

“The Horn of Africa and Neighboring Countries”

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Bibliography List

AFRICAN HISTORY

If we are to discuss the African American experience, we must begin with African History and its historical context prior to the Middle Passage. Therefore, most of the works here focus on the Pre Colonial Slave Trade. These works emphasize the prominence and splendor of the African Peoples (North and West) prior to their enslavement and subsequent journey through the middle passage to the Americas. In providing this historical backdrop, this research extends the work of scholars who use only Ante-bellum Slavery as a starting point to discuss African American History.

Cheikh Anta Diop	Pre Colonial Black Africa Trenton: Africa World Press inc;1987	Renowned scholar Diop, presents an African history which existed prior to the slave trade
Basil Davidson	The African Genius New York: Ayer Co Pub: 1937	Davidson discusses the Glory and Greatness of African People
John Jackson	Introduction to African civilizations / by John G. Jackson ; introduction and additional bibliographical notes by John Henrik Clark. New York : University Books, c1970.	Jackson takes readers into the heart of the African civilization prior to the slave trade.
Chancellor Williams	The Destruction of Black Civilization Chicago: Third World Press, c1976.	Williams tells the grimacing story of how Pre Colonial Africa, fell victim to exploitation and imperialism
George James	Stolen Legacy Trenton, NJ. Africa World Press, Inc. 1992	In this provocative work, Historian James argues that most of the genius ascribed to the Greeks was actually stolen from Pre-historic Egyptian culture
Walter Rodney	How Europe Underdeveloped Africa Washington, D.C. : Howard University Press, 1982	Rodney, discusses the role of the Europe and colonization in how Africa's major institutions were used to render the country prime for exploitation
Thomas Pakenham	The Scramble for Africa. New York : Random House, c1991.	Pakenham, gives a painful account of how explorers and missionaries invaded Africa and used the Berlin conference to divide and subjugate the countries to European control.
Drucille	Wonderful Ethiopians	Wonderful Ethiopians

Huston	Baltimore: Black Classic Press, 1985	Baltimore: Black Classic Press, 1985
Anthony T. Browder	Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization Washington: Institute of Karmic Guidance, 1992	Browder sets out to correct some of the myths about the lack of contributions to the world from the continent of Africa.
Ivan Van Sertima	The Golden Age of the Moors New Brunswick, NJ : Transaction Publishers, c1992.	Sertima provides an account of the great era of the Moors presence and influence in France and other parts of Europe.
Basil Davidson	Africa in History London: G. Allen and Unwin, 1963	A detailed guide to the history of Africa.
Desmond Tutu	The Rainbow People of God. New York: Doubleday, 1994	The autobiography of this famed S. African Archbishop.
Nelson Mandela	Mandela Boston : Little, Brown, c1994	A splendid illustrated autobiography of this courageous and famed political prisoner and former S. African President.

AFRICANS of the DIASPORA

The Americas

Contrary to popular belief, not all the enslaved Africans were deported to the New England colonies. Some went to the Caribbeans, Latin and South America. Other Africans were deported to European colonies. While, dreadfully, many died in the Atlantic Ocean.

J.A. Rogers	Worlds Great Men of Color Vol. II New York, Macmillan, 1972	In the second of a two volume series, Rogers provide readers with biographies of some of the world's greatest leaders of African descent
C.L.R. James	The Black Jacobins New York, Vintage Books, 1963	A inspiring look at the Courageous leader Toussaint L'Ouverture as he mastermind the San Domingo revolution.
Ivan Van Sertima	They Came Before Comlumbus. New York : Random House, 1976	Noted scholar Sertima, writes beautifully as he provides a detailed account about the existences of Africans in the Americas prior to Columbus arrival in the 15th century.
Tom Feelings	The Middle Passage. New York : Dial Books, c1995.	In a work that took almost a decade to complete, because of the intense emotions tied to it, illustrator and

author Feelings provides a black and white pictorial of the middle passage.

Basil Davidson **The African Slave Trade. Boston : Little, Brown, c1980.**

Davidson provides a detailed account of the sufferage that occurred during passage.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

But for those African's for whom the God's were watching and who made it over to the shores of Virginia, their story continues here. These important works help explain the presence of Africans in American History. Most African American's can trace their history to the west coast of Africa.

John Hope Franklin **From Slavery to Freedom Boston : McGraw-Hill, 2000**

In this Seminal work, historian John Hope Franklin chronicles the history of African American people. This book still stands as one of the most authoritative works on African American History.

Lerone Bennett, Jr. **Before the Mayflower. New York: Penguin, 1993.**

A classic in African American history, this work presents a clear and concise history of the people of African descent in America.

Vincent Harding **There is a River New York : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1981.**

This inspiring book, looks at the African American attempts to gain freedom in America.

W.E.b dubois **The Souls of Black Folk New York : Vintage Books/Library of America, 1990**

This widely recognized work, is a staple in any library and this unrivaled classic examines the contradictions and problems of the souls of black folk.

Carter G. Woodson **The Miseducation of the Negro Trenton: Africa World Press, 1990**

One of the most important and critical works on the educational processes that shape the minds of educated Black People.

Ira Berlin, Mark Favreau, Steven Miller **Remembering Slavery New York: New Press, 1998**

These brilliant stories in recorded voice and printed word provide first hand accounts of African Americans who talk about their experiences with slavery.

Paul Robeson **Here I stand. Boston: Beacon Press, 1971**

This powerful autobiography takes a courageous look at the life of Paul Robeson from the height of his fame to his denial of a passport and exile.

David Levering Lewis	W.E.B Dubois Biography New York: Holt, 1993	This important scholar presents a comprehensive look at the life of philosopher, educator, and writer W.E.B. Dubois.
Molefi Kete Asante	Afrocentricity Trenton: Africa World Press, 1988.	This explores the ideal of using an African centered approach in looking at history.
Harold Cruise	The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual New York : Morrow, 1967	In this seminal work, Cruise examines the crisis of leadership in the Black community.

African American Literature

There is a wealth of material in this area. I thought about categorizing the works by genres (poetry, short story) or era's (Reconstruction Period, Harlem Renaissance), but decided to use a contemporary paradigm--modernity and post modernity. In using this distinction, 1966 serves as a starting point for the Postmodernity Period.

Modernity(1900-1965)

James Baldwin	The Fire the Next Time London : M. Joseph, 1963	Baldwin is prophetic in discussing the negative consequences of what would eventually happen, if America continued to treat Blacks as second class citizens.
James Baldwin	Nobody Knows My Name New York, Dial Press, 1961.	Baldwin looks at the role of cultural identity and what it feels like to be part of a marginalized group in America.
Richard Wright	Black Power New York: Harper, 1954	Wright centers his philosophy around blacks gaining economic and political of their own doing and on their own terms.
James Weldon Johnson	The Autobiography of an ExColored Man New York, Hill and Wang [c1960]	Negro national Anthem author Johnson, discusses the life of a bi-racial man during the Jim Crow era.
Zora Neal Hurston	Their Eyes were Watching the Gods New York : Chelsea House Publishers, 1987	Harlem Renaissance writer Hurston, explores american social phenomenons from a feminist perspective.
Langston Hughes	Story: The Best of Simple New York: Hill and Wang, 1961	Hughes uses comedy and satire to discuss american life for blacks.

Edited by Dudley Randall	The Black Poets: A new Anthology Bantan: NY, 1971	A wonderful collection of poems from many of the greatest black poets of the twentieth century.
James Weldon Johnson	Saint Peter Relates an Incident selected poems. New York: The Viking press, 1935.	A number of important poems by one of the most distinguished American writers.
Ralph Ellison	Flying Home: and Other short stories. New York : Random House, 1996.	A book of short stories by the author of "The Invisible Man".

Post modern (1966-Present)

Nikki Giovanni	Love Poems New York : Morrow, c1997.	In this heartfelt work, activist Giovanni presents her softer side by expressing different kinds of black love in popular culture.
Alice Walker	Anything We Love Can Be Saved New York : Random House, c1997.	Walker invokes a pro-active stance for helping to define black womanhood.
Alice Walker	Color Purple: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1982A	This critically acclaimed book explores black female/male relationships in the South.
Toni Morrison	Beloved. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 1987	In this classic work, Pulitzer prize Winner Morrison, shows an act of love as demonstrated by a slave mother for her children.
Toni Morrison	A Song for Solomon Philadelphia Chelsea House, c1999.	An inspirational work about relationships in the South-pain and love.
J. California Cooper	Homemade Love New York : St. Martin's Press, 1986	Coopers explore the boundaries of emotion in black relationships.
June Jordan	Civil Wars New York: Simon and Schuster, 1995.	Renowned poet and activist Jordan, presents a collection of essays about love, power and race.
Ntozake Shange	For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf. New York: Collier , 1975	This dramatic prose poem shows the human spirits ability to triumph over pain.
Walter Mosely	A Devil in a Blue Dress New York : Norton, c1990.	In the his Easy Rollins Series, writer Mosely presents a mystery that can only be solved by detective Rollins.

Civil Rights Movement

Historical Events of the Movement

Historical recounts of the movement. Monumental works that provide readers a comprehensive overview of this important period in world history.

Taylor Branch	Parting the Waters New York, NY:Simon & Schuster, 1989.	A Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this study examines the civil rights movement from 1954-1963.
Taylor Branch	Pillar of Fire New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 1998.	The second volume of his America in the King Years trilogy, this work portrays the civil rights movement in its glory from 1963-1965.
David Halberstam	The Children New York: Random House, 1998.	This book looks at the role that student groups played in reinvigorating the the civil rights movement.
David Garrow	Bearing the cross : Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference New York : Vintage Books, 1988	Another authoritative piece on the entire civil rights movement. This is a must for anyone who's want a comprehensive understanding of the events behind the movement.
Aldon D. Morris	The origins of the civil rights movement : Black communities organizing for change New York : Free Press ; London : Collier Macmillan, c1984.	The early incidents which led to the later more publicized civil rights events.

People of the Movement

Historical figures who loomed large in the movement. Certainly Malcom and Martin stand out as the two central figures in this era. Though their ideologies were different, their goal was the same--freedom for African American people. Others, however, played a significant role in the struggle.

Martin Luther King Jr.	A Testament of Hope San Francisco : Harper, 1991.	A collection of MLK's speeches, writings, and interviews, this is a must for anyone interested in the life of King.
Martin Luther King Jr.	Where Do We go From Here Philadelphia: Fortress, 1987.	A series of writings that talk about the Montgomery boycott. Told by King.
Edited by Clayborne Carson	The Autobiography of Martin Luther King New York: Warner, 1998	The life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
King, Coretta Scott	My Life with Martin Luther King: The Autobiography of MLK. New York: Puffins, 1994	A window into the intimate life of King. Told through the the eyes of his widow Corretta.
Martin Luther King Jr.	Strength to Love New York: Harper & Row,1989	A selection of some of King's most coveted sermons, put together by his

		wife Corretta.
Martin Luther King Jr.	The Measure of a Man Philadelphia : Fortress Press, c1988.	Looking at the sum of man, King draws from one of his sermons, in looking at three measures of a man's life the height (spirituality), the width (service), and the length (identity).
Martin Luther King Jr.	A Trumpet of Conscience San Francisco: Harper, 1967	Written toward the waning of his popularity, King makes his final statements on racism, poverty, and war before his untimely death.
Edited by Clayborn Carson	A Knock at Midnight New York: Warner, 1998	This work is a definitive collection of eleven of King's most inspirational sermons. It accompanies a series of audio tapes.
Malcom X	The Autobiography of Malcom X New York: Grove Press, 1966	A comprehensive look into the life of one of our nation's most feared and loved leader. It reveals the transformation of a life lived.
Evanzz Karl	judas Factor: The Plot to Kill Malcom X New York: Thunder's Mouth, 1992	This book looks at the intelligence community's surveillance of the Nation of Islam's doings and Malcom's; it hints at the possibility of the FBI's role in the death of Malcom.
Malcom X	By Any Means Necessary New York: Pathfinder, 1970	A collection of Malcom's speeches, writings, and interviews. This is a must for anyone interested in the life of Malcom.
Thulani Davis	Malcolm X: The Great Photographs. New York: Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 1993.	Through pictures and text, this book offers insight into the life of Malcom X.
Andrew Young	No Easy Burden New York: Harper-Collins, 1996.	An autobiography on this former U. S. Ambassador and Civil Rights leader.
John Lewis	Walking With the Wind: A memoir of the Movement New York: Simon and Schuster, 1998	A intimate look at the civil rights movement from one of its most courageous leaders.
Marshall Frandy	Jessee: Autobiography New York: Random House, 1996.	An autobiography on this religious leader and Civil Rights leader.
Micheal Dyson	I May Not Get There with You New York: Free Press, 2000	A more critical look at the life of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Dyson looks at King's mortality.
Carl Rowan	Dream Keepers, Dream Makers Boston : Little, Brown, c1993.	A national bestseller on the life of former civil rights leader and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Ralph Abernathy	And the Walls Came Tumbling Down New York: Harper Perrenial, 1990	This controversial autobiography by former friend of MLK, looks at the Civil Rights Movement.
Jervis Andersen	Troubles I've Seen New York: Random House, 1996.	A biography about the former stragetist and organizer of the civil rights movement.
Eldridge Clever	Soul on Ice New York: Dell, 1968	A spiritual and intellectual autobiograh, written while in prison, on the life of Black Panthers Party member Eldridge Clever.

AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND SCHOLARS

This final section includes many African American Scholars from various disciplines in the Academy. Many of these scholars continue to produce work on the contemporary conditions of African Americans. Their scholarship, often crosses disciplines, and links to other historical periods, like African American linguists Dr. Geneva Smitherman, whose work influences public policy in education, or like educator and historian Dr. Asa Hilliard.

Legal Institutions

This section includes the works of freedom fighters in the legal system and their scholarship.

Adam Clayton Powell	Adam by Adam: The Autobiography of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. New York, NY: The Citadel Press, 1971.	The autobiography of one of America's most flamboyant, most controversial, and most popular politicians.
Randall Kennedy	Race Crime and The Law New York : Pantheon Books, c1997.	In this revealing book, Kennedy examines the inequities in the criminal justice system.
Derrick Bell	Gospel Choirs New York: Basic, 1996	A book in Bell's Gevena Crenshaw series, he uses acclaimed narrative style in discussing many important issues in the African American Community.
Derrick Bell	Confronting Authority Boston : Beacon Press, c1994.	Bell discusses his confrontation with the Harvard Law school as professor who sacrificed his tenure position for the cause of women of color.
Derrick Bell	Faces at the Bottom of the Well : the permanence of racism New York : BasicBooks, c1992.	In brilliant storytelling format, Bell looks at how racism ascribes a caste status to African Americans in the U.S

Derrick Bell	And we are not saved New York : Basic Books, c1987	Bell uses storytelling to popular culture to critique racism and its impact on various aspects of African American life
Lani Guinier	Lift Every Voice New York : Simon & Schuster, c1998.	Guinier looks at her rise to popularity in American politics and the public scrutiny she had to endure and overcome.
A. Leon Higginbotham	Shades of Freedom New York : Oxford University Press, 1996.	The late judge Higginbotham discusses the legal systems and its injustices toward African Americans.

Family Child Ecology

This area has many important books on the African American family. Arguably the institution which most influences the cultural identity of individuals.

Harriet Pipes McAdoo	The Black Family Newbury Park, Calif. : Sage Publications, c1988	Scholar McAdoo, presents an authoritative work on Black Family Life in America.
Harriet Pipes McAdoo	Family Ethnicity Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1992	This scholar offers a demographic overview of families in the US.
Andrew Billingsley	Climbing Jacob's Ladder New York : Simon & Schuster, c1992	This seminal piece of scholarship provides readers with a comprehensive understanding of African American families.
E. Franklin Frazier	The Black Bourgeoisie New York : Simon & Schuster, 1997.	In this important work, Frazier takes a critically examines America's Black middle class, including their values and lifestyle.
Brian Lanker	I dream a world : portraits of black women who changed America / New York : Stewart, Tabori & Chang : Distributed in the U.S. by Workman Pub., 1989.	Portraits of many important african american women.
Darrell Dawsey	Living to Tell about it New York : Anchor Books, 1996.	An african american male discusses the obstacles of growing up in the inner-city
William Julius Wilson	When Work Disappears: the world of the new urban poor New York : Knopf, 1996.	Well respected Sociologist Wilson discuss the new economic trends in American society, and its impact on people of colore and poor people.
June Jordan	Family First New York: Harper Perrenial, 1996	The Mother of MJ, discusses the values that shaped the childhood of a superstar.
Bill Cosby	Fatherhood New York: Dolphin, 1986	Comedian Bill Cosby provides wisdom in parenting skills.

Henry Louis Gates	Thirteen Ways of looking at a black man New York : Random House, c1997.	Gates presents the biographies of 13 African American men and their lives
Robert Allen	Brotherman: The odyssey of Black Men in America New York: Ballentine, 1995	Winner of the American Book Award, an African American male discusses the great achievements of AmericanMen in various fields.
Nathan McCall	Makes Me Wanna Holler New York, NY : Random House, p1994.	An African American male a personal story of the obstacles of he faced while growing up in the inner-city.
Keith Brown	Sacred Bond Boston : Little, Brown, c1998	Black men and their mothers, as told through their biographies.
Kenneth Clark	Dark Ghetto New York: Harper Row, 1965	A solid piece about the white problem and the economic inequalities that exist in american society.
Andrew Hacker	Two Nations Black, White, Separate, Hostile, Unequal. New York, NY: Ballantine Books, 1995.	This is an insightful and disturbing reflection on the state of America society.
Lawrence Graham	Our Kind of People New York: Harper, 1999	A look at the elite upper middle class families and their assimilation into american culture--Bryant Gumbel, Andrew Young, amongst others.

Religion and Philosophy

This area includes the works of black intellectuals and black religious scholars. The works conceptualizes Christianity from a black perspective.

James Cone	Black Theology and Black Power New York: Orbis, 1992	In this critical work, James Cones uses a Christian ethos in trying to provide a model for Black Christianity.
James Cone	God of the Oppressed San Francisco: Harper, 1975	In this follow up work, Cone discusses the role of African American Christians in the these times of suffering.
Cornel West	Race Matters New York: Vintage, 1994	This national bestseller, provides a commentary on philosophy, religion, and leadership in the African American community.
Cornel West	Cornel West Reader New York: Basic, 1999	This collection of essays, interviews, excerpts is important to anyone wanting to understand the work of this brilliant intellectual.
Cornel West	Prophesy Deliverance Philadelphia: Westminster, 1982	This critically acclaimed book, offers an Afro American Revolutionary to the

		Christian ethos.
Cornel West	Prophetic Thought in Postmodern Times Monroe, Maine: Common Courage, 1993	Winner of the American book award, this book looks at moving beyond Eurocentrism and into Multiculturalism
Howard Thurman	The Luminous Darkness New York, Harper Row, 1965	In this inspirational work, theologian Howard Thurman uses a Christian and moral ethos in looking at segregation.

Education and Psychology

There is a wealth of material in education and psychology as it relates to the African American Experience. These books are all from another of my book collections on education.

Asa Hilliard	The Maroon Within Us selected essays on African American community socialization / Asa Baltimore, MD : Black Classic Press, c1995.	A seminal piece, in which Hilliard looks at the role culture plays in the learning styles of African American children.
Asa Hilliard	Testing African American Students Chicago: Third World Press, 1991	This timely piece, becomes important again, in this work a number of African American scholars discuss the historical and inappropriate use of assessment measures for African American students.
Lisa Delpit	Other People's Childrencultural conflict in the classroom New York : New Press : W.W. Norton, c1995.	This seminal work looks at the disconnect between teachers and students of colors around issues of language and life experiences.
Bell Hooks	Teaching to Transgress New York: Routledge, 1994	Hooks takes a look at the challenges associated with being a black female post modern thinker in working with students in higher education.
Franz Fanon	Black Skin White Masks New York: Grove Press, 1967	Martiniques Psychiatrist Fanon looks at the impact of colonialism and its impact on the psyche of black people in france and theworld
Paulo Freire	Pedagogy of the Oppressed New York: Continum, 1997	In this seminalt piece, Friere uses a socialist constuct to examine issues of power that influence language arts instruction
Janet Hale	Black Children: Their Roots, Culture, and Learning Styles. Baltimore: John Hopkins University, 1986	A classic piece, in which Benson looks at the culture relevance in the socialization process of African American students
John Ogbu	Minority education and caste : the American system in cross cultural	In this important work, Ogbu looks at the neeconomy that race ascribes to the status

	perspective New York : Academic Press, c1978.	of African Americans and how that shapes their educational experiences.
Naim Akbar	From miseducation to education Jersey City, N.J. : New Mind Productions, 1984.	A call for African Americans to learn their own history.
Kwanza Kunjufu	Developing positive self-images and discipline in Black children Chicago, Ill. : African-American Images, c1984.	An important work for anyone who has an interests in the socialization process of African American males.
Jonathon Kozol	Savage inequalities : children in America's schools New York : Crown Pub., 1991.	In this seminal work Jonathon Kozol shows the gross economic disparities in the lives of poor children which decrease their educational opportunities.
Johanthon Kozol	Death at an Early Age New York: Plume, 1985	This national award winner, looks at the inequities that shape the lives of inner-city students.
Jonathon Kozol	Amazing grace : the lives of children and the conscience of a nation NewYork : Crown, c1995	In this seminal work Jonathon Kozol chronicles the lives of poor children up close in New York Neighborhoods.
Beverly Tatum	"Why are all the Black kids sitting together in the cafeteria?" and other conversations about race / New York : BasicBooks, c1997.	In this book, Tatum looks at issues of race and how black students often isolate themselves as a way to create solidarity.
Earl Ofari Hutchnison	The Assasination of the Black Image New York, Touchstone, 1994	This work looks at the portrayal of African American men by the media and offers its criticisms of the media.
James Loewen	Lies my teacher told me : everything your American history textbook got wrong New York : New Press : Distributed by Norton, c1995.Lies My Teachers Told Me	A critique of how history is taught in public schools and its impact on shaping the minds of its students.
Fracis Cress Welsing	The Iseys Papers Chicago: Third World, 1995	This controversial book, makes a comparisons between symbolism and racism in america.

Language Expression and Contemporary culture

This section provides keen insights into the modes of communication and expression within the African American Community.

Geneva Smitherman	Black Talk: Words and Phrases from the Hood to the Amen Corner Boston: Houghlin, 1990	In this important work, Smitherman provides the ultimate guide toward the complexities of Black Talk in all facets of the Black Community.
John Baugh	Beyond ebonics : linguistic pride and	In this important work, Baugh examines

	racial prejudice Oxford : New York ; Oxford University Press, c2000.	the role language in the African American community.
J.L. Dillard	Black English; its history and usage in the United States New York, Vintage Books, 1972	An important work toward the understanding the language of African American people.
William Labov	Language in the Inner City Philidelphia: U.Penn Press, 1972	This important work studies the black english vernacular.
Johanna Destephano	Language Society, and Education Worthingto, Oh: Jones, 1973	A lengthy piece of work that profiles black english.
Bell Hooks	Outlaw Culture New York: Routledge, 1994	In this critical work Hooks looks at the representations in pop culture that are produced by the market culture and its impact on american culture.
Bell Hooks and Cornell West	Breaking Bread: Insurgent Black Intellectual Life Boston: Southend Press, 1990	These two prominent black intellectuals discuss issues related to the black community, including post-modernity, music, film, education on pop culture
Bell Hooks	killing rage: ending racism New York: Holt, 1995	In these black feminist essays, hooks express ideals about the use of resistance toward ending racism
Henry Louis Gates and Cornel West	Loose canons : notes on the culture wars New York : Oxford University Press, 1992.	An important discussion on how America decides what books to canonize and the role culture and power plays in this process.
John Rickford	Spoken soul : the story of Black English /foreword by Geneva Smitherman. New York : Wiley, c2000.	Rickford looks at the unique language patterns of African American students

Performing arts

These works look at many African American artists and their contributions to American Society.

Davis, Miles	Miles: The Autobiography of Miles Davis New York: Simon and Schuster, 1989	This national best seller takes readers on an intimate journey into the life of one of Americas musical giants.
Mel Watkins	On the real side : a history of African American comedy Chicago : Lawrence Hill Books, c1999.In the Real Side: Black Comedians	A comprehensive history of legendary African American comedians.
Edward Kennedy Ellington	Music is my mistress, by Edward Kennedy Ellington. Garden City, N.Y., Doubleday, 1973.	An intimate look into the life of America's greatest Composer-Duke Ellington.

Imamu Amiri Baraka	Blues people; Negro music in white America. New York, W. Morrow, 1963.	A splendid book on the insurgence of jazz and blues into the African American culture.
Chuck D	Fight the Power New York: Delacorte Press, 1996	This important work looks at rap music and its impact on popular culture told by Public Enemy's founder.
Robert Gottlieb	Reading Jazz: A Gathering of Autobiographies, and Collective Criticisms New York: Pantheon, 1996	A collection of autobiographies from different people within this splendid genre of music.
Tim Motion	Jazz Portraits: An eye for the Sound New York: Smithmark, 1995	An intimate collection of photographs on jazz greats from the forties to the nineties.
Thomas Houser	Muhammad Ali in Perspective New York: Collins, 1996	An intimate illustrated biography on the life of Muhammad Ali.
Edited by Gerald Early	The Muhammad Ali Reader New Jersey, Ecco, 1996	A splendid collection of essays written about the "Champ".
Rodney Dale	The World of Jazz Edison, NJ: Chartell, 1996	A look at jazz from various time periods in American history.