

CityLit Project's Well-Read Black Girl Event's Top Ten List of Books By Black Authors



... and yes, this list is not, by any means, an exhaustive one. It's meant to inspire you to invest in learning about authors/books that may not be on your radar. Add your own to this list and share widely to readers and writers and to CityLit, too, at info@citylitproject.org

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Toni Morrison	<i>Song of Solomon</i>
James Baldwin	<i>The Fire Next Time, If Beale Street Could Talk, and Another Country</i>
Kiese Laymon	<i>Long Division</i>
Marlon James	<i>Brief History of Seven Killings</i>
Jason Reynolds (All - especially)	<i>When I Was the Greatest / Ta-Nehisi Coates <i>Between the World and Me</i></i>
Octavia Butler	<i>Parable</i>
Zora Neale Hurston	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>
Gwendolyn Brooks (All of her Poetry especially)	<i>Black Love and In the Mecca</i>
Fred Moten	<i>In the Breaks</i>
Isabel Allende	<i>Island Beneath the Sea</i>

Jess Solomon

Audre Lorde	<i>Zami</i>
Pearl Cleage	<i>What looks like crazy in an ordinary day</i>
Toni Morrison	<i>Sula</i>
Toni Cade Bambara	<i>Salteaters</i>
Joan Morgan	<i>When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost</i>
Alice Walker	<i>In Search of our Mother's Gardens</i>
Alice Walker	<i>Possessing the Secret of Joy</i>
Yrsa Daley Ward	<i>Bone</i>
Zora Neale Hurston	<i>There Eyes Were Watching God</i>
Ntozake Shange	<i>Sassafrass, cypress, Indigo</i>

Andria Nacina Cole

Toni Morrison
Gayl Jones
Paule Marshall
Zora Neale Hurston
Zadie Smith
bell hooks
Ntozake Shange
Lucille Clifton
Sonia Sanchez
Nayyirah Waheed



Carla Du Pree

Toni Morrison *Beloved* and *Song of Solomon*
Paule Marshall *Brown Girl, Brownstone*
Ntozake Shange *For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Was Enuf*
Margaret Walker *Jubilee*
Alice Walker *The Color Purple / Possessing the Secret of Joy*
Gloria Naylor *The Women of Brewster Place* (*It's relevance was major at the time of publication.*)
Cynthia Bond *Ruby*
Chinua Achebe *Things Fall Apart*
Jean Toomer *Cane*
Isabel Wilkerson *The Warmth of Other Suns*
Lawd, and then there are the poets Nikki Giovanni, Lucille Clifton, Audre Lorde, among so many others.

