eberhardt

The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution

C.L.R. James

A Black Women's History of the United States

Daina Ramey Berry
& Kali Nicole Gross

The Bluest Eye: A Novel

Toni Morrison

Breathe: A Letter to My Sons

Imani Perry

A Brief History of Seven Killings: A Novel

Marlon James

Brown: Poems

Kevin Young

Brutal Imagination

Cornelius Eady

Citizen: An American Lyric

Claudia Rankine

The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965–2010

Kevin Young and
Michael S. Glaser, eds.

The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America

Khalil Gibran Muhammad

The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South

Michael W. Twitty

Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul

Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

Diasporic Blackness: The Life and Times of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg

Vanessa K. Valdés

Don't Call Us Dead: Poems

Danez Smith

Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower

Brittney Cooper

Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land

Leah Penniman

Feel Free: Essays

Zadie Smith

Fences

August Wilson

The Fifth Season

N.K. Jemisin

The Fire Next Time

James Baldwin

The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race

Jesmyn Ward, ed.

Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement

Angela Y. Davis

From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Harlem Nocturne: Women Artists and Progressive Politics During World War II

Farah Jasmine Griffin

Heavy: An American Memoir

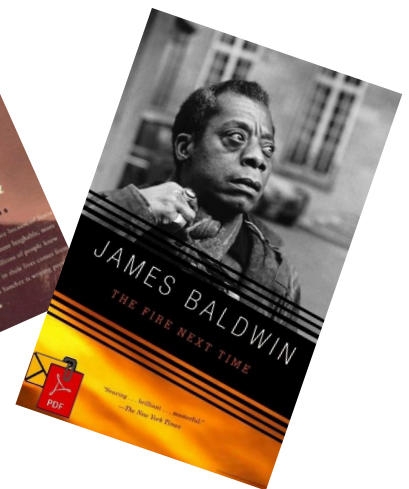
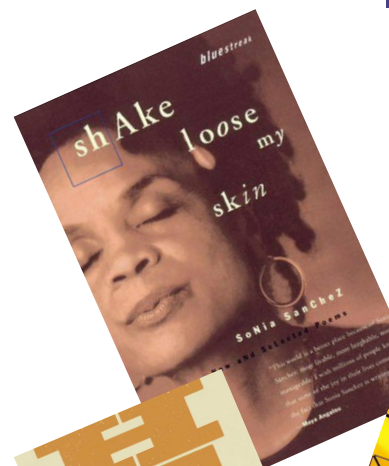
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High on the Hog: A Culinary Journey from Africa to America

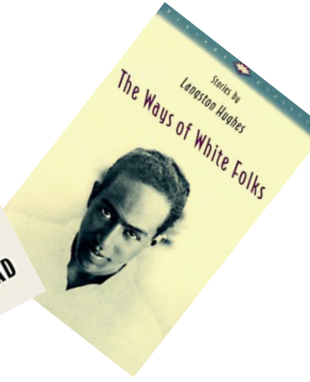
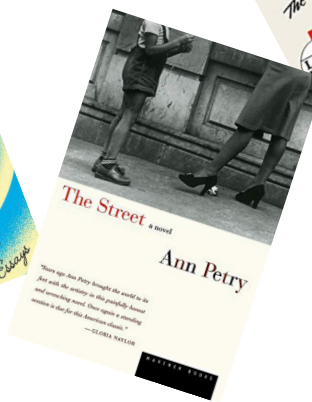
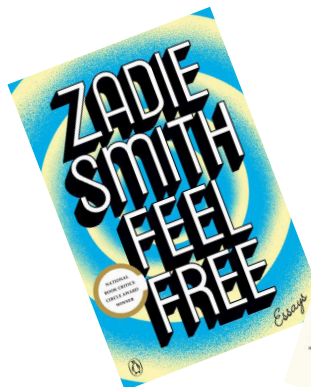
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The History of White People

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- Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot**
Mikki Kendall
- How to Be an Antiracist**
Ibram X. Kendi
- How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir**
Saeed Jones
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**
Maya Angelou
- In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose**
Alice Walker
- Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking**
Toni Tipton-Martin
- Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption**
Bryan Stevenson
- Kindred**
Octavia E. Butler
- Kwame Brathwaite: Black Is Beautiful**
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- The Light of the World: A Memoir**
Elizabeth Alexander
- Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America**
James Forman, Jr.
- Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention**
Manning Marable
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor**
Layla F. Saad
- Men We Reaped: A Memoir**
Jesmyn Ward
- Monument: Poems: New and Selected**
Natasha Trethewey
- My Song: A Memoir**
Harry Belafonte
- Negroland: A Memoir**
Margo Jefferson
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**
Michelle Alexander
- The Nickel Boys**
Colson Whitehead
- Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America**
Candacy Taylor
- Parable of the Sower**
Story by Octavia E. Butler, adapted by John Jennings, art by Damian Duffy
- Parenting for Liberation: A Guide for Raising Black Children**
Trina Greene Brown
- Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination**
Toni Morrison
- Pleasure Activism: The Politics of Feeling Good**
adrienne maree brown
- Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter**
Jordan T. Camp & Christina Heatherton, eds.
- Posing Beauty: African American Images from the 1890s to the Present**
Deborah Willis
- Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**
Monique W. Morris
- A Raisin in the Sun**
Lorraine Hansberry
- Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More**
Janet Mock
- S O S: Poems 1961–2013**
Amiri Baraka
- Shake Loose My Skin: New and Selected Poems**
Sonia Sanchez
- Sister Outsider**
Audre Lorde
- So You Want to Talk About Race**
Ijeoma Oluo
- The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation After the Genome**
Alondra Nelson
- Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America**
Ibram X. Kendi
- Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow**
Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
- The Street**
Ann Petry
- Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family**
Mitchell S. Jackson
- Sweat**
Lynn Nottage
- Talking Back: Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black**
bell hooks
- Their Eyes Were Watching God**
Zora Neale Hurston
- Thick: And Other Essays**
Tressie McMillan Cottom
- The Tradition**
Jericho Brown
- The Underground Railroad**
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