# BLACK HISTORY



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## **Highlighting Pioneers in the Black Community:**

#### **Amanda Seales:**

Amanda Seales, formerly known by her stage name Amanda Diva, is an American comedian, actress, and common-sense specialist. She graduated from SUNY-Purchase, then acquired a master's degree in African American studies with a concentration in Hip Hop from Columbia University.

Currently, she is the CEO of DivaWorks Inc., her production company under which she performs and produces smart funny content for the stage and screen. She is very involved in work targeting the empowerment of young women, the end of racial discrimination. Amanda posts short social media videos (@amandaseales) centered around decolonizing minds from a Black perspective and breaks down how the "Black Community" is not a monolithic group.



#### **André Leon Talley:**

André Leon Talley was an American fashion journalist, stylist, creative director, and editor-at-large of *Vogue* magazine. His career at *Vogue* spanned many decades, starting as the magazine's fashion news director from 1983 to 1987, and made waves as its first African American male creative director from 1988 to 1995, and then finally its editor-at-large from 1998 to 2013. He also authored three books, including the memoir The Chiffon Trenches, which landed on The New York Times Best Seller list.

Talley's career as a fashion journalist spanned six decades, earning him respect and acclaim within the fashion industry. He often advocated for diversity during his time at *Vogue* and within in the fashion industry. He was particularly known to be very involved in fighting for more diversity on the runway, especially for more Black models. Thus, he has often been regarded by many as a fashion icon. His image is synonymous with the capes, robes, and kaftans he often wore, becoming his signature fashion items.



#### Dr. Gloria Jean Watkins - AKA bell hooks:

Dr. Gloria Jean Watkins, better known by her pen name bell hooks, was an American author, professor, feminist, and social activist. In 1983, she obtained her Ph.D. at the University of California-Santa Cruz, having completed her dissertation on the work of novelist Toni Morrison.

A passionate scholar, hooks was among the leading public intellectuals of her generation. She published over forty books and scholarly articles, on topics such as masculinity and patriarchy, self-help and engaged pedagogy, feminist consciousness and community creation, and representation and politics.



#### Ibram X. Kendi:

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist scholars. He is also a National Book Award-winning and #New York Times bestselling author. His book, How to Be an Antiracist, is an international bestseller that has made several Best Books of 2019 lists and was described in the New York Times as "the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind."

Dr. Kendi is also the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research and was included in *Time*'s 100 Most Influential People of 2020.



#### Orene Askew - AKA DJ O Show:

Orene Askew, aka DJ O Show is an Afro-Indigenous Two-Spirit Hip Hop and R&B DJ based out of Vancouver, BC. DJ O Show has extensive experience teaching and is an inspirational speaker, travelling across Canada to bring ambition and drive to multiple generations. She is widely regarded as an inspiration for youth, and has won several awards for her work, including the BC Indigenous Business Award, the Stand Out Award from the Vancouver Pride Society, and the Alumni of Excellence Award from Capilano University.

DJ O Show was recently the focus of a short documentary titled *The O Show*. The documentary, produced by Human Biography, traces Orene's journey as an Afro-Indigenous Two-Spirit DJ and civil rights activist. We were excited to offer a private screening to our Luminaries on the first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada.



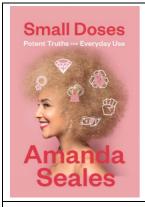
#### Ta-Nehisi Coates:

Ta-Nehisi Coates is an American award-winning author and journalist. He gained a large readership during his time as national correspondent at *The Atlantic*, where he mainly wrote about cultural, social, and political issues, related to African Americans and white supremacy. In 2019 Coates released his first novel, The Water Dancer. The book, which earned widespread acclaim, centres on a slave with photographic memory who aids the Underground Railroad.

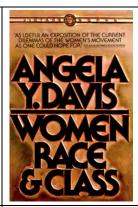
Coates was a recipient of the National Book Award in 2015 and the MacArthur Fellowship in 2019. Aside from these works, Ta-Nehisi also enjoyed a successful run writing Marvel's Black Panther (2016-2021) and Captain America (2018-2021) comic book series.



# Books by Black authors, or with content related to Black life, history, leaders, experiences, innovations, etc.:



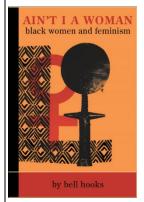
Small Doses: Potent
Truths For Everyday Use
by Amanda Seales



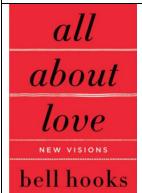
Women Race & Class by Angela Y. Davis



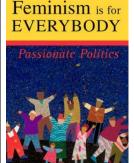
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas



Ain't I a Woman: Black
Women and Feminism
by bell hooks

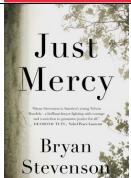


All About Love By bell hooks



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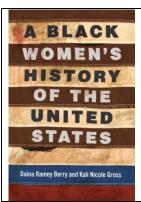
Feminism Is for
Everybody: Passionate
Politics by bell hooks



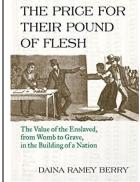
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson



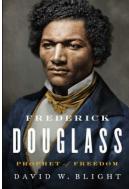
White Rage: The
Unspoken Truth of Our
Racial Divide by Carol
Anderson



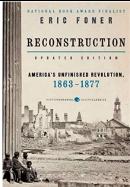
A Black Women's
History of the United
States by Daina Ramey
Berry and Kali Nicole
Gross



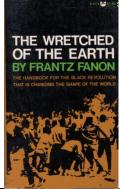
The Price for Their
Pound of Flesh by Daina
Ramey Berry



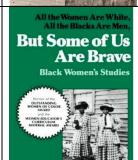
Frederick Douglass:
Prophet of Freedom
David Blight



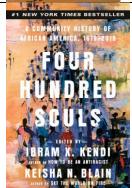
Reconstruction by Eric Foner



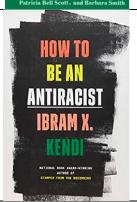
The Wretched of the Earth by Frantz Fanon



Brave by Gloria T. Hull, Patricia Bell Scott, and Barbara Smith



Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

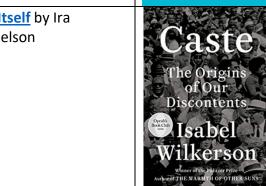


How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi



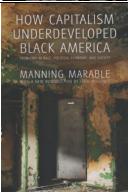


So You Want to Talk **About Race** by Ijeoma Oluo

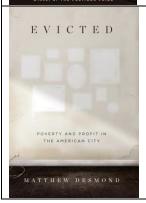


**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by** Isabel Wilkerson

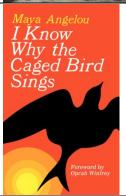
**Suns** by Isabel Wilkerson



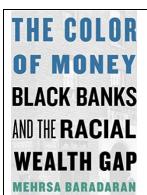
**How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America** by Manning Marable



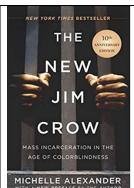
**Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American** City by Matthew Desmond



I Know Why the Caged **Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou



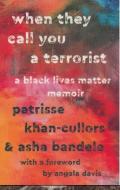
The Color of Money by Mehrsa Baradaran



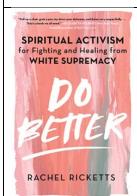
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander



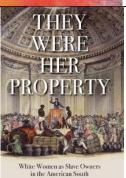
The History of White
People by Nell Irvin Painter



When They Call You a
Terrorist by Patrisse
Khan-Cullors and Asha
Bandele

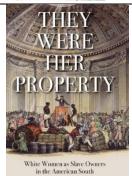


<u>Do Better</u> by Rachel Ricketts



STEPHANIE E. JONES-ROGERS

They Were Her Property by Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers

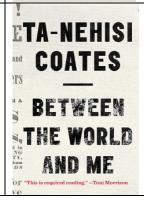


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A Different Mirror: A

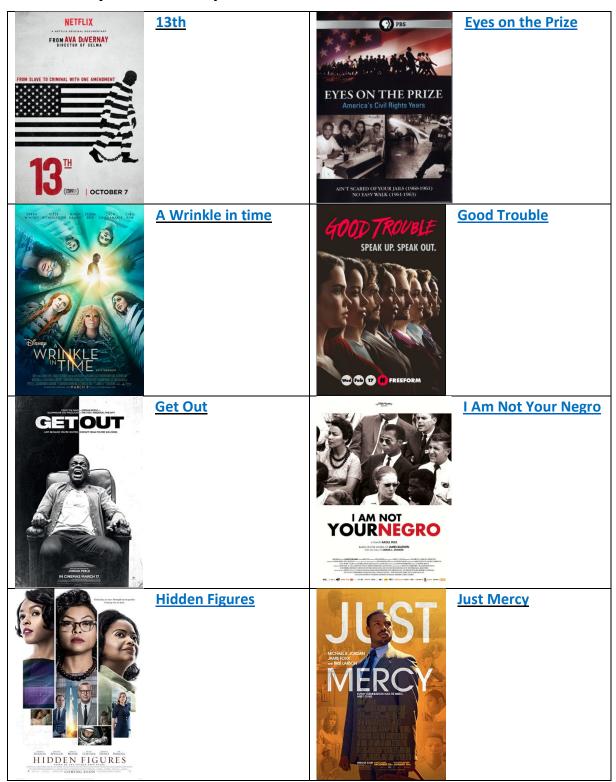
History of Multicultural

America by Ronald Takaki



Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Movies and media by Black authors, or with content related to Black life, history, leaders, experiences, innovations, etc.:





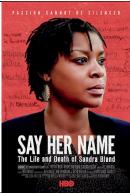
# King in The Wilderness



### **Malcolm X**



**LA 92** 



Say Her Name: The **Life and Death of Sandra Bland** 



**Queen Sugar** 



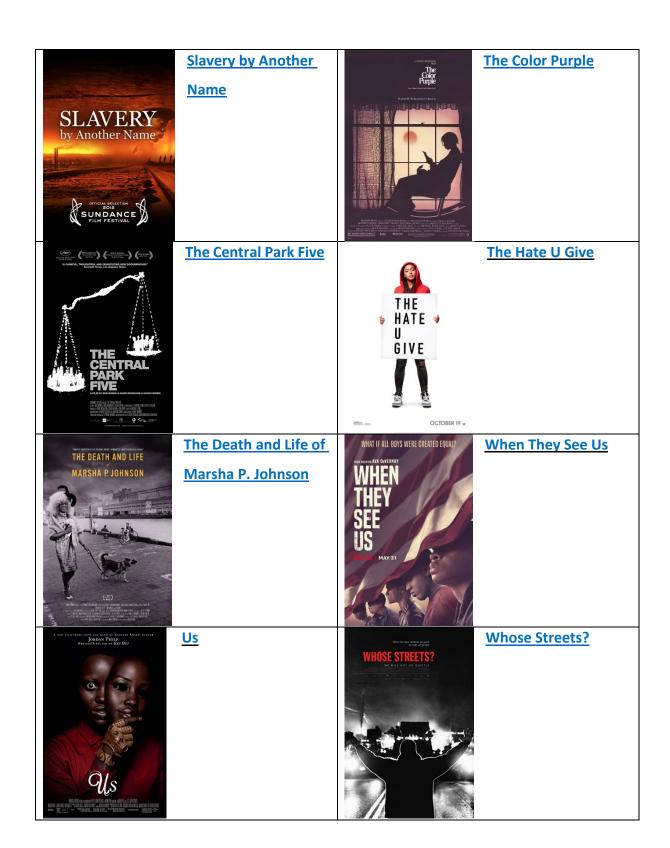
<u>Selma</u>



Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker



**The Black Panthers:** Vanguard of the **Revolution** 



**Podcasts**:

<u>1619 – NYT</u> <u>Let's Talk About Race</u>

Black History Year Noire Histoir

<u>Code Switch – NPR</u> <u>Small Doses with Amanda Seales</u>

**Everyday Black History**The Black History Buff Podcast

<u>Historically Black</u> <u>The Humanity Archive</u>

In Search of Black History with Bonnie Witness History: Witness Black history

<u>Greer</u>

## Not-for-profits that are dedicated to supporting the Black community:

**Black Arts Vancouver** 

**Black Boys Code** 

**Black Business BC Association** 

**Black Health Alliance** 

**Black Lives Matter Vancouver** 

**Black Women Connect Vancouver** 

**Black Youth Helpline** 

Ethós Lab

**Harry Jerome Awards** 

**Help Change My City** 

**Hogan's Alley Society** 

**National Congress of Black Women Foundation** 

Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour

Vancouver Black Therapy and Advocacy Fund

# Online events, concerts, works of art or exhibits that celebrate or educate on Black history and achievements:

**Black History Month Library** by Charles Preston

<u>Black History Month – Six Extraordinary Events (2022)</u> by BC Black History Awareness Society

**British Columbia's Black Pioneers** by BC Black History Awareness Society

<u>Give Them Their Flowers: Celebrating Vancouver's Hometown Heroes</u> by BlackArt Gastown and the City of Vancouver