

# AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

## YOUTH SERVICES READING LIST



### Easy Reader

*Mae among the Stars* (2018) by Roda Ahmed  
*Acoustic Rooster and his Barnyard Band* (2011) by Kwame Alexander  
*Crown, an Ode to the Fresh Cut* (2017) by Derrick Barnes / illustrated by Gordon C. James  
*Firebird* (2014) by Misty Copeland / Illustrated by Christopher Myers  
*Last Stop on Market Street* (2015) Illustrated by Christian Robinson  
*Thank You, Omu!* (2017) by Oge Mora  
*The Other Side* (2001) by Jacqueline Woodson

### Juvenile

*Little Leaders, Bold Women in Black History* (2017) by Vashti Harrison  
*Finding Langston* (2018) by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
*Blended* (2018) by Sharon Draper  
*Clayton Byrd goes Underground* (2017) by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*One Crazy Summer* (2010) by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Trombone Shorty* (2015) by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews  
*Josephine: the Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker* (2014) Illustrated by Christian Robinson  
*Dave, the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* (2010) Illustrated by Bryan Collier  
*Harlem's Little Blackbird* (2012) by Renee Watson / Illustrated by Christian Robinson  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* (2014) by Jacqueline Woodson

### Young Adult

*Children of Blood and Bone* (2018) by Tomi Adeyemi  
*The Crossover: a Basketball Novel* (2014) by Kwame Alexander  
*Long Way Down* (2017) by Jason Reynolds  
*Ghost* (2016) by Jason Reynolds  
*X: a Novel* (2015) by Ilyasah Shabazz  
*The Hate U Give* (2017) by Angie Thomas  
*Piecing Me Together* (2017) by Renee Watson  
*American Street* (2017) by Ibi Aanu Zobi  
*March: Book One* (2013) by John Lewis  
*Octavia Butler's Kindred* (2017)  
*First Man: Reimagining Matthew Henson* (2015) by Simon Schwartz



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## ADULT SERVICES READING LIST

### Fiction

*Americanah* (2013) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The Sellout* (2015) by Paul Beatty  
*Homegoing* (2016) by Yaa Gyasi  
*Delicious Foods* (2015) by James Hannaham  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937) by Zora Neale Hurston  
*An American Marriage* (2018) by Tayari Jones  
*Black Water Rising* (2009) by Attica Locke  
*The Good Lord Bird* (2013) by James McBride  
*The Bluest Eye* (1970) by Toni Morrison  
*The Color Purple* (1982) by Alice Walker  
*Sing, Unburied, Sing* (2017) by Jesmyn Ward  
*The Underground Railroad: a Novel* (2016) by Colson Whitehead

### Mysteries

*A Brief History of Seven Killings* (2014) by Marlon James  
*Blonde Faith* (2007) by Walter Mosley

### Science Fiction

*The Fifth Season* (2015) by N. K. Jemisin  
*How Long 'til Black Future Month* (2018) by N. K. Jemisin  
*Binti* (2015) by Nnedi Okorafor

### Graphic Novels

*Black Panther: A Nation Under our Feet* (2016) by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*The Harlem Hellfighters* (2014) by Max Brooks  
*21: The Story of Roberto Clemente* (2011) by Wilfred Santiago

### Non-Fiction

*Between the World and Me* (2015) by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Tears We Cannot Stop* (2017) by Michael Eric Dyson  
*The Fire Next Time* (1963) by James Baldwin  
*The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race* (2016)  
*We're Going to Need More Wine* (2017) Gabrielle Union  
*Citizen: an American Lyric* (2014) by Claudia Rankine  
*Life on Mars: Poems* (2011) by Tracy K. Smith  
*Kill 'em and Leave: My Search for the Real James Brown* (2016) by James McBride  
*Becoming* (2018) by Michelle Obama

