**An Anthology of East African Poetry** edited by A. D. Amateshe  
808.81 ANT  
A collection of recent poems from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

**The Audacity of Hope : Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream** Barack Obama  
973.04960730092 OBA  
The Audacity of Hope is Barack Obama's call for a new kind of politics—a politics that builds upon those shared understandings that pull us together as Americans. Lucid in his vision of America's place in the world, refreshingly candid about his family life and his time in the Senate.

**The Autobiography of Malcolm X as Told to Alex Haley** Malcolm X  
320.54092 X  
We often hear of Malcolm X and his militancy, but The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley helps the reader understand where Malcolm X came from, ...

**Baba Camillo and Other African Stories** Giorgio Torelli  
266.0234506 TOT  
Stories about African life.

**Bad boy: a memoir** Walter Dean Myers  
PB MYE (YA)  
From bad boy to role model, Myers recalls growing up in Harlem in the 1940s and 1950s, when seeing Langston Hughes and Sugar Ray Robinson on the street was the norm and Jackie Robinson ruled the baseball field. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

**Barack Obama** Heather Lehr Wagner.  
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In July 2004, Barack Obama's speech at the Democratic National Convention transformed him into a political star. Three years later, the young state senator from Illinois started his campaign to become president of the United States. Born to a Kenyan father and a mother from Kansas who divorced when he was only two, Obama grew up in Hawaii and Indonesia. As an adult, he has served his community-first as an organizer working to register new voters and provide opportunities for the poor, and later as a politician. His 2008 campaign to become president of the United States has inspired many to believe in what he calls "the audacity of hope."
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<td>Toni Morrison</td>
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<td><strong>Black and White</strong></td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
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<td>Thomas meets Denyse after he watches her amazing skills at basketball. As the two become friends they endure name-calling, cruel glances and hurtful comments because of the difference of their skin.</td>
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<td>Kimberly Hayes Taylor</td>
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<td>Joseph Mensah</td>
<td>971.00496 MEN</td>
<td>The ongoing struggle against racism and discrimination for black Canadians is explored in this authoritative reference for those seeking to learn more about the black diaspora in North America. This work examines more than 300 years of black Canadian history, from the first migration of slaves, black loyalists, and Civil War refugees to the expansive movement brought about by the establishment of the point system in 1967. Venturing beyond established orthodoxies and simplistic solutions to discuss the contentious ethno-racial problems in Canada, this pointed critique addresses the geography of the settlements and the labor market, sports management, race and ethnic relations, and employment equity vis-à-vis the black experience.</td>
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<td><strong>Black Music, White Business: Illuminating the History and Political Economy of Jazz</strong></td>
<td>Frank Kofsky</td>
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The Bluest Eye: a novel   Toni Morrison
813.54 MOR   FIC MOR

This is Toni Morrison’s first novel, a book heralded for its richness of language and boldness of vision. Set in the author’s girlhood hometown of Lorain, Ohio, it tells the story of black, eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove.

The Book of Negroes   Lawrence Hill
FIC HIL

Follows the story of Aminata Diallo, as she is kidnapped from her village in Africa and put to work in a slave plantation in South Carolina, to her journey back to Africa through Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone.

Bronx Masquerade   Nikki Grimes
PB GRI   (YA)

Eighteen students in a high school English class open up and take the risky challenge of self-revelation in weekly poetry sessions. Through their poetry and narratives, they share their most intimate thoughts about themselves and one another, their lives, and what lies beneath the skin and beyond the masquerade.

The Color of Water : a Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother   James McBride
974.1004960730092  MCB

James McBride grew up one of twelve siblings in the all-black housing projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn, the son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white. The object of McBride's constant embarrassment and continuous fear for her safety, his mother was an inspiring figure, who through sheer force of will saw her dozen children through college, and many through graduate school. McBride was an adult before he discovered the truth about his mother: The daughter of a failed itinerant Orthodox rabbi in rural Virginia, she had run away to Harlem, married a black man, and founded an all-black Baptist church in her living room in Red Hook. In her son's remarkable memoir, she tells in her own words the story of her past. Around her narrative, James McBride has written a powerful portrait of growing up, a meditation on race and identity, and a poignant, beautifully crafted hymn from a son to his mother.

The Color Purple   Alice Walker
813.54 WAL

Celie is a poor black woman whose letters tell the story of 20 years of her life, beginning at age 14 when she is being abused and raped by her father and attempting to protect her sister from the same fate, and continuing over the course of her marriage to "Mister," a brutal man who terrorizes her. Celie eventually learns that her abusive husband has been keeping her sister’s letters from her and the rage she feels, combined with an example of love and independence provided by her close friend Shug, pushes her finally toward an awakening of her creative and loving self.
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<td>Sharon M. Draper</td>
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<td>The dramatic conclusion to the award-winning “Hazelwood High Trilogy”. A Coretta Scott King Award-winning Author. In her senior year, things are finally looking a little brighter for Keisha. Still haunted by the suicide of her ex-boyfriend, she finds comfort in the attentions of the new track coach, twenty-three-year-old Jonathan Hathaway, the principal’s son. How can Keisha not be swept off her feet by a tall, dark, handsome “lemon drop wrapped in licorice” who treats like a woman, not a girl? But suddenly this intoxicating relationship takes a frightening turn, and Keisha is once again plunged into the darkness she’s fought so hard to escape.</td>
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<td>Yvonne S. Thornton</td>
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<td><strong>A Girl Called Boy</strong></td>
<td>Belinda Hurmence</td>
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<td>A pampered young black girl, who has been mysteriously transported back to the days of slavery, struggles to escape her bondage.</td>
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A Girl Named Disaster  Nancy Farmer
PB FAR  (YA)

A GIRL NAMED DISASTER is the humorous and heart wrenching story of young girl who discovers her own courage and strength when she makes the dangerous journey from Mozambique to Zimbabwe. Nhamo is a Shona girl living in a traditional village in Mozambique in 1981. When her family tries to force her into a marriage with a cruel man, she flees. What was supposed to have been a short boat trip across the border into Zimbabwe, where she hoped to find her father, turns into an adventure filled with challenges and danger that lasts a year.

Hush  Jacqueline Woodson
PB WOO  (YA)

This 2002 National Book Award finalist is reissued with a new look. When Toswiah Green's policeman father testifies against a fellow officer, the family members must change their identities and move to a different city. Now Toswiah is Evie Thomas--and that's the least of the changes.

I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches that Changed the World  Fr. Martin Luther King
323.092 KIN

In this classic text, the master teacher whose works have moved and inspired millions presents inspirational advice and simple self-help that will bring true success and happiness. These seventy-two meditative essays, each accomplished by a brief affirmation and a biblical quotation, are the keys to have a better and more prosperous life. When one becomes depressed or discouraged, nervous or frightened, when one needs to change one's mental and physical habits of living, Fox's direct and easy techniques help overcome life's difficult stretches and bring on health, happiness, and peace of mind.

In Another Place, Not Here  Dionne Brand
PB BRA

Acclaimed by Adrienne Rich as "fierce, sensuous . . . a work of great beauty and moral imagination," In Another Place, Not Here tells of two contemporary Caribbean women who find brief refuge in each other on an island in the midst of political uprising. Elizete, dreaming of running to another place to escape the harshness of her daily life on the island, meets Verlia, an urban woman in constant flight who has returned to her island birthplace with hopes of revolution. Their tumultuous story moves between city and island, past and future, fantasy and reality.

A Lesson Before Dying  Ernest J. Gaines
FIC GAI

From the author of A Gathering of Old Men and The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman comes a deep and compassionate novel. A young man who returns to 1940s Cajun country to teach visits a black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting.

Malcolm X Talks to Young People: Speeches in the United States, Britain, and Africa  Malcolm X
320.54 X

A collection of excerpts from speeches given to teenagers during the last year of his life.
Malcolm X Speaks : Selected Speeches and Statements  
Malcolm X  
305.896073 X  
Speeches from the last year and a half of Malcolm X's life tracing the evolution of his views on racism, capitalism, socialism, political action, and more.

Mississippi Trial, 1955  
Chris Crowe  
PB CRO  (YA)  
The true story of a brutal murder. At first Hiram is excited to visit his hometown in Mississippi. But soon after he arrives, he crosses paths with Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago who is also visiting for the summer and Hiram sees firsthand how the local whites mistreat blacks that refuse to "know their place." When Emmett's tortured dead body is found floating in a river, Hiram is determined to find out who could do such a thing. But what will it cost him to know? Mississippi Trial, 1955 is a gripping read, based on true events that helped spark the Civil Rights Movement.

Monster  
Walter Dean Myers  
PB MYE  (YA)  
Winner of the Printz Award. Winner of the Coretta Scott King Award. National Book Award Finalist. Steve Harmon's black. He's in jail, maybe forever. He's on trial for murder. And he's sixteen years old. Steve: "Sometimes I feel like I have walked into the middle of a movie. Maybe I can make my own movie. The film will be the story of my life. No, not my life, but of this experience. I'll call it what the lady prosecutor called me . . . MONSTER.

Muhammad Ali. Heavyweight Champion  
Jack Rummel  
796.83092 ALI RUM  
One of the most controversial and exciting figures in recent sports history, Muhammad Ali is as well known for his personality and beliefs as for his boxing accomplishments.

No Crystal Stair : a novel  
Mairuth Sarsfield  
FIC SAR  
No Crystal Stair is an absorbing novel that explores an increasingly difficult contemporary reality: functioning as though White while surviving as Black. Marion Willow, a proud young widow, must work at two jobs to ensure that her three girls develop lifestyles not hindered by class and colour. The bitter-sweet experience of Marion's elegant American expatriate neighbour. Torrie Delacourt could help the girls survive Canada's subtle racism, which, though not legislated, wounds and hems them in. But the women's rivalry for the love of Edmund Thompson, a handsome railway porter, pits them against one another. With humour and sensitivity, No Crystal Stair reveals both the conflict and the human heart of the proud, tightly knit Black community of the Little Burgundy district of Quebec in the mid-forties. It recaptures the days when Montreal was a cosmopolitan hub. It was a city inhabited by jazz musicians, cafe society, artists, gangsters -- those whose world revolved around Rockhead's Paradise--and others who clung to the community church at the end of prohibition, the depression, and the anxious year of World War II.

No Laughter Here  
Rita Williams-Garcia  
FIC WIL  
In this groundbreaking novel, Coretta Scott King Honor winner Williams-Garcia explores a widespread practice--female circumcision.
**Not Without Laughter**  
Langston Hughes  
FIC HUG

Langston Hughes, long recognized as a major American poet and an influential force in African-American literature, brought to this, his first novel, the lyricism, humor, and sureness of touch that characterizes his award-winning poetry. This story reflects the joys and hardships of an African-American boy growing to manhood.

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**The Polished Hoe: a novel**  
Austin Clarke  
819.3 CLA

When Mary-Mathilda, one of the most respected women of the island of Bimshire (also known as Barbados) calls the police to confess to a crime, the result is a shattering all-night vigil that brings together elements of the island’s African past and the tragic legacy of colonialism in one epic swoop.

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**A Place Called Heaven: the Meaning of Being Black in Canada**  
Cecil Foster  
305.896071 FOS 🇨🇦

For many black immigrants, Canada did not turn out to be the land of promise they thought it would be. Cecil Foster reveals the reality of Black Canadians' experience in this so-called multicultural Mecca in *A Place Called Heaven: The Meaning of Being Black in Canada*. Foster writes with conviction and integrity about the difficult state of race relations in Canada from fear as a first response and an unjust justice system to Caribana and unfair media portrayals.

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**Profiles of Black Success: Thirteen Creative Geniuses Who Changed the World**  
Gene N. Landrum  
920.009296 LAN

Profiles the lives of successful African Americans, including Maya Angelou, Michael Jordan, and Thurgood Marshall, finding that behavior characteristics of successful blacks, such as charisma, risk taking, and intuitive vision, are consistent with those of nonblacks, and examines cultural differences in the ways blacks and others approach creativity and innovation. Includes b w photos.

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**A Raisin in the Sun: the Unfilmed Original screenplay**  
Lorraine Hansberry  
812.54 HAN

This landmark volume brings readers an epic, eloquent work; the only edition available of the original script Lorraine Hansberry wrote to transform her incomparable stage play into film.

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**Readings on Maya Angelou**  
Mary E. Williams, editor  
818.5409 ANG REA

This book includes an in-depth biography and sample writings with concise summation of her themes and insights.
Rosa Parks: My Story / with Jim Haskins  
Rosa Parks  
976.147 PAR  
In this straightforward, compelling autobiography, Rosa Parks writes candidly about the civil rights movement and her active role in it. Photos.

Shooter  
Walter Dean Myers  
PB MYE (YA)  
A 17-year-old white male is found dead in the aftermath of a shooting at Madison High School.

Slam!  
Walter Dean Myers  
PB MYE (YA)  
Greg "Slam" Harris can do it all on the basketball court. He knows he's got what it takes to go all the way to the top. Slam's grades aren't so hot, though, and when his teachers jam his troubles in his face, he blows up.

Sojourner Truth  
Peter Roop  
305.567092 TRU ROO  
"I am pleading for the mothers, Who gaze in wild despair, Upon the hated auction-block, And see their children there." With these words Sojourner Truth sang about the pain that women slaves felt when their children were sold away from them. Sojourner Truth was born a slave in New York. Her son Peter was taken away from her and she went to extraordinary lengths to get him back. Through hard work and the help of her friends, Sojourner freed herself and her children from slavery. As a free woman, she traveled across the country speaking against slavery and in favor of women's rights.

The Pioneer: the African Adventure of Benedict Falda Consolata Missionary  
Gabriele Soldati  
266.0234506 SOL  
Brother Benedict Falda, one of the pioneers of missionary work in Kenya died at dawn on 8 June 1969 at the motherhouse of the Consolata Missionaries in Turin. He was 86. Benedict, not yet 20, was among the very first members of the Consolata Missionaries to go to Kenya, where he was to spend 36 years. When they first arrived the gospel was not being preached in any part of the country and there were no Christian converts. Benedict and his companions had little or no idea of the climate, the people, the language or the local customs. Today there are some five million Catholics in Kenya spread over sixteen dioceses, nearly all of them run by African bishops. How did such a miracle take place? You will find the answer in this story – a true adventure story – told by Brother Benedict himself.

Somewhere in the darkness  
Walter Dean Myers  
PB MYE (YA)  
Jimmy hasn't seen his father in nine years. But one day he comes back -- on the run from the law. Together, the two of them travel across the country -- where Jimmy's dad will find the man who can exonerate him of the crime for which he was convicted. Along the way, Jimmy discovers a lot about his father and himself -- and that while things can't always be fixed, sometimes they can be understood and forgiven.
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<td>Janet McDonald</td>
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<td>A 2003 YALSA nominee for Best Books for Young Adults. Raven Jefferson is a fifteen-year old high school dropout on welfare living with her mother and infant son in the projects of Brooklyn. When her sister encourages her to enter a spelling bee whose prize is a college scholarship, Raven is wary, but she rises to the challenge.</td>
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<td>Trials and Triumphs: the Story of African-Canadians</td>
<td>Lawrence Hill</td>
<td>971.004 HILL</td>
<td>This book is a compact, lively overview of the people and events in Canadian Black history from the earliest days to the present.</td>
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<td>The Trumpet of Conscience</td>
<td>Fr. Martin Luther King</td>
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<td>Just before his death, Martin Luther King realized that no threat to human dignity anywhere in the world could be excluded from his crusade. He committed himself to battle all facets of the enemy – racism, poverty, and war.</td>
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<td>&quot;It's impossible for a chicken to produce a duck egg.... The system in this country cannot produce freedom for an Afro-American. &quot;Speeches and interviews from the last year of Malcolm’s life.</td>
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<td>Voice of Deliverance: the Language of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Its Sources</td>
<td>Keith D. Miller</td>
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<td>What made the speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s so inspiring to all people and enabled blacks and whites to move in harmony to action and commitment? Keith Miller shows how the skillful borrowing and blending of both black and white written traditions was the key to King’s effectiveness.</td>
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<td>Who’s Who in Black Canada: Black Success and Black Excellence in Canada: a Contemporary Directory</td>
<td>Dawn P. Williams</td>
<td>920.009296071 WIL</td>
<td>This first-ever contemporary directory of successful Blacks in &amp; from Canada provides narrative biographical summaries of 200-800 words on 700+ individuals in medicine, law, business, engineering, agriculture, religion, the arts, government, community service and more. Rated &quot;highly recommended&quot; in Choice Magazine, and &quot;recommended&quot; in Canadian Materials Magazine. Profiles are arranged alphabetically &amp; include career highlights, major achievements, education &amp; training, awards &amp; honours, publications, &amp; current contact information. Highly readable and easy to use, symbols identify the profession of each entrant &amp; indexes list individuals by province &amp; by sectors of activity.</td>
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