

Recommended Readings for African American Girls

Book Title	Author	Grade Level
<i>Dancing in the Wings</i>	Allen, Debbie	Pre-K – 3
<i>Letter to My Daughter</i>	Angelou, Maya	Pre-K – 12
<i>Girl of Mine</i>	Asim, Jabari	Pre-K – 3
<i>Ruby and the Booker Boys Series</i>	Barnes, Derrick	Pre-K – 3
<i>I Like Myself</i>	Beaumont, Karen	Pre-K – 3
<i>I'm a Pretty Little Black Girl</i>	Bynum, Betty	Pre-K – 3
<i>White Socks Only</i>	Coleman, Evelyn	Pre-K – 3
<i>Firebird</i>	Copeland, Misty	Pre-K – 3
<i>Something Beautiful</i>	Dennis Wyeth, Sharon	Pre-K – 3
<i>Princess Cupcake Jones Series</i>	Fields, Ylleya	Pre-K – 3
<i>Princess Truly Series</i>	Greenwalt, Kelly	Pre-K – 3
<i>Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales</i>	Hamilton, Virginia	Pre-K – 3
<i>Jamaica's Find</i>	Havill, Juanita	Pre-K – 3
<i>Nappy Hair</i>	Herron, Carolivia	Pre-K – 3
<i>Come On, Rain!</i>	Hesse, Karen	Pre-K – 3
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Hoffman, Mary	Pre-K – 3
<i>Happy to Be Nappy</i>	hooks, bell	Pre-K – 3
<i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i>	Hopkinson, Deborah	Pre-K – 3
<i>The Colors of Us</i>	Katz, Karen	Pre-K – 3
<i>Marandy and Brother Wind</i>	McKissack, Patricia	Pre-K – 3
<i>Lola at the Library</i>	McQuinn, Anna	Pre-K – 3
<i>Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters</i>	Obama, Barack	Pre-K – 12
<i>I Am Rosa Parks</i>	Parks, Rosa & Haskins, James	Pre-K – 3
<i>Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky</i>	Ringgold, Faith	Pre-K – 3
<i>Tar Beach</i>	Ringgold, Faith	Pre-K – 3
<i>No Mirrors in My Nana's House</i>	Saint James, Synthia	Pre-K – 3
<i>Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman</i>	Schroeder, Alan	Pre-K – 3

<i>My Hair Is So Happy</i>	Scott, Nik	Pre-K – 3
<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale</i>	Step toe, John	Pre-K – 3
<i>Big Hair, Don't Care</i>	Swain-Bates, Crystal	Pre-K – 3
<i>I Love My Hair!</i>	Tarpley, Natasha	Pre-K – 3
<i>Penny and the Magic Puffballs: The Adventures of Penny and the Magic Puffballs</i>	Williams, Alonda	Pre-K – 3
<i>Fly High!: The Story of Bessie Coleman</i>	Borden, Louise & Kroeger, Mary Kay	4 – 5
<i>Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story</i>	Bridges, Ruby	4 – 5
<i>Through My Eyes</i>	Bridges, Ruby	4 – 5
<i>Serafina's Promise</i>	Burg, Ann E.	4 – 5
<i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i>	Caldwell, Christopher Paul	4 – 5
<i>Nappy</i>	Carney-Nunes, Charisse	4 – 5
<i>Liberty Porter Series</i>	Devillers, Julia	4 – 5
<i>Poems for the Smart, Spunky, and Sensational Black Girl</i>	Garlinghouse, Rachel	4 – 5
<i>Rosa</i>	Giovanni, Nikki	4 – 5
<i>Sugar Plum Ballerinas Series</i>	Goldberg, Whoopi	4 – 5
<i>Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel</i>	Grimes, Nikki	4 – 5
<i>Hair Dance</i>	Johnson, Dinah	4 – 5
<i>Say It, See It, Believe It</i>	Mack, Cassandra	4 – 5
<i>Ruth and the Green Book</i>	Ramsey, Calvin Alexander	4 – 5
<i>Keena Ford Series</i>	Thomson, Melissa	4 – 5
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Williams-Garcia, Rita	4 – 5
<i>P.S. Be Eleven</i>	Williams-Garcia, Rita	4 – 5
<i>President of the Whole Fifth Grade</i>	Winston, Sherri	4 – 5
<i>Maiçon at Blue Hill</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	4 – 5
<i>Show Way</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	4 – 5
<i>The Is the Rope</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	4 – 5
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	4 – 5
<i>Cornrows</i>	Yarbough, Camille	4 – 5

<i>Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High</i>	Beals, Melba Pattillo	6 – 8
<i>Searching for Sarah Rector: The Richest Black Girl in America</i>	Bolden, Tonya	6 – 8
<i>Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America</i>	Carroll, Rebecca	6 – 8
<i>Black Ice</i>	Cary, Lorene	6 – 8
<i>November Blues</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	6 – 8
<i>Copper Sun</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	6 – 8
<i>November Blues: The Jericho Trilogy</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	6 – 8
<i>Just Another Hero: The Jericho Trilogy</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	6 – 8
<i>Double Dutch</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	6 – 8
<i>The Girl Who Fell from the Sky</i>	Durrow, Heidi W.	6 – 8
<i>Money Hungry</i>	Flake, Sharon G.	6 – 8
<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Flake, Sharon G.	6 – 8
<i>Things I Have to Tell You: Poems and Writing by Teenage Girls</i>	Franco, Betsy	6 – 8
<i>Jazmin's Notebook</i>	Grimes, Nikki	6 – 8
<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	Grimes, Nikki	6 – 8
<i>Diary of Latoya Hunter: My First Year at Junior High</i>	Hunter, Latoya	6 – 8
<i>The First Part Last</i>	Johnson, Angela	6 – 8
<i>Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?</i>	McKissack, Patricia C. and Frederick L.	6 – 8
<i>Girls Like Us: Reclaiming Our Adolescence Through Poem, Stories, & Words of Wisdom</i>	Misiroglu-Editor	6 – 8
<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Morrison, Toni	6 – 8
<i>Let It Shine! Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters</i>	Pinkney, Andrea Davis	6 – 8
<i>Another Way to Dance</i>	Southgate, Martha	6 – 8
<i>Black Girl Pain: Journey to Self-Discovery</i>	Tanae, DeAndrea	6 – 8
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Taylor, Mildred D.	6 – 8
<i>Don't Give It Away</i>	Vanzant, Ayanla	6 – 8
<i>Like Sisters on the Homefront</i>	Williams-Garcia, Rita	6 – 8
<i>The Dear One</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	6 – 8
<i>Hush</i>	Woodson, Jacqueline	6 – 8

<i>Purple Hibiscus: A Novel</i>	Adiche, Chimamanda Ngozi	9 – 12
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Angelou, Maya	9 – 12
<i>Queen Sugar</i>	Baszile, Natalie	9 – 12
<i>Kindred</i>	Butler, Octavia E.	9 – 12
<i>Honey, Hush! An Anthology of African American Women's Humor</i>	Dance, Daryl Cumber	9 – 12
<i>Why I Love Black Women</i>	Dyson, Michael Eric	9 – 12
<i>Til the Well Runs Dry: A Novel</i>	Francis-Sharma, Lauren	9 – 12
<i>The Best Short Stories by Black Writers: 1899 - 1967</i>	Hughes, Langston & Naylor, Gloria (Editors)	9 – 12
<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	Hurston, Zora Neale	9 – 12
<i>Annie John</i>	Kincaid, Jamaica	9 – 12
<i>The Prentice Hall Anthology of African American Women's Literature</i>	Lee, Valerie (Editor)	9 – 12
<i>The Summer We Got Free</i>	McKenzie, Mia	9 – 12
<i>Beloved</i>	Morrison, Toni	9 – 12
<i>God Help the Girls</i>	Morrison, Toni	9 – 12
<i>Shake Loose My Skin: New and Selected Poems</i>	Sanchez, Sonia	9 – 12
<i>For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf</i>	Scribner, Enuf Ntozake Shange	9 – 12
<i>Girl in the Mirror: Three Generations of Black Women in Motion</i>	Tarpley, Natasha	9 – 12
<i>Black-Eyed Susans and Midnight Birds: Stories by and about Black Women</i>	Washington, Mary Helen	9 – 12