

BLACK FEMINIST LIBRARY BOOKLIST

This list features a selection of texts on Black feminism which centers the idea that racism and sexism are not experienced independently but are, as internationally recognized writer and activist Audre Lorde says, “inseparable.” The booklist was created in collaboration with Frugal Bookstore, Boston’s only Black-owned bookshop. Located in Roxbury’s Nubian Square, Frugal Bookstore has been a staple of the community since opening in 2008 to highlight Black and Brown authorship and storytelling. Purchase these and other titles at frugalbookstore.net.

Adults

Chlorine Sky, Mahogany Browne

Black Girl Call Home, Jasmine Mains

Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson

Call Us What We Carry, Amanda Gorman

Starchild, Ibi Zoboi

Selected Poems, Gwendolyn Brooks

We Go High: How 30 Women of Color Achieved Greatness Against All Odds,
Nicole Ellis

A Black Women's History of the United States, Berry and Gross

The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks: Adapted for Young People,
Theoharis & Colbert

This is What I Know About Art, Kimberly Drew

Redefining Realness, Janet Mock

Assata: An Autobiography, Assata Shakur

Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self, Danielle Evans

Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood, Bell Hooks



Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment, Patricia Hill Collins

The Black Woman: An Anthology, Toni Cade Bambara

Words of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought, Beverly Guy-Sheftall

Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination, Toni Morrison

In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose, Alice Walker

Sisters of the Yam: Black Women and Self-Recovery, Bell Hooks

When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost: A Hip-Hop Feminist Breaks It Down, Joan Morgan

Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower, Brittney Cooper

Thick: And Other Essays, Tressie McMillan Cottom

Bad Feminist: Essays, Roxane Gay

Scandalize My Name: Black Feminist Practice and the Making of Black Social Life (Commonalities), Terrion L. Williams

Bodyminds Reimagined: (Dis)ability, Race, and Gender in Black Women's Speculative Fiction, Sami Schalk

Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity, C. Riley Snorton

How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Women, Race, & Class, Angela Y Davis

Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches, Audre Lorde

Spill: Scenes of Black Feminist Fugitivity, Alexis Pauline Gumbs

Unapologetic: A Black, Queer, and Feminist Mandate for Radical Movements, Charlene Carruthers

Black. Queer. Southern. Women.: An Oral History, E. Patrick Johnson

The Color Purple, Alice Walker

Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World (Early American Studies), Jessica Marie Johnson

Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot, Mikki Kendall

Letters to the Future: Black Women/Radical Writing, Erica Hunt (Editor),
Dawn Lundy Martin (Editor)

The Selected Works of Audre Lorde, Audre Lorde and Roxane gay

*Blues Legacies and Black Feminism: Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Bessie Smith,
and Billie Holiday*, Angela Y. Davis

To Be Young, Gifted and Black, Lorraine Hansberry, James Baldwin

*I Love Myself When I Am Laughing... And Then Again When I Am Looking Mean
and Impressive: A Zora Neale Hurston Reader*, Zora Neale Hurston

Sometimes I Trip on How Happy We Could Be, Nichole Perkins

Carefree Black Girls, Zeba Blay

Bad Fat Black Girl: Notes from a Trap Feminist, Sesali Bowen

Misogynoir Transformed: Black Women's Digital Resistance, Moya Bailey

Digital Black Feminism (Critical Cultural Communication),
Catherine Knight Steele

All About Love: New Visions, Bell Hooks

This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color,
Cherríe Moraga and Gloria Anzaldúa

*The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First
Century*, Grace Lee Boggs

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Monique W. Morris

Nigerian Pottery, Sylvia Leith-Ross

The Unknown Craftsman, Yanagi Sōetsu

A Potter's Book, Bernard Leach

Women and Ceramics: Gendered Vessels, Moira Vincentelli

Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina,
Adrienne Spinozzi

Tell My Horse: Voodoo and Life in Haiti and Jamaica, Zora Neale Hurston

We're On: A June Jordan Reader, Christoph Keller (Editor), Jan Heller Levi
(Editor), Rachel Eliza Griffiths (Introduction)

Listening to Images, Tina M. Camp



Vision & Justice: Aperture 223, Aperture (Author), Sarah Lewis (Editor)

African American Literary Theory: A Reader, Winston Napier

Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Social Upheaval, Saidiya Hartman

Negritude Women, Tracy Whiting

In Senghor's Shadow: Art, Politics, and the Avant-Garde in Senegal, 1960–1995 (Objects/Histories), Elizabeth Harney

In the Wake: On Blackness and Being, Christina Sharpe

Katherine Dunham: Dance and the African Diaspora, Joanna Dee Das

Unpayable Debt, Denise Ferreira da Silva

Transnational Blackness: Navigating the Global Color Line, M. Marable and Vanessa Agard-Jones

Brief History of Black British Art, Rianna Jade Parker

Demonic Grounds: Black Women And The Cartographies Of Struggle, Katherine McKittrick

The Last Place They Thought Of, Amy Sadao, Treva Ellison, Daniella Rose King, Katherine McKittrick

Black, White, and in Color: Essays on American Literature and Culture, Hortense J. Spillers

Afro-Fabulations: The Queer Drama of Black Life, Tavia Nyong'o

Embodied Avatars: Genealogies of Black Feminist Art and Performance, Uri McMillan



Kids and Young Adults

Mae among the stars, Roda Ahmed

Flying High, The Story of Gymnastics Champion Simone Biles,
Michelle Meadows

Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie, A Story of Edna Lewis,
Robbin Gourley

Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills, Renée Watson,
Coretta Scott, Ntzoke Shange

Fancy Party Gowns: The Story of Fashion Designer Ann Lee Cole,
Deborah Blumenthal

Oprah: The Little Speaker, Carole Boston Weatherford

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom,
Carole Boston Weatherford

Art From Her Heart: Folk Artist Clementine Hunter, Kathy Whitehead

Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stage Coach Driver, Tami Charles

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice, Nikki Grimes

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13,
Helaine Becker

Mamie on the Mound: A Woman in Baseball's Negro Leagues, Leah Henderson

Ida B Wells: Voice of Truth, Michelle Duster

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read, Rita Lorraine Hubbard

Lift as You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker, Patricia Powell

So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk to Freedom, Gary Schmidt

Love is a Revolution, Renee Watson

Akata Witch, Nnedi Okafar

On the Come Up, Angie Thomas

Pet, Akwaeke Emezi

Slay, Brittney Morris

Who Put This Song On?, Morgan Parker

The Coldest Winter Ever, Sister Souljah
Young Revolutionary: A Teen's Guide to Activism, Chanice Lee
Homemade Love, Bell Hooks
There Is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me, Alice Walker
I Am Loved, Nikki Giovanni
Peeny Butter Fudge, Toni Morrison & Slade Morrison
Ellington Was Not a Street, Ntozake Shange
Coretta Scott, Ntozake Shange
Rosa, Nikki Giovanni
Black Girl Magic: A Poem, Mahogany L. Browne
Brave. Black. First.: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World,
Cheryl Willis Hudson
Equality's Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America, Deborah Diesen
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls, Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo
I Am Enough, Grace Byers
Julián Is a Mermaid, Jessica Love
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History, Vashti Harrison
The Moon Within, Aida Salazar
Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World, Susan Hood
The Little Book of Little Activists, Penguin Young Readers
Grace for President, Kelly S. DiPucchio
Don't touch my hair, Sharee Miller
Imani's Moon, Janay Brown-Wood and Hazel Mitchell
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave, Laban Carrick Hill
Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism,
Daisy Hernández (Editor) Bushra Rehman (Editor)

