

We Recommend...[Black History Month – Adult & Junior Non-fiction]

A Place Called Heaven: The Meaning of Being Black in Canada

Foster, Cecil / BH 305.896071 Fos / 305.896071 Fos

Explores the realities of being Black in Canadian society.

Being Black: Essays

Prince, Althea / BH 305.896071 Pri / 305.896071 Pri

Essays on contemporary Black Canadian culture.

Black Firsts: 2000 years of extraordinary achievement

Smith Carney, Jessie / 909.0496 Bla

Achievements, pride, and accomplishments involving people, places, and events in black history

Black History: Africa the Caribbean and the Americas

Sadlier, Rosemary / BH 909.0496 Bla / 909.096 Bla

This book explores the compelling story of Africa and its people and includes a special focus on the Canadian diaspora experience.

Black Holocaust for Beginners

Anderson, S.E / 306.362 And

Many African human beings were killed and enslaved in the Black Holocaust - from the start of the European slave trade (c. 1500) to the Civil War (1865)

Black Leaders of the nineteenth century

Edited by Leon Litwack and August Meier/ 920.009296073 Bla

Profiles of seventeen nineteenth century Black men and women, including Nat Turner, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas, and Mary Church Terrell

Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance

Obama, Barack / BH 973.932092 Obama / Biography and Memoir 973.932092 Obama

The first Black president of the United States reflects on his family and heritage.

Mammies no more: the changing image of Black women on stage and screen

Anderson, Lisa / 791.4365204208996073 And

Ways in which mainstream American plays and films have reflected and helped to reinforce stereotypes of black women.

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Mathieu Da Costa: First To Arrive

Sadu, Itah / BH J Kit 910.92 Sad

Introduces Mathieu Da Costa the free African explorer and translator highlighting his work as a translator for early French explorers Samuel De Champlain and Pierre Dugua Monts.

The Blacks in Canada: A History

Winks, Robin W. / BH 971.00496 Win 1997 / 971.00496 Win 1997

In depth historical account of Blacks in Canada from the seventeenth century to the late twentieth century.

The Hanging of Angelique: The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montreal

Cooper, Afua / BH 971.428014092 Angel-C / 971.428014092 Angel-C / Biography & Memoir 971.428014092 Angel-C

The true story of a twenty-nine year old slave who was hanged in Montreal in 1734 for allegedly starting a fire that engulfed over forty buildings. One of the oldest firsthand accounts of a slave's story.

The Kid's Book of Black Canadian History

Sadlier, Rosemary / BH J 305.896071 Sad / J 305.896071 Sad

A fascinating history of Blacks in Canada.

The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto!

Shadd, Adrienne L. / BH 971.354100496 Sha / 971.354100496 Sha / Local Studies 971.354100496 Sha

Offers new insights into the lives of Black people who made Toronto their home after they had immigrated to Canada in the last century.

Towards Freedom: The African-Canadian Experience

Alexander, Ken / BH 971.00496 Ale / 971.00496 Ale

More than just a history of Black Canadians, this book also documents their achievements, their success in breaking down barriers placed before them, and the impact they have had on Canadian society. Especially useful for students.

Trials and Triumphs: The Story of African Canadians

Hill, Lawrence / BH J 971.004036 Hill

A good introduction for young children to the history of Black Canadians.

Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged

Warner, Jody Nyasha / BH J 971.6004960092 Desmo-W

A true story of a woman from Nova Scotia who refused to give up her seat in a movie theatre for being black. She is an unsung hero of the North American struggle against injustice and racial discrimination whose story deserves to be widely known.