TWO THOUSAND TWELVE
AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOKLIST

THE JOURNEY OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

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The Detroit Public Library, encouraged by the positive response to this annual publication, continues the tradition of the African American Booklist for 2012. This bibliography provides a selected list of books by and/or about African Americans. This booklist includes works of fiction and nonfiction for adults, children and young adults reviewed and recommended by librarians of the Detroit Public Library.

The African American Booklist began in February of 1926 to commemorate Negro History Week. Since that time, the booklist has continued to feature the accomplishments of African Americans in the literary world and has become an annual tradition in our community.

This year, we take you on a journey through the years of African American Literature with historic eras and monumental authors and their books.

In addition, the Detroit Public Library would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Detroit Public Library Friends Foundation for their continued support of the African American Booklist.

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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.
THE JOURNEY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

Every February, we look back through the years at some of the great achievements by African Americans throughout history. Oftentimes, the list includes the likes of Benjamin Banneker, George Washington Carver, Dr. Charles Richard Drew, Thurgood Marshall, Garrett Morgan and so on. But this year the Detroit Public Library highlights the achievements, breakthroughs, and firsts of African Americans in the world of literature. This list includes dynamic authors, historic eras, and classic books by African Americans that have not only made an impact in African American literature, but have made a major impact on American literature as a whole. Let’s take a journey through time and identify these monumental achievements.

1800s AND BEYOND: AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE “SLAVE NARRATIVES”

During this time in the eighteenth-century, much of the early writings included the “Slave Narratives,” which were journals of personal experiences by former slaves and offered a compelling look into the experiences of slavery. Frederick Douglass’ Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass sold 30,000 copies between 1845 -1860. William Wells Brown’s The President’s Daughter was believed to be the novel written by an African American. And Solomon Northup’s Twelve Years a Slave was adapted into a PBS television movie entitled Solomon Northup’s Odyssey, directed by Gordon Parks.

Many narratives were translated into other languages as writers like Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth toured the North and Europe discussing these narratives, culminating with Booker T. Washington’s Up From Slavery at the turn of the century.

From 1936 - 1938, over 2,300 former slaves from across the American South were interviewed by writers and journalists under the aegis of the Works Progress Administration, and to this day, these narratives remain a peerless resource for understanding the lives of America’s four million slaves.

THE BIRTH OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Originally called the New Negro Movement, The Harlem Renaissance was a period in American literature which spanned from the end of World War I into the 1930s. Birthed in Harlem, New York, writer, philosopher and the chief interpreter of this movement, Alain Locke, described it as a “spiritual coming of age” that fostered a new black cultural identity. The Harlem Renaissance movement shed light to the world on issues affecting the lives of African Americans through various forms of expression, but especially in the literature realm.

Writers like Zora Neale Hurston, W.E.B. DuBois, James Weldon Johnson, Jean Toomer and Langston Hughes, changed the dynamics of African American literature with their classic novels and harmonious poetry that spread not only around the nation, but throughout the world. These literary giants were the catalyst for change in African American literature.

THE EMERGENCE OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

The African American genre, as part of the larger Black Arts Movement, which was inspired by the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements, began to be defined and analyzed unlike any other time in history.

Expanding their reach in the American literature market, African American writers such as Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, James Baldwin, Nikki Giovanni, and the Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison all contributed to expanding the reach of African American literature. Although only a sampling, these powerful voices have been credited for creating some of the most profound writings of the 20th century and to this day, are celebrated for their role in introducing new audiences to African American literature.

These literary giants are best known for their imaginative novels of epic themes and vivid dialogue. Books like The Color Purple, Beloved, I know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Go Tell It on the Mountain and Roots, ushered in a new era for African American authors where they began experiencing mainstream popularity and elevated the African American literary culture to new heights.

During this time, authors routinely topped bestseller lists and provided a distinctive voice that encompassed the style and dialect of African Americans both in America and abroad. Their books became lifestyle manuals to droves of fans that were growing fond of this ever expanding genre.

One book in particular that experienced enormous success was Waiting to Exhale from author Terry McMillan. This contemporary classic spent nearly 24 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List and sold nearly four million copies. This sent a clear message to major publishing houses…African American literature was a major player in the literary arena.

THE CURRENT STATE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

A host of new and upcoming writers have emerged on the scene and are making a significant impact on the current state of African American literature. Whether self-published or backed by major publishing houses, Science Fiction or Urban Fiction, authors like Teri Woods, Colson Whitehead, Nikki Turner, Zane, and Sister Souljah are blazing their own paths with audiences of loyal fans that can’t get enough of these exciting new writers with alluring characters.

Three additional authors worth mentioning are Eric Jerome Dickey, K’wan and Vikki Stringer all very successful in their own right, these authors are changing the way business is done with street team crews and collaborative musical promotion efforts that are bringing more and more fans to African American literature and continuing on the journey of one of literature’s most celebrated genres.
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 достаточное количество информации для дальнейшего анализа или работы с данными, представленными в данном тексте.
Harris, Tip “T.I.”
*Power & Beauty: A Love Story of Life on the Streets*
William Morrow, 2011
A young couple’s chances for a future together is tested by their decisions.

Hambly, Barbara
*Ran Away (A Benjamin January Novel)*
Severn House Publishers, 2011
Benjamin January endangers his freedom and family to solve the disappearance of two concubines.

Harrison, Rashad
*Our Man in the Dark*
Simon and Shuster, 2011
A bookkeeper for a prominent civil rights organization is blackmailed into becoming an informant for the FBI.

Haywood, Gar Anthony
*Assume Nothing*
Severn House, 2011
An ex-cop on edge because of a past tragedy is lead to violence when the lives of his wife and son are threatened.

Jakes, Serita
*The Crossing*
Waterbrook Press, 2011
A young woman usually unlucky in love finds the right man but discovers he might be too much to handle.

Joice, Jackie
*Kanika’s Burdens*
J Burrage Pub, 2012
A successful, college-educated woman struggles to reconcile her own religious beliefs with those of her grandmother as she faces a supernatural phenomenon that threatens to destroy her.

Morrison, Toni
*Home*
Knopf Publishing Group, 2012
Angry, disillusioned, and damaged by his experiences in the Korean war Frank Money discovers his sense of self and love when he rescues his younger sister from an abusive situation.

*Jones, Tayari
*Silver Sparrow*
Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2011
Two teenage girls’ lives are shaped by their father’s duplicity.

*Lewis, James W
*A Hard Man is Good to Find*
The Pantheon Collective, 2011
A young woman usually unlucky in love finds the right man but discovers he might be too much to handle.

*Lovely, Lutishia
*Mind Your Own Business*
Kensington Publishing Corp., 2011
The Livingston family drama continues with brother and sister rivals competing for the chance to open a new restaurant in LA while dealing with individual romantic dilemmas.

*McFadden, Bernice L
*Gathering of Waters*
Akashic Books, 2012
A young woman’s love for Emmett Till transcends his tragic death in this supernatural love story.

Miller, Karen E. Quinones
*Angry A$% Black Woman*
The author offers readers a fictionalized account of her life.

*Monroe, Mary
*God Don’t Make No Mistakes*
Dafina Books, 2012
The sixth book in the God Don’t Like Ugly Series.

*Mothers, Walter
*All I Did Was Shoot My Man*
Riverhead Books, 2012
The sins of the past and present haunts Leonid McGill’s attempts to solve a murder.

*Odell, Jonathan
*The Healing*
Nano A. Talese, 2012
The sixth book in the God Don’t Like Ugly Series.

*Roby, Kimberla Lawson
*The Reverend’s Wife (Reverend Curtis Black Novel)*
The ninth installment in the Reverend Curtis Black series

*Roby, Kimberla Lawson
*Secret Obsession*
Grand Central Publishing, 2011
Paige Donahue’s plan to steal her sister’s husband backfires and escalates Paige’s jealousies.

Sapphire
*The Kid*
The Penguin Press HC, 2011
Tragedy befalls Precious’s son, Abdul as he faces many of the same challenges as his mother.

Southgate, Martha
*The Taste of Salt*
Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2011
Jose’s brother’s sudden appearance compels her to come to grips with her family and their issues after years of avoidance.

*Available in Audio
**NONFICTION**

**ARTS**

*Lauterbach, Preston*

_The Chitlin' Circuit : And the Road to Rock 'n' Roll_

W.W. Norton & Company, 2011

Insightful look at some prominent and unsung Black performers in the southern club scene during the 1930's and 40's.

*Schwartz, Peggy; Murray Schwartz*

_The Dance Claimed Me: A Biography of Pearl Primus_

Yale University Press, 2011.

Friends share the life story of the trailblazing dance anthropologist who explored the link between dance and political activism.

**BIOGRAPHY**

*Belafonte, Harry; Shnayerson, Michael*

<MySong: A Memoir>

Knopf, 2011

One of the great entertainers writes about his career, activism and his passion for defending what he believes is right.

*Flava Flav*

_The Icon The Memoir_


Ground-breaking Hip-Hop musician reveals the struggles and demons that almost consumed him; and the philosophy that enabled him to triumph.

*Jackson, Jermaine*

_You Are Not Alone Michael:_ Through a Brother's Eyes

Touchstone, 2011.

King of Pop's brother shares his personal insights, feelings and memories.

**COOKBOOKS**

*Neely, Pat; Gina Neely, Ann Volkwein*

_The Neely’s Celebration Cookbook: Down-Home Meals for Every Occasion_

Knopf, 2011

From elegant parties to simple gatherings, Pat and Gina share tantalizing recipes for every level of entertaining.

*Cass Ph.D. R.D., Ryan; Angela Medearis Shelf*

_The Kitchen Diva’s Diabetic Cookbook: 150 Healthy, Delicious Recipes for Diabetics and Those Who Dine with Them_


Collection of flavorful, budget-friendly recipes that address specific dietary needs.

**CAREER AND FINANCE**

*Harper, Hill*

_The Wealth Cure: Putting Money in its Place_

Gotham Books, 2011

Author asks us to define our personal meaning of wealth and to develop a money management strategy based upon our emotions and our need for financial security and balance.

*Jordan, E. Bernard*

_The Laws of Prosperity: Building a Divine Foundation of Success_


Author explains how living in harmony and faith with the laws of the universe may bring about financial abundance and economic security.

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**Jesmy Ward, Salvage the Bones**

Ward, Jesmyn

_Salvage the Bones_

Bloomsbury, 2011

Fourteen-years old and pregnant, Esch and her family struggle to survive during Hurricane Katrina.

**Weber, Carl**

_The Family Business_

Urban Books, 2012

Siblings must put aside differences to protect the Duncan Motors Dynasty.

**Whitehead, Colson**

_Zone One_

Doubleday, 2011

An average guy survives the Zombie Apocalypse and is sent to lower Manhattan as a member of a sweeper team to eliminate the “stragglers.”

**Young, Mylow**

_Against the Gates of Hell_

Moody Publishers, 2011

The wife and brother of a young police officer rely on their faith to support him through his battle with depression and drug addiction.
**HISTORY**

Lusane, Clarence  
*The Black History of the White House*  
City Lights Open Media, 2011  
African American contributions to this historic edifice are detailed.

Moore, Natalie Y; Lance Williams  
*Almighty Black P Stone Nation: The Rise, Fall and Resurgence of an American Gang*  
Lawrence Hill Books, 2011  
From its social activism of the 1960s, to charges of domestic terrorism; the evolution of a Chicago street gang is examined.

**INSPIRATIONAL NONFICTION**

Jakes, T.D.  
*The T.D. Jakes Relationship Bible: Life Lessons on Relationships from the Inspired Word of God*  
Atria Books, 2011  
An expansive guide shows how to create and nurture a divine connection with God and others in your life.

Smiley, Tavis  
*Fail Up: Twenty Lessons on Building Success from Failure*  
SmileyBooks, 2011  
Motivational speaker identifies building blocks to achievement.

*Smith, Emmitt  
*Game On: Find Your Purpose—Pursue Your Dream*  
Tyndale House Publishers, 2011  
Former all-star running back outlines the principles that led to his successes on and off the field.

**RELATIONSHIPS**

Banks, Ralph Richard  
*Is Marriage for White People? How the African American Marriage Decline Affects Everyone*  
Dutton Adult, 2011.  
Stanford law professor outlines the historical and emotional reasons why women have resisted interracial unions and argues that such pairings could be viewed as a positive move toward happiness.

Lucas, Demetria L.  
*A Belle in Brooklyn: The Go-To Girl Advice on Living Your Best Single Life*  
Atria Books, 2011  
Essence relationship blogger celebrates her life and shares her observations about dating.

**TODAY’S ISSUES**

Bashir, Muhammad Ibn  
*Raw Law: An Urban Guide to Criminal Justice*  
Cash Money Content, 2011  
A frank discussion of the American legal system's treatment of people of color and why it is best avoided at all costs.

Cosby, Bill  
*I Didn’t Ask To Be Born: (But I’m Glad I Was)*  
Center Street, 2011  
Humorous collection of observations, insights and essays delivered with the comedian’s trademark wit and wisdom.

Cose, Ellis  
*The End of Anger: A New Generation’s Take on Race and Rage*  
HarperCollins, 2011  
Renowned journalist and author discusses how the middle class has become more optimistic about economic opportunities despite the belief that racism and discrimination still exists.

Harris-Perry, Melissa V  
*Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes and Black Women in America*  
Yale University Press, 2011  
Explores how African American women view themselves in a country where stereotypes and negative racial and gender images are pervasive.

*Steffans, Karrine  
*Satisfaction: Erotic Fantasies for the Advanced & Adventurous Couple*  
Grand Central Publishing, 2011  
Infamous “Video Vixen” returns with sultry advice to spice up your love life.

*Kennedy, Randall  
*The Persistence of the Color Line: Racial Politics and the Obama Presidency*  
Pantheon, 2011  
Activist and commentator discusses how the President must walk a tightrope between appealing to whites and other groups, while not alienating African Americans.

Stoute, Steve  
*The Tanning of America: How Hip-Hop Created a Culture That Rewrote the Rules of the New Economy*  
Gotham, 2011  
An unbiased examination of how urban culture has shaped modern American culture.

*Toure  
*Who’s Afraid of Post-Blackness?: What It Means to Be Black Now*  
Free Press, 2011  
A thought provoking conversation with an eclectic group who discuss the concept of racial identity in the African American community.

Wise, Tim.  
*Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity*  
The author expresses the belief that social and economic equality can only be achieved by accepting that racism still exists.
FICTION

Repeated from previous sections

Dickey, Eric Jerome
An Accidental Affair
Brilliance Corporation, 2012
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
A man’s mysterious past and violent nature threatens his high profile marriage leading to danger and intrigue.

Jones, Tayari
Silver Sparrow
Audiogo, 2011
Readers: Coleman, Rosalyn & Simms, Heather
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Two teenage girls’ lives are shaped by their father’s duplicity.

Morrison, Mary B.
The Eternal Engagement
Blackstone Audiobooks, 2011
Reader: Johnson, Allyson
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Dark past and secrets stalls a wedding.

Morrison, Toni
Home
Random House Audio, 2012
Reader: Toni Morrison
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Angry, disillusioned, and damaged by his experiences in the Korean war Frank Money discovers his sense of self and love when he rescues his younger sister from an abusive situation.

Mosley, Walter
All I Did Was Shoot My Man
Penguin Audiobooks, 2012
Reader: Willis, Minron
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
The sins of the past and present hamper Leonid McGill’s attempts to solve a murder.

Roby, Kimberla Lawson
Secret Obsession
Audigo, 2011
Reader: Thomas, Macaila Milburn
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Paige Donahue’s plan to steal her sister’s husband backfires and escalates Paige’s jealousies.

Sapphire
The Kid
Penguin Audiobooks, 2011
Reader: Sapphire
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Tragedy befalls Precious’s son, Abdul as he faces some of the same challenges as his mother.

NON FICTION

Repeated from previous sections

Belafonte, Harry; Michael Shnayerson
My Song: A Memoir
Random House Audio, 2011
Reader: Belafonte, Harry and Shnayerson, Michael
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
One of the great entertainers writes about his career, activism and his passion for defending what he believes is right.

Davis, Angela
The Meaning Of Freedom
PM Press, 2011
Reader: Thomas, G. Valmont
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
An analysis of the meaning of freedom delivered at a conference organized for the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade.

Dyson, Michael Eric
Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur
Blackstone Audiobooks, 2011
Reader: Hite, Cary
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Famous rap artist’s life and tragic death is detailed in this biography.

hooks, bell
Sisters of the Yam: Black Women and Self-Recovery
South End Press, 2011
Reader: Sesheni, Ayo
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
bell hooks examines how sexism and racism effect black women’s emotional health.

Johnson, Albert “Prodigy”
My Infamous Life: The Autobiography of Mobb Deep’s Prodigy
Buck 50 Productions, LLC and Blackstone Audio, Inc., 2011
Reader: Johnson, Albert “Prodigy”
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
Influential rapper shares his struggles and how he survived tragedies. Five never-before-released singles are included.

Marable, Manning
Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention
Penguin Audiobooks, 2011
Reader: Thomas, G Valmont
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
New research provides a different perspective of Malcolm X’s life and death.

Margolick, David
Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock
Tantor Media, 2011
Reader: MacDuffie, Carrington
Unabridged
Format: Compact Disc
An examination of the lives of the young girls in the famous photograph and their journey from forgiveness to eventual friendship.
Ro, Ronin  
*Prince: Inside the Music and the Masks*  
Blackstone Audiobooks, 2011  
Reader: Willis, Mirron  
Unabridged  
Format: Compact Disc  
Prolific song writer and iconic entertainer’s life is revealed.

Smith, Emmitt  
*Game On: Find Your Purpose—Pursue Your Dream*  
Oasis Audio, 2011  
Reader: Jackson, JD  
Unabridged  
Format: Compact Disc  
Former all-star running back outlines the principles that led to his successes on and off the field.

Toure  
*Who’s Afraid of Post-Blackness?: What It Means To Be Black Now*  
Dreamscape Media, 2011  
Reader: Toure  
Unabridged  
Format: Compact Disc  
A thought provoking conversation with an eclectic group who discuss the concept of racial identity in the African American community.

O’Neal, Shaquille  
*Shaq Uncut: My Story*  
Hachette Audio, 2011  
Reader: Graham, Dion  
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Format: Compact Disc  
Former NBA champion’s candid thoughts on the game, his teammates and his life after basketball.

Pearlman, Jeff  
*Sweetness: The Enigmatic Life of Walter Payton*  
Blackstone Audiobooks, 2011  
Reader: Hillgartner, Malcolm  
Unabridged  
Format: Compact Disc  
Controversial look at the life of football legend.

Remnick, David  
*King of the World: Muhammad Ali and The Rise of an American Hero*  
Brilliance Corporation, 2012  
Reader: Hill, Dick  
Abridged  
Format: Compact Disc  
Renowned boxer transformation from Cassius Clay to Muhammad Ali is examined.

Jeff Pearlman  
*Sweetness: The Enigmatic Life of Walter Payton*  

Myers, Walter Dean  
*The Cruisers 2: Checkmate*  
Scholastic Press, 2011

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*Uptown Dreams*  
Dafina KTeen Books, 2011

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*Freedom Stone*  
Philomel Books, 2011

Grant, Christopher  
*Teenie*  
Alfred A. Knopf, 2010

Warner, Sally  
*Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken*  
Viking, 2011

Ro, Ronin  
*Prince: Inside the Music and the Masks*  
Blackstone Audiobooks, 2011  
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Prolific song writer and iconic entertainer’s life is revealed.

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Viking, 2011
PICTURE BOOKS

Hoffman, Mary
Grace at Christmas
Dial Books for Young Readers, 2011
Grace loves the holiday until a family comes to stay with her, she wants to say no room at the “inn”.
Ages 5-7

Johnson, Angela
Lottie Paris Lives Here
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2011
An universal story of the bond with a vivacious youngster.
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Krensky, Stephen
Play Ball, Jackie!
Millbrook Press, 2011
A young boy bonds with his father after attending this famous player’s game in 1947.
Age 5-7

Marley, Cedella
One Love
Chronicle Books, 2011
Simple unforgettable lyrics that bring joy to young readers.
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Mason, Margaret H.
These Hands
Houghton Mifflin Books, 2010
A grandfather shares a story of racial discrimination with his grandson.
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English, Karen
Election Madness
Nikki & Deja Series
A third-grader ignores her friends and puts all into winning the student body presidency.
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Kluger, Jeffrey
Freedom Stone
Philomel Books, Penguin Young Readers Group, 2011
A slave girl magically travels to the Battle of Vicksburg to clear her father’s name and get her family out of bondage.
Age 8-12

Meadows, Daisy
Sabrina the Sweet Dreams Fairy
Rainbow Magic Night Fairies Series
Rainbow Magic Ltd, Scholastic Inc., 2010
The team has to devise a plan to stop Jack Frost’s dastardly deeds.
Age 6 - 12

Moore, Stephanie Perry
Speak Up
Morgan Love Series
Lift Every Voice Publishing, 2011
A young girl has to decide whether to risk being called a tattle-tell by telling adults about the new bullies terrorizing kids in her neighborhood and school.

Myers, Walter Dean
Checkmate
Cruisers Series, Book 2
Scholastic Press, 2010
A group of middle-schoolers participate in a chess club and continue producing the school newspaper, as they deal with the pressures of school and home.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis
With the Might of Angels: The Diary of Dawnie Rae Johnson
Dear America Series
Scholastic, 2011
The effort to force integration disrupts the stable life of a little girl in the 1950’s.
Age 10-12

Riordan, Rick
The Throne of Fire
Kane Chronicles Series, Book 2, 2011
In order to prevent the Chaos snake Apophis from breaking free in Egypt and destroying the world, Carter and his sister Sadie only have a few days to find a way to revive the sun god Ra.
Age 8-12

Russell, Rachael
Tales from a Not—So Popular Pop Star
Dork Diaries Series, Book 3
Alladin Publishing, 2011
When scholarship student Nikki Maxwell, whose father is the school exterminator, decides to enter the talent show at her expensive private school, her nemesis MacKenzie threatens to reveal Nikki’s status to the rest of the school.
Age 8-12
Warner, Sally
Ellray Jakes is NOT a Chicken!
A third-grader’s father promises him a special treat if he stays out of trouble for a whole week.
Age 8-12

Flowers, Arthur
I See the Promised Land: A Life Of Martin Luther King Jr.
Tara Books, 2010
Details the good and bad times of this famous leader.
Age 9-12

Savage, Jeff
Kevin Durant
Lerner Publishing, 2011
Oklahoma City basketball player who has proven to be best in the world.
Age 7-12

Warner, Jody Nyasha
Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged!
Groundwood Books/House of Anasi, 2011
After being discriminated against because of race in Nova Scotia, a girl gains strength to fight racism.
Age 4-8

Peppas, Lynn
Drake
Crabtree Publishing Company, 2011
Actor and rapper, his humble stardom to fame.
Ages 13 and up.

Waldman, Neil
A Land Of Big Dreamers: Voice Of Courage In America
Millbrook, 2011
Quotations from people who have helped shape our country.
Age 7-12

Watkins, Angela Farris
My Uncle Martin’s Words For America: Martin Luther King Jr’s Niece Tells How He Made A Difference
Adams Books for Young Readers, 2011
Martin Luther King Jr’s niece tells how he made a difference and explains how this famous person used the power of words to change the world.
Age 5-7

Booth, Coe
Bronxwood
Push, 2011
Tyrell’s father plans clash with the family’s efforts to start a new life.

Grant, Christopher
Teenie
Alfred A. Knopf, 2010
Teen seeks a new life by enrolling in a prestigious school in Spain to escape the mean streets of Brooklyn.

Jones, Traci L.
Silhouetted By the Blue
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011
Girl faces adult issues while trying to develop a sense of “self”.

London, Kelli
Uptown Dreams
Kleen Book Series
Dafina Kensington Publishing, 2011
Teens at the Harlem Academy of Creative and Performing Arts must deal with high school and family issues as they try to stay focused on their goals of becoming professionals in performing arts fields.

Schrab, Anne
Wildflower
Urban Underground Series
Saddleback Educational Publishing, 2011
A teen rebels against her father’s strict rules, but she has to figure out if her father’s rules were meant to protect her from the real dangers that exist in a grown-up world.

Schrab, Anne
The Fairest
Urban Underground Series
Saddleback Educational Publishing, 2011
A teen’s only wish is to be able to reunite with her alcoholic mother, but her high school friends think they have a better plan for her happiness in mind.
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