



African American Popular Fiction

General Fiction:

- Ansa, Tina McElroy –
You Know Better (2002) – Three generations of women in Georgia reconnect and reconcile with each other.
- Berry, Bertice –
Jim and Louella's Homemade Heart-fix Remedy (2002)
The Haunting of Hip Hop (2001)
- Briscoe, Connie –
P.G. Country (2002)
- Brown, Linda Beatrice -
Crossing Over Jordan (1995)
- Brown, Parry “EbonySatin” –
Sittin’ in the Front Pew (2002)
- Butler, Tajuana “TJ” –
The Night Before Thirty: a novel (2003)
Sorority Sisters (2000) – Five young college women pledge to the same sorority.
- Cleage, Pearl –
Some Things I Thought I'd Never Do (2003)– chick lit with an edge
What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day (1999)
- Foster, Sharon Ewell –
Ain't No Mountain (2004) A Washington, DC lawyer heads back to North Carolina when she hears that her grandmother has been getting a little too much spring in her step. (inspirational fiction)
Ain't No River (2001)
Riding Through Shadows (2001)
- George, Nelson –
Night Work (2003)
Show & Tell (2001) – Risque modern love story
One Woman Short (2000) – A ladies’ man revisits some old flames after he begins to wonder whether he should change his ways.
- Faust, Minister –
The Coyote Kings of the Space-Age Bachelor Pad (2004) – Stylish science fiction about an inventor who washes dishes for a living, a poet who works in a video store and the mysterious woman who appears quoting *Star Wars* and comic books...
- Hardy, James Earl –
The Day Eazy-E Died (2001) –When Raheim discovers that Eazy-E has AIDS, it brings about revelations in his own life.
- Hill, Donna —
Say Yes (2004)
In My Bedroom(2004)
Divas, Inc. (2004)
An Ordinary Woman (2002) – Adultery comes between two best friends.
- Jackson, Brian Keith –
The Queen of Harlem (2002)
The View from Here (1997)
- Johnson, R.M. –
Dating Games(2003)
Love Frustration (2002) – When a young man’s fiancée asks him to choose between her and his best friend, his relationships begin to unravel.
- Kennedy, Erica –
Bling (2004) – Wildly popular novel about a small-town girl’s entrance into the music industry.
- Lambright, Slim –
The Justus Girls (2001) – Four childhood friends come support each other through thick and thin.
- Lattany, Kristin –
Breaking Away (2003)
Do Unto Others (2000) – An African-American woman has her illusions shattered when she takes a West African girl into her home.
- Jarrett, Norma J. –
Sunday Brunch (2004) – Five female attorneys meet weekly to talk about men, work and the Lord. Set in Houston and written by a TSU alum who still lives in Houston.
- Major, Devorah –
Brown Glass Windows (2002) – Follows one family through their struggles to relate to one another and the world outside their door.
- Major, Marcus –
A Family Affair (2004) – Trials and triumphs of the Moore family.
A Man Most Worthy (2003)
- Moore, Bebe –
What You Owe Me (2001) – A cosmetics company owner tries to avenge her mother’s betrayal by an old business partner.
Singing in the Comeback Choir (1998)
- McFadden, Bernice –
Camilla’s Roses (2004)
Loving Donovan (2003)
The Warmest December (2001) – A woman must cope with the impending death of her abusive father.
- Marshall, Paule –
The Fisher King (2000) – The young grandson of an expatriate jazz musician returns to the U.S. to his grandfather’s old neighborhood.
- McLarin, Kim –
Meeting of the Waters (2001) – Interracial relationship between two reporters who meet during the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles.
Taming It Down (1998)
- Mitchell, Sharon –
Near Perfect (2001)
Sheer Necessity (1999) – A single mom struggles to take care of her family in the midst of her sister’s disappearance.
- Monroe, Mary –
God Still Don't Like Ugly (2003) – In the sequel to God Don't Like Ugly, ex-childhood friends Annette and Rhoda are reunited to salvage their rocky relationship.
God Don't Like Ugly(2000)

Pate, Alexs –

Losing Absalom (1994) – The family members of a hard-working, terminally ill man make choices about how to live their lives that go against what their father worked to provide for them

Rice, Patty –

Reinventing the Woman (2001) – A woman with a troubled background realizes she needs to examine and reinvent herself to lead a fulfilling life.

Roby, Kimberla Lawson –

Too Much of a Good Thing (2004)

A Taste of Reality (2003)

Casting the First Stone (2000) – A successful woman makes some disturbing discoveries about her seemingly perfect marriage.

Souljah, Sister –

The Coldest Winter Ever (1999)

Tyree, Omar –

Diary of a Groupie (2003) – A woman who goes after rich and famous men must decide whether or not to help expose the crimes of one of her former lovers.

Leslie (2002)

For the Love of Money (2001)

Zane –

Skyscraper (2003) – The days and nights of Wolfe Industries employees in the week before Christmas. A very spicy read.

Nervous: a novel (2003)

The Heat Seekers (2001)

Romance:

Berry, Venise –

Colored Sugar Water (2002)

So Good (1996) – Intelligent romance about three friends finding the right relationships.

Sheila Copeland –

A Chocolate Affair (2001)

Chocolate Star (1997)– Glitzy romance

Files, Lolita –

Tastes Like Chicken – (2004) –Two friends try to succeed at love.

A Child of God: a novel (2001)

Blind Ambitions (2000)

Howard, Tracie and Danita Carter –

Success is the Best Revenge(2004) – glitzy romance (spicy)

Revenge is Best Served Cold (2001)

Johnson-Hodge, Margaret –

True Lies (2002)

Some Sunday (2001) – Romance about a widow who finds new love unexpectedly.

LaMon , Jacqueline Jones –

In the Arms of One Who Loves Me (2002) –

Romance between young black professionals.

King-Gamble, Marcia –

Come Back to Me (2004) – Romance develops between a woman whose child is abducted and the lawyer working to help her get her child back.

Come Fall (2003)

McMillan, Rosalyn—

This Side of Eternity (2001)

The Flip Side of Sin (2001)

One Better (1997) – The story of a restaurateur, her two daughters and the choices they make trying to live their lives. (romance)

Other romance authors:

Alers, Rochelle

Byrd, Adrienne

Clark, Beverly

Forster, Gwynne

Green, Carmen

Grosvenor, Linda Dominique

Jackson, Brenda

Kitt, Sandra

Louise, Kim

Moore, Stephanie Perry

Palfrey, Evelyn

Savoy, Deirdre

Thomas, Jacquelin

Mystery/Suspense:

Bunkley, Anita Richmond –

Relative Interest (2003)

Mirrored Life (2002)

Coleman, Evelyn –

Born in Sin (2001)

What's a Woman Gotta Do (1998)

Due, Tananarive –

The Good House (2003) – Horror/suspense. A Los Angeles talent agent returns to her grandmother's house, which may be haunted.

The Black Rose (2000)

Johnson, Mat –

Hunting in Harlem (2003) – Thriller. Are developers pushing urban renewal in Harlem responsible for a string of "accidental" deaths?

Drop (2000)

Mallette, Gloria –

Distant Lover(2004)

Promises to Keep (2002) – Mystery/suspense. After a young father is murdered, his family is determined to find his killer.

Shades of Jade (2000)

Wesley ,Valerie Wilson

Dying in the Dark: a Tamara Hayle mystery (2004)

The Devil Dying (2002)

Always True to You in My Fashion (2002)

Woods, Teri –

True to the Game (1994) – Two lovers find themselves mixed up in the violent world of drugs and money.

Short Story Collections:

Austin, DorisJean and Martin Simmons –

Street Lights (1996) – Short stories from contemporary black authors about the urban black experience.

Johnson-Coleman, Lorraine –

Just Plain Folks (1997) – Short stories about people in the rural South.

Lavalle, Victor D. –

Slapboxing with Jesus (1999) – Twelve interconnected short stories.

To Mom. With Love (2003) – Short stories from Deirdre

Savoy, Jacquelin Thomas, and

Karen White-Owens.