

We Recommend...[Black History Month – Adult Fiction]

At the Full and Change of the Moon: A Novel

Brand, Dionne / BH FIC Brand

In 1824, on the island of Trinidad, Marie Ursule, queen of a secret society of militant slaves called the Sans Peur regiment, plots a mass suicide. It is also the beginning of a new world, because she cannot bring herself to kill her small daughter, Bola, whom she smuggles away from the estate in the early dawn light.

Beloved

Morrison, Toni / BH FIC Morri/FIC Morri

Pulitzer Prize winning story of the strange things that start happening when a former slave takes in a girl named Beloved.

Brown Girl Brownstones

Marshall, Paule / FIC Marsh

Describes the coming of age of Selina Boyce, a Caribbean-American girl in New York City in the mid-20th century

Dollbaby

McNeal, Laura Lane / Fic McNea

Ibby Bell, a naïve, spirited teenager arrives in New Orleans in the midst of the racial turmoil of the 1960s

Ghana Must Go

Selasi, Taiye / FIC Selas

Siblings from two marriages untie to bury their father. The story reveals incidents that happen because of a distorted view of love.

George & Rue

Clarke, George Elliott/Fic Clark

True story of the 1949 murder of a taxi driver in New Brunswick, Canada, by Clarke's first cousins, brothers George and Rufus Hamilton.

Half a Heart

Brown, Rosellen / BH FIC Brown

A former human rights activist's life is shattered with the appearance of the biracial daughter she bore twenty years earlier while the young woman tries to cope with her dual identity.

How To Read The Air

Mengestu, Dinaw / FIC Menge

Following the death of his father Yosef, Jonas Woldemariam feels compelled to make sense of the volatile generational and cultural ties that have forged him. Leaving behind his marriage and job in New York, he sets out to retrace his mother and father's honeymoon as young Ethiopian immigrants.

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Push: A Novel

Sapphire/ FIC Sapph

A self portrait of a black teenager, big, fat and unloved, with a father who rapes her and a jealous mother who screams abuse. For Precious, as she is called, hope appears when a courageous teacher, a young black woman, bullies, cajoles and inspires her to learn how to read.

Ruth's Journey The Authorized Novel Of Mammy from Margaret Mitchell's Gone With The Wind

McCaig, Donald / Fic McCai

The life of Mammy, from her days as a slave girl to the outbreak of the Civil War.

Till I'm Laid To Rest

Ellis, Garfield / FI C Ellis

A young woman leaves Jamaica to start a new life in the United States.

The Book of Negroes

Hill, Lawrence Hill / FIC Hill/ PB Hill

Follows the life of one black woman from when she was captured as a child in Africa, sold into slavery in South Carolina, escaped to Nova Scotia as a Black Loyalist, then returned to Sierra Leone with other freed slaves.

The Book Of Night Women

James, Marlon / BH FIC James/FIC James

A group of women have long been plotting a slave revolt and see a young girl, Lilith, as key to their plans.

The Coldest Winter Ever: A Novel

Sister Souljah / BH FIC Soulja/PB Souljah

The oldest daughter of a successful drug dealer, young Winter Santiago's life begins to fall apart after her father moves her family from the projects to a mansion on Long Island.

The Lynching Stream

Smith, Horane / BH FIC Smith

When he learns that his father was lynched, a man leaves his Canadian home to travel to Mississippi to learn why.

We Need New Names : a novel

Bulawayo, NonViolet / FIC Bulaw

The novel recounts the story of a young girl's journey from Zimbabwe to America

Wench: a novel

Perkins-Valdez, Dolen / Fic Perki

A chronicle of the lives of four slave women—Lizzie, Reenie, Sweet and Mawu—who are their masters' mistresses.