

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.04 GATES

Life Upon These Shores: Looking at African American History, 1513-2008

(Gates Jr, Henry Louis)

Lavishly illustrated book, tracing African American history from the arrival of the conquistadors to the election of Barack Obama. Focuses on defining events, debates and controversies, plus key achievements of people famous and obscure.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.05 FRANK

From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans

(Franklin, John Hope & Moss Jr., Alfred A.)

Preeminent history of African Americans who trace their journey from origins in Africa through slavery and the struggle for freedom in the Western Hemisphere. Includes various migrations and the continuing quest for racial equality.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.09 HINE

The African-American Odyssey

(Hine, Darlene Clark, Hine, William C., & Harrold, Stanley)

Illuminates the central place of black Americans in U.S. history and tells the story of what it means to be black in America.

This brochure is one in a series of pamphlets that collectively list and briefly describe more than 140 items in this evolving collection.



Donations from Robert C. Hayden inspired the collation of books celebrating African American arts, political activities, historical movements, and significant figures. Hayden was a senior Lecturer at U MASS Boston, Northeastern University, Boston College, and Lesley University, spanning from 1978 to 2006 and is President Emeritus of the local branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), established in 2002.



The collection does not contain fiction or autobiographical titles nor is it exhaustive of the library's existing holdings related to this special collection.

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Special Collection Guide: African American Non-Fiction



Sankofa bird
A symbol used by the Akan peoples of Ghana
Looking back, know your history.

The town of Oak Bluffs has a rich history as a time-honored black summer community, supporting African American arts & culture. Continuing to pique the interest of both historians and members of the general public, some materials within this collection describe local historic sites and tours, which juxtapose the contributions of and the injustices suffered by African Americans on the island dating back to the 1700s. The bulk of the collection allows for cultural connections between the island and Black America.

United States History

AFRICAN AMERICAN 387.5 BOLSTER

Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail (Bolster, Jeffrey W.)

Reveals the critical role sailors played in helping forge new identities for black people in America. Also examines how common experiences drew black and white sailors together even as deeply internalized prejudices drove them apart.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 FREEDOM

Freedom On My Mind (Marable, Manning)

Uses a treasure trove of documents to reveal the richly diverse and complex experience of black people in America in their own words, from the Colonial era of Benjamin Banneker to the present world of Kweisi Mfume and Clarence Thomas.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 HAKIM

Freedom: A History Of Us (Hakim, Joy)

Companion book to the 10-part PBS mini-series, follows the thread of the programs while providing a more complete picture of the people and events that shaped the 13 colonies into a great nation of 50 states.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.05 MELTZER

The Black Americans: A History in Their Own Words (Meltzer, Milton)

A living history of African Americans from 1619 to the present, told in the words of voices forgotten and famous, through letters, speeches, memoirs and testimonies.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 JOHNSON

Africans In America: America's Journey Through Slavery (Johnson, Charles & Smith, Patricia)

Tells the shared history of Africans and Europeans, seen through the lens of slavery, featuring a four-part history by poet and performance artist Patricia Smith and a dozen fictional narratives by award-winning novelist Charles Johnson.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 LEGACY

Legacy: Treasures Of Black History (Battle, Thomas C. & Wells, Donna M.)

From ancient Africa to 21st century art and politics, the Black experience and its impact on our nation's culture and character comes alive through more than 150 historic documents, letters, images and artifacts, many never before published.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 PAINTER

Creating Black Americans: African-American History and Its Meanings, 1619 to the Present (Painter, Nell Irwin)

History written for a new generation of African Americans, stretching from pre-slavery life in Africa to today's hip-hop culture. Blends a vivid narrative based on the latest research with more than 150 striking works by African American artists.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973 REISS

Blacks In Colonial America (Reiss, Oscar)

Examines the lives of blacks, both slave and free, as they struggled to make homes for themselves among the white European settlers in the New World. Topics include colonial slavery, emancipation, Christianity, and service in the American Revolution.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.02 HARRIS

The Black Book African American History: 35th Anniversary Edition

(Harris, A Middleton)

Encyclopedic look at the black experience in America from 1619 through the 1940s, illustrated with nearly 500 images and edited by Toni Morrison. A vital link to the richness and diversity of African American history and culture.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.04 GATES

And Still I Rise: Black America Since MLK (Gates Jr, Henry Louis)

Details the most important events and untold stories in African American history from 1965 to 2015, tracing the political and social evolution of black America and celebrating the accomplishments of black artists, musicians, writers, comedians, and thinkers.

