

Favorite 100 African American Books of the 20th Century

Author	Title
1. Alice Walker	The Color Purple
2. Zora Neale Hurston	Their Eyes Were Watching God: A Novel
3. Toni Morrison	Beloved
4. Lynn Harris	And This Too Shall Pass: A Novel
5. Maya Angelou	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
6. J. California Cooper	Some Love, Some Pain, Sometime: Stories
7. Terry McMillan	Disappearing Acts
8. Ralph Ellison	Invisible Man
9. Toni Morrison	Song of Solomon
10. Richard Wright	Native Son
11. James Earl Hardy	2nd Time Around
12. Lorraine Hansberry	A Raisin in the Sun
13. J. California Cooper	Homemade Love
14. Eric Jerome Dickey	Sister, Sister
15. Octavia E. Butler	Kindred
16. Ernest J. Gaines	A Lesson Before Dying
17. Omar Tyree	Flyy Girl
18. Eric Jerome Dickey	Friends and Lovers
19. Diane McKinney	Tumbling
20. Sheneska Jackson	Blessings: A Novel
21. Terry McMillan	Waiting to Exhale
22. Ntozake Shange	For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf
23. Walter Mosley	A Little Yellow Dog: An Easy Rawlins Mystery
24. Alex Haley	The Autobiography of Malcolm X
25. E. Lynn Harris	Invisible Life
26. Alice Walker	Possessing the Secret of Joy
27. Nathan McCall	Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America
28. E. Lynn Harris	Just As I Am: A Novel
29. Gloria Naylor	Mama Day
30. Dorothy West	The Wedding: A Novel
31. Chinua Achebe	Things Fall Apart: A Novel
32. Edwidge Danticat	Breath, Eyes, Memory
33. Sheneska Jackson	Lil Mamas Rules: A Novel
34. Rosalyn McMillan	One Better
35. Bebe Moore Campbell	Your Blues Ain't Like Mine
36. Walter Mosley	Devil in a Blue Dress
37. Toni Morrison	Sula
38. Toni Morrison	The Bluest Eye
39. Ernest J. Gaines	A Gathering of Old Men
40. Tananarive Due	My Soul to Keep
41. Alex Haley	Roots
42. Nikki Giovanni	The Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni: 1968-1995
43. Ann Petry	The Street: A Novel

44. Jean Toomer	Cane
45. Terry McMillan	How Stella Got Her Groove Back
46. Toni Morrison	Tar Baby
47. W.E.B. Du Bois	The Souls of Black Folk
48. Tina McElroy Ansa	Ugly Ways
49. James Baldwin	Another Country
50. Anita Richmond Bunkley	Black Gold
51. Sheneska Jackson	Caught Up in the Rapture: A Novel
52. Dawn Turner Trice	Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven
53. Maya Angelou	The Heart of a Woman
54. Omar Tyree	A Do Right Man
55. James Baldwin	Go Tell It on the Mountain
56. Tananarive Due	The Between
57. Tina McElroy Ansa	The Hand I Fan With
58. August Wilson	The Piano Lesson
59. Sam Greenlee	Spook Who Sat by the Door
60. Connie Briscoe	Big Girls Don't Cry
61. Rosalyn McMillan	Knowing
62. Toni Morrison	Paradise
63. Langston Hughes	The Best of Simple
64. Alice Walker	The Third Life of Grange Copeland
65. Donna Grant	Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made
66. Gloria Naylor	Bailey's Cafe
67. J. California Cooper	In Search of Satisfaction
68. James Baldwin	Just Above My Head
69. Octavia E. Butler	Parable of the Sower
70. Diane McKinney-whetstone	Tempest Rising: A Novel
71. James Baldwin	The Fire Next Time
72. Dr. Frances Cress Welsing	The Isis Papers: The Keys to the Colors
73. Iceberg Slim	Mama Black Widow: A Novel
74. Mary Smith	Miss Ophelia
75. California Cooper	Wake of the Wind
76. Tina McElroy Ansa	Baby of the Family
77. Albert French	Billy
78. Walter Mosley	Black Betty
79. Claude Brown	Manchild in the Promised Land: A Modern Classic of the Black Experience
80. Zora Neale Hurston	Novels and Stories : Jonah's Gourd Vine / Their Eyes Were Watching God / Moses, Man of the Mountain / Seraph on the Suwanee / Selected Stories
81. Gloria Naylor	The Women of Brewster Place
82. Chris Albertson	Bessie
83. Richard A. Wright	Black Boy
84. Jewell Parker Rhodes	Magic City
85. Lolita Files	Scenes From Sistah
86. Sandra Kitt	The Color of Love
87. Evelyn Coleman	What a Womans Gotta Do
88. James Earl Hardy	B-Boy Blues
89. Etheridge Knight	Belly Song and Other Poems
90. James McBride	The Color of Water: A Blackman's Tribute to His White

	Mother
91. Gayl Jones	Corregidora
92. James Baldwin	Giovanni's Room
93. Susan Straight	I Been in Sorrow's Kitchen and Licked Out All the Pots
94. Alice Walker	In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose
95. Toni Morrison	Jazz: A Novel
96. Charles Johnson	Middle Passage
97. Toni Morrison	Playing in the Dark : Whiteness and the Literary Imagination
98. Sapphire	Push
99. James Weldon Johnson	The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man
100. William H. Armstrong	Souder
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