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| Style and Grace: African Americans at Home | Michael Henry Adame | 747.089 Ada |
| American Roots Music | Robert Santelli, H. N. Abrams, Holly George-Warren and Jim Brown | 781.62 San |
| Revelations: Photographs of Cleveland's African American Churches | Michael S. Levy | 277.71 Lev |
| The End of Anger: A New Generation's Take on Race and Rage | Ellis Cose | 305.8 Cos |
| The History of Public Library Access for African Americans in the South: Or, Leaving Behind the Plow | David M. Battles | 027.63 Bat |
| Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America | Cameron McWhirter | 305.8 McW |
| Seeing Through Race: A Reinterpretation of Civil Rights Photography | Martin A. Berger | 323.1196 Ber |
| Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America | Paul Tough | 362.748 Tou |
| Persistence of the Color Line: Racial Politics and the Obama Presidency | Randall Kennedy | 973.932 Ken |
| For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights | Maurice Berger | 973.04 Ber |
| Freedom Summer: The Savage Season That Made Mississippi Burn and Made America A Democracy | Bruce Watson | 323.1196 Wat |

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| 784th Tank Battalion in World War II: History of an African American Armored Unit in Europe | Joe Wilson | 940.54 Wil |
| Mightier Than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America | David S. Reynolds | 813.3 Rey |
| Asbury Park: A West Side Story | Madonna Carter Jackson | 974.946 Jac |
| Black Men Built the Capitol: Discovering African American History in and Around Washington, D.C. | Jesse J. Holland | 975.3 Hol |
| King's Dream | Eric J. Sundquist | Bio – King, M. |
| The Secret Trust of Aspasia Cruvellier Mirault: The Life and Trials of a Free Woman of Color in Antebellum Georgia | Janice Sumier-Edmond | Bio – Mirault, A. |
| A Long Time Coming: The Inspiring, Combative 2008 Campaign and the Historic Election of Barack Obama | Evan Thomas | Bio – Obama, B. |
| Divided Soul: The Life of Marvin Gaye | David Ritz | Bio – Gaye, M. |
| Black Books Galore's Guide to Great African American Children's Books | Donna Rand | 015.73 Ran |
| Shout, Sister, Shout!: The Untold Story of Rock-and-Roll Trailblazer Sister Rosetta Tharpe | Gayle Ward | Bio – Tharpe, R. |
| A Level Playing Field: African American Athletes and the Republic of Sports | Gerald Lyn Early | 796.092 Ear |
| Groove Interrupted: Loss, Renewal, and the Music of New Orleans | Keith Spera | 780.92 Spe |

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| Sweet Soul Music: Rhythm and Blues and the Souther Dream of Freedom | Peter Guralnick | 781.644 Gur |
| Carry the Rock: Race, Football, and the Soul of an American City | Jay Jennings | 796.332 Jen |
| The Highwaymen Murals: Al Black's Concrete Dreams | Gary Monroe | 759.13 Mon |
| Black Faces in White Places: 10 Game-Changing Strategies to Achieve Success and Find Greatness | Randall Pinkett and Philana Patterson | 650.1 Pin |
| Tuskegee Airmen: An Illustrated History | Joseph Carver | 940.544 Car |

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

No, I do not weep at the world...

I am not tragically colored. There is no great sorrow dammed up in my soul, nor lurking behind my eyes.... Even in the helter-skelter skirmish that is my life, I have seen that the world is to the strong regardless of a little pigmentation more or less. No, I do not weep at the world - I am too busy sharpening my oyster knife.

- Zora Neale Hurston, *How It Feels to Be Colored Me*, 1928

African American Facts and Firsts

Mayme Clayton, a Los Angeles librarian and historian, amassed an extensive and valuable collection of black Americana, which houses an estimated 3.5 million items, including a signed copy of the first book published by an African-American.

The first sociology department in the U.S. was established by educator and civil rights leader, **W.E.B. Du Bois**. John Love invented the pencil sharpener in 1897.

Actress **Diahann Carroll** won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Television Series in 1968 for her role on the sitcom *Julia*. Carroll was the first African-American actress to star in her own television series where she did not play a domestic worker.

Musician and activist **Harry Belafonte** originally devised the idea for "We Are the World," a single that he hoped would help raise money for famine relief in Africa. The single became the fastest selling in history, making more than \$20 million worldwide.

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Female science fiction author **Octavia Butler** was dyslexic. Despite her disorder, she went on to win two Hugo awards and two Nebulas for her writing.

Harriet Ann Jacobs was a slave who published *Incidents in the Life of A Slave Girl* in 1861 under the pseudonym Linda Brent. The book chronicles the hardships and sexual abuse she experienced as a female growing up in slavery. Jacobs fled slavery in 1835 by hiding in a crawlspace in her grandmother's attic for nearly seven years before traveling to Philadelphia by boat, and eventually to New York.

In 1995, writer **Maya Angelou** was recognized for remaining on The New York Times Paperback Nonfiction Bestseller List for two years—the longest running record in history. Before becoming a writer, Angelou worked as the first black female streetcar conductor in San Francisco, California, before graduating from high school.

The Buffalo Soldiers served in the Spanish American war, various Indian wars and helped to settle the west by installing telegraph lines, protecting wagon trains and defending new settlements. More than 20 Buffalo Soldiers have received the highest military award, the Medal of Honor—the most any military unit has ever received.

Music legend **Aretha Franklin** is one of the most honored artists in Grammy Award history, with 20 wins to date.

Source: Biography.com

<http://www.biography.com/tv/classroom/black-history-record-breakers>

Fun and Educational Activities for Black History Month at InfoPlease.com

Learn about famous firsts by black Americans, read the history of black history, and find information about milestones in black history.

Find out about recent developments in civil rights cases, milestones in affirmative action, population statistics regarding African Americans, and more.

Brush up on the Harlem Renaissance and Negro League Baseball, read biographies of famous African Americans, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali, and more.

Learn about the history, traditions, and significance of Kwanzaa, Juneteenth, and Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Find information about the best colleges for African Americans, historically black colleges, milestones in education, and more.

Learn about awards exclusively for African Americans, including the NAACP Image Awards, the Spingarn Medal, and the Coretta Scott King Award, and see a full list of winners.

Test your knowledge about black history and famous African Americans by taking quizzes and crosswords.

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