

What about Urban Fiction?

Urban fiction or urban literature is sometimes also called hip-hop lit.

It is a popular genre typically set in urban settings with realistic characters but without complicated sentence structures.

It has a prose style that reflects how real people think and speak.

The storylines features characters that are people of color, usually African-Americans who are not side characters but take the main stage as central characters.

Ethnic culture, politics, music, etc. are often celebrated along with the true to life realities of living as marginalized people.

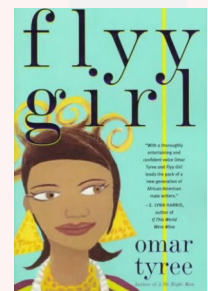
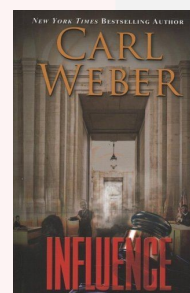
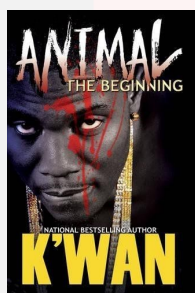
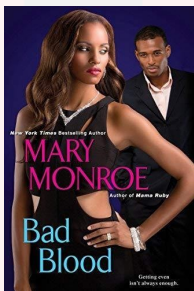
Story lines are fast passed and gritty with modern slang and descriptions.

Urban fiction usually falls into one or more three main subgenres.

Street lit: features violence, crime, and street life but also may contain a morality tale that warns against the allure of materialism and macho street violence. Familiar authors would be Omar Tyree and K'wan.

Drama lit: focuses on the complicated interactions in human relationships often between family members but also friends, lovers, and enemies. Familiar authors would be Mary Monroe and Carl Weber.

Urban erotica: shares similar elements to other forms of urban fiction but with emphasis on intimate encounters between the characters. Familiar authors would be Mary B. Morrison and Zane Grey



Flyy Girl by Omar Tyree

Tracy Ellison is living life as fast as she can. Motivated by the material world, she and her friends love and leave the young men who will do anything to get next to them. It's only when the world of gratuitous sex threatens heartbreak that Tracy begins to examine her life, her goals, and her sexuality.

Boss Lady by Omar Tyree

Everybody's favorite flyy girl is a little bit older, a whole lot wiser, and just as sassy as ever. After a series of triumphs in the world of letters and acting, Tracy takes on the dazzling world of Hollywood's A-list players to film a project close to her heart .

Animal: the beginning by K'wan

What happens to the children that the world throws away? They become Animals. Tayshawn Torres is a child born in the slums and cursed by the sins of his parents.

Road Dawgz by K'wan

It's the penthouse or the morgue. This is the philosophy adopted by Keshawn Wilson, a.k.a. K-Dawg, self-proclaimed lord of the streets.

Bad Blood by Mary Monroe

Seth Garrett's family taught him that anything less than the best simply isn't an option. Now he's out to prove he can be the most successful Garrett—and Rachel McNeal fits the bill. She's pretty, hard-working, good in bed—and willing to finance his dreams. He thinks she's perfect wife material—until he meets her relatives and discovers they're far from perfect.

Remembrance by Mary Monroe

For Beatrice Powell, the holidays are usually an extra-special time to celebrate. Between her twenty-year-plus marriage, gorgeous Berkeley, California, home, and three wonderful adult children, she has everything she could desire. But change-of-life doubts are making Beatrice a stranger to herself and her bewildered family. She only finds peace volunteering at the local soup kitchen, especially helping out homeless Charles Davenport. And his sensitivity and honesty soon comfort her in ways she never imagined

Influence by Carl Weber

When famed attorney Bradley Hudson learns of his youngest son Langston's arrest for drug trafficking, he assembles a team of lawyers to build a defense. With his reputation for being a shark in the courtroom, Bradley is confident he will get justice for his son—until he realizes he will be going up against an old foe, Assistant District Attorney James Brown. Is the ADA allowing his personal history with the Hudsons to influence his handling of the prosecution?

Head Games by Marry B. Morrison

From childhood games to career challenges, Trymm, Dallas, Kohl, and Blitz have stayed the best of friends—and each others' toughest competition. These bachelors live to party up, sex it down, and get it all. And now they're betting on which of them can "date-and-dump" the most women in a month—and post the proof on social media. Winner takes all: a cool million dollars. But this game is about to get all-too-real