

Selected Bibliography of African, African American, and Hispanic Cultural Resources

LARGE FORMAT BOOKS OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE

One More River to Cross: An African American Photograph Album

By Walter Dean Myers

A large format book with many wonderful photographs that date back in time—photos of families and individuals in the 1800's

Songs of My People: African Americans—a Self Portrait

By Easter, Cheers, and Dudley and Brooks

A large format book of photographs—many excellent for use in K-5 classrooms

Voices from Within: Photographs of African Children

By A. Olusegun Fayemi

Large format book of unique and engaging photographs

Freedom

Edited by Manning Marable and Leith Mullings

Huge collectors book of photographs from African American life from all periods—indispensable

Feeling the Spirit: Searching for the People of Africa

By Chester Higgins Jr.

Wonderful huge book of photographs

Free At Last: Stories and Songs of Emancipation

By Doreen Rappaport

Unique, large format picture book text

Face Forward: Young African American Men in a Critical Age

By Julian C. R. Okwu

Wonderful book of photographs and short interviews with more than 40 young men

Africa Adorned

By Angela Fisher

Large format book of colorful photographs of African people and their customs

Black: A Celebration of a Culture

By Deborah Willis

A large format book of important photographs from early century times to the present

The Black Book

By Middleton Harris

Unique pictorial book of photographs, drawings, replicas and text on the African American experience. It was very popular when it was published in 1974

12 Million Black Voices

By Richard Wright

Interesting book by the great author with lots of photos !

Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers 1840 to the Present

By Deborah Willis

Passages

Large format book of photographs of continental African people

Sacred Bond: Black Men and their Mothers

By Keith Michael Brown

Impressive book of photographs and short interviews with more than 30 successful young men relating the influence of their mothers on their lives

Photographs

by J.D. 'Okhai Ojeikere

Large format book of just full page photographs of hairstyles of African Women

Metropolis: Ten Cities, Ten Centuries

Unique, large format pictorial book

Very useful for comparing historical events around the world during certain time periods

Still I Rise: A Cartoon History of African Americans

By Roland Owen Laird, Jr

AFRICAN HISTORY 15TH TO 19TH CENTURY

Nzingha: Warrior Queen of Matamba Angola, 1595

The Royal Diaries

Children's book

By Patricia McKissack

Ancient African Town

Fiona Macdonald and Gerald Wood

Large format pictorial book—engaging 17th century town aerial views in attractive color drawings

Manso Musa

By Khephra Burns Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon

Beautiful children's picture book Late 2nd and 3rd grade and up

World's Great Men of Color Volumes 1 and 2

By J.A. Rogers

Historic books that are in the library of every serious student of Africa and African American history

The Lost Cities of Africa By Basil Davidson Revised Edition

Ancient West African Empires

The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay -- Life in Medieval Africa
By Patricia and Fredrick McKissack (written for young people)

African Kingdoms of the Past: Ghana, Mali, Songhay—The Western Sudan By Kenny Mann
(photos and original drawings)

The Kingdoms of Africa Series of books By Philip Koslow
Chelsea House Publishers New York and Philadelphia (excellent photos and drawings)

The Kingdom of Africa series of books below have been said to have problems with a few facts, but they are reliable enough to use and are especially valuable for schools because of the large number of photos, drawings, maps, glossaries, and chronologies.
Many of the drawings and paintings are copies of originals dated back centuries.

Ancient Ghana, the Land of Gold
Songhay, the Empire Builders
Dahomey, The Warrior Kngs
Kanem-Borno, 1,000 Years of Splendor
Benin, Lords of the River
Asante, The Gold Coast

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY-GENERAL

Harriet and the Promised Land
Children's book of colorful paintings and text by Jacob Lawrence

The Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-1940
Paintings by Jacob Lawrence
Edited by Ellen Harkins Wheat

World's Great Men of Color Volumes 1 and 2
By J.A. Rogers
Historic books that are in the library of every serious student of Africa and African American history

Historic Speeches of African Americans
Introduced and selected by Warren J. Halliburton

Black Heritage Postage Stamps
An eye-catching set of post cards of the U.S. postage stamps in this series mounted on small foam boards

De Nyew Testament: The New Testament in Gullah Sea Island Creole with Marginal Text of the King James Version
The Sea Island Translation Team in cooperation with the Wycliff Bible Translat

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The Civil Rights Movement: A Photographic History 1954-1968

Steven Kasher

Indispensable collection of photos and text

Freedom At Last: a History of the Civil Rights Movement and Those Who Died in the Struggle

By Sara Bullard

Interesting account with photographs of some of the movements lesser known heroes

Warriors Don't Cry

By Melba Pattillo Beals

"A Searing Memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High"

Oh, Freedom!: Kids Talk About the Civil Rights Movement with the People Who Made it

Happen

By Casey King and Linda Barrett Osborne

Excellent resource with many photographs.

Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories

By Ellen Levine

Putting the Movement Back into Civil Rights Teaching: A Resource Guide for K-12 Classrooms

Edited by Deborah Menkart, Alana D. Murray, and Jenice L. View

I Have a Dream

An attractive presentation of King's speech with illustrations on every other page

Linda Brown, You are Not Alone: The Brown V. Board of Education Decision

Children's Book

A collection edited by Joyce Carol Thomas

The Minister vs. the "Bull"

American Legacy: the Magazine of African-American History and Culture

Fall, 2007

A pictorial magazine article about Birmingham's African American's fight for civil rights and the courageous and wise leadership of Fred Shuttlesworth who led the movement against the actions of the infamous segregationist, "Bull" Connor.

THE EUROPEAN SLAVE TRADE --- THE ENSLAVEMENT OF AFRICAN PEOPLE

Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk About Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Emancipation

Library of congress book and audio tapes

Riveting!

Growing Up in Slavery: Stories of Young Slaves as Told by Themselves

Edited by Yuval Taylor

Novel: Jump Ship to Freedom

By Collier and Collier

Story of an enslaved African boy and his journey to freedom

BOOKS RELATING TO HISPANIC LIFE

In My Family

By Carmen Lomas Garza

Paintings and stories of a Mexican American community

Americanos: Latino Life in the United States

A pictorial large format book of photographs

Putting the Movement Back into Civil Rights Teaching: A Resource Guide for K-12 Classrooms

Edited by Deborah Menkart, Alana D. Murray, and Jenice L. View

CHILDREN'S POETRY, GAMES, SONGS

Remember the Bridge: Poems of a People

By Carole Boston Weatherford

Children's book of poems and illustrations

Words with Wings: A Treasury of African American Poetry and Art

Selected by Belinda Rochelle

book for children and adults

Pass it On: African American Poetry for Children

Selected by Wade Hudson

Step It Down: Games, Plays, Songs and Stories from the Afro-American Heritage

By Bessie Jones and Bess Lomax Hawes

Multicultural Games

By Lorraine Barbarash

Hush Songs: African American Lullabies

Joyce Carol Thomas

YOUNG ADULT POETRY—YOUTH CULTURE

Russell Simmon's Def Poetry Jam on Broadway ...and More

Edited by Danny Simmons

QUOTATIONS

Heart Full of Grace: A thousand Years of Black Wisdom

Edited by Venice Johnson

This small format book of quotations from many varied sources-- from traditional Africa to present day writers, political leaders, artists and others is useful for educational applications.

CAREERS—SHOWCASING AFRICAN AMERICANS

Black Astronaut Aids in Space Station Mission

Jet Magazine article, November 12, 2007, page 17

One page -about African American female astronaut, Stephanie D. Wilson

When I Grow Up

One page of photographs of the faces of approximately 20 young children with captions of various career titles
New York Times January 1, 2004

BOOKS RELATED TO AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC

Hush Songs: African American Lullabies

Joyce Carol Thomas

Lovely book for children -beautiful illustrations with actual music and lyrics.

The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World

By Julius Lester

A pictorial book---one page picture -one page text on that singer

Go Down Moses: Celebrating the African American Spiritual

By Richard Newman with illustrations by Terrance Cummings

Wonderful accessible book of spiritual lyrics and music written out with introductory historical remarks about most of the songs

Mysterious Thelonious

By Chris Raschka

Unique picture book about the great musician—jazz composer and pianist, Thelonius Monk

Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America

By Tricia Rose

BOOKS SHOWCASING AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN ART

Treasures of Ancient Nigeria

Text by Ekpo Eyo and Frank Willett

Beautiful art book

Romare Bearden: Collage of Memories

Large format colorful wonderful book of Bearden's paintings for children and adults

Tools of Her Ministry: the Art of Sister Gertrude Morgan

Celebrated African American "folk" artist

Walls of Heritage—Walls of Pride: African American Murals

By James Prigoff and Robin J. Dunitz

Wonderful pictorial book of these murals across the nation

Traditional African Designs

By Gregory Mirow

A book of just African symbols and designs representative of many nations interesting and useful for art and social studies

BOOKS ON MULTICULTURAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION

What Video Games have to Teach Us About Learning and Literacy

By James Paul Gee

A book that teachers might find interesting (not about ethnic culture, but about engaging with our underperforming students.

Educating Teachers for Diversity: Seeing with a Cultural Eye

Jacqueline Jordan Irvine

I Choose to Stay: A Black Teacher Refused to Desert the Inner City

By Salome Thomas-El

Shooting for Excellence: African American and Youth Culture in New Century Schools

By Jabari Mahiri

Black and White Styles in Conflict

By Thomas Kochman

Young, Gifted, and Black: Promoting High Achievement Among African-American Students

By Theresa Perry, Claude Steele, and Asa Hilliard III

Because of the Kids: Facing Racial and Cultural Differences in School

By Jennifer Obidah and Karen Manheim Teel

Two teachers, one African American and one European American work together on exploring issues of race and culture in their middle school classrooms of mostly African American students.

Star Teachers of Poverty

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BIOGRAPHICAL BOOKS

Blacks in Science: Ancient and Modern

Edited by Ivan Van Sertima

Classic book of little known scientific history

Great Black Leaders: Ancient and Modern

Edited by Ivan Van Sertima

Another classic book by Van Sertima

More Than Anything Else

By Marie Bradby

Fictionalized story of the young life of Booker T. Washington and his thirst for reading

Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story

By Ben Carson, M.D. with Cecil Murphey

My Fellow Americans: A Family Album

By Alice Provensen

Interesting, unique picture book of Americans groups by categories

It is mostly pictures—colorful drawings and so it is engaging and useful for work in classrooms

The Man Who Talks with the Flowers: The Life Story of Dr. George Washington Carver

By Glenn Clark

copyright 1939

For upper grade students and adults

The Autobiography of Malcolm X

By Alex Haley

The great autobiography

Malcolm X: The Man and His Times

Edited by John Henry Clarke

Malcolm X on Afro-American History

Pathfinder Press

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR STUDENTS

African American Literature

Holt Rinehart and Winston

Classic Textbook with wonderful illustrations and quality selections—
a must-have for upper grade teachers

145th Street

Short Stories about African American young people

By Walter Dean Myers

Novel: Jump Ship to Freedom

By Collier and Collier

Story of an enslaved African boy and his journey to freedom

AFRICAN AMERICAN INVENTORS

The Real McCoy: African American Invention and Innovation 16-19-1930

Portia P. James

AFRICAN POLITICAL ISSUES

A videotape: A Journey towards Peace

Bishop Tutu and Dr. John Hope Franklin

ANTHOLOGIES RELATED TO AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE—FICTION AND NON FICTION

The African American Book of Values: Classic Moral Stories

Edited with commentary by Steven Barboza

Rich collection of essays, stories, excerpts, quotations organized by values such as courage, self-discipline, honesty, tenacity etc.

African-American Alphabet: A Celebration of African American and West Indian Culture, Custom, Myth, and Symbol

By Gerald Hausman and Kelvin Rodrigues

Interesting adult book of short essays A-Z

For example: Amistad, Ancestor, for A Buffalo Soldier, Banjo for B Church for C etc.

FOLKTALES

African Folktales

Selected and Retold by Roger D. Abrahams

Afro-American Folktales: Stories from Black Traditions in the New World

Selected by Roger D. Abrahams

HIP HOP YOUTH CULTURE

The Hip Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture

By Bakari Kitwana

The Rose that Grew from Concrete

By Tupac Shakur

A book of the great rapper's poems

From the Underground: Hip Hop Culture as an Agent of Social Change

By Hashim A. Shomari

Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America

By Tricia Rose

EBONICS—THE LANGUAGE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

Talkin and Testifyin: The Language of Black America

By Geneva Smitherman

Spoken Soul: The Story of Black English

By John Russell Rickford and Russell John Rickford

The Palm of my Heart: Poetry by African American Children

Edited by Davida Adedjouma

The Real Ebonics Debate: Power, Language, and the Education of African American Children

Edited by Theresa Perry and Lisa Delpit

AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLIDAYS

The Story of Kwanzaa

By Donna L. Washington

Excellent Picture book