

# Black History Month

## Black Cinema and Book

### Recommendations

#### Movies

##### **General Audience**

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, 1997, ([Hoopla](#))  
Souder, 1972 & 2002  
The Princess and the Frog, 2009  
The Wiz, 1978  
Ruby Bridges, 2004

##### **Parental Guidance**

Akeelah and the Bee, 2006  
And the Children Shall Lead, 1988  
Cooley High, 1975 ( [Hoopla](#) )  
George Washington Carver: His Life and His Work, 2009  
Glory Road, 2006  
God Grew Tired of Us, 2007  
Pride, 2007  
Queen of Katwe, 2016  
Remember the Titans, 2000  
Ruby Bridges, 1998  
Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit, 1993  
Something the Lord Made, 2004  
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, 2018  
Step, 2017

##### **PG-13**

4 Little Girls, 1997

42: the Jackie Robinson Story, 2013  
Barbershop, 2002  
Barbershop 2: Back in Business, 2004  
Black or White, 2014  
Black Panther, 2018  
Brown Sugar, 2002  
Coach Carter, 2005  
Crooklyn, 1994  
Dreamgirls, 2006  
Drumline, 2002  
Fences, 2016  
Get on Up, 2014  
Good Hair, 2009 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))  
Harriet, 2019  
Hoop Dreams, 1994  
I Am Not Your Negro, 2017 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))  
Just Mercy, 2019  
Lean On Me, 1989  
Loving, 2016  
Malcolm X, 1992  
Marshall, 2017  
Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, 2013  
Race, 2016  
Ray, 2004  
Red Tails, 2012  
Selma, 2014  
Skin, 2008 ([Kanopy](#))

Southside with You, 2016 ([Kanopy](#))  
Stomp the Yard 2007  
The Butler, 2013  
The Color Purple, 1985  
The Great Debaters, 2007  
The Hate You Give, 2018  
The Help, 2011  
The Pursuit of Happyness, 2006  
The Secret Life of Bees, 2008  
Toni Morrison. The Pieces I Am, 2019  
What Happened. Miss Simone?, 2015

### **Restricted**

12 Years A Slave, 2013  
Ali, 2001 ([Hoopla](#))  
Amistad, 1997  
A Time to Kill, 1996  
Beloved, 1998  
Blackkkkiansman, 2018  
Blindspotting, 2018  
Boyz n the Hood, 1991  
Chi-Raq, 2015  
Coming to America, 1988  
Crash, 2004  
Dangerous Minds, 1995  
Dear White People, 2014  
Detroit, 2017  
Django Unchained, 2012  
Do the Right Thing 1989  
Fruitvale Station, 2013  
Get Out, 2017  
Hustle & Flow, 2005  
If Beale Street Could Talk, 2018  
Keep On Keepin' On, 2014

Luce, 2019  
Menace II Society 1993  
Men of Honor, 2000  
Monsters and Men, 2018  
Moonlight, 2016 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))  
New Jack City, 1991  
O.J.: Made in America, 2016  
Pariah, 2011  
Precious, 2009  
Sorry to Bother You, 2018  
Soul Food, 1997  
Straight Outta Compton, 2015  
Talk to Me, 2007  
The Five Heartbeats 1991  
What's Love Got to Do with It, 1993  
Whitey, 2018  
Whose Streets?, 2017 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))

### **Not Rated**

A Ballerina's Tale, 2015  
The Central Park Five, 2012 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))  
A Raisin In The Sun, 1961

### **Streaming**

Becoming, 2020 PG ([Hoopla](#))  
The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution, 2015 NR ([Kanopy](#))  
The Gospel According to Andre', 2018 PG13 ([Kanopy](#))  
The Tuskegee Airmen, 1995 PG13 ([Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#))  
Recorder: The Marion Stokes Project 2020 NR (in consortium) ([Kanopy](#))

## **Book Recommendations**

### Picture Books Fiction and Nonfiction

Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball by Jenn Bryant

All Because You Matter by Tami Charles

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, U.S. Marshall by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Beautiful Blackbird by Ashley Bryan

Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Black Is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy

Box : Henry Brown mails himself to freedom by Carol Boston Weatherford

Coming on Home Soon by Jacqueline Woodson

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Dark was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars by Gary Golio

Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller

Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade

Firebird by Misty Copeland

Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford

Freedom Soup by Tami Charles

A Girl Like Me by Angela Johnson

Goin' Somewhere Special by Pat McKissack

Going Down Home with Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyons

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

H.O.R.S.E: A Game of Basketball and Imagination by Christopher Myers

I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

John Henry by Jules Lester

Kamala Harris, Rooted in Justice by Nikki Grimes

M Is for Melanin: A Celebration of the Black Child by Tiffany Rose

Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration by Samara Cole Doyon

Me & Mama by Cozbi A. Cabrera

Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Tompkins-Bigelow

My Hair Is a Garden by Cozbi A. Cabrera

My People by Langston Hughes

Nana Akua Goes to School by Tricia Elam Walker

Overground Railroad by Lesa Cline-Ransome

A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart by Zetta Elliott

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré by Anika Aldamuy Denise

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton by Don Tate

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul by Carole Boston Weatherford

A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story by Sharon Langley

The Ring Bearer by Floyd Cooper

The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop by Carole Boston Weatherford

Saturday by Oge Mora

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford

Seeing Into Tomorrow: Haiku by Richard Wright

Sembrando Historias: Pura Belpré bibliotecaria y narradora de cuentos by Anika Aldamuy Denise

Shirley Chisholm is a Verb by Veronica Chambers

Swish: The Slam Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High Flying Harlem Globetrotters by Suzanne Slade

Thunder Rose by Jerdine Nolen

Time for Kenny by Brian Pinkney

Trombone Shorty by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews

Ty’s Travels: All Aboard by Kelly Starling Lyons

28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

Uptown by Bryan Collier

When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip-Hop by Laban Carrick Hill

Where’s Rodney by Carmen Bogan

Who Will You Be? by Andrea Pippins

Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

## Middle Grade and Teen Fiction and Nonfiction

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds (ebook)

All Boys Aren’t Blue by George M. Johnson (ebook)

Becoming Muhammed Ali by James Patterson with Kwame Alexander (ebook)

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson (ebook)

Black Boy, White School by Brian F. Walker (ebook)

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi (eBook, series)

Class Act by Jerry Craft (ebook)

[The Color Purple](#) by Alice Walker ([ebook](#))

[Dear Martin](#) by Nic Stone ([ebook](#))

[Dread Nation](#) by Justina Ireland ([eBook](#), series)

[Electric Arches](#) by Eve Ewing ([ebook](#))

[From the Desk of Zoe Washington](#) by Janae Marks ([ebook](#))

[Ghost Boys](#) by Jewell Parker Rhodes ([ebook](#))

[The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas ([ebook](#))

[How It Went Down](#) by Kekla Magoon ([ebook](#))

[I'm Not Dying With You Tonight](#) by Gilly Segal & Kimberly Jones ([ebook](#))

[Isaiah Dunn is my Hero](#) by Kelly Baptiste

[King and the Dragonflies](#) by Kacen Callender ([ebook](#))

[Leaving Lymon](#) by Lesa Cline-Ransome

[The Magic in Changing Your Stars](#) by Leah Henderson

[Maya and the Rising Dark](#) by Rena Barron ([ebook](#))

[Monday's Not Coming](#) by Tiffany D. Jackson ([ebook](#))

[Monster](#) by Walter Dean Myers ([ebook](#))

[The Only Black Girls in Town](#) by Brandy Colbert ([ebook](#))

[Piecing Me Together](#) by Renee Watson ([ebook](#))

[The Poet X](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo ([ebook](#))

[Something to Say](#) by Lisa Moore Ramee ([ebook](#))

[The Talk: Conversations about race, love and truth](#) by various authors

[Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston ([ebook](#))

[Twins](#) by Varian Johnson

[Tyler Johnson Was Here](#) by Jay Coles ([ebook](#))

[Ways to Make Sunshine](#) by Renee Watson ([ebook](#))

[When You Ask Me Where I'm Going](#) by Jasmin Kaur ([ebook](#) only)

[Discovering Wes Moore](#) by Wes Moore

[A Few Drops of Red: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919](#) by Clare Hartfield

[Hidden Figures \(Young Readers Edition\)](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly ([ebook](#))

In The Shadow of Liberty by Kenneth C. Davis

Just Mercy: Adapted for Young Adults by Bryan Stevenson

March: Book One by Jon Lewis , Andrew Aydin and Illustrated by Nate Powell

Obviously, Stories from My Timeline by Akilah Hughes

Stamped; Racism, Anti-Racism and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X.Kendi (ebook)

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery (ebook)

Color Me In by Natasha Diaz (ebook)

Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy by Tony Medina (ebook)

Beasts Made of Night by Tochi Onyebuchi (ebook, series)

Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor (eBook, eAudiobook series)

## Adults: Fiction

The A.I. Who Loved Me by Alyssa Cole (eBook or on Hoopla)

African American poetry : 250 years of struggle & song

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (eBook, eAudiobook)

Babel 17/Empire Star, by Samuel R. Delaney (eBook, eAudiobook, various titles)

The Ballad of Black Tom, by Victor D. LaValle (eBook)

Beloved by Toni Morrison (eBook, eAudiobook)

The Best of All Possible Worlds, by Karen Lord (eBook only)

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor (eBook, eAudiobook series)

The Black God's Drums by P. Djèlí Clark (eAudiobook)

Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James (eBook, Audiobook, eAudiobook)

A Brief History of Seven Killings, by Marlon James (eBook, Audiobook, eAudiobook)

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz (eBook, eAudiobook)

The Changeling by Victor D. La Valle (eBook)

The City We Became, by N.K. Jemisin (eBook, eAudiobook)

Dark Matter: A Century of Speculative Fiction From the African Diaspora

Everywhere You Don't Belong by Gabriel Bump (ebook)

Falling In Love With Hominids, by Nalo Hopkinson (eBook, eAudiobook)

The Fifth Season, by N.K. Jemisin (eBook, eAudiobook, series)

for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf by Ntozake Shange

Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick: Stories from the Harlem Renaissance by Zora Neale Hurston ([eBook](#), [eBook on Hoopla](#), [eAudiobook](#))

How Long 'til Black Future Month?, by N.K. Jemisin ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Hound of Justice by Claire O'Dell ([eBook](#))

Inside a Silver Box, by Walter Mosley ([eAudiobook](#))

Kindred, by Octavia E. Butler ([eBook](#), [Audiobook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Knights of Breton Court, by Maurice Broaddus

Lovecraft Country by Matt Ruff ([eBook](#))

Mothership : tales from afrofuturism and beyond

Mumbo Jumbo by Ishmael Reed ([eBook](#))

New Worlds, Old Ways: Speculative Tales From the Caribbean

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead ([eBook](#))

The Palm-Wine Drinkard ; and, My Life in the Bush of Ghosts, by Amos Tutuola

Possessing the Secret of Joy, by Alice Walker ([eBook](#))

The Prey of Gods, by Nicky Drayden ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

A Princess in Theory by Alyssa Cole ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#) series)

A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

Redemption in Indigo, by Karen Lord

Ring shout: or, Hunting Ku Kluxes in the end times, by P. Djèlí Clark ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

Riot Baby by Tochi Onyebuchi ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Salt Roads, by Nalo Hopkinson ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw

The Sorcerer of the Wildeeps, by Kai Ashante Wilson ([eAudiobook](#), series)

Stars In My Pocket Like Grains of Sand, by Samuel R. Delaney ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

A stranger in Olondria : being the complete memoirs of the mystic, Jevick of Tyom by Sofia Samatar

A Study in Honor by Claire O'Dell ([eBook](#))

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Temple of My Familiar, by Alice Walker ([eBook](#))

Tender: Stories by Sofia Samatar

Three Parts Dead, by Max Gladstone (series)

Unexpected Stories, by Octavia E. Butler ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Underground Railroad Colson Whitehead ([Book \(en Español\)](#), [eBook](#), [Audiobook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

An Unkindness of Ghosts, by Rivers Solomon ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Voice of Martyrs, by Maurice Broaddus

The Wave, by Walter Mosley ([Large Print](#), [Audiobook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

White Teeth by Zadie Smith ([eBook](#))

Who Fears Death by Nnedi Okorafor ([eBook](#))

The Winged Histories by Sofia Samatar

The Women of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor ([streaming video](#))

## Adults: Non-Fiction

Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor by Virginia Eubanks

Black is the Body: stories from my grandmother's time, my mother's time, and mine by Emily Bernard ([ebook](#))

Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party by Joshua Bloom

The Black and the Blue: A Cop Reveals the Crimes and Racism in America's Law Enforcement and the Search for Change by Matthew Horace

Bound to the Fire: How Virginia's Enslaved Cooks Helped Invent American Cuisine by Kelley Fanto Deetz

Caste: the origins of our discontent by Isabel Wilkerson ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

Charleston syllabus : readings on race, racism, and racial violence

Citizen : an American lyric by Claudia Rankine ([ebook](#))

The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne

The fire this time : a new generation speaks about race

His truth is marching on : John Lewis and the power of hope by Jon Meacham

Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall ([ebook](#))

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot ([ebook](#))

Living Black history : how reimagining the African-American past can remake America's racial future by Manning Marable

The new Jim Crow : mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness by Michelle Alexander ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore ([eBook](#), [eAudiobook](#))

Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era by Jerry Mitchell

The rise : Black cooks and the soul of American food by Marcus Samuelsson

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson ([eBook](#))

## Adults: Graphic Novels

Rivers of London (v.1: Body Work): series by Aaronovitch, Ben ([Book](#), [eBook](#))

Bitter Root, Vol. 1: Family Business by David F. Walker ([eBook](#))



Your Black Friend and Other Strangers by Ben Passmore ([eBook](#))  
BTTM FDRS by Ezra Clayton Daniels ([eBook](#))  
Hot Comb by Ebony Flowers  
Incognegro by Mat Johnson ([eBook](#))  
Black by Kwanza Osajyefo (series)  
Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur, Vol. 1: BFF by Amy Reeder ([eBook](#))  
Black Panther, A Nation Under Our Feet (v. 1-3) by Ta-Nehisi Coates (series, various spinoffs)  
Shuri, Vol. 1: The Search For Black Panther by Nnedi Okorafor ([eBook](#))  
Ironheart, Vol. 1: Those With Courage by Eve L. Ewing  
Bingo Love by Tee Franklin ([eBook](#))  
Black History In Its Own Words by Ron Wimberly ([eBook](#))  
Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler and Damian Duffy ([eBook](#))  
Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler and Damian Duffy  
The Silence of Our Friends by Mark Long