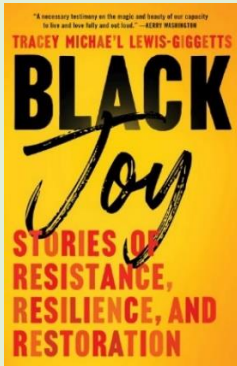


BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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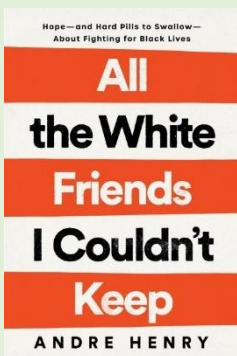
Black Joy: Stories of Resistance, Resilience, and Restoration

Author: Tracey M. Lewis-Giggetts

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With this book, Tracey aims to gift her community with a collection of lyrical essays about the way joy has evolved, even in the midst of trauma, in her own life.

[Encore -- Black joy : stories of resistance, resilience, and restoration / Tracey Michae'l Lewis-Giggetts. \(iii.com\)](https://www.iii.com/Black-joy-stories-of-resistance-resilience-and-restoration-Tracey-Michael-Lewis-Giggetts)



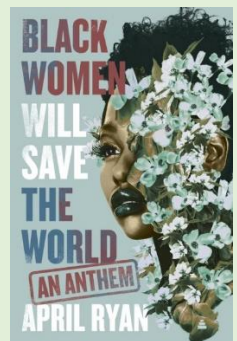
All the White Friends I Couldn't Keep: Hope--and Hard Pills to Swallow--about Fighting for Black Lives

Author: Andre Henry

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An award-winning musician, writer and activist reveals how he learned to stop arguing with white people who deny the legacy of racism while providing a path for Black people going forward confronting their own struggles.

[Encore -- All the white friends I couldn't keep : hope--and hard pills to swallow--about fighting for black lives / Andre Henry. \(iii.com\)](https://www.iii.com/all-the-white-friends-i-couldnt-keep-hope-and-hard-pills-to-swallow-about-fighting-for-black-lives-Andre-Henry)



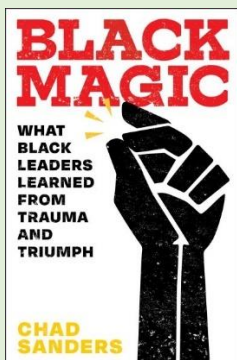
Black Women Will Save the World: An Anthem

Author: April Ryan

Call No. 920.72 RYA

White House correspondent April Ryan presents a vital look at women of different ages and backgrounds who devote their lives to making the world a better place, even if that means stepping out of their "place."

[Encore -- Black women will save the world : an anthem / April Ryan ; foreword by Senator Cory Booker. \(iii.com\)](https://www.iii.com/black-women-will-save-the-world-an-anthem-April-Ryan-foreword-by-Senator-Cory-Booker)



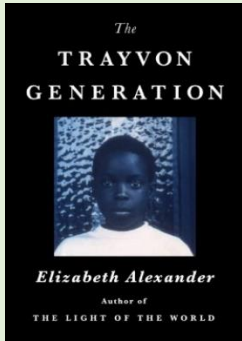
Black Magic: What Black Leaders Learned from Trauma and Triumph

Author: Chad Sanders

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An evocative tribute to Black achievement in a discriminating world draws on interviews with black leaders, scientists, artists, activists and champions while exploring the author's own experiences of being forced to emulate white culture.

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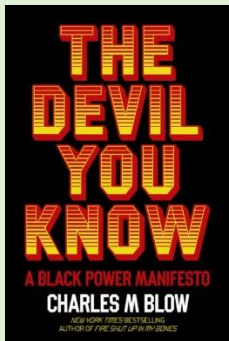
The Trayvon Generation

Author: Elizabeth Alexander

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One of the great literary voices of our time shares her celebrated and moving reflection on the challenges facing young Black America, illuminating our nation's unresolved problem with race.

[Encore -- The Trayvon generation / Elizabeth Alexander. \(iii.com\)](#)



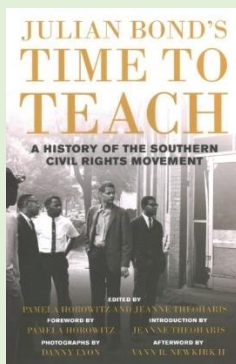
The Devil You Know: A Black Power Manifesto

Author: Charles M. Blow

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The New York Times columnist presents a rallying call to action that challenges popular myths about race and urges Black Americans to unite against white supremacy.

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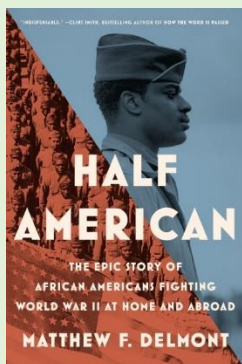
Julian Bond's Time to Teach: A History of the Southern Civil Rights Movement

Author: Julian Bond

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The SNCC co-founder and civil rights professor draws on original lecture notes to explain the role of youth activism in key historical events, the unpopular and high-risk realities of disruptive movements and what today's activists need to know.

[Encore -- Julian Bond's time to teach : a history of the southern civil rights movement / Julian Bond ; edited by Pamela Horowitz and Jeanne Theoharis ; foreword by Pamela Horowitz ; introduction by Jeanne Theoharis ; photographs by Danny Lyon ; afterword by Vann R. Newkirk II. \(iii.com\)](#)



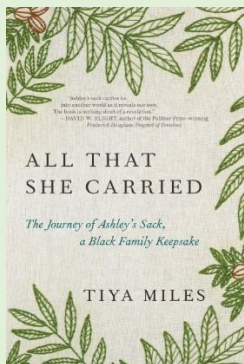
Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad

Author: Matthew F. Delmont

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This history of World War II as told from the African American perspective looks at the bravery and patriotism of the one million black men and women who served in the face of unfathomable racism.

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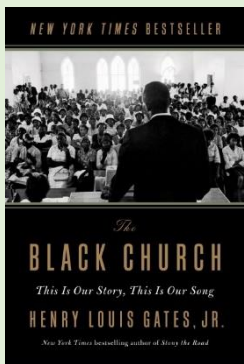
All that She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, A Black Family Keepsake

Author: Tiya Miles

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The story of how three generations of Black women have passed down a family treasure—a sack filled with a few precious items given from an enslaved woman to her daughter in 1850s South Carolina.

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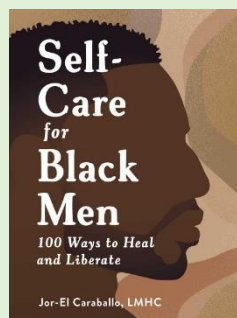
The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song

Author: Henry Louis Gates Jr.

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The Harvard University professor, NAACP Image Award recipient and Emmy Award-winning creator of The African Americans presents a history of the Black church in America that illuminates its essential role in culture, politics and resistance to white supremacy.

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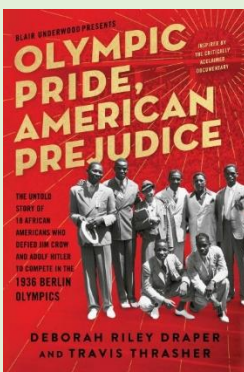
Self-Care for Black Men: 100 Ways to Heal and Liberate

Author: Jor-El Caraballo

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This powerful self-care guidebook, filled with activities and strategies, helps Black men everywhere pursue joy, create connections, confront racism and work through intergenerational trauma.

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Olympic Pride, American Prejudice: The Untold Story of 18 African Americans Who Defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to Compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics

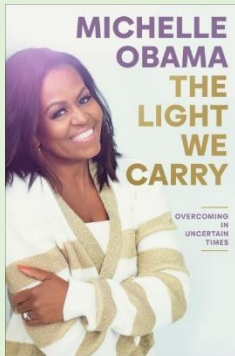
Authors: Deborah Riley Draper and Travis Thrasher

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Presents the story of eighteen African Americans, including Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson's brother Mack, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics despite racism at home and abroad.

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Biographies and Memoirs



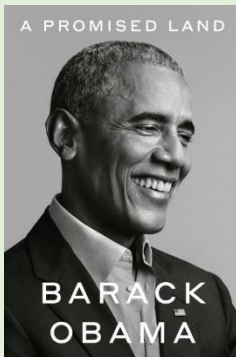
The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times

Author: Michelle Obama

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Drawing from personal experiences, the former first lady and the #1 best-selling author of “Becoming” offers readers a series of fresh stories and insightful reflections on change, challenge and power, including her belief that when we light up for others, we can illuminate the potential and progress around us.

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A Promised Land

Author: Barack Obama

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Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world, describing in strikingly personal detail both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency--a time of dramatic transformation and turmoil.

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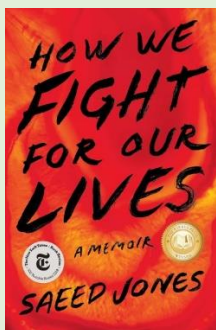
Finding Me

Author: Viola Davis

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The critically acclaimed film, television and theater actress presents an inspiring and deeply honest story of her life, from her coming-of-age in Rhode Island to her current hard-won success.

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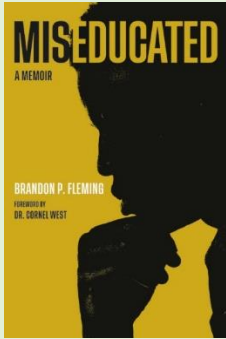
How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir

Author: Saeed Jones

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Haunted and haunting, *How We Fight for Our Lives* is a stunning coming-of-age memoir about a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself, within his family, within his country, within his own hopes, desires, and fears.

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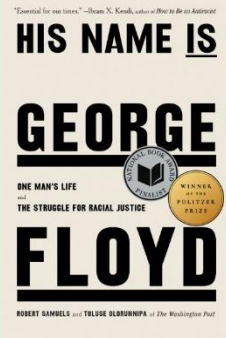
Miseducated: A Memoir

Author: Brandon P. Fleming

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An inspiring memoir of one man's transformation through literature and debate from a delinquent, drug-dealing dropout to an award-winning Harvard educator -- all by the age of 27.

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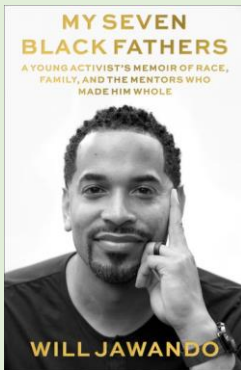
His Name is George Floyd: One Man's Life and Struggle for Racial Justice

Author: Robert Samuels

Call No. B-FLOYD SAM

Two prize-winning Washington Post reporters examine how systemic racism impacted both the life and death of the 46-year-old black man, George Floyd, who was murdered in broad daylight outside a Minneapolis convenience store by a white officer.

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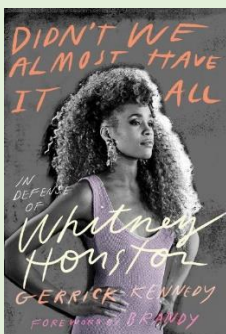
My Seven Black Fathers: A Young Activist's Memoir of Race, Family, and the Mentors Who Made Him Whole

Author: Will Jawando

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Looking back on the relationships with an extraordinary series of mentors who enabled him to thrive, including President Barack Obama, an attorney, activist and community leader offers a transformative way for black men to shape the next generation.

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Didn't We Almost Have it All: In Defense of Whitney Houston

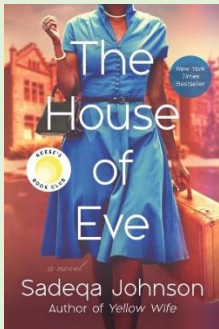
Author: Gerrick Kennedy

Call No. B-HOUSTON KEN

This look at the troubled star a decade after her passing examines her struggles with fame, relationships, and addiction within the pressure of tabloid culture, mental health stigmas, and racial divisions in America.

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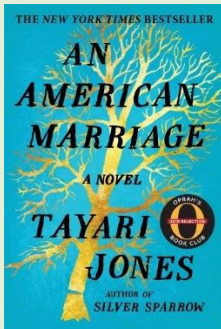
The House of Eve

Author: Sadeqa Johnson

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1950s Philadelphia: fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college. But a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the poverty and desperation that has been passed on to her like a birthright.

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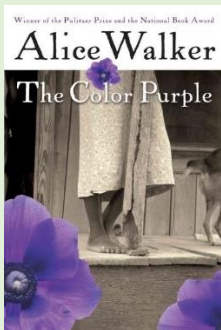
An American Marriage

Author: Tayari Jones

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When her new husband is arrested and imprisoned for a crime she knows he did not commit, a rising artist takes comfort in a longtime friendship, only to encounter unexpected challenges in resuming her life when her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned.

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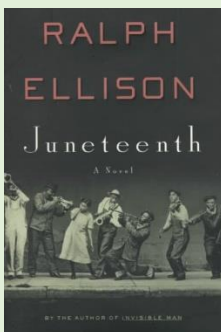
The Color Purple

Author: Alice Walker

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The lives of two sisters--Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man she hates--are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years.

[Encore -- The color purple / Alice Walker. \(iii.com\)](#)



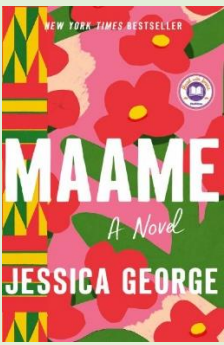
Juneteenth: A Novel

Author: Ralph Ellison

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The story of a black man who passes for white and becomes a race-baiting U.S. senator. When he is shot on the Senate floor, the first visitor in hospital is a black musician-turned-preacher who raised him. As the two men talk, their respective stories come out.

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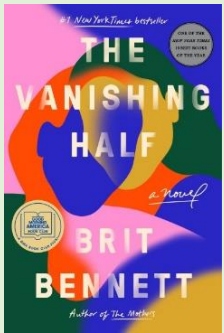
Maame

Author: Jessica George

Call No. FIC-GEORGE

Smart, funny, and affecting, Jessica George's *Maame* deals with the themes of our time with humor and poignancy: from familial duty and racism to female pleasure, the complexity of love, and the life-saving power of friendship. Most important, it explores what it feels like to be torn between two homes and cultures.

[Encore -- Maame / Jessica George. \(iii.com\)](#)



The Vanishing Half

Author: Brit Bennett

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Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for white with a husband who is unaware of her heritage.

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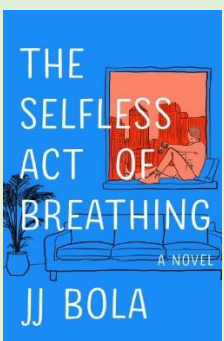
Seven Days in June

Author: Tia Williams

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Running into reclusive author Shane Hall at a literary event, bestselling erotica writer Eva Mercy, over the next seven days, reconnects with this man who broke her heart 20 years earlier until he disappears again, leaving more questions than answers.

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The Selfless Act of Breathing

Author: JJ Bola

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A British-Congolese teacher living in London, Michael Kabongo, after suffering a devastating loss, decides to start anew in America where he embarks on a transformative journey with the intention of living the life of his dreams until his money runs out.

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