

African American Authors in Children's Literature

Black History Month is an opportunity to promote awareness of contributions of African Americans to our cultural history in the United States. Library users may want to know about African American authors. Not everyone who writes materials with African American topics or features African American characters is an African American.

Some authors in the list below are African or Caribbean African writers; some are Canadian. I have included those who write fiction for children on material housed in the Anchorage School District. If a new African American author should be added to this list, let me know at: shaw_ruth_jean@asdk12.org

Agard, John	Clifton, Lucille
Angelou, Maya	Coleman, Evelyn
Arkhurst, Joyce Cooper	Cornish, Sam
Armstrong, Robb	Crews, Donald
Badoe, Adwoa	Crews, Nina
Bailey, Pearl	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Baker Augusta Braxton	Davidson, Dana
Baldwin, James	Davis Ossie
Bible Charles	Dee, Ruby
Blackman, Malorie	DeGross, Monalisa
Bloom, Valerie	Deveaux, Alexis
Bolden, Tonya	Diop, Birago (Senegal)
Bond, Jean Carey	Draper, Sharon M.
Bontemps, Arna Wendell	Duncan, Alice Faye
Boyd Candy Dawson	Emercheta, Buchi (Nigeria)
Bradby, Marie	English, Karen
Brinburg, Petronella	Faulkner, William J.
Brooks, Gwendolyn	Feelings, Mauriel
Brown, Margery Wheeler	Feelings, Tom
Bryan, Ashley	Fenner, Carol
Buchi, Emecheta (Nigeria)	Flake, Sharon G,
Burroughs, Margaret Taylor G.	Flournoy, Valerie
Caines, Jeannette Franklin	Flournoy, Vanessa
Campbell, Barbara	Ford, Bernadette G.
Carew, Jan	Gilchrist, Jan Spivey
Carter, Mary Kennedy	Glass, Frankcina
Childress, Alice	Graham, Lorenz

Greenfield, Eloise
Griffin, Judith Berry
Grimes, Nikki
Guirma, Grederic
Guy, Rosa
Hamilton, Virginina
Hansen, Joyce
Hardrick, Jackie
Haskins, James S
Herron, Carolivia
Higginsen, Vy
Hinds, P. Mignon
Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Howard, Moses Leon (Musa Nagenda)
Hudson, Cheryl Willis
Hudson, Wade
Hughes, Langston
Humphrey, Margo
Hunter, Kristin
Hyppolite, Joanne
Jackson, Jesse (1908-1983)
Johnson, Angela
Johnson, Dolores
Johnson, Herschel
Johnson, James Weldon
Keens-Douglas, Richardo
Lester, Julius
McKissack, Fredrick
McKissack, Pat
Mathes, Sharon Bell
Mederaris, Angela Shelf
Mendez, Phil
Mitchell, Margaree King
Mitchell, Rhonda
Mollel, Tololwa M.
Moore, Emily R.
Morrison, Toni
Moses, Shelia P.
Musgrove, Margaret
Myers, Walter Dean

Nelson, Marilyn
Olaleye, Isaac
Onyefulu, Ifeoma
Onyefulo, Obi
Palmer, C. Edward
Patrick, Denise Lewis
Petry, Ann
Philip, Marlene Nourbese
Pinkney, Andrea David
Pinkney, Brian
Pinkney, Gloria Jean
Poitier, Sidney
Pomerantz, Charlotte
Porter, Connie
Price, Leontyne
Reese, Della
Reid, Desmond
Ringgold, Faith
Robinet, Harriette Gillem
Robinson, Adjai
Robinson, Dorothy W.
Rollins, Charlemae
Ruffins, Reynold
Sadu, Itah
Shange, Ntozake
Shearer, John
Sherman, Charlotte Watson
Sisulu, Elinor Batezat
Smith, Hope Anita
Smothers, Ethel Footman
Southerland, Ellease
Southgate, Martha
Steptoe, John
Stewart, Dianne
Stroud, Bettye
Tadjo, Veronique
Tarry, Ellen
Tate, Eleanora Elaine
Tarpley, Natasha
Taylor, Mildren D.

Thomas, Dawn C. Gill
Thomas, Ianthe
Thomas, Joyce Carol
Turner, Glennette Tilley
Walker, Alice
Walter, Mildred Pitts
Walton, Darwin McBeth
Weatherford, Carole Boston
Wesley, Valerie Wilson
White, Edgar B.

Wilkinson, Brenda
Williams, Lori Aurelia
Williams-Garcis, Rita
Wilson, Beth P
Wilson, Johnniece Marshall
Winston, Sherri
Woods, Brenda
Woodson, Jacqueline
Wright, Courni Crump
Yarbrough, Camille