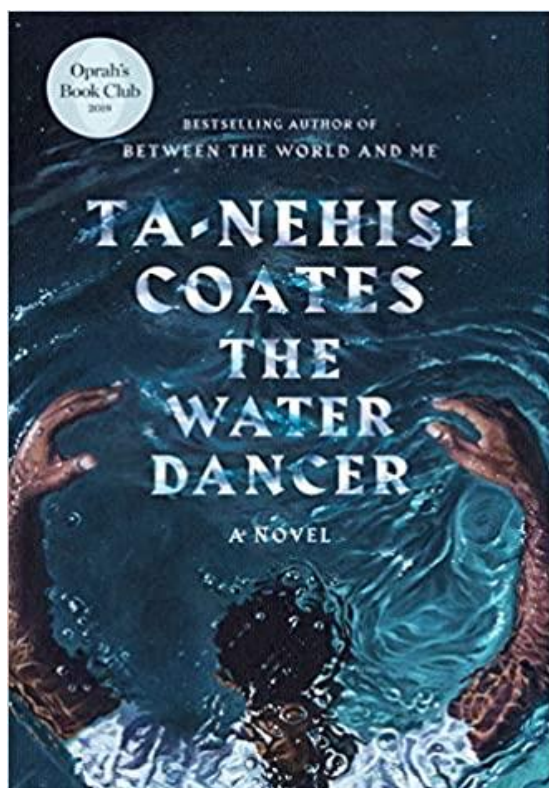


## *Hyperlinks for African American Historical Fiction*

This document is a companion to the slideshow movie for African American Historical Fiction in our Collection. Listed below are the authors, titles, title formats, and the hyperlinks to each item. The items can be found in our Library catalog in hard copy format or as eBooks or Audiobooks in our Library databases. One Library database is Elibrary NJ, the other is Hoopla. If you are experiencing problems accessing Hoopla content via the included links, please copy and paste the URL in to your browser.



### The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

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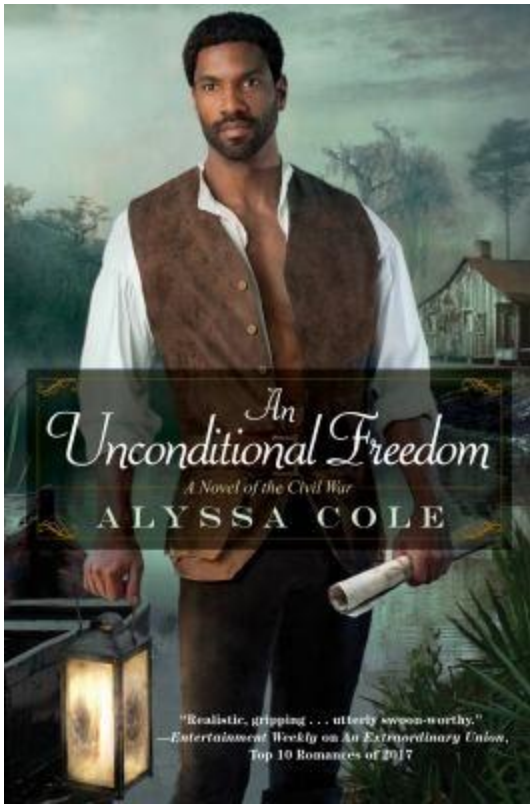
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Hiram manages to escape the Walker Plantation and join a guerrilla cell in the wilderness. Even as he is enlisted in a war between slavers and the enslaved, all he longs to do is return to the plantation to free his adopted family.



An Unconditional  
Freedom

by Alyssa Cole

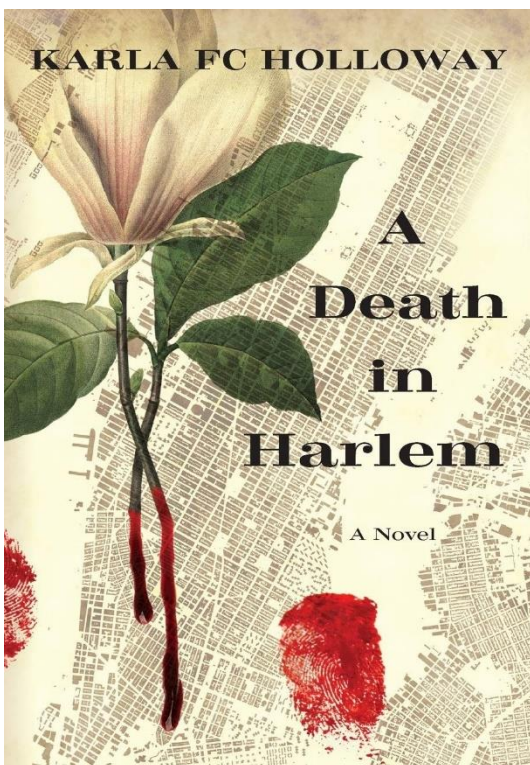
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Daniel Cumberland, born free in Massachusetts, studied law with dreams of helping his people--dreams that died the night he was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Daniel is rescued, but he's a changed man. He's offered a chance at espionage against the Confederacy, and he accepts. This is the latest (book #3) in the Loyal League series.



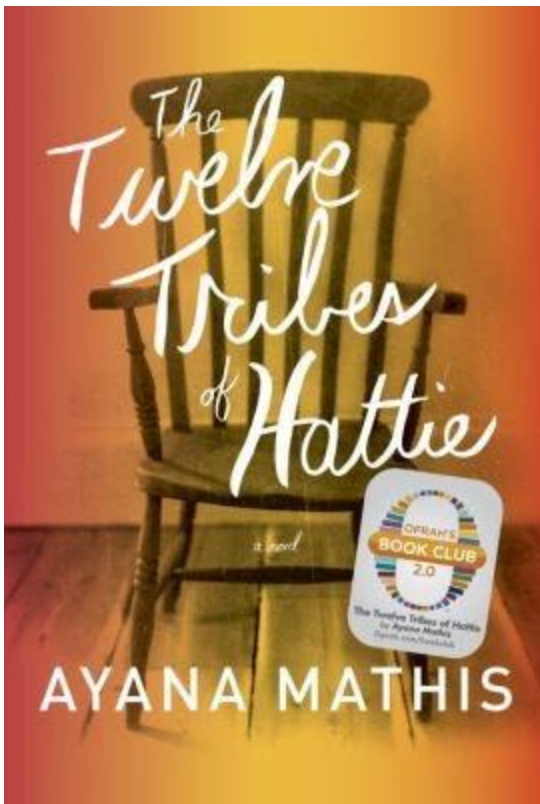
A Death in Harlem

by Karla F.C. Holloway

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Weldon is Harlem's first African American policeman. He investigates a case in which a woman fell from the Hotel Theresa during a banquet. Did she jump, fall accidentally, or was she pushed?



The Twelve Tribes of Hattie  
by Ayana Mathis

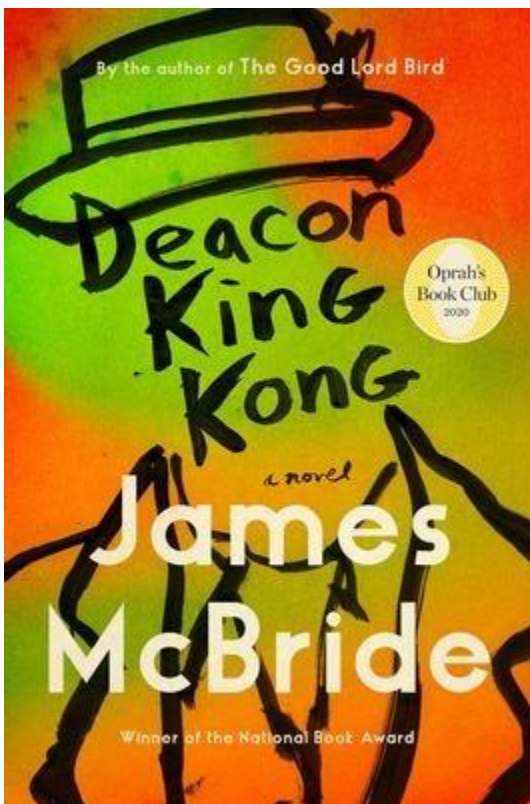
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Great Migration-era mother Hattie Shepherd, in spite of poverty and a dysfunctional husband, uses love and Southern remedies to raise nine children and prepare them for the realities of a harsh world.



Deacon King Kong  
by James McBride

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In 1969, a church deacon pulls out a gun in the courtyard of a housing project and shoots the project's drug dealer at point blank range. The author brings to vivid life the characters who are affected by the shooting.





The Shadow King  
by Maaza Mengiste

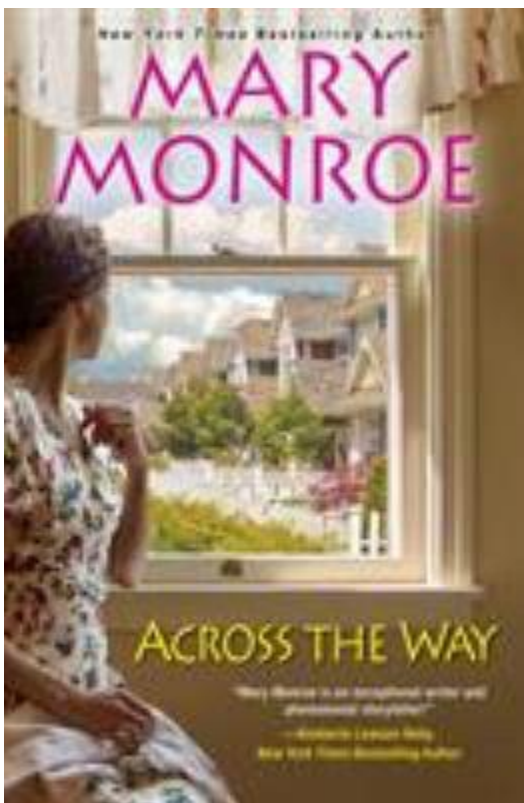
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During WWII, Hundreds of thousands of Italians march on Ethiopia seeking adventure. As the war begins in earnest, Hirut, Aster, and other women long to do more than care for the wounded and bury the dead.

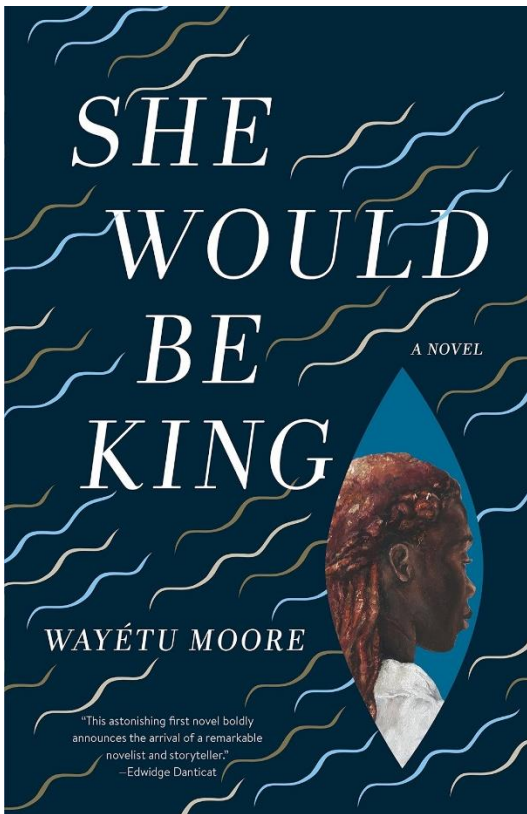


Across the Way  
by Mary Monroe

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Odell would do anything to be free of his bootlegging, blackmailing, money extorting neighbors--who always seem to bounce back from bad luck. But the Hamiltons plan to make trouble for Odell and his wife Joyce in their quest for revenge. This is the latest (book #3) in the Neighbors series.

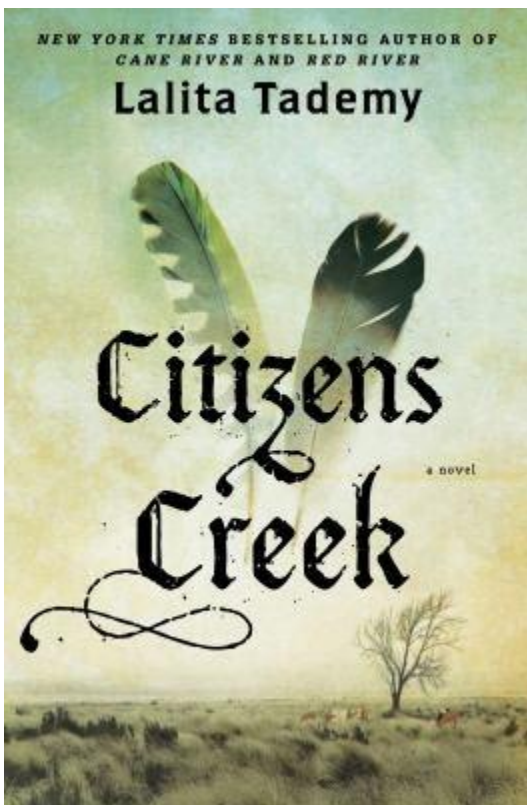


[She Would Be King](#)  
by Wayâetu Moore

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When three strangers meet in the settlement of Monrovia, their gifts help them salvage the tense relationship between the African American settlers and the indigenous people, as a new nation forms around them.

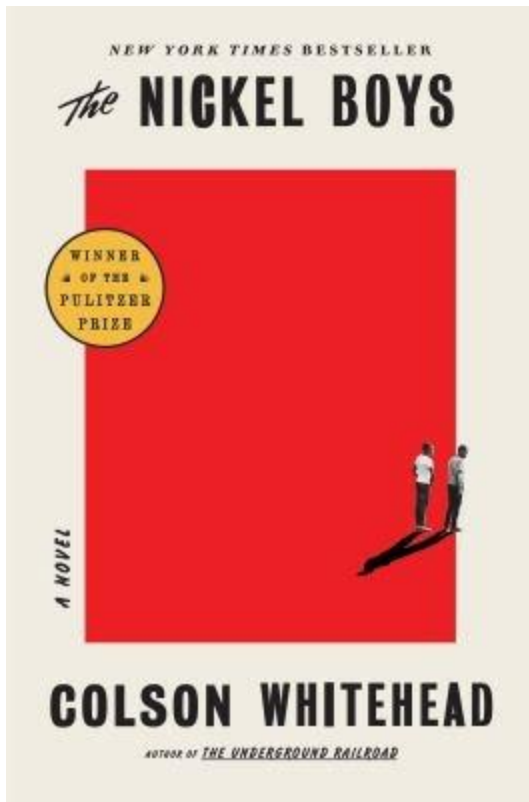


[Citizens Creek](#)  
by Lalita Tademy

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Born into slavery in 1810, Cow Tom possesses the ability to master languages. He is sold into slavery, to a Creek Indian chief before his tenth birthday. Cow Tom buys his freedom after serving as a translator during the American Indian wars.



The Nickel Boys

by Colson Whitehead

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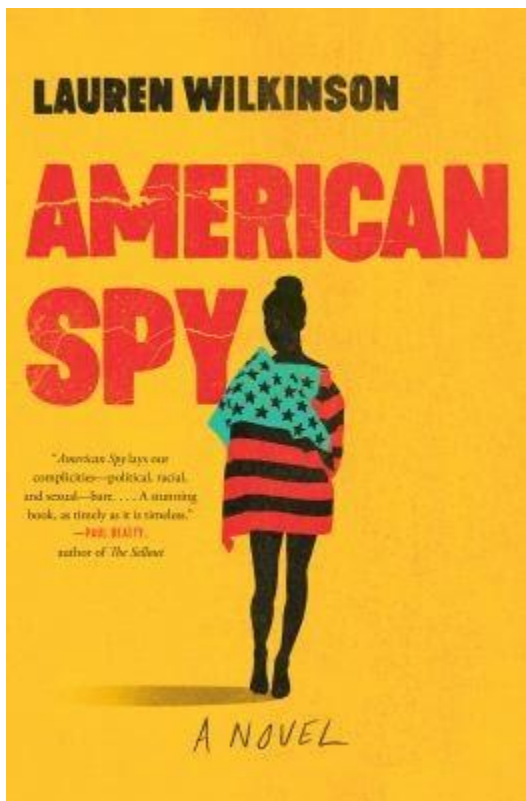
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Elwood is about to enroll in the local black college. But for a black boy in the Jim Crow South of the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future. Elwood is sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy.



American Spy

by Lauren Wilkinson

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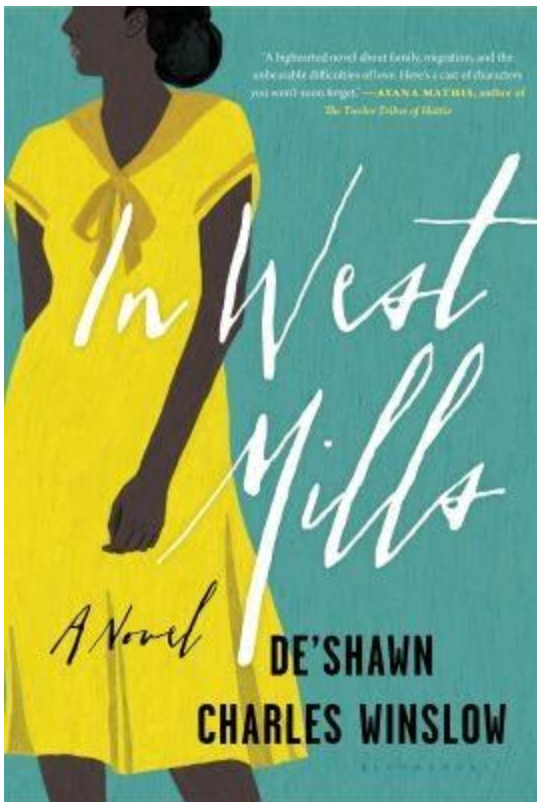
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A young Black FBI agent's career has stalled with piles of paperwork. Then she suddenly gets the chance to join a task force against a Communist group. In the year that follows, she observes and seduces the group's leader.





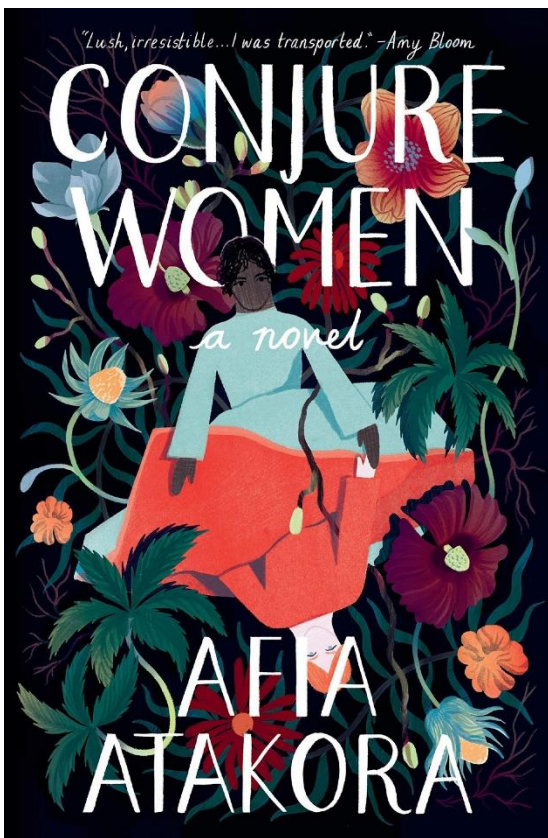
In West Mills

by De'Shawn Charles Winslow

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Winslow's stellar debut follows the residents of a black neighborhood in a tiny North Carolina town over the course of several decades, beginning in 1941 and ending in 1987. At the center of the novel is ornery Azalea, nicknamed Knot.



Conjure Women

by Afia Atakora

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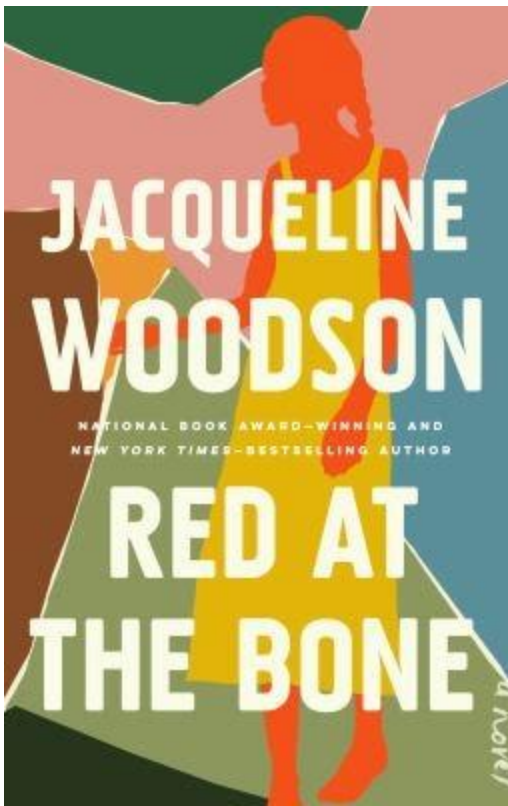
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Rue is a midwife, healer and conjurer of curses on a plantation. The story tells about the families she cares for and the mysteries and secrets she knows about the plantation owner's daughter.



Red at the Bone  
by Jacqueline Woodson

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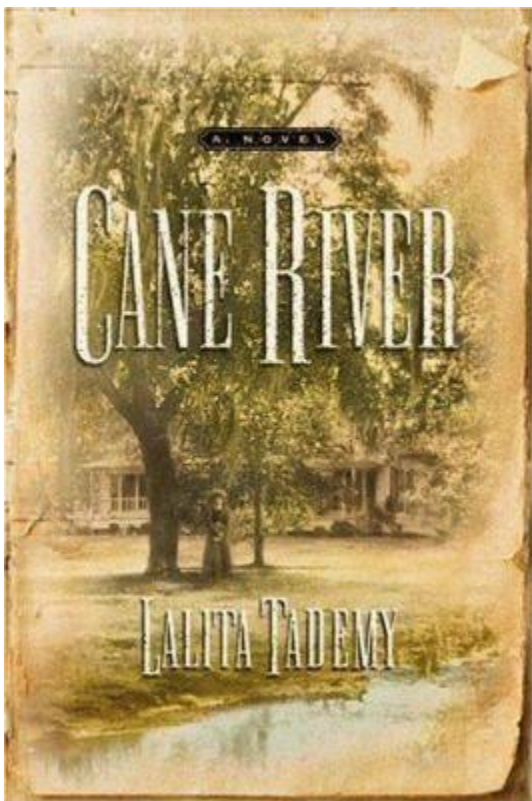
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An unexpected teenage pregnancy pulls together two families from different social classes. Moving forward and backward in time, the novel uncovers the role that history and community have played in the experiences, decisions, and relationships of these families, and in the life of the new child.



Cane River  
by Lalita Tademy

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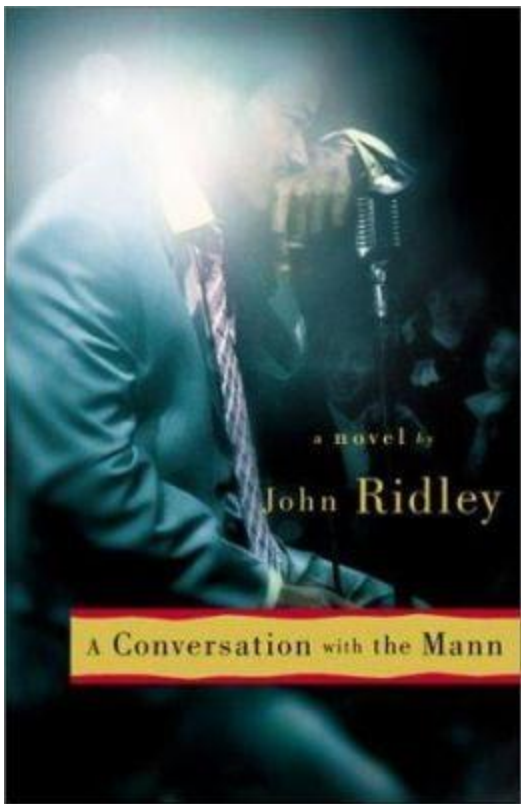
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Based on the author's own genealogy, the book covers four generations of African-American women. It begins with the early days of slavery, through the Civil War, and into the pre-Civil Rights South.





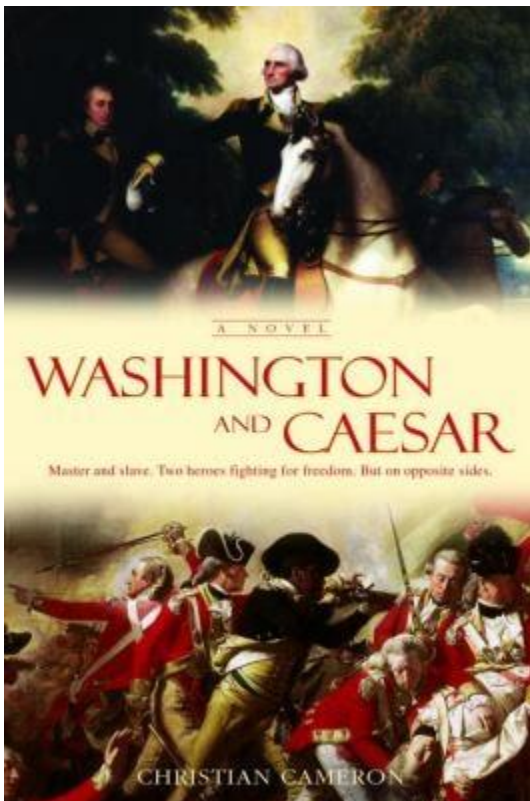
A Conversation with the Mann

by John Ridley

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This is an evocative novel of an aspiring black comic's rise to near-fame and fortune during the Rat Pack era. Comedian Jackie Mann wanted to be somebody. And for him there was only one way to achieve that: to make it big. Make it, no matter the cost: friends, family, one's own self-esteem and self-respect.



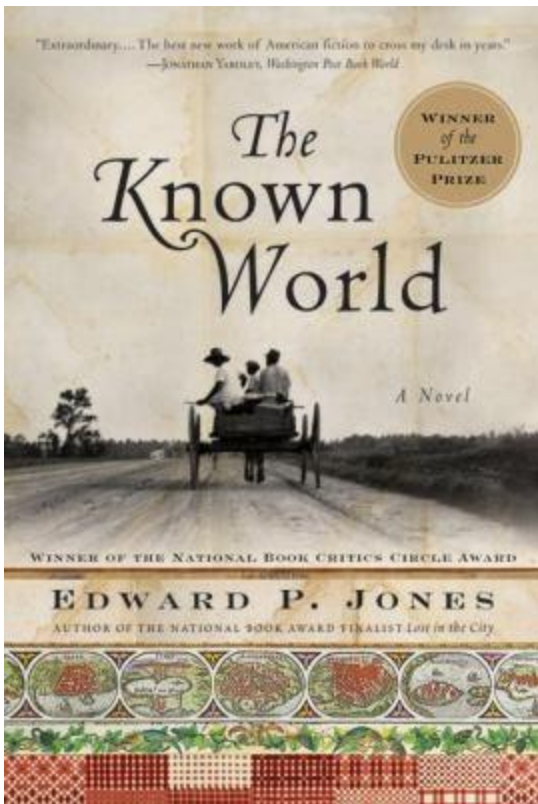
Washington and Caesar

by Christian Cameron

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This story is inspired by a little known fact. Many African American slaves escaped to join the British during the American Revolution. In this story, Caesar escapes Washington's estate and joins the legendary Loyalist corps made up of former slaves.



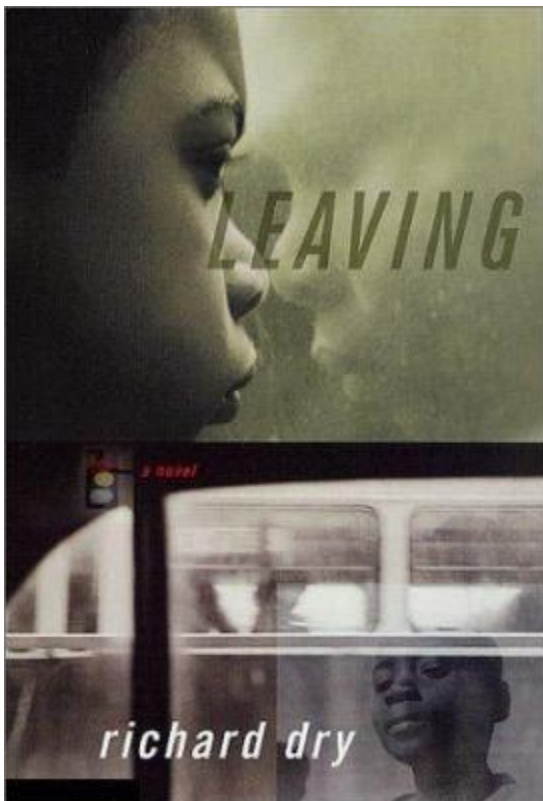
The Known World  
by Edward P. Jones

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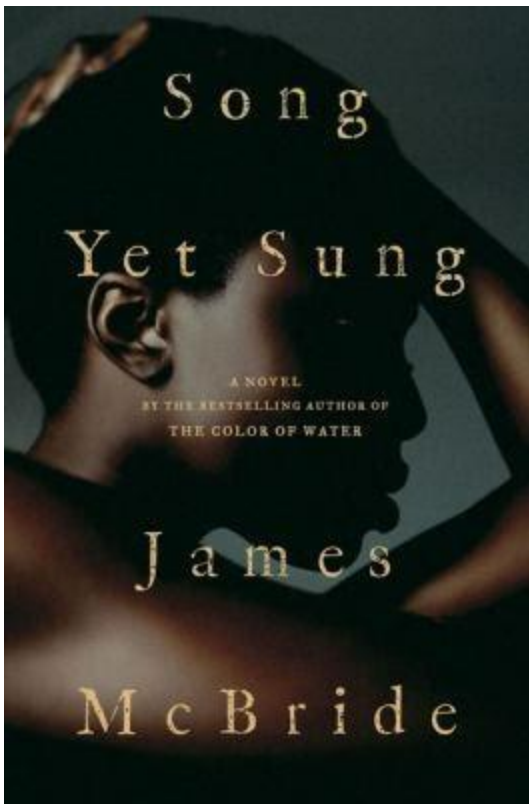
Henry Townsend, a farmer, boot maker, and former slave, through the surprising twists and unforeseen turns of life in antebellum Virginia, becomes proprietor of his own plantation--as well his own slaves.



Leaving  
by Richard Dry

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In 1959, newly widowed and pregnant, Ruby Washington and her half-brother board a bus. They are leaving rural South Carolina and are on their way to Oakland, California. There, far from the violent events that forced them to flee, they hope to start a new life.

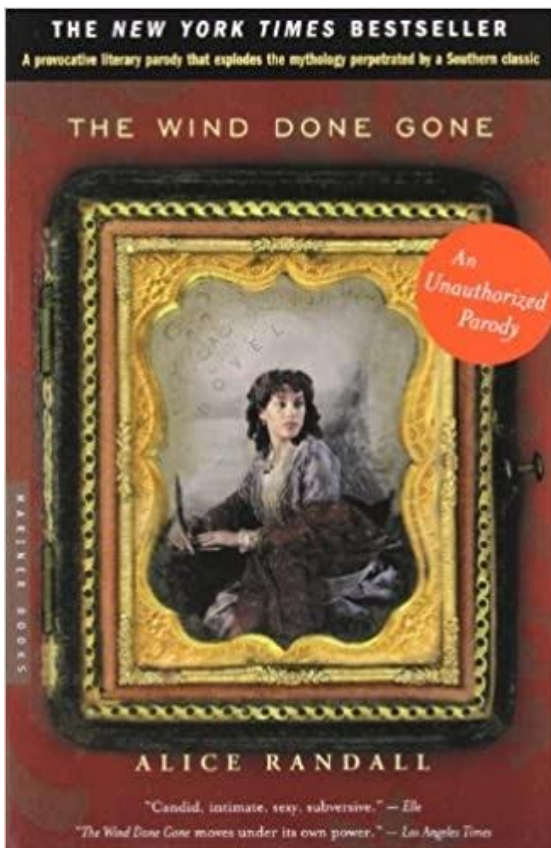


Song Yet Sung  
by James McBride

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Liz, a young runaway with odd dreams, accidentally inspires a breakout from the prison of a notorious slaver, Patty Cannon. As Cannon stalks revenge, Liz flees into the secret world of the underground railroad with its unspoken clues to freedom known as 'The Code'.



The Wind Done Gone  
by Alice Randall

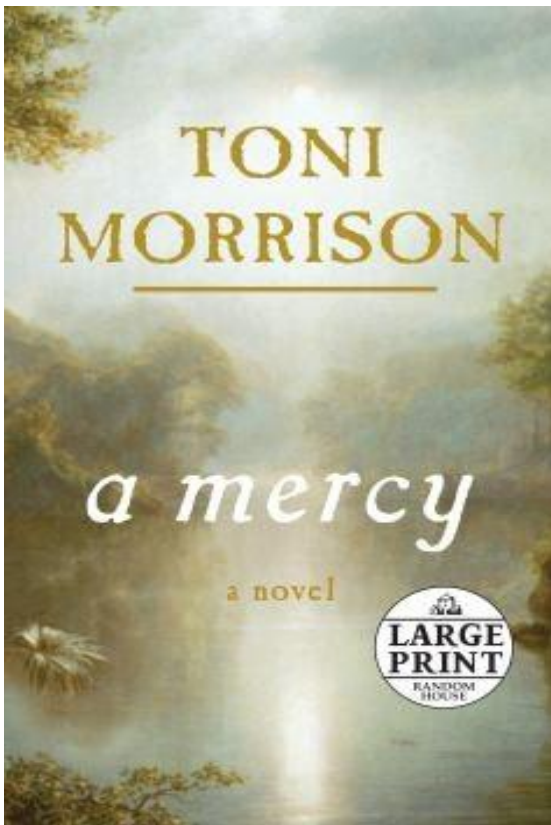
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Inspired by the world of Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel *Gone with the Wind*, Randall's novel traces the life and times of an illegitimate multi-racial daughter of a plantation owner, as she makes her way to Reconstruction Washington, D.C.





A Mercy

by Toni Morrison

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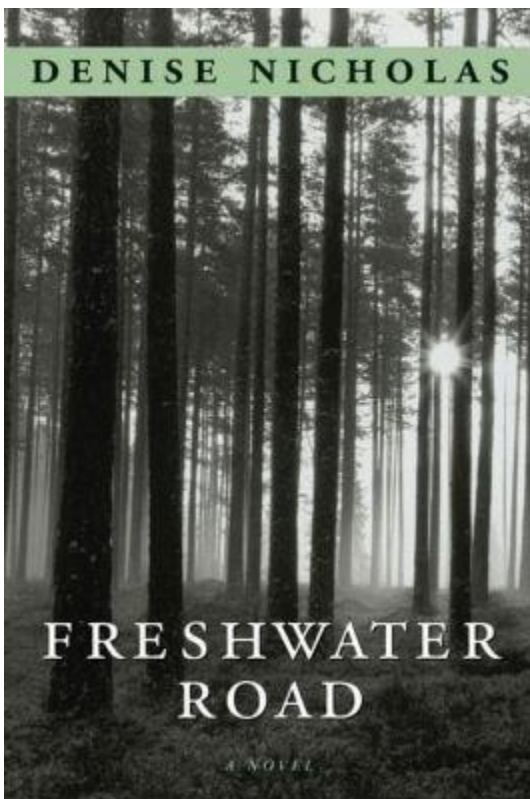
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In exchange for a bad debt, an Anglo-Dutch trader takes on Florens, a young slave girl, who feels abandoned by her enslaved mother and who searches for love--first from an older servant woman at her master's new home, and then from a handsome free blacksmith.



Freshwater Road

by Denise Nicholas

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In 1964, a young woman leaves Ann Arbor to go to Mississippi to help found a voter registration project as part of Freedom Summer. As the summer unfolds, she confronts new experiences and realities, as she interacts with the citizens of Pineyville.