

#ReadingBlackout Adult Book List

Afrofuturism (Science Fiction and Fantasy)

Lilith's Brood: Dawn, Adulthood Rites, and Imago by Octavia Butler

- Available through [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#). Xenogenesis trilogy.

Acacia: The War with the Mein by David Anthony Durham

- Available through [Hoopla](#). First in a trilogy.

Brown Girl in the Ring by Nalo Hopkinson

The Fifth Season: Every Age Must Come to an End by N.K. Jemisin

- Available on [Overdrive](#). First in a trilogy.

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor

- Available on [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#). First in a trilogy.

Riot Baby by Tochi Onyebuchi

The Deep by Rivers Solomon

The Sorcerer of the Wildeeps by Kai Ashante Wilson

- First in a two book series.

Biography and Memoir

The Mamba Mentality: How I Play by Kobe Bryant

When They Call You a Terrorist by Patrisse Khan-Cullers & Asha Bandele

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston

- Available through [Hoopla](#).

This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America by Morgan Jerkins

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

My Life, My Love, My Legacy by Coretta Scott King

Heavy: A Memoir by Kiese Laymon

Unbowed by Wangari Maathai

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

Becoming by Michelle Obama

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

Notes from a Young Black Chef: A Memoir by Kwame Onwuachi

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women

Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoir by Natasha D. Trethewey

We're Going to Need More Wine: Stories That Are Funny, Complicated, and True by Gabrielle Union

- Available through [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#)

Fiction

[**Americanah**](#) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

- Available on [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#)

[**Conjure Women**](#) by Afia Atakora

[**Great Sky Woman**](#) by Steven Barnes

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

[**Kindred**](#) by Octavia Butler

[**The Water Dancer**](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**The Girl with the Louding Voice**](#) by Abi Daré

[**Invisible Man**](#) by Ralph Ellison

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**The Death of Vivek Oji**](#) by Akwaeke Emezi

[**Walk Me to the Distance**](#) by Percival L. Everett

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

[**A Lesson before Dying**](#) by Ernest J. Gaines

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**Transcendent Kingdom**](#) by Yaa Gyasi

[**The Ways of White Folks**](#) by Langston Hughes

[**Their Eyes Were Watching God**](#) by Zora Neale Hurston

- Available on [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#)

[**The Prophets**](#) by Robert Jones, Jr.

[**An American Marriage**](#) by Tayari Jones

- Available on [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#)

[**The Shadow King**](#) by Maaza Mengiste

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[**The Bluest Eye**](#) by Toni Morrison

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**Down the River unto the Sea**](#) by Walter Mosley

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**Stand Your Ground**](#) by Victoria Christopher Murray

[**The Travelers**](#) by Regina Porter

[**Such a Fun Age**](#) by Kiley Reid

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

[**The Color Purple**](#) by Alice Walker

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**Memorial**](#) by Bryan Washington

[**Playing My Mother's Blues**](#) by Valerie Wilson Wesley

[**The Nickel Boys**](#) by Colson Whitehead

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[**Native Son**](#) by Richard Wright

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

Graphic Novels

Killadelphia. Volume 1, Issues 1-6 by Rodney Barnes

- Available through [Hoopla](#). First 6 issues in an ongoing series.

On the Stump by Chuck Brown

Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet by Ta-Nehisi Coates

BTTM FDRS by Ezra Clayton Daniels

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

Bingo Love by Tee Franklin

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

Black Comix Returns by John Jennings

- Available through [Hoopla](#). Part of a series.

March: Book One by John Lewis

- Available through [Overdrive](#). First in a trilogy.

Birth of a Nation: A Comic Novel by Aaron McGruder

Wakanda Forever by Nnedi Okorafor

Ray Bradbury's Something Wicked This Way Comes: The Authorized Adaptation by Ronald Wimberly

Horror

Fledgling by Octavia Butler

- Available on [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#)

The Awakening: A Vampire Huntress Legend by L.A. Banks

The Living Blood by Tananarive Due

The Changeling by Victor D. LaValle

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

Zone One by Colson Whitehead

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

Inspirational

Second Sunday by Michele Andrea Bowen

Unspoken Words by Latoya Chandler

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

Blessed Trinity by Vanessa David Griggs

- Available on [Hoopla](#). First in a series

Not Easily Broken by T. D. Jakes

On the Corner of Hope and Main by Beverly Jenkins

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

A Long Time Comin' by Robin W. Pearson

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

Mystery

[Mycroft Holmes](#) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

[New England White](#) by Stephen L. Carter

[Borrowed Time](#) by Tracy Clark

[Bluebird, Bluebird](#) by Attica Locke

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[Devil in a Blue Dress](#) by Walter Mosley

- Available on [Overdrive](#). First in an ongoing series

[The Missing American](#) by Kwei Quartey

[Casaneira: A Tennyson Hardwick Story](#) by Blair Underwood

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

Nonfiction

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander

- Available through [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#)

[I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya Angelou

[Selected Poems](#) by Gwendolyn Brooks

[We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

[The Souls of Black Folk](#) by W.E.B. Du Bois

[Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance](#) by Tony Dungy

[Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America](#) by Michael Eric Dyson

[The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family](#) by Annette Gordon-Reed

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[Roots: The Saga of an American Family](#) by Alex Haley

- Available via [Overdrive](#)

[The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes](#) by Langston Hughes

[Girl, Gurl, Grrrl: On Womanhood and Belonging in the Age of Black Girl Magic](#) by Kenya Hunt

[Stamped from the Beginning: Racist Ideas in America](#) by Ibram X. Kendi

- Available via [Overdrive](#)

Kiese Laymon

[So You Want to Talk about Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo

[The Birth of a Nation: Nat Turner and the Making of a Movement](#) ed. by Nate Parker

[If I Did It: Confessions of a Killer](#) by O.J. Simpson

[Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights](#) by Gretchen Sullivan Sorin

[My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past](#)

by Jennifer Teege and Nikola Sellmair

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[Astrophysics for People in a Hurry](#) by Neil DeGrasse Tyson

[*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*](#) by Isabel Wilkerson

[*The Path Made Clear: Discovering Your Life's Direction and Purpose*](#) by Oprah Winfrey

Romance

[*Not the Girl You Marry*](#) by Andie J. Christopher

[*How to Catch a Queen*](#) by Alyssa Cole

- First in an ongoing series

[*The Wedding Date*](#) by Jasmine Guillory

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[*Real Men Knit*](#) by K. M. Jackson

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[*Forbidden*](#) by Beverly Jenkins

- Available on [Hoopla](#). First in a trilogy

[*Intercepted*](#) by Alexa Martin

- Available on [Overdrive](#)

[*A Cowboy to Remember*](#) by Rebekah Weatherspoon

- Available on [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#)

Short Story and Poetry Anthologies

[*The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*](#) by Maya Angelou

[*African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle and Song*](#) ed. by Kevin Lowell Young

[*Best African American Fiction 2009*](#) ed. by Gerald Early

[*Best African American Fiction 2010*](#) ed. by Gerald Early

[*The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes*](#) ed. by David Roessel

[*Ebony Rising: Short Fiction of the Greater Harlem Renaissance Era*](#) ed. by Craig Gable

[*Make Me Rain*](#) by Nikki Giovanni

[*Whispers in the Night*](#) ed. by Brandon Massey

[*The Awkward Black Man*](#) by Walter Mosley

- Available on [Hoopla](#)

[*Revolutionary Tales: African American Women's Short Stories, From the First Story to the Present*](#) ed. by Bill Mullen

[*Life on Mars: Poems*](#) by Tracy K. Smith

[*God's Gym*](#) by John Edgar Wideman

Urban Fiction

[*Butterfly*](#) by Ashley Antoinette

[*The Streets Have No Queen*](#) by JaQuavis Coleman

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[*Blackbirds*](#) by Eric Jerome Dickey

- Available through [Overdrive](#)

[*Baby Momma*](#) by Ni'chelle Genovese

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[**Vexed**](#) by Honey

[**Mafia Princess Part 2, Married to the Mob**](#) by Joy Deja King

- Second in a series

[**Bad Blood**](#) by Mary Monroe

[**Careful What You Click For**](#) by Mary B. Morrison

- Available through [Hoopla](#)

[**Soul's Survivor**](#) by Navi' Robins

[**Casting the First Stone**](#) by Kimberla Lawson Roby

- First in an ongoing series.

[**Influence**](#) by Carl Weber