

Literary/Contemporary Fiction

- The Mothers by Brit Bennett
- Yaa Gyasi, Homegoing and Transcendent Kingdom
- An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
- Imbolo Mbue's books
- The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls by Anissa Gray
- The Final Revival of Opal & Nev by Dawnie Walton
- Toni Morrison's Books
- James Baldwin's books
- Popisho by Leone Ross
- Open Water by Caleb Azumah Nelson
- Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers
- Jesmyn Ward's books
- The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks by Shauna Robinson
- Jacqueline Woodson's books
- Akwaeke Emezi's books

Short Stories

- The Office of Historical Corrections by Danielle Evans
- Milk Blood Heat by Dantiel W. Moniz
- How Long 'til Black Future Month by N. K. Jemisin (sci-fi/fantasy)
- The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw
- My Monticello by Jocelyn Nicole Johnson
- Love in Color: Mythical Tales from Around the World, Retold by Bolu Babalola
- How to Love a Jamaican by Alexia Arthurs

Romance

- Bet on It by Jodie Slaughter
- Alyssa Cole (has multiple series)
- Talia Hibbert (lots of romance options, The Brown Sister Trilogy)
- Selena Montgomery series (AKA Stacey Abrams)
- Farrah Rochon series
- Jasmine Guillory series
- Seven Days in June by Tia Williams
- Real Men Knit by Kwana Jackson
- Beverly Jenkins' books
- A Dash of Salt and Pepper by Kosoko Jackson
- Aphrodite and the Duke by J.J. McAvoy (Historical Fiction)

Graphic Novels

- Nubia: Real One by L. L. McKinney
- Captain America -Truth: Red, White and Black by Isaiah Bradley
- Tuskegee Heirs Series
- Black Panther Series

- Bingo Love by Tee Franklin
- Wake by Rebecca Hall

Historical Fiction

- The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers
- The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
- Colson Whitehead's books
- Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
- The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- In West Mills by De'Shawn Charles Winslow

Sci-Fi/Fantasy

- N. K. Jemisin's books
- Binti by Nnedi Okorafor (96 pages)
- The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson
- Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler (regular and graphic novels versions)
- Rivers Solomon's books
- Long Division by Kiese Laymon
- The Conductors by Nicole Glover (fantasy, historical series)
- Son of the Storm by Suyi Davies Okungbowa

Mystery/Thriller

- Abby Collette - Cozy mystery series
- My Sister, The Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite
- Catherine House by Elisabeth Thomas
- Walter Mosley's books
- American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson
- S. A. Cosby's books
- Attica Locke's books

True Crime

- No Place Safe by Kim Reid
- Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster by Stephen L. Carter

Poetry

- Burning Sugar by Cicely Belle Blain
- I can't Talk About the Trees Without the Blood by Tiana Clark
- Amanda Gorman
- The Tradition by Jericho Brown
- Homie by Danez Smith
- Black Girl, Call Home by Jasmine Mans
- Audre Lorde

YA

- Elizabeth Acevedo's books (great on audio, novels-in-verse)
- Dear Haiti, Love Alaine by Maritza and Maika Moulite
- Slay by Brittney Morris
- Legendborn Cycle Series by Tracy Deonn
- You Should See Me in A Crown by Leah Johnson
- Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
- Let's Talk About Love by Claire Kann
- Tiffany D. Jackson's books
- Camryn Garrett's books
- The Getaway by Lamar Giles
- Jason Reynolds' books
- Felix Ever After by by Kacen Callender
- Akwaeke Emezi's books

Nonfiction - Memoir/Biography

- Phoebe Robinson's Books (funny/great on audio)
- Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir by Ashley C. Ford
- Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law by Haben Girma
- The Three Mothers by Anna Malaika Tubbs
- Samantha Irby's books (funny!! Great on audio!!)
- Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist's Fight to Make the Media Look More Like America by Dorothy Butler Gilliam
- Sometimes I Trip On How Happy We Could Be by Nichole Perkins
- The Pretty One: On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love With Me by Keah Brown
- Unprotected: A Memoir by Billy Porter
- Dear Senthurán: A Black Spirit Memoir by Akwaeke Emezi
- The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl by Issa Rae
- The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
- When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele
- Heavy by Kiese Laymon
- How We Fight for Our Lives, by Saeed Jones

Nonfiction (General)

- Consumed: The need for Collective Change: Colonialism, Climate Change, and Consumerism by Aja Barber
- Don't Let it Get You Down: Essays on Race, Gender, and the Body by Savala Nolan Trepczynski
- Our Time is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America by Stacey Abrams
- Angela Y. Davis for books on Race, Abolition, Feminism, and a memoir
- Unapologetic by Charlene Carruthers

- Survival of the Thickest: Essays by Michelle Buteau
- Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris (great for educators)
- Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All by Martha S. Jones
- A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind by Harriet A. Washington
- Isabel Wilkerson's books
- Imani Perry's Books
- Thick: And Other Essays by Tressie McMillan Cottom
- Bad Fat Black Girl: Notes from a Trap Feminist by Sesali Bowen
- All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles
- bell hooks' books
- Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes from My African American Kitchen by Alexander Smalls
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Eloquent Rage by Brittany Cooper
- Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret by Catherine Coleman Flowers
- A Little Devil in America by Hanif Abdurraqib
- You Don't Know Us Negroes and other essays by Zora Neale Hurston
- Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans Who Survived Slavery and Became Millionaires by Shomari Wills
- How the Word Is Passed by Clint Smith