

# 100+ Awesome Books by BIPOC

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## Books at the Intersections of Racism and Christianity

*This Here Flesh* (Cole Arthur Riley)  
*Faith Unleavened* (Tamice Spencer-Helms)  
*Christians Against Christianity* (Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.)  
*White Evangelical Racism* (Anthea Butler)  
*All God's Children* (Terence Lester)  
*Asian American Apostate* (R. Scott Okamoto)  
*Shoutin' In the Fire* (Danté Stewart)  
*The Color of Compromise* (Jemar Tisby)  
*Jesus and the Disinherited* (Howard Thurman)  
*Native* (Kaitlin Curtice)  
*Unsettling Truths* (Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah)  
*God Is Red* (Vine Deloria, Jr.)  
*dear white peacemakers* (Osheta Moore)  
*Who Will Be a Witness?* (Drew G.I. Hart)  
*Beyond Welcome* (Karen González)  
*All the White Friends I Couldn't Keep* (Andre Henry)  
*The Very Good Gospel* (Lisa Sharon Harper)  
*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (James H. Cone)  
*I Bring the Voices of My People* (Chanequa Walker-Barnes)  
*Reading While Black* (Esau McCaulley)

## Classic Novels by Black Women

*The Color Purple* (Alice Walker)  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* (Zora Neale Hurston)  
*Beloved/Sula/The Bluest Eye* (Toni Morrison)  
*The Street* (Ann Petry)  
*Jubilee* (Margaret Walker)  
*Passing* (Nella Larsen)  
*Parable of the Sower* (Octavia Butler)  
*The Salt Eaters* (Toni Cade Bambara)

## Powerful Nonfiction by Black Authors

*The Light of the World* (Elizabeth Alexander)  
*The Fire Next Time* (James Baldwin)

*Women, Race, & Class* (Angela Y. Davis)  
*all about love: new visions* (bell hooks)  
*Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* (Imani Perry)  
*Sister Outsider* (Audre Lorde)  
*No Name In the Street* (James Baldwin)  
*After Whiteness* (Willie James Jennings)  
*Patriarchy Blues* (Frederick Joseph)  
*Raising Free People* (Akilah S. Richards)  
*A Renaissance of Our Own* (Rachel Cargle)  
*What Children Remember* (Tasha Hunter)  
*Everybody Come Alive* (Marcie Alvis-Walker)  
*I'm Still Here* (Austin Channing Brown)  
*Begin Again* (Eddie S. Glaude)  
*South to America* (Imani Perry)  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Maya Angelou)  
*Between the World And Me* (Ta-Nehisi Coates)  
*How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others In America* (Kiese Laymon)

### **Poetry by Black poets**

*Touch the Earth* (Drew Jackson)  
*Black Girl Call Home* (Jasmine Mans)  
*The Birth of All Things* (Marcus Amaker)  
*Hard Times Require Furious Dancing* (Alice Walker)  
*Counting Descent* (Clint Smith)  
*The Tradition* (Jericho Brown)  
*the Colored page* (Matthew E. Henry)  
*i am the rage* (Dr. Martina McGowan)  
*1919* (Eve L. Ewing)  
*The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton*  
*The Collected Poems of Audre Lorde*

### **Poetry by Non-Black Poets of Color**

*Woman Without Shame* (Sandra Cisneros)  
*Scars & Stars* (Jesse Thistle)  
*A Really Good Brown Girl* (Marilyn Dumont)  
*Weaving Sundown in a Scarlet Light* (Joy Harjo)  
*Trailing You* (Kimberly M. Blaeser)  
*Gruel* (Bunkong Tuon)  
*Corazón* (Yesika Salgado)

### **Books by Queer BIPOC**

*Are We Free Yet?* (Tina Strawn)  
*The Prophets* (Robert Jones, Jr.)  
*Queer Love in Color* (edited by Jamal Jordan)  
*undrowned* (Alexis Pauline Gumbs)  
*Go Tell It On the Mountain* (James Baldwin)  
*Redefining Realness* (Janet Mock)  
*Hijab Butch Blues* (Lamya H)  
*Here For It* (R. Eric Thomas)  
*The How* (Yrsa Daley-Ward)  
*All Boys Aren't Blue* (George M. Johnson)  
*Afterparties* (Anthony Veasna So)  
*On Earth We Were Briefly Gorgeous* (Ocean Vuong)  
*Skye Falling* (Mia McKenzie)

### **U.S. History: the Good, the Bad, the Truth**

*The 1619 Project* (Nikole Hannah-Jones)  
*Stamped from the Beginning* (Ibram X. Kendi)  
*The Making of Asian America* (Erika Lee)  
*America for Americans* (Erika Lee)  
*A Different Mirror* (Ronald Takaki)  
*An Indigenous People's History of the United States* (Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz)  
*An African American and Latinx History of the United States* (Paul Ortiz)  
*Four Hundred Souls* (Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain)  
*How the Word Is Passed* (Clint Smith)  
*The Warmth of Other Suns* (Isabel Wilkerson)  
*They Were Her Property* (Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers)

### **Black People in History**

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* (as told to Alex Haley)  
*Walking with the Wind* (John Lewis)  
*Warriors Don't Cry* (Melba Pattillo Beals)  
*A Promised Land* (Barack Obama)  
*The Three Mothers* (Anna Malaika Tubbs)  
*Ida: A Sword Among Lions* (Paula J. Giddings)  
*Harlem Nocturne* (Farah Jasmine Griffin)  
*Angela Davis: An Autobiography*

### **The U.S. (In)Justice System**

*The New Jim Crow* (Michelle Alexander)  
*One Person, No Vote* (Carol Anderson)  
*Just Mercy* (Bryan Stevenson)  
*Rethinking Incarceration* (Dominique DuBois Gilliard)  
*The Sun Does Shine* (Anthony Ray Hinton)

### **Disability Justice**

*Disability Visibility* (edited by Alice Wong)  
*Year of the Tiger* (Alice Wong)  
*The Pretty One* (Keah Brown)

### **Black Feminism/Womanism**

*In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens* (Alice Walker)  
*Eloquent Rage* (Brittney Cooper)  
*God Is a Black Woman* (Christena Cleveland)  
*Red Lip Theology* (Candice Benbow)  
*Womanist Midrash* (Dr. Wilda Gafney)  
*Katie's Canon* (Katie Cannon)  
*Womanist Sass and Talk Back* (Dr. Mitzi J. Smith)

### **Fiction by Contemporary Authors**

*The Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois* (Honoree Jeffers)  
*An American Marriage* (Tayari Jones)  
*The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* (Deesha Philyaw)  
*Raybearer* (Jordan Ifueko)  
*Redemptor* (Jordan Ifueko)  
*Red at the Bone* (Jacqueline Woodson)  
*Joan Is Okay* (Weike Wang)  
*Memphis* (Tara M. Stringfellow)  
*The Water Dancer* (Ta-Nehisi Coates)  
*Deacon King Kong* (James McBride)  
*A Lesson Before Dying* (Ernest Gaines)  
*Black Cake* (Charmaine Wilkerson)  
*Violeta* (Isabel Allende)  
*Empire of Wild* (Cherie Dimaline)  
*The Poet X* (Elizabeth Acevedo)  
*Nightcrawling* (Leila Mottley)  
*Friday Black* (Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah)

### **Books About the Writing Life/Literature**

*remembered rapture* (bell hooks)

*A House of My Own* (Sandra Cisneros)

*Novelist As a Vocation* (Haruki Murakami)

*a handful of earth, a handful of sky* (Lynell George)

*Poet Warrior* (Joy Harjo)

*wounds of passion* (bell hooks)

*Why Indigenous Literatures Matter* (Daniel Heath Justice)

*Read Until You Understand* (Farah Jasmine Griffin)

*Reading Black Books* (Claude Atcho)

*The Same River Twice* (Alice Walker)

### **Books About Nature**

*Sparrow Envy* (J. Drew Lanham)

*World of Wonders* (Aimee Nezhukumatathil)

*Braiding Sweetgrass* (Robin Wall Kimmerer)

*Gathering Moss* (Robin Wall Kimmerer)

*undrowned* (Alexis Pauline Gumbs)

*Rooted* (Randy Woodley)