

### African American Fiction Pathfinder

[http://www.ocpl.lib.ny.us/web/search\\_tools/pathfinders/books/afam\\_fiction.htm](http://www.ocpl.lib.ny.us/web/search_tools/pathfinders/books/afam_fiction.htm)

Librarian Milena Hansen of our OCPL system put together this online guide to finding works by African American authors.

### Booklists—African American Fiction Writers

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/booklists/?id=africanamericanwriters>

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County compiled this list of select authors.

### Suite101.com

<http://african-american-fiction.suite101.com/>

Articles and reviews about African American writers and their works.

Check out these and more links on the DeWitt Community Library's Resources Page on our website: [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

The DeWitt Community Library carries current issues of *Jet* magazine for circulation.

Some full-text articles of magazines can be accessed using our databases.



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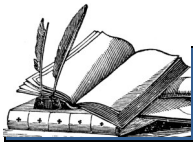
## DCL Collection Guide

# African American Fiction

DISCOVER A SELECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STORIES AND AUTHORS AVAILABLE AT THE DCL!



Visit the DeWitt Community Library or check the online catalog through our website:  
[www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)



## Books

Check out these fiction titles written by African-Americans:

**Except on Sunday** by Regena Bryant

Can a shy high school principal charm and contend with a man who is judgmental on the pulpit but wonderful the rest of the week?

**Just Wanna Testify** by Pearl Cleage

Blue Hamilton, the unofficial mayor of Atlanta's West End, suspects a quintet of models may have supernatural intentions.

**The Life We Chose** by Dre

A member of a notorious gang, Niem gains power as the violence in Chester, PA, escalates out of control.

**Delilah** by Sheila M. Goss

The Reverend Sampson Judges is nearly compromised by a woman hired by an unscrupulous developer, who covets the land owned by the reverend's church.

**Kings of Vice** by Ice-T & Mal Radcliff

After a 20 year prison stint, a crime syndicate leader, shocked by the violence plaguing his former turf, decides to take back control and protect besieged residents.

**Bride Experiment** by Mimi Jefferson

A minister helps a man learn to treat women with respect.

**Passing Love** by Jacqueline Lueckett

Francophile Nicole-Marie journeys to Paris after her best friend's death. While in France, she discovers an old photo of her father inscribed with the name of a mysterious woman.

**Before Redemption** by Teresa McClain-Watson

Teen mom Nikki struggles to raise her son alone. Sixteen years later, she encounters her former boyfriend, now the Christian head of the National Council of Churches.

**Ms. Etta's Fast House** by Victor McGlothin

In 1940s Chicago, Ms. Etta's is a popular nightclub where the wealthy and infamous meet and where a stranger finds himself accused of a serious crime.

**Sinners & Saints** by Victoria Christopher Murray & ReShonda Tate

Church ladies compete to achieve an elevated status for their respective spouses.

**Body Snatchers** by Roze

Twin Haitian brothers immigrate to NYS and form the Body Snatchers, a brutal crime organization, that has targeted the son of the Governor.

**Crowning Glory** by Pat Simmons

Redeemed after a stint in prison, Karyn lives a spiritual life and meets a good man who cannot overcome his belief of "an eye for an eye."



## Poets, Plays & Short Stories

Nikki Giovanni

**Bicycles: Love Poems**

*In Literature* 811.54 GIO

Langston Hughes

**Poems**

*In Literature* 811.52 HUG

Lorraine Hansberry

**A Raisin in the Sun**

*In Literature* 812.54 HAN

August Wilson

**Fences**

**The Piano Lesson**

*Both in Literature* 812.54 WIL

### STORY COLLECTIONS

**Got to Be Real**

New American Library, New York. © 2000

*In Story Anthologies* 813.6 GOT

Includes stories by E. Lynn Harris, Eric Jerome Dickey, Colin Channer, and Marcus Major.

**Three Classic African American Novels**

Vintage Classics, New York. ©1990

*In Story Anthologies* 813.008 THR

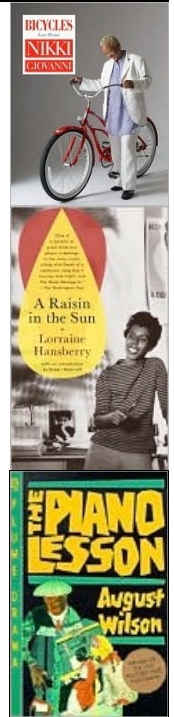
Includes *Clotel*, *Iola Leroy* and *The Marrow*.

**You Only Get Better**

Kimani Press, New York. © 2007

*In Story Anthologies* 813.6 YOU

Includes stories by Connie Briscoe, Lolita Files, and Anita Bunkley.



# African Voices

Novels and true stories from Africa.

## Say You're One of Them

Uwen Akpan

In this collection of stories, Nigerian-born Jesuit priest Akpan transports readers to war-torn Africa, presenting gritty scenes of chaos and fear.



## Beasts of No Nation

Uzodinma Iweala

A young boy is recruited into a unit of guerilla fighters as civil war engulfs his West African country.

## Wizard of the Crow

Ngugi wa Thiong'o

Steeped in African storytelling, this novel dramatizes the battle for control of the souls of an African people.

## NONFICTION

### Under African Skies

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York. © 1997

*In Literature* 808.83 UND

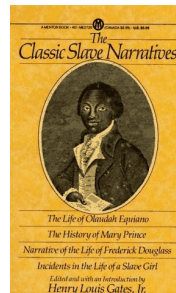
A collection of modern stories.

### Classic Slave Narratives

New American Library, New York. © 1987

*In History* 973.049 CLA

By 1944, over 6,000 ex-slaves had written moving stories of their captivity, providing a prolific testimony to the horrors of bondage and servitude. Noted scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. compiles four of the most important "slave narratives" in this classic volume.

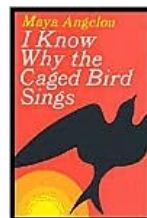


### I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

*In Biographies* BIO ANGELOU

This is the now classic 1969 autobiography of the early years of African-American writer and poet Maya Angelou. The first in a six volume series detailing her life, this is Maya's coming of age story.



### Crossroads by SKYY

Three friends find themselves facing life-changing decisions.

### Family Business by Carl Weber & Eric Pete

A patriarch of a Queens, NY, family must choose who will run his lucrative car dealership: his son, daughter, or his lawyer son-in-law?

### Back on Top by Angela Winters

Best friends Sherise, Billie, and Erica risk personal well-being in order to advance in the world of cutthroat Washington, D.C.

### Killer Poet by Yoshe

A young man struggles with family commitments and staying alive in a tough urban neighborhood.

## FICTION AUTHORS

James Baldwin

If Beale Street Could Talk

Go Tell It on the Mountain

J. California Cooper

Some People, Some Other Place

Wild Stars Seeking Midnight Suns

Ernest J. Gaines

Lesson Before Dying

Zora Neale Hurston

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Jamaica Kincaid

Mr. Potter

Terry McMillan

Getting to Happy

How Stella Got Her Groove Back

Mary Monroe

Waiting to Exhale

The Butterfly's Daughter

Toni Morrison

God Ain't Through Yet

Mama Ruby

Beloved

The Bluest Eye

Gloria Naylor

The Women of Brewster Place

Sapphire

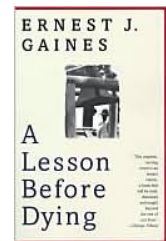
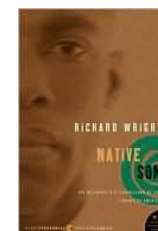
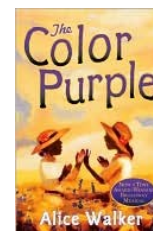
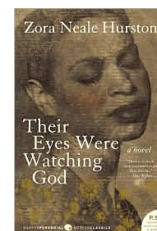
Precious (also marketed under the title, **Push**)

Lalita Tademy

Cane River

Alice Walker

The Color Purple



# African American Readalikes

## ROMANCE

Connie Briscoe

Big Girls Don't Cry

Eric Jerome Dickey

Money Can't Buy Love

Milk in My Coffee

The Other Woman

Pleasure

Resurrecting Midnight

Tempted by Trouble

Percival Everett

I am Not Sidney Poitier

Gwynne Forster

Breaking the Ties That Bind

Ruth-Miriam Garnett

Laelia

E. Lynn Harris

Basketball Jones

I Say a Little Prayer

In My Father's House

Just Too Good to Be True

Mama Dearest

Kimberla Lawson Roby

A Deep Dark Secret

Here and Now

Love, Honor and Betray

Bernice L. McFadden

Loving Donovan

Mary Morrison

Maneater

Victoria Christopher Murray

Lady Jasmine

Kayla Perrin

In an Instant

Spring Break

Trisha R. Thomas

Nappily Faithful

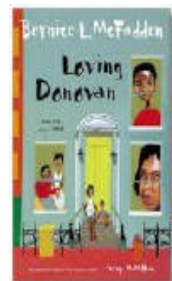
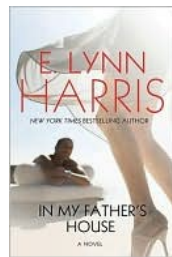
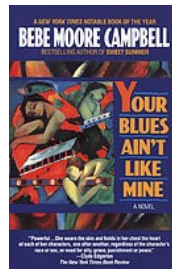
Tracy Price-Thompson

Chocolate Sangria

Omar Tyree

Leslie

Pecking Order



## URBAN FICTION/ROMANCE

Rochelle Alers

Butterfly

Suzetta Perkins

Nothing Stays the Same

Raven Starr

Vampire's Embrace

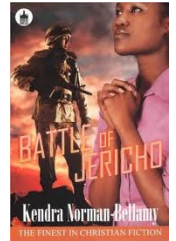
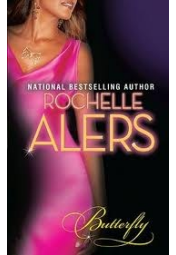
Nikki Turner

Natural Born Hustler

Zane

Head Bangers

The Hot Box



## INSPIRATIONAL/CHRISTIAN FICTION

Kendra Norman-Bellamy

Battle of Jericho

Upon This Rock

ReShonda Tate Billingsley

Can I Get a Witness?

The Pastor's Wife

Ashea Goldson

The Lovechild

Pat G'Orge-Walker

Cruisin' on Desperation

Somewhat Saved

Vanessa Davis Griggs

Redeeming Waters

Norma L. Jarrett

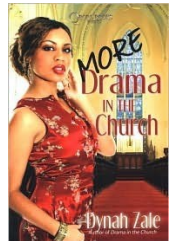
Sunday Brunch Diaries

Jacquelin Thomas

The Ideal Wife

Dynah Zale

More Drama in the Church



## MYSTERY

Walter Mosley

Devil in a Blue Dress

When the Thrill is Gone

## SCI-FI/FANTASY

Octavia Butler

Parable of the Sower

Parable of the Talents

Bloodchild

