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The African American Booklist began as a way to commemorate Black History Month and since that time has continued to feature the accomplishments of African Americans in the literary world. Our booklist has become an annual tradition in the community and beyond, and continues to be a highly anticipated publication for book lovers all across the nation.

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# Black National Anthem

## LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lyrics by: James Weldon Johnson  
(1871-1938)

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.



## From Our Executive Director



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We generally think of a cookbook as a source for ingredients and directions for preparing something to eat. However, sometimes a cookbook can tell a greater story. It is with this thought in mind that we present our 2023 African American Booklist, “Beyond the Kitchen: The Culinary Legacy of African Americans.”

We are honored to feature the work of Toni Tipton-Martin, a journalist and scholar, who is known for her comprehensive research and insightful writing about Black cooks and cookbooks. With permission, we are sharing excerpts from her extraordinary book, *The Jemima Code: Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks*. The book is the result of the many finds and discoveries she made as she collected cookbooks written by African Americans.

We are pleased to include a conversation between Detroit’s own Phil Jones, award-winning chef extraordinaire, and Lyndsay C. Green. Ms. Green is the *Detroit Free Press*’ first Black dining and restaurant critic.

As in previous years, teams of DPL librarians thoughtfully selected current fiction and non-fiction titles for book lovers of all ages. In keeping with our 2023 theme, our “Cooking and Entertaining” section includes cookbooks and other titles that will appeal to both beginners and skilled cooks alike.

So, whether you need some culinary inspiration, the perfect novel, or a title that will engage a child or a teen, please visit your Detroit Public Library. We look forward to continuing to serve the people of Detroit.

Yours for reading (and cooking),

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Anne G. Mondowney".

Jo Anne G. Mondowney  
Executive Director


# Beyond the Kitchen: Detroit's Chef Phil Jones

A Conversation with Lyndsay C. Green



Photo: Kimberly P. Mitchell, *Detroit Free Press*





**C**hef Phil Jones has been cooking since age 6. He began selling pates, crispy fried Caribbean beef patties, under the warm sun on the beaches of his native St. Croix. Jones' early start was prompted by what he calls "Black circumstances," challenges faced by many people of color across the globe. His food business was a means to contribute to his household. It just so happened, the kid had talent and eventually, a passion for serving his community.

Jones relocated to Detroit at age 10 and went on to climb the ranks of the restaurant industry, working his way up from dishwasher to a chef at The Rattlesnake Club, the same fine dining establishment where the former executive chef Jimmy Schmidt earned the city its first James Beard Award.

Jones' hustle matured into a heart for humanity. He founded Farmacy Food, a subscription-based service that makes healthy meals accessible at an affordable cost, and ventured into food justice.

He became a founding member of the Detroit Food Policy Council and a founding board member of Keep Growing Detroit. He participated in workforce development with organizations, such as Operation Able and the Restaurant Opportunities Center. He's worked with Make Food Not Waste and the Detroit chapter of Food Rescue US. And in 2021, Jones was named the Detroit Free Press/Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Chef of the Year for his tireless efforts feeding those facing hunger during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

It was a privilege to be in conversation with Jones, whose culinary legacy is one of giving and cultural preservation.

**Lyndsay C. Green:** How have you seen Detroit's food scene evolve over the past 40 years?

**Phil Jones:** Overall, there have been some changes and some things are exactly the same. You would never know, as you read about food, that Detroit is about 75% Black. There are a lot of fabulous, young, Black chefs coming up that don't get recognized or get the financial backing to get their cuisine out there. I have seen more opportunities for women in the kitchen, which used to be far and few between, but there are few examples of women and people of color in ownership and management positions.





## Beyond (cont.)

**LCG:** As someone who is responsible for telling stories about local culinarians, how can I keep up-and-coming Black chefs on my radar?

**PJ:** Many are taking the pop-up route — some more successfully than others.

**LCG:** How can the next generation of Black chefs help forge a path for a more inclusive future?

**PJ:** We need to understand that we are no longer bound by chains, we're bound by a food system that doesn't respect our culture or our flavors. We need to encourage our young people to look into their past so that they can create a new future for food. I liken Africa to being the motherland and us being its children, and a family can't be whole until they're reunited.

**LCG:** What are some contributions Black people have made to the food industry that they seldom get recognition for?

**PJ:** Blacks are the culinary griots of the world. French food is all over the place because of Black faces. Tomatoes are being grown by Africans who immigrate to Italy. We've suffered through racism and a lot of the isms, but at the same time, we've carried everybody else's practices, techniques, ingredients and culture.

**LCG:** We're seeing more storytelling about ancestral foodways through works like "Black Power Kitchen," "Black Food" and the documentary adaptation of "High on the Hog." Does that feel like progress?

**PJ:** I'm happy to see more people doing it. I've always done it. I have a series called "Storyteller," where I create recipes that tell more than just a food story. My sweet potato pierogi recipe, for example, takes a traditional Polish dish and African-izes it with sweet potatoes and uses collard greens where there'd normally be a potato and cabbage. It speaks to the story of Black Bottom and Poletown, two areas that were affected by what we called "progress" — the auto plant and the freeway that divided our city. Those divisions are permanent, but by taking control of our narrative, we can see the positive changes and overcome some of the negative.

**LCG:** At times, I question whether the lens through which I critique a restaurant is based on Eurocentric standards. Does the barometer need recalibrating when in Black-owned dining spaces?

**PJ:** The fact is, we are the continuation of those standards but we don't get the recognition for it and we don't apply them to our own food. The chef part of me says, you have to get it right and that applies to everybody. There's a narrative that weaves throughout our lives that says, Black work is something to be pitied as opposed to perfected. You have to walk a fine line between demanding a level of perfection in technique and service and being overly or underly critical.

**LCG:** How can cooks preserve ancestral recipes and techniques?

**PJ:** The old-fashioned way — pick up the phone! Call your grandmother or your granddad. We've become dependent on the Internet, which is a bit distressing. We can pull out our phones and access any recipe, but real, deep connections to the past are missing.

**LCG:** Who did you draw culinary wisdom from?

**PJ:** I go back to my family. My grandfather was a cook in the military. That was impactful.



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# The Jemima Code:

## A Personal Reflection by Toni Tipton-Martin

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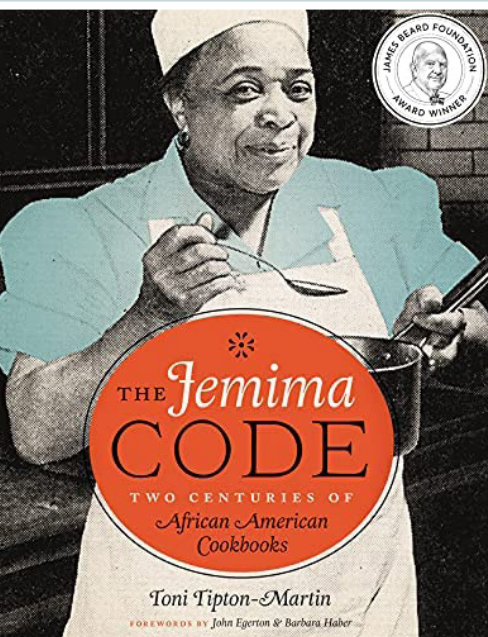
IN MY CALIFORNIA YOUTH, before I moved to Cleveland and came under the influence of Vera Beck, several experiences, considered in retrospect, pointed me toward a focus on black cooks and inspired me to become a novice collector of rare cookbooks written by African Americans. In 1985, a few years after graduating from journalism school at the University of Southern California, I got a chance to find my voice as a food writer at the *Los Angeles Times*. By the time that Ruth Reichl came on board as the food editor, I had spent hours standing in our test kitchen across the counter from its director, Donna Deane, watching, listening, smelling, and tasting every dish she prepared. I sorted and organized the cookbooks in our library and, on most days, pored over the A-to-Z recipe files, researching and soaking up everything I could about cooking. The shelves sagged from the weight of recipe books from such faraway lands (and times) as the former Austrian Empire, but few titles mentioned the food of my culture. Even the southern cookbooks were silent on the subject.

I wondered, “Where are all the black cooks?” I decided to find out.

After a long period of thinking and some hand-wringing I realized that precious few of the people I wanted to interview about the techniques that my ancestors had used skillfully in big-house kitchens and had applied creatively to slaveholders’ rations were still living. Nonetheless, black cookbooks might confirm their impact on American food, families, and communities.

A cookbook may be informally defined as a collection of directions translated into understandable language so that anyone can make the dish being described. These directions, also known as recipes,

range from simple to extremely complex. They usually follow a standardized formula, such as the one outlined by Joan Whitman and Dolores Simon in *Recipes into Type: A Handbook for Cookbook Writers and Editors* (1993): title, headnote, ingredients list, instructions, number of servings, notes, and variations.





Recipes are protected by copyright, but copyright law does not protect ones that are mere listings of ingredients. Changing a single ingredient or step in the method is an accepted way to create a new dish and thereby establish a new claim of ownership. By this standard, a cook who, for example, substitutes lime juice for lemon juice in a published recipe, or changes the language that describes the process for handling pie crust, has created a new, “adapted” recipe, according to the U.S. Copyright Office.

As a result, creations that mixed African and Native American technique with American ingredients and European recipes disappeared into cookbooks written for mainstream white audiences. A cookbook, however, is rarely purely utilitarian.

Historians and scholars recognize recipes and cookbooks as important research tools for understanding women and their work. Janet Theophano’s definitive study *Eat My Words: Reading Women’s Lives through the Cookbooks They Wrote* (2002), presents myriad ways that women use cookbooks as scrapbooks with recipes—to recount the stories of their lives, encoding images of themselves by using food as a metaphor.

A cookbook author lures the reader into the kitchen through all sorts of tools: portraits, poetry, culinary authority, and the promise of delicious food. She writes in a particular tone, using a specific selection of words arranged according to a particular stylistic mode (such as memoir, journal, community compilation, or souvenir journal). The work opens a window into her community and can impart knowledge about her region, its economy, social divisions, current events, and important personalities. A cookbook author tells stories that preserve history, memories, celebrations, and identity; that advocate for social causes, such as education, suffrage, child welfare, abolition of slavery, eradication of poverty, or improved social welfare; that use highlights of her own life to memorialize her work, her family’s favorite recipes, and the secrets of her friends; and finally, that aim for the greater good—as projects of patronage, religious comfort, or preservation of cultural legacy.

This theory seems tailor-made for works written by African American servants. With limited access to other artistic forms of creative expression, preparing and sharing a decadent caramel cake or batch of crisply fried chicken displayed their talent and spread their knowledge, a way to “set the record straight,” as the literary scholar Doris Witt explains in her important reading of black women, food and identity, *Black Hunger: Soul Food and America* (1999). Recipe collections could be means of personal and cultural realization: “The cookbook offers both the famous and the anonymous a force through which to create self and history, a means to become a poet, an historian, an ethnographer, and even, as the example of Dick Gregory would suggest, a political satirist.”



## Code (cont.)

If black authors were at all like other writers, I thought, their cookbooks would preserve the treasury of dishes prepared and served over the years in the home and in public food establishments of all kinds—"an authentic example of a culture, an expression of the taste, style, and habits of a particular people at a particular time," as the cookbook consultants Hays, Rolfes & Associates and Perre Magness explain in their 1986 guide *How to Write and Publish a Classic Cookbook*.

Over time, I uncovered a documentary record that allowed for a reinterpretation of black cooks as professionals with technical, organizational, and managerial core values; Jemima clues, I called them. Their cookbooks substantiate the kind of skills that are taught in the best culinary academies, that I observed in newspaper test kitchens, and that display learned wisdom.

These proficiencies include knowledge of fundamentals (food safety, hygiene, and scientific principles); artistic abilities such as food styling, garnishing, and decorating dishes so that they are sensorily pleasing to the eye and the palate; tested methods of cooking with both high-quality and inferior ingredients, or with regional and "exotic" heritage foods; and haute cuisine laced with wine and herbs.

***"Historically, the Jemima code was an arrangement of words and images synchronized to classify the character and life's work of our nation's black cooks as insignificant."***

Also hidden in these treasures are important African techniques that slaves brought with them to plantation kitchens—several of them had been theorized in the 1930s by the Brazilian intellectual Gilberto Freyre and were subsequently revisited in a 1971 cookbook by Helen Mendes, *The African Heritage Cookbook: A Chronicle of the Origins of*

*Soul Food Cooking, with 200 Authentic—and Delicious—Recipes.*

Mendes, a social worker, chef, and scholar, had tired of the "implication of white authorities that Black Americans had no culinary past. "To establish a legacy beyond homage, she wrote a treatise on an African "cook's education," which began for her when, as a toddler, she walked through the forest lands with her mother and young brother to pick fruits and gather herbs, wild tubers, mushrooms, and edible greens. In her book, she identifies ingredients, utensils, and the cooking fundamentals she practiced—roasting over an open pit, boiling, stewing, steaming, baking, frying, jerking (salt drying), and smoking.

These remembered traditions appear in the pages of black cookbooks in forms that made life easier and saved time and resources. Examples include simple breads mixed with cornmeal and water and cooked over an open flame, battered and fried vegetables (fritters), and stews made ahead in one pot, plus basic tips on keeping muffins from sticking and scalded milk from scorching, and for knowing the best month to pickle onions.

Not long after the revelation that there are cookbooks establishing African American culinary authority, a smallish, plainly packaged Dover paperback appeared in the book giveaway that the *Los Angeles Times* food staff held to thin out the new volumes that flooded the newsroom each year. The *New Orleans Cookbook*, by Lena Richard, offered no biographical information about the author—not even her picture. I plucked it from the pile anyway. The way I figured it, a book of Creole recipes might provide some insight. Little did I know that Richard’s writings would be the first of many gifts of African American know-how.

My cookbook library grew gradually during my years at the *Times* and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Then, in 2005, the University of Alabama Libraries published a bibliography of the David Walker Lupton African American Cookbook Collection, a “treasure trove of rare and obscure books, many of them self-published, that too often pass ‘under the radar,’” curators said at the time. This valuable resource became my shopping list when Doris Witt published it in *Black Hunger*, and I used it to hunt down vintage editions in secondhand shops and Internet bookstores.

Using search engines set up for used, rare, and out-of-print books, I set a monthly schedule, entered the title and author of one of the books on the list, then waited for something obscure to pop up.

The first book that did was *Eliza’s Cook Book*, a collection of middle-class recipes curated in 1936 by the Negro Culinary Art Club of Los Angeles. The starting bid: \$1. I was ecstatic, and set my watch to the same time on the countdown clock so that an alarm would remind me when the auction was set to end. At the appropriate time, I typed in my maximum bid and then frantically refreshed the page every couple of seconds as the amounts accrued. As the final seconds ticked away, a bidding war escalated the price for *Eliza*: \$100, \$225, \$350. I held my breath and entered \$400. And waited. “Congratulations! You’ve won!” appeared on the screen. The book arrived by mail within a few days.

Life went on like that for several more years. I eventually owned nearly three hundred African American cookbooks, including a few not listed in the Lupton bibliography. Some of the works were trade published. Others came to print on their own. All were dignified, but dwarfed by beautifully photographed hardcover southern cookery books published by food industry luminaries.

These little rays of light organized themselves into the framework of this book and revealed an African American kitchen arsenal, handed down orally between generations by clearheaded, thinking cooks who practiced what the chef Michael Ruhlman described as “mental *mise-en-place*.” They understood systems and formulas, and could translate their talent for recipe development into words, even if





## Code (cont.)

few of them had the means, time, and resources to do so. Through them, I traveled back to harrowing but simple times when familiar dishes and storytelling about the old ways—grinding corn into meal, roasting wild turkeys, and baking sweet potatoes “so big,” Fannie Yarbrough remembered, that cooks would “have to cut ‘em with an ax”—beckoned hungry folks to the table.

TO BREAK THE JEMIMA CODE, I wrote 160 critiques of black cookery books published from 1827 through the 2010s, arranging them chronologically and according to the social themes, work ethos, or careers the authors represent. Where possible, I tried to let the authors speak in their own behalf.

In going through these books, I measured each author’s writing according to a methodology taught by Barbara Ketchum Wheaton at Radcliffe in the “Reading Historic Cookbooks” seminar. The process involves careful examination of every aspect of a cookbook—the introductory words of the author, the ingredients, methods of preparation, and production elements such as binding, paper choice, coloring, and fonts. Narrowing the focus to fundamentals and culinary techniques shifts the emphasis onto the diverse talents and practical competencies possessed by each author, and diminishes the make-do and “something outta nuthin’” processes behind chitlins, Hoppin’ John, and salmon croquettes, which usually preoccupy African American foodways research.

“To read a book in its entirety is like trying to eat dinner in just one bite,” Wheaton cautioned on the opening day of class in Cambridge. Similarly, each cookbook in this bibliography exposes a different characteristic of black kitchen workers and offers new ideas that refute the notion encoded in the Aunt Jemima construct, namely, that all black cooks, chefs, and cookbook authors work by natural instinct.

In “Nineteenth-Century Cookbooks,” household manuals authored by men during the early nineteenth century introduce the supervision and management priorities required to run fine New England houses, first-class restaurants, and hotel dining rooms. Recipe compilations by two free women of color rebut one of the “key mythologies” promoted by white Reconstruction-era writers about black women cooks—that they cooked by a mysterious voodoo magic. As Doris Witt’s essay in *African American Foodways: Explorations of History and Culture* (2007; edited by Anne L. Bower) points out, both these cookbook authors, Malinda Russell and Abby Fisher, acknowledge the influence of southern cooking on their unique culinary styles yet distance themselves from the mammy stereotype. Russell, in fact, explains that she studied “under the tuteledge” of another knowledgeable black cook, stressing the “transcribability” of what is known by experience, testing, and practice, rather than some “culinary aura.”

Transcribability is a theme that continued into the late nineteenth century as household workers of all types presented themselves as industrious professionals, crafting award-winning recipes from imagination and limited resources, and according to scientific methodologies, while operating food businesses despite restrictive black codes that in some regions forbade them from selling door-to-door or trading in open markets.

“Surviving Mammyism” covers early twentieth-century cookbooks by chefs and domestic-science educators, shedding light on efforts by the African American upper class to reform the diets of poor African Americans in the South and to inspire cultural pride. In 1902, for example, John B. Goins of Chicago published *The American Colored Waiter*, a manual that, though not a cookbook, represented an attempt to treat service work “intelligently.” His copiously illustrated text includes detailed line drawings of carving strategies, place settings, and food presentation, as well as some general recipes. In addition, Goins instructed his contemporaries about practical service rituals while stressing important values and work ethics, including proper dress and punctuality.

In textbooks published between 1900 and 1926, domestic-science educators at historically black colleges spread the “gospel of industry and self-reliance.” The emphasis was on the growing preference for a healthier variety of ingredients, on the use of kitchen tools, and on cooking methods that shunned frying or dependence upon fatback for seasoning, as Opie explains in *Hog and Hominy*.

Despite these signs of social progress, advertisers and manufacturers continued to adorn recipe booklets with black faces that reinforced the stereotype of the “docile servant who was always ready to serve,” notes Marilyn Kern-Foxworth in *Aunt Jemima, Uncle Ben, and Rastus: Blacks in Advertising, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow* (1994). Yet in a surely unintended consequence, the constant association of blacks with the preparation of tasty food affirmed an observation made in 1967 by Arthur Marquette in *Brands, Trademarks, and Goodwill: The Story of the Quaker Oats Company*: “The American Negro has always represented in American life the acme of the culinary arts, respected as in France are the chefs who belong to the Société Gastronomique.”

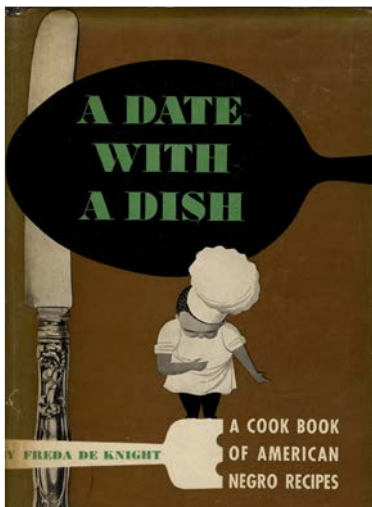
The domestic workers and prominent caterers highlighted in “The Servant Problem” used food and cooking to expand their culinary borders and solidify their middle-class status in the Jim Crow South, despite their “poignant absence” from cookbooks written by southern white women—including those by Jews, as Marcie Cohen Ferris explains in *Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South*. As “central figures” in synagogues and home kitchens, African American cooks prepared menus for private and family functions, blending African American flavors and cooking methods in what became an integrated kosher style.

The cookbooks written by black authors from the mid-1920s to 1950 demonstrate a

***“It is true that black women did much of the cooking in early American kitchens. It is also true that they did so with the art and aptitude of today’s trained professionals, transmitting their craft orally.”***

## Code (cont.)

multicultural recipe development designed for the taste buds of the upper class—both white and black—who enjoyed fried chicken, sweet potato pies, grits, greens, and barbecue at home with their families and at important social gatherings. These menus “had little to do with the recipes of Africa or the plantation foods of the antebellum South and were inspired by the prevailing taste and ideas of grand dining in Europe,” as Jessica B. Harris notes in *High on the Hog: A Culinary Journey From Africa to America* (2011). By midcentury, Harris continues, black cooks had “heralded a new age of African Americans in food”; they “used developing media outlets like *Ebony* magazine and new technology like television to create national and international reputations and to teach the world about the growing scope and diversity of African American food.” These transformations are covered in “Lifting as We Climb.”



Unfortunately, the soul era of the 1960s, which enabled civil rights activists, soul food cooks, and artists to proudly claim the improvisational, make-do-style dishes of the ancestors, documented in the soul food cookbooks described in “Soul Food,” bound “black cuisine to poverty ingredients composed as an act of the spirit,” not the brain, as Adrian Miller points out in *Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time* (2013).

The authors discussed in “Simple Pleasures,” who published during the 1970s, tried to unring that bell by embracing the confidence and cultural pride of the black power movement, embellishing and deepening it with African foods, celebrations, and practices. These gutsy “new soul” cooks refused to be defined by the narrow perspective that black food meant only pork parts, greens, and cornbread, establishing permanence for African American heritage cuisine through culinary autobiographies that reflect personal preferences and reclaim ancestral wisdom—whether the food was stamped “southern,” “mama’s” or “home style.” Their books reflect a passionate pursuit of healthy cooking, balanced diets of moderation, vegetarianism, and life without pork. They trace their preferred, wholesome culinary styles to many sources and regions within the African diaspora: Afro-Caribbean, Louisiana Creole, and Lowcountry Gullah peoples as well as the American South generally.

In “Mammy’s Makeover,” middle-class values, the embrace and practice of classic techniques, and a real sense of nostalgia prove one thing: 1980s authors observed and understood “fusion trends” and “nouveau cuisine” as a mechanism to give soul food the spirited uplift that it should be remembered for.

And with that, black cooks were set free.



It seems natural for this bibliography to end in the 1980s, even though my collection includes works published right up to the present day. Since then, authors have seemed less constrained by narrow themes that once limited their art. We have not yet reached the time when creative recipes by African Americans without southern flair are the norm, but I can tell you that twenty-first-century authors are reinterpreting our culinary lineage with just as much intelligence as slave cooks balancing the plentitude of big-house menus and spartan cabin cooking.

In the 1990s, as described in “Sweet to the Soul,” African American cooking was clearly not just soul food. We learned to cook convivially with celebrities and musicians, and conceived of cooking as a gift to others. Dishes for special occasions, swanky parties, church socials, and heart health mingled with those that wed southern cookery to French, English, African, and Caribbean modes.

Books published since 2000 jump-start the imagination and cover such diverse topics as organic and vegan soul, and the breathtaking cookery of an English farmhouse. Dessert anthologies satisfy the sweet tooth with treats collected at church gatherings and fund-raising socials. And the wide range of children’s cookbooks provides lessons in patience and self-reliance through smart recipes that hint at the science and chemistry of the craft. (These seem almost like a natural prelude to the “minimalist” trend, with its simple techniques and few ingredients.) Bread baking and grilling charm specialists.

I like to think my collection tells a new African American kitchen story, a culinary autobiography, as Traci Marie Kelley put it, with culinary truths and whispered wisdom that substantiate a heritage of greatness, exemplify culinary freedom for black cooks, and allow everyone to embrace Jemima’s bandana.

I believe the written legacy left by these new role models does what black cooks hovering in the shadows have always done: spur everyone on to distinction and instilling confidence, whether that path of culinary excellence leads to business, education, or the sustaining of community.

Finally, I hope that awakening this heritage offers an occasion for doing what a well-traveled and widely popular culinary expert, Duncan Hines, suggested in 1955: “Many southern ladies had Negro cooks to help them; and just how much we owe to their skill I have no way of knowing except that almost all of the finest southern dishes are of their creating or at least bear their special touch and everyone who loves good cookery should thank them from the bottom of their heart” (Duncan Hines’ Food Odyssey).



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# Classic Cookbooks

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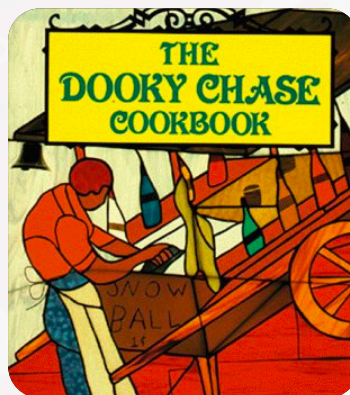
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*The Cooking Gene: A Journey through African American Culinary History in the Old South.* New York NY: Amistad an imprint of HarperCollins, 2018.

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# New Titles in Cooking and Entertaining

**Boudy, Toya**  
*Cooking for the Culture: Recipes and Stories from the New Orleans Streets to the Table*

Countryman Press, 2022  
Food Network host shares her competition recipes and others which are deeply rooted in the proud traditions of her hometown.  
(e-book available)

**Broussard, Maya-Camille**  
*Justice of the Pies: Sweet and Savory Pies, Quiches, and Tarts Plus Inspirational Stories from Exceptional People: A Baking Book*  
Clarkson Potter, 2022  
Star of Netflix's *Bake Squad* shares more than 85 recipes along with stories of her heroes outside the kitchen.  
(e-book available)

**Brown, Kardea**  
*The Way Home: A Celebration of Sea Islands Food and Family with over 100 Recipes*  
Amistad Press, 2022  
*Delicious Miss Brown* shares the Gullah Geechee traditions featuring innovative takes on the classics.  
(e-book available)

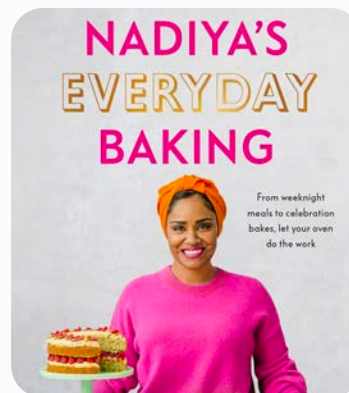
**Brown, Tabitha**  
*Cooking from the Spirit: Easy, Delicious, and Joyful Plant-Based Inspirations*  
William Morrow Cookbooks, 2022  
The social media sensation and author shares delicious vegan recipes that will satisfy every palette.  
(e-book available)

**Cole, Pinky**  
*Eat Plants, B\*tch: 91 Vegan Recipes That Will Blow Your Meat-Loving Mind*  
Gallery/13a, 2022  
Jamaican-American restaurateur and founder of a plant-based burger chain encourages cooks of all ages to ditch the meat and eat the plant.

**Corbin, Keith and Kevin Alexander**  
*California Soul: An American Epic of Cooking and Survival*  
Random House, 2022  
An honest memoir tracing the origins of "California soul food" and the culinary achievements gained from a life of gangs, drugs, and cooking.  
(e-book available)

**Dacres, Sutanya**  
*Dinner for One: How Cooking in Paris Saved Me*  
Park Row, 2022  
Popular podcast host writes of rebuilding her life with the cathartic act of cooking solo, post-divorce.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Feller, Maya**  
*Eating from Our Roots: 80+ Healthy Home-Cooked Favorites from Cultures Around the World: A Cookbook*  
Rodale Books, 2023  
Registered dietitian and nutritionist applies a multicultural approach to sustainable and healthful meals.



Nadiya Hussain and  
Chris Terry  
*Nadiya's Everyday Baking*

**Gray, Jon and Pierre Serrao, et al.**  
*Ghetto Gastro Presents Black Power Kitchen*  
Artisan, 2022  
Combines 75 mostly plant-based, flavorful recipes with engaging storytelling and striking imagery that celebrate Black food and culture.  
(e-book available)

**Hall, Tamika and Colin Asare-Appiah**  
*Black Mixcellence: A Comprehensive Guide to Black Mixology*  
Kingston Imperial, 2022  
The quintessential reference for wine and spirits connoisseurs also pays homage to the contributions of Black and Brown mixologists.  
(e-book available)

**Holland, Tan and Maria C. Hunt, et al.**  
*Tanya Holland's California Soul: Recipes from a Culinary Journey West*  
Ten Speed Press, 2022  
Acclaimed chef shares more than 80 comforting dishes inspired by the Great Migration and rooted in Black culture.  
(e-book available)

**Horn, Matt**  
***Horn Barbecue: Recipes and Techniques from a Master of the Art of BBQ***

Harvard Common Press, 2022  
Pitmaster presents 70 mouthwatering recipes, smoking techniques, and BBQ wisdom about the classics like Texas and Carolina styles to “West Coast Barbecue.”

**(e-book available)**

**Hussain, Nadiya and Chris Terry**  
***Nadiya’s Everyday Baking***  
Clarkson Potter, 2022

Winner of *The Great British Baking Show* presents more than 90 simple recipes for breakfast, dinner, and dessert.

**(e-book available)**

**Jenkins, Malachi and Roberto Smith, et al.**  
***Trap Kitchen: Mac N’ All Over the World***  
Kingston Imperial, 2022  
Former rival gang members turned chefs share mac n’ cheese recipes featuring the flavors of various regions from around the globe.

**(e-book available)**

**Kacouchia, Marie**  
***Vegan Africa: Plant-Based Recipes from Ethiopia to Senegal***

Experiment LLC, 2022  
A gathering of irresistible dishes from the cultures and traditions of over 15 countries across the continent.

**(e-book available)**



**Pinky Cole**  
***Eat Plants, B\*tch: 91 Vegan Recipes That Will Blow Your Meat-Loving Mind***

**Mayes, Rosie**  
***Super Soul Food with Cousin Rosie: 100+ Modern Twists on Comfort Food Classics***

Sasquatch Books, 2022  
Creator of the *I Heart Recipes* website shows home cooks how to elevate Southern and Creole dishes.

**(e-book available)**

**Moges, Luladey**  
***Enebla: Recipes from an Ethiopian Kitchen***  
Touchwood Ed., 2022  
An introduction to authentic east African cuisine with vivid photography and family anecdotes.

**(e-book available)**

**Nene, Zola**  
***Simply Seven Colours***  
Penguin Random House, South Africa, 2022

Celebrates South African recipes that focus on the tradition of sharing meals.

**Scott, Chris and Sarah Zorn, et al.**  
***Homage: Recipes and Stories from an Amish Soul Food Kitchen***  
Chronicle Books LLC, 2022  
100 dishes born of a unique blend of foods from African, Southern, German, and Dutch cuisines.

**(e-book available)**

**Smith, Kristian**  
***Roots: A Jamaican Cookbook***  
Ginkgo Press Inc., 2022  
Professional chef recreates mouthwatering and authentic dishes, featuring enticing photographs of every dish.

**Sutherland, Justin and Kwame Onwuachi**  
***Northern Soul: Southern-Inspired Home Cooking from a Northern Kitchen***  
Harvard Common Press, 2022  
Restaurateur and television chef shares the inspiration behind his signature recipes.

**(e-book available)**

**Taylor, Nicole A.**  
***Watermelon & Red Birds: A Cookbook for Juneteenth and Black Celebrations***  
Simon & Schuster, 2022  
Featuring over 75 food and drink recipes accompanied by thoughtful essays to make the holiday special.

**(e-book available)**

**Thompson, Melissa and Patricia Niven**  
***Motherland: A Jamaican Cookbook***  
Interlink Books, 2022  
Acclaimed food writer follows the evolution of Jamaica’s food to create over 80 recipes.

**Twitty, Michael W.**  
***Koshersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew***  
Amistad Press, 2022  
The James Beard award-winning author explores the culinary cultures of African and Jewish diasporas and how the two intersect.

**(e-book available)**

**Umah-Shaylor, Lerato**  
***Africana: More Than 100 Recipes and Flavors Inspired by a Rich Continent***  
Amistad Press, 2022  
A West African food writer and television personality takes the reader on a delicious eating tour of Africa.

**(e-book available)**

**Wells, Jernard A.**  
***Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours***  
Benbella Books, 2022  
The host of *CLEO TV’s New Soul Kitchen* shares his inventive recipes with flavors from the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia, and Europe.

**(e-book available)**





## Best of Fiction





## BEST OF 2022

**Emezi, Akwaeke**

*You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty: A Novel*  
Atria Books, 2022

A young widow finds new love in an unexpected place.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Gray, Erick S.**

*Carl Weber's Kingpins: Queens 2: The Kingdom*  
Kensington, 2022

Rival drug lords vie for control while detectives investigate a rash of murders and thefts.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Hairston, Andrea**

*Will Do Magic for Small Change*  
Tordotcom, 2022

Cinnamon reads the tale of a Dahomean warrior woman that connects her with a family mystery.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jackson, Sadeqa**

*The House of Eve*  
Simon & Schuster, 2023  
Ruby and Eleanor make hard choices that will impact the rest of their lives.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jenkins, Beverly**

*To Catch a Raven*  
Avon, 2022  
Raven comes from a long line of con artists but now she uses her skills to help the government.  
(e-book, audio available)



## FICTION



**Adams, Erin**

*Jackal*  
Random House, 2022  
When Liz returns to her small hometown for a visit she discovers a dangerous secret in the woods.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Adrienne**

*Life at the Club*  
Urban Books, 2022  
A young mother becomes entangled in drama when she starts working at a strip club.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Allen, Jayne**

*Black Girls Must Have It All*  
Harper Books, 2023  
Tabby realizes that she must make some sacrifices in order to have the perfect life.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Alers, Rochelle**

*Along the Shore*  
Kensington, 2022  
When a past love re-enters her life, Cherie must decide if the current life she has built is worth giving up.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Alexander, Kianna**

*Carolina Built: A Novel*  
Gallery Books, 2022  
Born enslaved, a woman becomes a self-taught real estate developer.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Angoe, Yasmin**

*They Come at Knight*  
Thomas & Mercer, 2022  
When the business syndicate that Nena works for is thrown into chaos, she attempts to uncover the mole.

**Appiah, Krystle Zara**

*Rootless: A Novel*  
Ballantine Books, 2023  
Efe deals with the complexities of marriage and motherhood while trying not to lose herself.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Babalola, Bolu**

*Honey & Spice*  
William Morrow, 2022  
Two college students pretend to date in order to save their reputations on campus.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Bentley, Cade**

*Where Wild Peaches Grow: A Novel*  
Lake Union Publishing, 2022  
Two sisters attempt a reconciliation after the death of their father.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Briscoe, Connie**

*You Never Know: A Novel of Domestic Suspense*  
Amistad, 2023  
After making a horrible discovery Alexis lives in fear of her husband's return.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Brown, Diane Marie**

*Black Candle Women: A Novel*  
Graydon House, 2023  
A love curse delivered decades ago may lead to the death of Nickie's new boyfriend.  
(e-book, audio available)

## Fiction (cont.)

**Brown, Tracy**  
***Hold You Down***

St. Martin's Press, 2022

As the crack epidemic begins, two sisters are determined to survive the mean streets and raise their sons.

(e-book, audio available)

**Buckhanon, Kalisha**  
***Running to Fall: A Novel***

Aalbc Aspire, 2022

A wife's hidden past threatens her new life.

(e-book, audio available)

**Burns, Valerie**  
***Two Parts Sugar, One Part Murder***

Kensington Books, 2022

A social media maven looks forward to a peaceful new life in a small town, until she becomes a murder suspect.

(e-book, audio available)

**Carty-Williams, Candice**  
***People Person***

Gallery Books, 2022

After Dimple's relationship implodes, a tragedy unites a family.

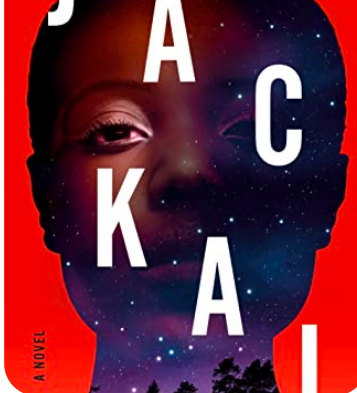
(e-book, audio available)

**Cooper, Sharon C.**  
***In It to Win It***

Berkley Publishing, 2022

Ex's find themselves in competition to purchase an old house.

(e-book, audio available)



**Erin Adams**  
***Jackal***

**De Cadenet, Gia**  
***Not the Plan***

Dell, 2023

Senate staffers working for political rivals discover an unexpected attraction.

(e-book, audio available)

**Due, Tananarive, Steven Barnes, et al.**  
***The Keeper***

Harry N. Abrams, 2022

A young Black girl from Detroit is pinned between her despair and her family's dark secret.

(e-book available)

**Emezi, Akwaeke**  
***You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty: A Novel***

Atria Books, 2022

A young widow finds new love in an unexpected place.

(e-book, audio available)

**Escoffery, Jonathan**  
***If I Survive You***

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2022

A Jamaican family strives for a new life after moving to Miami.

(e-book, audio available)

**Forest, Kristen**  
***The Neighbor Favor***

Berkley, 2023

A writer agrees to help a shy editor find a date.

(e-book, audio available)

**Gray, Erick S.**  
***Carl Weber's Kingpins: Queens 2: The Kingdom***

Kensington, 2022

Rival drug lords vie for control while detectives investigate a rash of murders and thefts.

(e-book, audio available)

**Guillory, Jasmine**  
***Drunk On Love***

Berkley, 2022

A couple discovers love while fulfilling their true professional aspirations.

(e-book, audio available)

**Giddings, Megan**  
***The Women Could Fly: A Novel***

Amistad, 2022

Dystopian tale of a woman who must solve the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

(e-book, audio available)

**Harrison, Suzette**  
***My Name is Ona Judge***

Bookouture, 2022

Tess discovers a journal written by a woman who lived with George and Martha Washington in 1796.

(audio available)

**Hairston, Andrea**  
***Will Do Magic for Small Change***  
Tordotcom, 2022  
Cinnamon reads the tale of a Dahomean warrior woman that connects her with a family mystery.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Haynes, Terri**  
***Passages of Hope***  
Barbour Fiction, 2022  
During a home renovation, Gracie uncovers a mystery about her house's original owner.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Head, Cheryl**  
***Times Undoing***  
Dutton, 2023  
A reporter at the *Detroit Free Press* is determined to find answers to her family's long-buried tragic history.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Igharo, Jane**  
***Where We End & Begin***  
Berkley, 2022  
Dunni returns to Nigeria for a wedding and reconnects with her first love.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jackson-Brown, Angela**  
***The Light Always Breaks***  
Harper Muse, 2022  
During the Civil Rights era, a young restaurateur begins a complicated romance with a handsome senator.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jackson, Brenda**  
***The House on Blueberry Lane***  
HQN, 2022  
Jaye Colfax moves to Catalina Cove to win back his former love.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jackson, Kwana**  
***Knot Again***  
Berkley, 2022  
Former classmates reunite after a woman returns home to care for her father.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jackson, Sadeqa**  
***The House of Eve***  
Simon & Schuster, 2023  
Ruby and Eleanor make hard choices that will impact the rest of their lives.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jaye, Lola**  
***The Attic Child: A Novel***  
Macmillan, 2022  
Dikembe and Lowra search for love, hope and freedom, centuries apart.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Jemisin, N.K.**  
***The World We Make***  
Orbit, 2022  
Avatars of New York City continue to fight and protect the world from destruction.  
(e-book available)

**Jenkins, Beverly**  
***To Catch a Raven***  
Avon, 2022  
Raven comes from a long line of con artists but now she uses her skills to help the government.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Kendall, Beverley**  
***Token***  
Grayden House, 2023  
Kennedy is trying to manage her work-life balance when she finds herself in the middle of a scandal.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Kitt, Sandra**  
***The Time of Your Life***  
Sourcebooks, 2023  
Eden and Beck discover that a recent inheritance can't erase their family issues.  
(e-book available)

**LaQuette**  
***Vanessa Jared's Got a Man***  
St. Martin's Griffin, 2022  
A 40-something divorcee finds a second chance at love with a sexy sheriff.  
(e-book, audio available)

**La Salle, Eriq**  
***Laws of Depravity***  
Ebony Magazine Publishing, 2022  
The NYPD and the FBI work together to find a serial killer who has evaded the law for years.  
(e-book available)

**Matthews, Olivia**  
***Murder Out of Character: A Peach Coast Library Mystery***  
Hallmark Publishing, 2022  
A team of librarians work together to solve a murder mystery in a small Georgia town.  
(e-book, audio available)



**Zola Nene**  
***Simply Seven Colours***



## Fiction (cont.)

**Martin, Alexa**

***Better Than Fiction***

Berkley, 2022

When a book hater inherits a bookstore, she meets a handsome author determined to show her the joy of love and books.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**McAvoy, J.J.**

***Aphrodite and the Duke***

Dell, 2022

A beautiful young woman and an unattached widower reunite, but the issues that drove them apart still exist.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**McCoy, Taj**

***Zora Books Her Happy Ever After***

Harlequin, 2023

A bookstore owner is suspicious of two handsome men who are suddenly competing for her affection.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Michelle, Niko**

***Dear Diary***

Urban Books, 2022

When the man responsible for her brother's death is found dead Eva has to prove her innocence while battling a mental illness.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Miller, Vanessa**

***What We Found in Hallelujah***

Thomas Nelson, 2022

The Reynolds women's faith remains strong even when they are faced with challenges.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Minnicks, Jamila**

***Moonrise Over New Jessup***

Algonquin, 2023

Alice moves to an all-Black town and falls for Raymond as they fight to move the town forward.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Morris, Wanda M.**

***Anywhere You Run***

Harper Collins, 2022

Two sisters flee from Jackson, Mississippi after a brutal attack during the summer of 1964.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Mosley, Walter**

***Every Man a King***

Mulholland Books, 2023

A private detective takes on two unusual cases and with unexpected dangers.

**(e-book, audio available)**

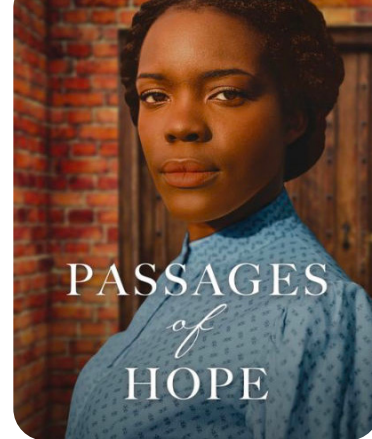
**Nwabineli, Onyi**

***Someday, Maybe***

Graydon House, 2022

A young woman navigates through life after an unimaginable loss.

**(e-book, audio available)**



**Terri Haynes**

***Passages of Hope***

**Oyebanji, Adam**

***A Quiet Teacher***

Severn House, 2022

Greg is trying to lead a simple life until his friend requires his help.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Payne, Nikki**

***Pride and Protest***

Berkley, 2022

A DJ attempts to save her neighborhood from gentrification while trying not to fall for the hot developer.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Phillips, Gary and**

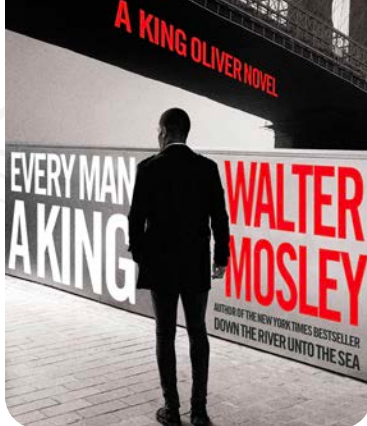
**Gar Anthony Haywood**

***Witnesses for the Dead: Stories***

Soho Press, 2022

Short stories explore how seeing the trauma others experience can change or reveal hidden truths.

**(e-book, audio available)**



**Walter Mosley**  
***Every Man a King***

**Riley, Vanessa**  
***Murder in Westminster***  
Kensington, 2022  
A regency widow helps her neighbor find his estranged wife's killer.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Riley, Vanessa**  
***Sister Mother Warrior***  
Harper Collins, 2022  
Two women, one enslaved, one free, fight in the Haitian revolution.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Robinson, Shauna**  
***The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks***  
Sourcebooks, 2022  
A bookstore manager shifts a town's perspective when she starts an underground book club.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Roby, Kimberla Lawson**  
***Sister Friends Forever***  
Grand Central Publishing, 2022  
Lifelong friendships are tested as each woman experiences life changing events.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Rochon, Farrah**  
***The Hookup Plan***  
Forever, 2022  
Competitive former high school students work together to save an urban hospital.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Ryan, Kennedy**  
***Before I Let Go***  
Forever, 2022  
After many hardships, a divorced couple tries to give love one more chance.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Samuel, Amber D.**  
***The Many Dates of Indigo***  
W by Wattpad Books, 2022  
An accomplished woman creates a dating plan to boost her love life.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Sexton, Margaret Wilkerson**  
***On the Rooftop: A Novel***  
Ecco, 2022  
Three sisters build a singing career in a changing 1950s San Francisco.  
(e-book, audio available)

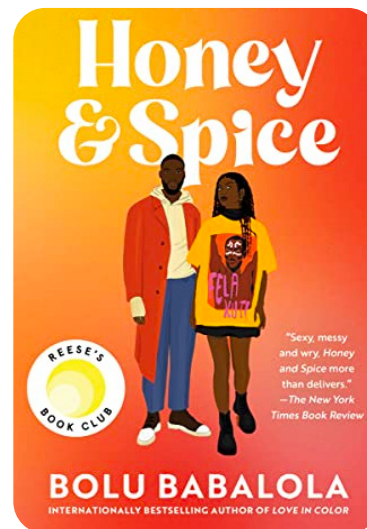
**Sullivan, Mecca Jamilah**  
***Big Girl***  
Liveright Publishing, 2022  
A young woman struggles with her body image and the demands placed on her by her family to act like a proper lady.

**Warrell, Laura**  
***Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm***  
Pantheon Books, 2022  
An old-school trumpet player is forced to confront the many secrets of the various women in his life.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Weber, Carl and LaJill Hunt**  
***Black Hamptons***  
Urban Books, 2022  
When secrets come to light, a battle between old and new money causes drama in an upscale community.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Wesley, Jamie**  
***Fake It Till You Bake It: A Novel***  
Griffin, 2022  
Rivals Jada and Donovan fake a relationship in order to save a struggling bakery.  
(e-book, audio available)

**West, Catherine Adel**  
***The Two Lives of Sara***  
Park Row Books, 2022  
A young pregnant woman leaves Chicago to create a better life for her and her baby.  
(e-book, audio available)



**Bolu Babalola**  
***Honey & Spice***



## Fiction (cont.)

**Williams, Denise**

***Do You Take This Man***

Berkley, 2022

A wedding officiant and an event planner try to find a happily ever after together.

(e-book, audio available)

**Williams, Preslaysa**

***A Sweet Lowcountry Proposal: A Novel***

Avon, 2022

Years after a horrible tragedy Jaslene and Marcus find their way back to each other.

(e-book, audio available)

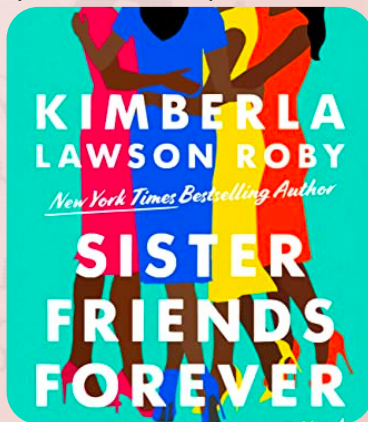
**Winslow, De'Shawn**

***Decent People***

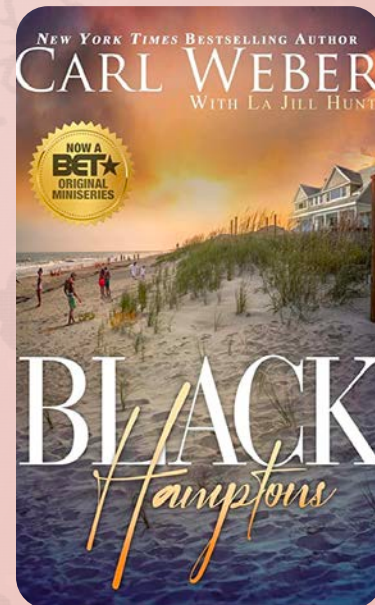
Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023

Jo Wright investigates a triple homicide in the still segregated town of West Mills.

(e-book available)



Kimberla Lawson Roby, *Sister Friends Forever*



Carl Weber and LaJill Hunt  
*Black Hamptons*

**Wolfe, Toya**

***Last Summer on State Street***

William Morrow, 2022

1999 Chicago brings many changes for a group of friends causing one of them to question who among them she can trust.

(e-book, audio available)

**Woods, Rita**

***The Last Dream Walker***

Forge Books, 2022

Layla inherits an ancestral gift after her mother unexpectedly passes away.

(e-book, audio available)





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### ART, MUSIC, POETRY



**Abrams, Jonathan**

***The Come Up: An Oral History of the Rise of Hip-Hop***  
Crown Publishing, 2022  
A comprehensive account of how Hip-Hop became the most popular music genre in America.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Augustus, Carell and Forest Whitaker**

***Black Hollywood: Reimagining Iconic Movie Moments***  
Sourcebooks Inc., 2022  
Stunning photographs capture more than sixty-five of today's Black film stars in iconic Hollywood scenes.

**Clerc, Benoît**

***Prince: All the Songs: The Story Behind Every Track***  
Mitchell Beazley, 2022  
Covers nearly 50 years of music with details on each song the "Artist" released.

**Fakir, Abdul Duke and Kathleen McGhee-Anderson**

***I'll Be There: My Life with the Four Tops***  
Omnibus Press, 2022  
Last surviving member of the legendary singing group recounts his successful music career and personal struggles.  
(e-book available)

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**Giacomazzo, Bernadette**  
***In Living Color: A Cultural History***

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2023  
A celebration and examination of the iconic sketch show that broke racial, cultural and comedy barriers.

**Hendrix, Janie and John McDermott**  
***Jimi***

Chronicle Chroma, 2022  
The life of the legendary Grammy award-winning guitarist is explored.

**Hunter, Ty**  
***Makeover from Within: Lessons in Hardship, Acceptance, and Self-Discovery***

Chronicle Books LLC., 2022  
Stylist to the stars details his life and career using photographs and motivational musings.  
(e-book available)

**Jones, Saeed**  
***Alive at the End of the World: Poems***

Coffee House Press, 2022  
Reflections on the nature of personal and collective grief and how we seek paths to love and survival.



## Non-Fiction (cont.)

**Levy, Aidan**  
***Saxophone Colossus: The Life and Music of Sonny Rollins***  
 Hachette Books, 2022

A definitive biography of the esteemed and influential musician, composer and Civil Rights activist.

**(e-book available)**

**Mask, Mia**  
***Black Rodeo: A History of the African American Western***  
 University of Illinois Press, 2023  
 An examination of the Black cowboy in the western film genre.

**McCalman, George**  
***Illustrated Black History: Honoring the Iconic and the Unseen***

HarperOne, 2022

An award-winning graphic designer presents 145 original portraits that celebrate African American pioneers.

**(e-book available)**

**Palmer, Chris**  
***The Fresh Prince Project: How the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Remixed America***

Atria Books, 2023

Never before-told stories of the beloved sitcom collected from exclusive interviews with the show's cast and creators.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Powell, Kevin**  
***Grocery Shopping with My Mother***

Soft Skull Press, 2022

Thirty-two new poems capture the power of forgiveness, abundance and healing.

**(e-book available)**

**Royster, Francesca T.**  
***Black Country Music: Listening for Revolutions***

University of Texas Press, 2022

A timely exploration of the roots, performers, fans and future of the genre.

**(e-book available)**

**Saar, Betye, et al.**  
***Betye Saar: Black Doll Blues***

Roberts Projects, 2022

Artist combines her lifelong interest in Black dolls with her artistic endeavors.

**Springer, Bianca**  
***Represent! Embroidery: Stitch 10 Colorful Projects & 100+ Designs Featuring a Full Range of Shapes, Skin Tones & Hair Textures***

C & T Publishing, 2022

Pattern designer and sewing instructor showcases inclusive embroidery projects that represent every kind of beauty.

**(e-book available)**

**AMERICA  
 MADE ME  
 A BLACK  
 MAN  
 A MEMOIR**

**Boyah J.Farah**  
***America Made Me a Black Man***

**Tucker, Ricky**  
***And the Category Is...: Inside New York's Vogue, House, and Ballroom Community***

Beacon Press, 2022

Reveals the complex cultural makeup and relevance of the legendary Black and Latinx LGBTQ underground subculture where many have been able to find family and acceptance.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Weems, Carrie Mae**  
***Carrie Mae Weems: Kitchen Table Series***  
 MW Editions, 2022

The author uses the intimacy of her kitchen along with photos and panels to depict her relationship with various kinds of people.

**Williams, Renaada**  
***find her. keep her.***  
 Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2022

Poignant collection of poems examines sexuality and acceptance through the lens of a queer Black woman.

**(e-book available)**

## BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIRS

**Badazz, Boosie**

***Cross the Tracks: A Memoir***

Gallery Books, 2022

A compelling look at one of rap music's most controversial artists who has survived the music industry and his health crises.

(e-book, audio available)

**Bush, Cori**

***The Forerunner: A Story of Pain and Perseverance in America***

Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 2022

A memoir of one of the most transformative politicians and activists who became the first Black woman to represent Missouri in Congress.

(e-book, audio available)

**Chase-Riboud, Barbara**

***I Always Knew: A Memoir***

Princeton University Press, 2022

Notable author writes letters to her mother for over 40 years sharing pivotal moments in her life.

(e-book, audio available)

**Copeland, Misty**

***The Wind at My Back: Resilience, Grace, and Other Gifts from My Mentor, Raven Wilkinson***

Grand Central Publishing, 2022

The first Black principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre chronicles her experiences.

(e-book, audio available)

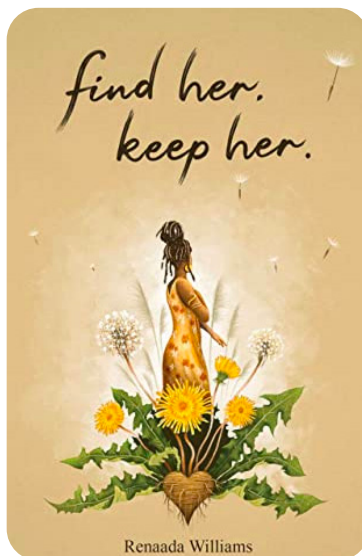
**Curwood, Anastasia C.**

***Shirley Chisholm: Champion of Black Feminist Power Politics***

University of North Carolina Press, 2022

Definitive account of the first Black congresswoman and later, the first Black major-party presidential candidate who was known for her "unbought and unbossed" reputation.

(e-book available)



Renaada Williams

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**Daniel, Mary-Alice**

***A Coastline Is an Immeasurable Thing: A Memoir Across Three Continents***

Ecco Press, 2022

The author recounts her life from her birthplace in Maiduguri where she belonged to a terrorist militia to her experiences in England and the United States.

(e-book, audio available)

**Farah, Boyah J.**

***America Made Me a Black Man***

HarperCollins, 2022

Memoir examines American racism from the perspective of a Somali-American experiencing the dehumanization of people of color in his adopted country.

(e-book, audio available)

**Fat Joe and Shaheem Reid**

***The Book of Jose: A Memoir***

Roc Lit 101, 2022

An intimate look at the Grammy-nominated artist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.

(e-book, audio available)

**Garner, Emerald**

***Finding My Voice: On Grieving My Father, Eric Garner, and Pushing for Justice***

Haymarket Books, 2022

The executive director of *We Can't Breathe Inc.*, describes her father's unjust death and her journey to activism.

(e-book, audio available)

**Geter, Hafizah Augustus**

***The Black Period: On Personhood, Race, and Origin***

Random House, 2022

A memoir from an Afrofuturist perspective unravels the true meaning of family, race and religion from Africa to England.

(e-book, audio available)

## Non-Fiction (cont.)

**Greene, Christina**

***Free Joan Little: The Politics of Race, Sexual Violence, and Imprisonment***

University of North Carolina Press, 2022

Discusses the link between one woman's prison protest and anti-rape activism with the broader struggle for economic and political justice.

**Hill, Jemele**

***Uphill: A Memoir***

Henry Holt & Company, 2022  
Journalist for *The Atlantic* and former *ESPN SportsCenter* co-anchor divulges how she was able to escape intergenerational trauma through the use of pen and paper.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Jackson, Bruce**

***Never Far from Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft, and the Law***

Atria Books, 2023

The inspirational story of Microsoft's associate general counsel and his rise from poverty to a stellar career at the top of the technology and music industries.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Jealous, Benjamin Todd**

***Never Forget Our People Were Always Free: A Parable of American Healing***

Amistad Press, 2022

Prominent Civil Rights leader draws from his life

experiences and calls on each of us to reconcile, heal and work fearlessly to unite America.

**(e-book available)**

**Littlejohn, Edward and Peter J. Hammer**

***"No Equal Justice": The Legacy of Civil Rights Icon George W. Crockett Jr.***

Wayne State University Press, 2022

Traces the Crockett family history from slavery to Detroit's Recorder's Court to the United States Congress.

**(e-book available)**

**Love, Mia**

***Qualified: Finding Your Voice, Leading with Character, and Empowering Others***

Center Street, 2023

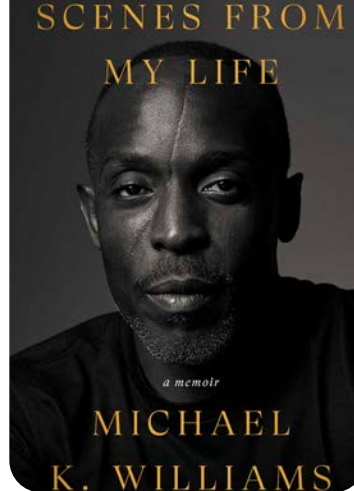
The child of Haitian immigrants, Love becomes the first female Black Republican elected to Congress, which she sees as an expression of living the American dream.

**McNair, Lisa**

***Dear Denise: Letters to the Sister I Never Knew***

University of Alabama Press, 2022

A collection of forty letters written to her sister who perished in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing; accompanied by 29 black-and-white photographs.



Michael K. Williams  
*Scenes from My Life: A Memoir*

**Mowry-Housley, Tamera**

***You Should Sit Down for This: A Memoir about Life, Wine, and Cookies***

Legacy Lit, 2022

The TV personality shares the highs and lows of childhood stardom and the challenges of balancing family and career.

**(e-book available)**

**Obama, Michelle**

***The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times***

Crown Publishing Group, 2022

Frank and honest discussion about finding the tools to successfully navigate life's rough spots.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Omarion**

***Unbothered: The Power of Choosing Joy***

HarperOne, 2022

Popular member of the Grammy nominated band BK2 shares the practices he uses to center his life.

**(e-book, audio available)**



**Osefo, Wendy, Ph.D.**  
***Tears of My Mother: The Legacy of My Nigerian Upbringing***  
Gallery Books, 2022  
Author explores how her Nigerian upbringing has affected her life, her success, and her role as a parent.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Parker, Wheeler and Christopher Benson**  
***A Few Days Full of Trouble: Revelations on the Journey to Justice for My Cousin and Best Friend, Emmett Till***  
One World, 2022  
A moving recollection of the night of terror and the aftermath as witnessed by Emmett's cousin.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Smith, R. J.**  
***Chuck Berry: An American Life***  
Hachette Books, 2022  
A comprehensive portrait of the legendary performer and inventor of rock and roll.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Smith, Stephen A.**  
***Straight Shooter***  
Gallery 13, 2023  
Popular sports media personality reveals the challenges he faced growing up and who he is when the cameras are off.

**Vereen, Alonzo**  
***Historically Black: American Icons Who Attended HBCUs***  
Running Press Adult, 2022  
More than 30 biographies provide insight into the legacy and cultural relevance of the acclaimed scholarly institutions.  
(e-book available)

**Williams, Michael K.**  
***Scenes from My Life: A Memoir***  
Crown Publishing Group, 2022  
Poignant and honest recounting of the life of the admired actor, dancer and social justice activist.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Wilson, M. Roy**  
***The Plum Tree Blossoms Even in Winter***  
Wayne State University Press, 2022  
Inspiring story of a childhood filled with dire circumstances and the lifetime of high accomplishments and distinctions that were achieved.  
(e-book available)

✿ BUSINESS, FINANCE AND CAREER ✿

**Anderson, Carice**  
***Intelligence Isn't Enough: A Black Professional's Guide to Thriving in the Workplace***  
Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2022  
From her experiences, the author gives empowering instructions to help ensure a successful career.  
(e-book, audio available)



Michelle Obama  
*The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*

**Cummings, Cassandra**  
***Fearless Finances: A Timeless Guide to Building Wealth***  
HarperCollins Leadership, 2022  
Provides the keys to developing actionable investment strategies to grow generational wealth.  
(e-book available)

**Fabré, Cin**  
***Wolf Hustle: A Black Woman on Wall Street***  
Henry Holt & Co., 2022  
Details the meteoric rise of a nineteen-year old who went from cold caller to stockbroker.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Finney, Kathryn**  
***Build the Damn Thing: How to Start a Successful Business If You're Not a Rich White Guy***  
Portfolio, 2022  
Indispensable guide to building a startup from the ground up.  
(e-book available)

**Flitter, Emily**  
***The White Wall: How Big Finance Bankrupts Black America***  
Signal Press, 2022  
An in-depth look at the deep-rooted, systemic racism inside the American financial services industry.  
(e-book, audio available)

**Harris, Carla A.**  
***Lead to Win: How to Be a Powerful, Impactful, Influential Leader in Any Environment***  
Avery Publishing Group, 2022  
Senior client advisor provides the proper framework for executives seeking to develop leaders.  
(e-book, audio available)

## Non-Fiction (cont.)

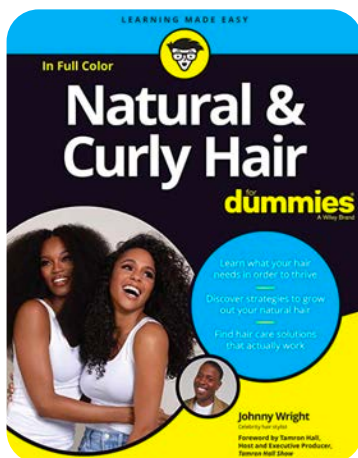
**Saunders, Julien and Kiersten Saunders**

***Cashing Out: Win the Wealth Game by Walking Away***

Portfolio, 2022

A roadmap to break free from corporate America, make peace with your finances and find financial freedom.

(e-book, audio available)



**Johnny Wright**  
***Natural & Curly Hair for Dummies***

**Spikes, Stacy**

***Black Founder: The Hidden Power of Being an Outsider***

Dafina Books, 2023

An award-winning entrepreneur shares the keys to attaining personal and professional fulfillment.

(e-book available)

**Thomas, Eric and Chris Paul**  
***You Owe You: Ignite Your Power, Your Purpose, and Your Why***

Rodale Press, 2022

Celebrated motivational guru and educator challenges readers to stop waiting for inspiration and instead stretch toward potential.

(e-book, audio available)



### HEALTH & SCIENCE



**Chanoff, David and Louis W. Sullivan**  
***We'll Fight It Out Here: A History of the Ongoing Struggle for Health Equity***

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2022

A discussion of healthcare in the Black community, and how a coalition of Black medical professionals made health equity a national issue.

(e-book available)

**Dionne, Evette**  
***Weightless: Making Space for My Resilient Body and Soul***

Ecco Press, 2022

An honest examination of the cultural expectations regarding size, race, and gender that Black women are forced to navigate.

(e-book, audio available)

**Kalema-Zikusoka, Gladys**  
***Walking with Gorillas***

Arcade Publishing, 2022

Uganda's first wildlife veterinarian tells the remarkable story detailing how her lifelong love of animals led her to protect endangered mountain gorillas.

(e-book available)

**McCloud, Melody, M.D. and Forbes Montana**

***Black Women's Wellness: Your I've Got This! Guide to Health, Sex, and Phenomenal Living***

Sounds True, 2023

An essential guide to gaining and maintaining lifelong mental and physical well-being.

(e-book available)

**McKenzie, Alicia and Regina Shklovsky**  
***Balance Is Bullshit: A Realistic Approach to Integrating Healthier Habits into Your Life***

Collective Book Studio, 2022

Workbook encourages introspection to help build the foundation of physical and spiritual wellness.

**Oxossi, Diego De**  
***Afro-Brazilian Numerology: Awakening Your Better Self with the Wisdom of the Orishas***

Destiny Books, 2022

Detailed interpretations of the 16 Birth Odus, showing how their energies manifest in every aspect of life. (e-book available)

**Tyson, Neil deGrasse**  
***Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization***

Henry Holt & Co., 2022  
Acclaimed astrophysicist uses his unique point of view to dissect today's political and cultural issues.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Wright, Johnny**  
***Natural & Curly Hair for Dummies***

For Dummies, 2022  
Hair stylist to the stars offers simple and useful styling tips for Black hair care and maintenance.

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#### HISTORY



**Brown, Jasmine**  
***Twice as Hard: The Stories of Black Women Who Fought to Become Physicians, from the Civil War to the 21st Century***  
Beacon Press, 2022

The long-erased stories of nine pioneers beginning in 1860, when the first Black woman entered medical school.

**(e-book available)**

**Delmont, Matthew F.**  
***Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad***

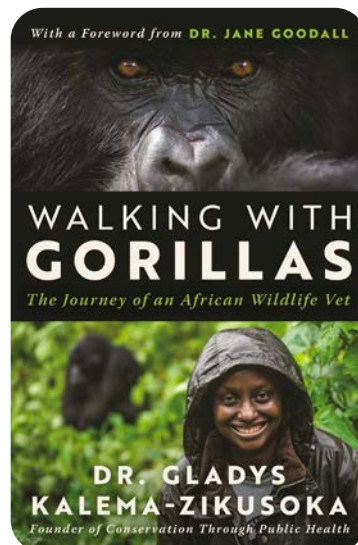
Viking Press, 2022  
Compelling narrative details the history of World War II from the African American perspective.

**(e-book available)**

**Diemer, Andrew K.**  
***Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad***

Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 2022  
Remarkable and inspiring story of an abolitionist who dedicated his life to managing a critical section of the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia.

**(e-book, audio available)**



**Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka**  
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HarperOne, 2022  
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**Tabor, Nick**  
***Africatown: America's Last Slave Ship and the Community It Created***

St. Martin's Press, 2023  
Outlines the fraught history of the last group of enslaved people brought to the U.S. from West Africa aboard the Clotilda, whose descendants remain to the present day.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Thaggert, Miriam**  
***Riding Jane Crow: African American Women on the American Railroad***

University of Illinois Press, 2022  
Highlights the stories of Black women as passengers and workers who attempted to gain social progress in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

**(e-book available)**

**Ricks, Thomas E.**  
***Waging a Good War: A Military History of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968***

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2022  
An analysis of the use of military strategies that played a key role in the progression of the Movement.

**(e-book available)**



## Non-Fiction (cont.)

**Wimberly, Ronald and Brahm Revel**

***Now Let Me Fly: A Portrait of Eugene Bullard***

First Second, 2022

Portrait of the first African-American military pilot to fly in combat.



### INSPIRATIONAL/ RELIGION/SELF-HELP



**Aboderin, Bode**

***Fatherhood by Papa B: A Game-Changing Guide for Parents, Father Figures, and Fathers-To-Be***

DK Publishing, 2022

Motivational guide highlights the joys, challenges and opportunities parents experience.

(e-book, audio available)

**Chandler, Stephen**

***Stop Waiting for Permission: Harness Your Gifts, Find Your Purpose, and Unleash Your Personal Genius***

Waterbrook Press, 2022

Discover the pathways that will lead you to your unique strengths and who you are truly meant to be.

(e-book, audio available)

**Daniels, Dr. Dharius**

***Your Purpose Is Calling: Your Difference Is Your Destiny***

Zondervan, 2022

The doctor prescribes a remedy that will allow God to show you your fullest potential.

(e-book, audio available)

**Davis, Destini Ann**

***Very Intentional Parenting: Awakening the Empowered Parent Within***

Alpha Books, 2022

Parenting coach gives practical advice to create a positive and peaceful relationship between parents and children.

(e-book, audio available)

**Dungy, Lauren and Tony Dungy**

***Uncommon Influence: Saying Yes to a Purposeful Life***

Compassion International, 2022

Guidance on implementing proactive and intentional choices that can help you become the person you desire.

(e-book, audio available)

**Fredericks, Kevin and**

**Melissa Fredericks**

***Marriage Be Hard: 12 Conversations to Keep You Laughing, Loving, and Learning with Your Partner***

Convergent Books, 2022

A long-married couple shares the tools needed to create and maintain a lasting marital relationship.

(e-book, audio available)

**Goodman, Brandon Kyle**

***You Gotta Be You: How to Embrace This Messy Life and Step into Who You Really Are***

Legacy Lit, 2022

A frank yet humorous discussion empowers readers to turn rejection and defeat into self-love.

(e-book available)

**Grey, Tovares and Safa Grey**

***Godly Dating 101: Discover the Truth About Relationships in a World That Constantly Lies***

Thomas Nelson Inc., 2022

Popular social media columnists provide candid and encouraging advice to avoid toxic and unhealthy connections.

(e-book, audio available)



Jenifer Lewis

*Walking in My Joy:  
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Harper Horizon, 2022  
A humorous and lively conversation about growing older and embracing what's ahead.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Jones, Nona**  
***Killing Comparison: Reject the Lie You Aren't Good Enough and Live Confident in Who God Made You to Be***  
Zondervan, 2022  
The author uses a biblical perspective to encourage people to embrace the beauty of their unique identity.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Lewis, Jenifer**  
***Walking in My Joy: In These Streets***  
Amistad Press, 2022  
*Mother of Black Hollywood* returns with an eclectic collection of stories and insightful advice.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Lewis-Giggetts, Tracey M.**  
***Then They Came for Mine: Healing from the Trauma of Racial Violence***  
Westminster John Knox Press, 2022  
Outlines the path to healing and reconciliation that dismisses false notions of supremacy.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Meeks, Catherine**  
***The Night Is Long but Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations for Racial Healing***  
Morehouse Publishing Co., 2022  
Spiritual instructions for those seeking to understand and mend the wounds of racial trauma.  
**(e-book available)**

**Pratt, Aurelia Davila**  
***A Brown Girl's Epiphany: Reclaim Your Intuition and Step into Your Power***  
Broadleaf Books, 2022  
A compassionate guide to help develop divine intuition, delete harmful belief systems and learn to trust your inner voice.

**Sanchez, Michelle T. and Ed Stetzer, et al.**  
***Color-Courageous Discipleship: Follow Jesus, Dismantle Racism, and Build Beloved Community***  
Waterbrook Press, 2022  
Presents a Christ-centered approach to building racial solidarity.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Scott, Tim and Joel N. Clark**  
***America, A Redemption Story: Choosing Hope, Creating Unity***  
Thomas Nelson Inc., 2022  
Senator Scott shares accounts from his upbringing along with inspirational stories from others who have also survived hardships and challenges.  
**(e-book, audio available)**

**Tune, Romal and Jordan Tune**  
***I Wish My Dad: The Power of Vulnerable Conversations Between Fathers and Sons***  
Broadleaf Books, 2022  
Father and son share the positive and transformative results of open and honest communication.  
**(e-book available)**

**Wilson, Jessica**  
***It's Always Been Ours: Rewriting the Story of Black Women's Bodies***  
Hatchette Go, 2023  
Encourages women to reimagine and dismiss the negative tropes that society has inflicted upon Black women.  
**(e-book available)**

**Winans, CeCe**  
***Believe for It: Passing on Faith to the Next Generation***  
K-Love Books, 2022  
Best-selling gospel artist recounts pivotal moments that have impacted her walk with God.  
**(audio available)**



**Baden, Michael M. and Peter Neufeld**  
***American Autopsy: One Medical Examiner's Decades-Long Fight for Racial Justice in a Broken Legal System***  
Benbella Books, 2022  
The forensic pathologist reveals the long history of medical examiners who rely on a controversial syndrome to explain away the deaths of BIPOC restrained by police.  
**(e-book available)**

## Non-Fiction (cont.)

**Bell, W. Kamau and  
Kate Schatz**

***Do the Work!: An Anti-Racist Activity Book for All***

Workman Publishing Co., 2022

Thought provoking interactive workbook with a thorough explanation of systemic racism using activities, games and illustrations.

**Black, Daniel**

***Black on Black: On Our Resilience and Brilliance in America***

Hanover Square Press, 2023

Collection of essays tackling topics ranging from police brutality to queer representation in the Black church, as viewed from the lens of marginalized communities.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Buckman-Davis, Sharlonda**  
***The Ardent Advocate***

Sharp Publishing, 2022

Detroit community leader provides strategies to overcome the obstacles facing educational institutions in urban communities.

**Cobb, Jelani and  
Davis Remnick**

***The Matter of Black Lives: Writing from the New Yorker***

Ecco Press, 2022

A stirring anthology spanning decades presents a portrait of Black life in America.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Collins-Dexter, Brandi**

***Black Skinhead: Reflections on Blackness and Our Political Future***

Celedon Books, 2022

Former Senior Campaign Director for *Color of Change* examines the questionable bond between Black voters and the Democratic party.

**Hubbard, Shanita**

***Ride or Die: A Feminist Manifesto for the Well-Being of Black Women***

Legacy Lit, 2022

Therapist argues that the “ride or die chick” is overworked and overlooked, leaving nothing for herself.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Hunter-Gault, Charlayne**

***My People: Five Decades of Writing About Black Lives***

HarperCollins, 2022

The definitive collection of more than five decades of reports and commentary from the legendary Emmy Award-winning journalist.

**(e-book available)**

**Jackson, Regina and Saira Rao**  
***White Women: Everything You Already Know About Your Own Racism and How to Do Better***

Penguin Group USA, 2022

Suggestions on correcting behaviors that reinforce white supremacy and harm people of color.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Koch, James V. and  
Omari H. Swinton**

***Vital and Valuable: The Relevance of HBCUs to American Life and Education***

Columbia University Press, 2022  
Distinguished economists provide a groundbreaking analysis of the value and contributions of historically Black educational institutions.

**(e-book available)**

**Martin, Roland and Leah Lakins**  
***White Fear: How the Browning of America Is Making White Folks Lose Their Minds***

Benbella Books, 2022

Renowned journalist describes the history and consequences of the deep rooted fears that have shaped the country's culture.

**(e-book available)**

**Nance, Malcolm**  
***They Want to Kill Americans: The Militias, Terrorists, And Deranged Ideology of the Trump Insurgency***

St Martin's Press, 2022

A chilling and detailed look at factors that contributed to the January 6th attack on democracy.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Schalk, Sami**

***Black Disability Politics***

Duke University Press, 2022

Explores how disability has been linked to race and racism as political and health care issues.



**Spofford, Tim**  
***What the Children Told Us: The Untold Story of the Famous “Doll Test” and the Black Psychologists Who Changed the World***

Sourcebooks Inc., 2022

A story of the fervent advocacy of the Black scholars responsible for the famous experiment.

**(e-book available)**

**Williams-Forson, Psyche A.**  
***Eating While Black: Food Shaming and Race in America***  
University of North Carolina Press, 2022

Illuminates the role racism plays in how opinions are formed about how and what Black people consume.

**(e-book, audio available)**



## SPORTS & RECREATION



**Anderson, Shaun M. and Len Elmore**  
***The Black Athlete Revolt: The Sport Justice Movement in the Age of #BlackLivesMatter***  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2023

An examination of how the influence of athletes raises political awareness leading to change and reform off the field.

**(e-book available)**

**Anthony, Carmelo and D. Watkins**  
***Where Tomorrows Aren’t Promised: A Memoir of Survival and Hope***

Gallery Books, 2022

Iconic NBA All-Star tells a story of strength and determination that carried him to the big league.

**(e-book available)**

**Bella, Timothy**  
***Barkley: A Biography***  
Hanover Square Press, 2022  
The life of one of the most talked about icons in sports is revealed through over 370 original interviews and exhaustive research.

**(e-book available)**

**Boone, Brian**  
***LeBron: Life Lessons from the King***  
St. Martin’s Castle, 2022  
Chronicles the unlikely journey of the basketball phenom, businessman, and powerful voice for social justice.

**(e-book available)**

**Bryant, Howard**  
***Rickey: The Life and Legend of an American Original***  
Mariner Books, 2022  
Comprehensive biography explains the forces that created baseball’s epic leadoff hitter and base-stealer.

**(e-book available)**

**Désir, Alison Mariella**  
***Running While Black: Finding Freedom in a Sport That Wasn’t Built for Us***  
Portfolio, 2022  
Draws on the author’s experience as an endurance athlete, exploring why running for exercise and health is not an inclusive sport.

**(e-book available)**

**Horton, Willie and Kevin Allen**  
***Willie Horton: 23: Detroit’s Own Willie the Wonder, the Tiger’s First Black Great***

Triumph Books, 2022

Inspiring story of a young man who went from Detroit’s Jeffries Projects to winning a World Series with the Tigers in 1968.

**(e-book available)**

**Kennedy, Kostya**  
***True: The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson***  
St Martin’s Press, 2022  
Biography focuses on four transformative years during this famed sports figure’s life.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Pearlman, Jeff**  
***The Last Folk Hero: The Life and Myth of Bo Jackson***  
Mariner Books, 2022  
Drawing on hundreds of interviews, the life of the multi-sport star is profiled.

**(e-book available)**

**Reid, Jason**  
***Rise of the Black Quarterback: What It Means for America***  
Andscape, 2022  
Chronicles the history of Black quarterbacks in the NFL and today’s groundbreaking players.

**(e-book available)**

## Youth Books





## PICTURE AND BOARD BOOKS



**Abrams, Stacey**

***Stacey's Remarkable Books***

Balzer + Bray, 2022

When a new friend has trouble reading in English, Stacey is ready to help out.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Alexander, Lori**

***You Are Getting Sleepy***

Cartwheel, 2022

Mama creates a calming routine to get the baby ready for bed.

**Armand, Glenda**

***Black-Eyed Peas and Hoghead Cheese: A Story of Food, Family, and Freedom***

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2022

A little girl helping her grandmother prepare a holiday meal learns about the origins of soul food.

**(e-book available)**

**Berrios, Frank J.**

***One Good Night 'til Christmas***

LB Kids, 2022

Children experience family traditions including Christmas songs, decorations and cookies.

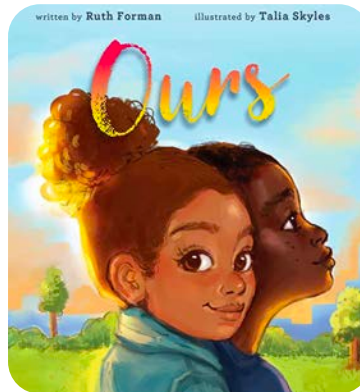
**Bingham, Winsome**

***Soul Food Sunday***

Harry N. Abrams, 2021

At Granny's, Sundays are about big family gatherings and finally being old enough to be invited to help cook the dishes.

**(e-book, audio available)**



**Ruth Forman**

***Ours***

**Bolling, Valerie**

***Ride, Roll, Run: Time for Fun! (A Fun in the City Book)***

Harry N. Abrams, 2022

Community and friendships are celebrated as children play and learn about their neighborhood.

**(e-book available)**

**Brown, Tameka Fryer**

***Twelve Dinging Doorbells***

Kokila, 2022

A delightful story of a young girl who is excited for the holidays.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Butler, Christine Taylor**

***The Get-Together***

Reycraft Books, 2021

A day filled with fun and games, favorite foods, family, and lots of dancing.

**Chesny, Rae**

***Zora's Garden***

Juniper Publishing, 2022

A young girl learns the perfect recipe for creating stories and growing gardens.

**Cooper, Desiree**

***Nothing Special (African American Life Series)***

Wayne State University Press, 2022

A child travels to visit his PopPop in a time-honored tradition of visiting relatives down South during the summer.

**(e-book available)**

**Dalton, Angela**

***Ruby's Reunion Day Dinner***

HarperCollins, 2021

A child learns to prepare a special dish with her father.

**(e-book available)**

**Ford, Bernette**

***Uncle John's City Garden***

Holiday House, 2022

L'il Sissy, with help from her family, transforms an empty lot into a thriving garden.

**(e-book available)**

**Forman, Ruth**

***Ours***

Little Simon, 2022

The uniqueness of each child is celebrated.

**(e-book available)**

**Freeman-Haskin, Leah**

***Last Two Crayons***

Groundwood Books, 2023

Little Sienna explores the many facets of the color brown.

**(e-book available)**



## Youth Books (cont.)

**Giovanni, Nikki**

***A Library***

Versify, 2022

A celebration of a place for everyone who loves stories.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Harris, Meena**

***The Truth About Mrs. Claus***

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2022

The only one who can solve Amalia's problem needs help with a secret of her own.

**(audio available)**

**Hernandez, Mikki**

***Cake Mix: Learning to Love All Your Ingredients***

Paw Prints, 2023

A little girl learns how to embrace all of the parts of herself.

**(e-book available)**

**Howell-Baptiste, Kirby**

***Little Black Girl: Oh, the Things You Can Do***

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2022

Little girls of color are encouraged to believe in themselves and to relentlessly chase their dreams.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Hurston, Zora Neale and Ibram X. Kendi**

***Magnolia Flower***

Amistad Books for Young Readers, 2022

A moving adaptation that follows



**Javaka Steptoe**

***Sweet, Sweet Baby!***

a young Afro-Indigenous girl who longs for freedom.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Johnson, Dinah**

***Indigo Dreaming***

HarperCollins, 2022

A young girl living on the coast of South Carolina dreams of her distant relatives on the shores of Africa and beyond.

**Joof, Emily**

***The Unbreakable Thread***

Soaring Kite Books, 2022

A bittersweet celebration of the everlasting bond between a mother and child.

**(e-book available)**

**Lewis, Kevin**

***Brown Sugar Baby***

Cottage Door Press, 2022

A celebration of the powerful love and protective, comforting instincts of a mother for her child.

**Lyons, Kelley Starling**

***My Hands Tell a Story***

Reyccraft Books, 2022

A little girl, learning to bake bread, becomes transported by the tales her grandmother's hands tell.

**Marley, Ziggy**

***Music Is in Everything***

Akashic Books, 2022

Music can come from many things around us, like ocean waves and laughter.

**(e-book available)**

**McLean, Danielle**

***10 Things I Love About You!***

Tiger Tales, 2022

A joyful expression of a child's love for their parent.

**McQuinn, Anna**

***Leo, Rise and Shine! (Leo Can!)***

Charlesbridge, 2022

A baby delights in a new day!

**Norman, Lissette**

***Plátanos Go with Everything***

HarperCollins, 2023

Yesenia's favorite food is a part of every meal with her Dominican family.

**Otey, Katie**

***Every Other Christmas***

Sky Pony, 2022

A young biracial child alternates every other Christmas celebrating the differing traditions of his family.

**(e-book available)**

**Peete, Holly Robinson**

***Charlie Makes a Splash***

Scholastic Press, 2022

An autistic child finds solace and

empowerment playing in the water.

**(e-book available)**

**Reynoso-Morris, Alyssa**

***Plátanos Are Love***

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2023

A young girl learns about her culture in the kitchen with her abuela.

**(e-book available)**

**Smith Jr., Charles R.**

***Bessie the Motorcycle Queen***

Orchard Books, 2022

A trailblazing girl follows her dream to ride despite encountering obstacles.

**(e-book available)**

**Smith, Sade**

***Granny's Kitchen: A Jamaican Story of Food and Family***

Feiwel & Friends, 2022

Girl bonds with her grandmother learning to cook family favorites.

**(e-book available)**

**Step toe, Javaka**

***Sweet, Sweet Baby!***

Cartwheel Books, 2022

The birth of a new baby brings hope and joy.

**Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah**

***Hold Them Close: A Love Letter to Black Children***

HarperCollins, 2022

Encourages young children to hold close their joy, the words of their ancestors and elders, as well as their power to change the world.

**Union, Gabrielle and**

**Dwyane Wade**

***Shady Baby Feels: A First Book of Emotions***

HarperCollins, 2022

Shady Baby's attempt to bake cupcakes stirs up all sorts of feelings.

**(audiobook available)**

**Wallace, Gwendolyn**

***Joy Takes Root***

Kokila, 2023

In her Grammy's backyard, a young girl learns about cultivating a garden and the many uses for the plants she grows.

**(e-book available)**

**Watson, Renée**

***Maya's Song***

HarperCollins, 2022

Young readers are introduced to the life and works of this legendary poet.

**Weatherford, Carole Boston**

***Me and the Family Tree***

Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2022

A young girl reflects on the special characteristics that she shares with her family.

**(e-book available)**

**Weatherford, Carole Boston**

***Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual***

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2022

A chronicle of the triumphs and struggles of African Americans in the last 400 years.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Williams, Alicia D.**

***The Talk***

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2022

Jay's parents caution him on the dangers he faces growing up in America.

**(e-book available)**

**Williams, Serena**

***The Adventures of Qai Qai***

Feiwel & Friends, 2022

A little girl learns to believe in herself with the help of her doll and best friend.

**(e-book available)**

**Woodson, Stacey**

***Grow. Eat. Repeat. A Love Letter to Black-Eyed Peas***

Melanated Magic Books, 2022

Paige accompanies her mother into the garden for a day of bonding, learning, and growing food.



**Holly Robinson Peete**  
***Charlie Makes a Splash***

## Youth Books (cont.)



### JUVENILE FICTION



**Adodo, Edudzi**

***Children of Stardust***

Norton Young Readers, 2022

A boy joins a group of intergalactic adventurers.

(e-book, audio available)

**Alexander, Kwame**

***The Door of No Return***

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2022

Kofi's life is changed forever when he's sold into slavery.

(e-book, available)

**Alston, B.B**

***Amari and the Great Game***

Balzer + Bray, 2022

Amari reluctantly agrees to participate in a competition that will determine the future of magicians.

(e-book, audio available)



**Johnnie Christmas**

***Swim Team***

**Booth, Coe**

***Caprice***

Scholastic Inc., 2022

A twelve-year-old girl attempts to overcome the secrets and abuse of her past.

(audio available)

**Brooks, Nick**

***Nothing Interesting Ever Happens to Ethan Fairmont***

Union Square Kids, 2022

Self-proclaimed genius inventor, stumbles upon his friends and a strange extraterrestrial.

(e-book, audio available)

**Callender, Kacen**

***Moonflower***

Scholastic Inc., 2022

One child's struggle to cope with severe depression is creatively explored.

(e-book, audiobook available)

**Grimes, Nikki**

***Garvey in the Dark***

Wordsong, 2022

A young man uses his musical talents to help his family get through the pandemic.

(e-book available)

**Grose, Miles**

***The Tyrell Show: Season One***

Scholastic Inc., 2022

Hosting an imaginary podcast helps an eleven-year-old boy deal with daily stress.

(e-book available)

**Moses, Sheila**

***We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963***

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2022

Children encounter violence while participating in a peaceful protest.

(e-book, audio available)

**Nguru, Shiko**

***Mwikali and the Forbidden Mask***

Lantana Publishing, 2022

A girl discovers her magical powers when she finds out she is a descendant of legendary Kenyan warriors.

(e-book)

**Wells, Tina**

***Honest June: The Show Must Go On***

Random House Books for Young Readers, 2022

A fairy Godmother comes to the rescue of a young girl whose desire to please those she loves leads to her distress.

(e-book, audio available)

**Woods, Brenda**

***When Winter Robeson Came***

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2022

A young girl wants to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance just as the Watts riots of August 1965 erupt.

(e-book, audio)





## GRAPHIC NOVELS



**Agyemang, Elizabeth**

***Fibbed***

Razorbill, 2022

Accused of telling lies, Nana gets tangled in the web of the trickster spider, Ananse.

**(e-book available)**

**Christmas, Johnnie**

***Swim Team***

HarperAlley, 2022

Bree struggles to find her safe space in math electives and winds up in a swim class.

**(e-book available)**

**Craft, Jerry**

***School Trip: A Graphic Novel***

Quill Tree Books, 2023

Jordan, an aspiring artist, and his friends go on a class trip to Paris.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Grant, Shauna J.**

***Mimi and the Cutie***

***Catastrophe: A Graphix Chapters Book***

Graphix, 2022

When Mimi notices people treating her like she's too cute, can she show them that she's much more than meets the eye?

**(e-book available)**

**Grimes, Nikki**

***Garvey's Choice: The Graphic Novel***

Wordsong, 2023

Young boy has to decide whether to follow his own dream of singing or his father's dream of sports.

**(e-book available)**

**Lenkiewicz, Isaac**

***Alcatoe and the Turnip Child***

Flying Eye Books, 2022

The town witch and children of Plum Woods are up to some witchy business when their prize-winning turnip comes to life.

**Nicholas, Jamar**

***Leon the Extraordinary***

Graphix, 2022

An ordinary kid becomes a hero when he fights a super villain to save his school.

**(e-book available)**



## JUVENILE NON-FICTION



**Banda, Nyanyika**

***Marvel's Black Panther: The Official Wakanda Cookbook***

Insight Editions, 2022

Create meals fit for a king with delicious recipes from Wakanda and the African continent.

**Bolden, Tanya**

***Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book***

Quill Tree Books, 2022

In the 1930's, *The Negro Motorist Green Book* was a guide book compiled of safe places for travelers.

**Cooper, Brittney**

***Stand UP!: 10 Mighty Women Who Made a Change***

Orchard Books, 2022

Readers are introduced to revolutionary and contemporary women who stood up for what is right.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Howard, Joy**

***Tiana's Cookbook***

Disney Press, 2022

Aspiring young chefs can follow in the footsteps of their favorite character to make New Orleans-inspired dishes.

**Jewell, Tiffany**

***The Antiracist Kid: A Book About Identity, Justice, and Activism***

Versify, 2022

Systemic racism and the tools to combat it are presented to young readers.

**(e-book, audio)**

**Komolafe, Yewande**

***Waffles + Mochi: Get Cooking!***

Clarkson Potter, 2021

Explore the globe and learn about the stories behind the food we eat.

**(e-book available)**

**McQueen, Omari**

***Omari McQueen's Best Bites Cookbook***

BuzzPop, 2022

Get cooking with the UK's youngest vegan chef and make over 35 plant-based creations.

**(e-book available)**

**McQueen, Omari**

***Vegan Family Cookbook***

Scholastic, 2022

Easy meatless meals that everyone will enjoy.

**(e-book available)**

## Youth Books (cont.)

**Miller, David Christopher**  
***Chef Toussaint***

Dare to Be King Project, 2021  
This nine-year-old chef turns his grandmother's old favorites into award-winning dishes.

**Moses, Sheila**  
***Who is Ketanji Brown Jackson?***

Penguin Workshop, 2022  
Interesting facts about this history-making Supreme Court Justice.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Noel, Melvina and Cozbi A. Cabrera**  
***Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking, Edna Lewis***  
Cameron & Co., 2022

A culinary legend is celebrated in this inviting picture book.  
**(e-book available)**

**Rodriguez, Janel**  
***Civil Rights (Super SHEroes of History) Women Who Made a Difference***

Children's Press, 2022  
Females who have helped shape history and society since ancient times are celebrated.

**(e-book available)**

**Weatherford, Carole Boston**  
***Call Me Miss Hamilton: One Woman's Case for Equality and Respect***

Lerner Publishing Group, 2022

A true story of a Civil Rights activist who took her fight for respect to the Supreme Court and won.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Wilkins, Ebony Joy**  
***If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad***

Scholastic Paperbacks, 2022  
Questions regarding this critical event in American History are answered.

**(e-book available)**

### ✿ JUVENILE BIOGRAPHIES ✿

**Binns, Barbara**  
***Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James. B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon and Activist***

Scholastic Focus, 2022  
A remarkable story of one man's battle for racial equality on the battlefield and in the medical field.  
**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Bridges, Ruby**  
***I Am Ruby Bridges***

Orchard Books, 2022  
A brave little girl's actions helped build a bridge between all people and created a path for future generations.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Dodson, Judy Allen**  
***The Ashe Brothers: How Arthur and Johnnie Changed Tennis Forever***

Capstone Editions, 2022  
Examines the life of the athlete who broke sports records and racial barriers with the support of his younger brother.

**(e-book available)**

**Fryer-Brown, Tameka**  
***Not Done Yet: Shirley Chisholm's Fight for Change***

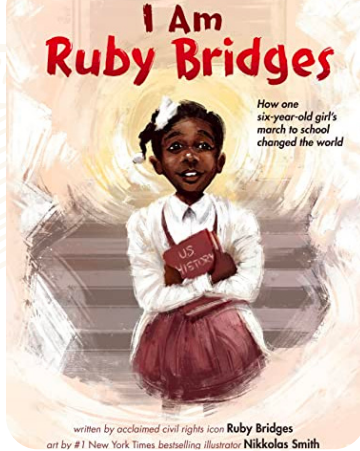
Millbrook Press, 2022  
An inspirational look at a great political change maker.  
**(e-book available)**

**Harvey, Jeanne Walker**  
***Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas***

HarperCollins, 2022  
A discussion of the childhood, teaching career, and activism of this celebrated educator and artist.



**Mahogany L. Browne**  
***Vinyl Moon***



## Ruby Bridges *I Am Ruby Bridges*

Joy, Angela

***Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement***

Roaring Brook Press, 2022

A mother's courage helps to ignite the fight for change in this country.

(e-book available)

Williams, Yohuru

***Call Him Jack: The Story of Jackie Robinson, Black Freedom Fighter***

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (Byr), 2022

Explores the man behind the legend.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Zoboi, Ibi

***Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler***

Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2022

The author illuminates the young life of the visionary storyteller in poems and prose.

(e-book, audiobook available)



## TEEN NON-FICTION



Charles, Shavone

***Black Internet Effect (Pocket Change Collective)***

Penguin Workshop, 2022

Writer and model leads the way for more representation for young women in the tech world.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Harts, Minda

***You Are More Than Magic: The Black and Brown Girls' Guide to Finding Your Voice***

Dial Books, 2022

Lessons on building confidence to make sure your ideas are heard.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Nelson, Marilyn

***Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life***

Christy Ottaviano Books, 2022

Poetic biography about a prolific artist who flourished during the Harlem Renaissance.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Platt, Michael C.

***Michaels Desserts: Sweets for a Cause Baking Cookbook***

Get Creative 6, 2022

Teen baker and community activist pairs easy-to-make treats with history and life lessons.

Wilkerson, Isabel

***Caste (Adapted for Young Adults)***

Delacorte Press, 2022

The impact of classism in global society is examined and analyzed.

(e-book, audiobook available)



## TEEN FICTION



Arnold, Marie

***I Rise***

Versify, 2022

After her mom is shot by the police, Ayo has to decide whether to adopt her mother's activist role.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Bowen, Natasha

***Soul of the Deep (Of Mermaids and Orisa)***

Random House Books for Young Readers, 2022

Simi teams up with the trickster god, Esu, to stop the demon warlords from wreaking havoc in the human realm.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Browne, Mahogany L.

***Vinyl Moon***

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2022

A teen girl finds healing and hope in the words of strong writers and the community she builds in Brooklyn.

(e-book, audiobook available)

Bryant, Elise

***Reggie and Delilah's Year of Falling***

Balzer + Bray, 2023

Romance starts to form between a BLERD and a singer in a punk rock band.

(e-book, audiobook available)



## Youth Books (cont.)

**Callender, Kacen**

***Lark & Kasim Start a Revolution***

Harry N. Abrams, 2022

A friend chooses to protect the identity of a social media poster who accidentally sends a sensitive post.

**(e-book available)**

**Clarke, Lane**

***Love Times Infinity***

Poppy, 2022

Teenage girl learns to define herself and discovers what she wants from life.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Egal, Rose**

***The Sevenfold Hunters***

Page Street Kids, 2022

Abyan, the alien hunter, wants to graduate from Carlisle Academy and finally rid the Earth of aliens.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Epps, Omar**

***Nubia: The Awakening***

Delacorte Press, 2022

Three teens flee to New York City looking for safety after their homeland is destroyed.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Giles, Lamar**

***The Getaway***

Scholastic Press, 2022

Teens fight for survival in an apocalyptic theme park.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Glenn, Harper**

***Monarch Rising***

Scholastic Press, 2022

Jo must choose between leaving everyone she loves to pursue a better life or staying for those she cares about.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Goodman, Juliana**

***The Black Girls Left Standing***

Feiwei & Friends, 2022

Sister fights to expose the truth of her sibling's death.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Gray, Ayana**

***Beasts of Ruin***

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2022

Continuation of the story of Koffi and Ekon who are separated and risk everything to reunite.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Hammonds, Jas**

***We Deserve Monuments***

Roaring Brook Press, 2022

Moving to a new town brings a romance with her best friend, a murder investigation and discovery of family secrets.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Kuehn, Stephanie**

***By the Time You Read This I'll Be Gone (Murder She Wrote #1)***

Scholastic Press, 2022

Exploring many clues and



**Kelis Rowe**

***Finding Jupiter***

secrets, Beatrice is determined to find her missing friend.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Kuehn, Stephanie**

***We Weren't Looking to be Found***

Disney Hyperion, 2022

Two young women from extremely different backgrounds form a bond at a drug rehabilitation center.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Jackson, Tiffany D.**

***Weight of Blood***

Katherine Tegen Books, 2022

A bullied student passing for white endures more strife when her biracial identity is revealed.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**LaDelle, Ebony**

***Love Radio***

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2022

High school students navigate school, life and love.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Marquis, Krystal**

***The Davenports***

Dial Books, 2023

Two sisters from a wealthy family make their mark in Chicago's high society while navigating love and social pressures.

**(e-book, audiobook available)**

**Okorafor, Nnedi**

***Akata Woman: The Nsibidi Scripts***

Viking Books for Young Readers, 2022

From the moment Sunny Nwazue discovers she has mystical energy, she seeks to understand and control her powers.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Reynolds, Jason and  
Jason Griffin**

***Ain't Burned All the Bright***

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2022

Author defines how to breathe in the presence of beautiful artwork.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Rigaud, Debbie**

***A Girl's Guide to Love and Magic***

Scholastic Press, 2022

Cicely's birthday does not go as planned when she's forced to help her aunt who is possessed by an evil spirit.

**Rowe, Kelis**

***Finding Jupiter***

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2022

A teenage couple fights for love.

**(e-book, audio available)**

**Zoboi, Ibi**

***Nigeria Jones: A Novel***

Balzer + Bray, 2023

When her mother goes missing, a teen girl is taken from her separatist community to a Quaker school where she uncovers her family's secrets.

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## TEEN BIOGRAPHIES



**Simki, Kuznick**

***Pauli Murray's Revolutionary Life***

Rootstock Publishing, 2022

A riveting story of a woman who smashed through many barriers to live a life of equality and purpose.



## TEEN GRAPHIC NOVELS



**Bendis, Brian Michael**

***Miles Morales: Marvel Universe***

Marvel, 2022

Our hero must stand alone against a villain with the power to destroy the planet.

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**Harris, Johnathan**

***Colorblind: A Story of Racism***

Zuiker Press, 2022

Johnathan loves soccer, rap music, and his uncle, who taught him to take pride in his ancestry.

**Johnson, Varian**

***Mr. Miracle: The Great Escape***

DC Comics, 2022

Scott Free plans to become the first person to escape the fiery pits of the planet Apokolips.

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**Keys, Alicia and Andrew Weiner**

***Girl on Fire***

HarperAlley, 2022

Lolo Wright's world explodes when an officer pulls a gun on her brother in a case of mistaken identity.

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**Montague, Liz**

***Maybe an Artist, A Graphic Memoir***

Random House Studio, 2022

Story of the first Black female cartoonist to be published in the *New Yorker* magazine.

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**Onyebuchi, Tochi**

***Black Panther Legends***

Marvel, 2022

Origin story about brothers T'Challa and Hunter.

**Stephens, Olivia**

***The Tiger's Tongue***

Mad Cave Studios, 2023

The Claw is on the brink of war and only twin princesses have the power to stop it.

**Williams, Stephanie**

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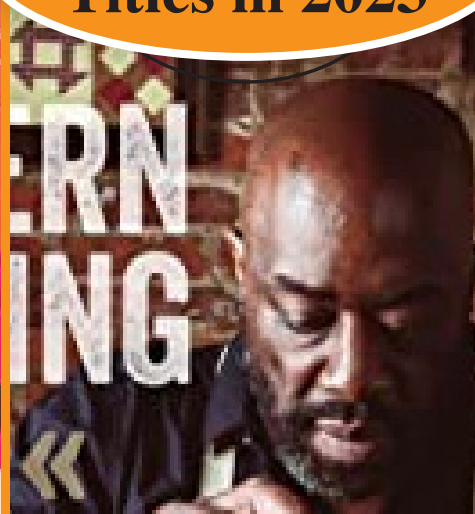
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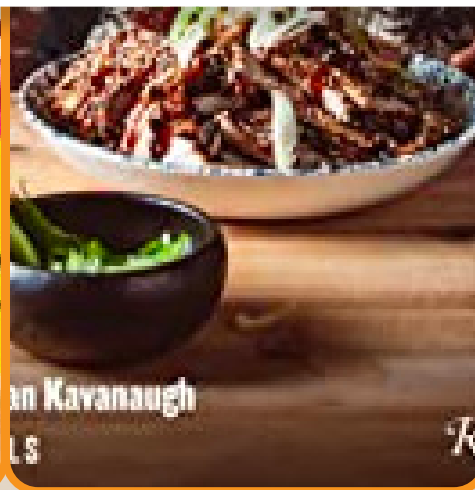
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Olga Massov**  
*Everyday Grand: Soulful  
Recipes for Celebrating  
Life's Big and Small  
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Clarkson Potter, 2023



**Gilbert, Kenny and Nan  
Kavanaugh**  
*Southern Cooking, Global  
Flavors*  
Rizzoli International  
Publications, 2023



**Howell, Makini**  
*Makini's Vegan Kitchen:  
10th Anniversary Edition of  
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Sasquatch Books, 2023







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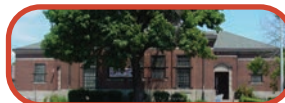
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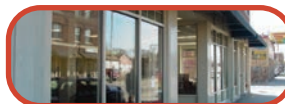
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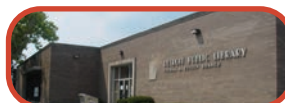
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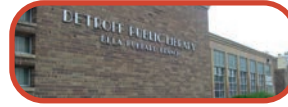


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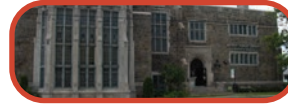
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