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The following is a list of local Black authors/poets and their work:

Non-Fiction

De’Vonna Bentley-Pittman, My Pretty (and its Ugly Truth)
Albert (A.J.) Briscoe, Lynching Willie
Latrina Caldwell, I Am “Her”
Melvin Carter, Jr., Diesel Heart: An Autobiography
Josette (Jo) Ciceron, Unapologetically Anxious Me
Coretha Davenport, *Dreams and Nightmare (Life of a Menace)*

Dr. Peggy Elliott, *I Am Finally Free: 7 Steps to Overcoming Emotional Bondage*

W. Ralph Eubanks, *A Place Like Mississippi: A Journey Through a Real and Imagined Literary Landscape*

Dr. William D. Green, *Nellie Francis: Fighting for Racial Justice and Women’s Equality in Minnesota*

Shawntera Hardy and Camille Thomas, *Fearless Commerce*

Colnese M. Hendon, *Blend In or Fade Out*

Kevin L.A. Jenkins, *Victory Over Kidney Disease*

Kelvin Johnson, *Don’t Fear the Sharks*

Mercedes Johnson, *HerStory Breaking Through Darkness*

Maj. Alphonso Jones and Kim Nelson, *Soaring: My Improbable Life*

Dr. Joi Lewis, *Healing: The Art of Radical Self-Care*

Joseph Mbele, *Africans and Americans: Embracing Cultural Differences, Chickens in the Bus*

Juliet (Ms. J) Mitchell, *Manners Are Memorable*

Kerri Mosely-Hobbs, *More Than a Fraction*

Tamiko Morgan, M.D., *VIP: Very Important Patient – African American Women’s Guide to Healing and Wellness*

Kim Nelson, *On Life (Things I Should Have Told You)*

D.A. Pearson, *A Guide to Being Black in IT*

Phillip Porter, *The Power in a Vision Driven Family*

Dr. Verna Price, *The Silent Cry, Power of People*

Dr. Yvette L. Pye, *Going From the Projects to Ph.D.*

Kassim Abdur Razzaq, *Black Child Run, 5 Essential Principles for Healing Black Men and Raising Black Boys*

Mary Reed-Johnson, *The World of Dreadlocks: Beyond Maturity*


Ray Richardson, *Beyond Belief*

Sheila Williams Ridge, *Nature-Based Learning for Young Children, Anytime, Anywhere, on Any Budget*

Dr. Zakia Robbins, *#All Done*

Holly Hollister Smith, *Financial Fitness the Lord’s Way*
Jasmine Brett Stringer, *Seize Your Life: How to Carpe Diem Every Day*

Dr. Artika Tyner, *The Inclusive Leader: Taking Intentional Action for Justice and Equality*

Clark Williams, *Uber Chronicles Behind Closed Doors*

Pepe Willie, *If You See Me: My Six-Decade Journey in Rock and Roll*

**Children**

Isaiah Allen, *A Smile*

Timi Bliss, *In Search of the Sandman*

Bennie Brown, *ABCs of Life: Stories of Tamika*

Tyronne E. Carter, *Tyronne Carter, Kid Scientist*

T. Aaron Cisco, *Before Asleep You Fall*

Eileen Davis-Banks, *My Street, My Friends*

Nadvia Davis, *Grant Practices Math With Manners*

Thomas O’Neal Davison, *Daddy Can You Hear Me, My Girl Gigi*

Ericka Dennis, *Mr. Rondo’s Spirit: A Story About a Man and His Community*

Robert P. Dixon, Jr., *Gumbo Joy*

Flora Ekpe-Idang, *Don’t Give Up, Aaliyah*

Steve Fitzhugh, *The Adventures of Li’l Stevie*

Shannon Gibney, *Sam and the Incredible African and American Food Fight, See No Color*

Donna Gingery, *Red and the Egg Pie*

Arielle Grant, *The Picture Box*

Crishana Greer and Brooklyn Davis, *Me and Mommy’s Adventures*

J. Darnell Johnson, *Ol’ Jim Crow’s Jubilee Day Caper, Jamal and Me: Freedom Summer, Roots Four Zero*

Briana Lawrence, *I Am Magical: Magnifique Noir*

Melina Mangal, *The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just*

Maya Marchelle, *Hey Pretty, Your Hue Looks Good on You*

Zephaniah Martin, *Jaheem’s First Kwanzaa*

Kiarra McCain, *Why Did You Make Me...Me?*
Mizz Mercedez, *Black to the Future, Black to the Future Vol. 2, Going Back to Rondo*

Shayla Michelle, *Echo in the Distance*

Alyssa and Moriah Miller, *Nature is Like God*

Juliet (Ms. J) Mitchell, *Myah is Introduced to Etiquette*

Habso Mohamud, *It Only Takes One Yes*

Nasra Noor, *My Mommy is a Schoolteacher*

Jacqueline Norwood-Hall, *Jester Mean Comes Clean, Esther Bean, the Queen of Self-Esteem*

Fartun Nur, *The Many Colors of My Hijab*

Rosemond Sarpong Owens, *The Extraordinary Educator: Dr. Delores Henderson*

Alan & Kamie Page, *Bee Love, The Invisible You, Grandpa Alan’s Sugar Shack*

Kimberly Brown Pellum, Ph.D, *Black Women in Science*

Felicia Phillips, *Dear Black Girl You Can, Dear Black Boy You Can*

M. Ann Machen Pritchard, *Val's World, Phil the Pill and Friends*

Kasim Abdur Razzaq, *Black Child Run*

Lehman Riley, *Losing Lizzy*

Crown Shepherd, *Black Boy Black Boy, Black Girl Black Girl*

Stephanie Shider, *Girls on a Mission*

Munson Steed, *Little Professor Skye: Favorite Things*

Josaly Thomas, *Watch Me Grow*

Talaya L. Tolefree, *Grandma Sankofa’s House, The Value Packed Superheroes, 7 is My Favorite Number, Soul Food*

Talaya L. Tolefree and Nia-Imani Tolefree, *Black Girl, Black Girl, What Do You See?*

Dr. Artika Tyner, *Justice Makes A Difference*

Anthony Walsh, *Hockey is for Everybody, Anthony Goes to Camp*

Charday Williams, *Ella and Kay Kay*

**Historical Fiction**

Cavis Adams, *Granddaddy*
Darrow Fowler, *Memoirs of a Slave*

**Inspirational**

Ebony Adedayo, *The Gospel According to a Black Woman*
Roxane Battle, *Deciding to be Happy, Choosing to be Free*
Dr. Ronald Bell and Eboni Bell, *Is There Space For Me*
Albert (A.J.) Briscoe, *Finding Your Purpose*
Tierre Caldwell, *The Art of Sucker Duckin’*
Cynthia Collins, *The One Who Gained Possession After the Struggle*
Willie Dean, Ph.D., *Overcoming*
Barbara Stephens Foster, *A Walk With the Black Moses*
Sharon Botts Garth, *When Destiny Calls*
Schia Hart, *Truth Be Written*
Jamieya B. Johnson, *Lost and Found: A Courageous Fight for Peace*
Jody Lulich, *In the Company of Grace: A Veterinarian’s Memoir of Trauma and Healing*
Jacqueline (Lady J) Maddix, *Root Wisdom (From the Elders Circle)*
Florence Maina, *Fear Not: God Is In Charge*
Dr. Alecia Mobley, *Conversations With God (While Sipping Your Tea)*
Dr. Vanjelis Ngwa, *Solid Relationships: everything you need to know about building great relationships in all aspects of life*
Tiara (Lady TCB) Nolen, *Love to Grow: Breaking Cycles*
Bukola Oriola, *A Living Label: An Inspirational Memoir and Guide*
Tion Patterson, *The Night My Sister was God*
M. Ann Machen Pritchard, *The Spirit of Sixteen*
Lawrence Richardson, *I Know What Heaven Looks Like*
Stephanie Shider, *I Think I Like My Natural Hair*

CoWano Stanley, *Bet on Yourself*

Rosalind Sullivan, *Activate Your Purpose*

**LGBTQ**

Precious Brady-Davis, *I Have Always Been Me*

James Estwick, *Coffee: A Reflection of My Life’s Relationships*

W.D. Foster-Graham, *Mark My Words (Books 1, 2, and 3), You Never Know, Never Give Up*

James Earl Hardy, *Men of the House*

Danez Smith, *Homie*

Frederick Smith and Chaz Lamar Cruz, *Busy Ain’t the Half of It*

**Romance**

Male/Female

Cheryl Barton, *A Christmas Wish, For You I Will, An Unexpected Destiny, More Than Friends*

De’Vonna Bentley-Pittman, *Savannah’s Inheritance*

J.E. Harris, *When You Step*

Brenda Jackson, *All He Desires, The Wife He Needs*

M. Sydnor, Jr., *Thirty*

Female/Female

Deja Elise, *At the Deep End*

Ava Freeman, *Love’s Desire*

LaToya Hankins, *SBF Seeking...*

Georgina “Gigi” Kiersten, *Fall Into You: A Season for Love*

J. Nichole, *A Girl Like Me*

Fiona Zedde, *Femme Like Her*
Male/Male

Remmy Duchene, *His Light in the Dark*
Jayce Ellis, *If You Love Something, Solomon*
Roslyn Faulk, *You Saved Me*
W.D. Foster-Graham, *The Right to Be, To Thine Own Self*
Kosoko Jackson, *I’m So (Not) Over You*
Kevin E. Taylor, *Jaded*
M. Taylor, *Ryland*
Dwayne Vernon, *The Master’s Plan*

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Michael D. Brooks, *Destined (By Choice or Circumstance)*
T. Aaron Cisco, *Black Nerd Blue Box, Dragon Variation, The Unbanished, The Unrested*
J. Darnell Johnson, *The Supreme Hogon, Souly Speculative*

Spoken Word/Poetry

Joe Davis, *We Rise Higher: Poems and Prayers for Graduates*
Dr. Thomas L. Nins, *A Ballad for the Dawn*
Stephanie Shaw, *Snippets of Love and Other Pesky Emotions*
Jessica Winnie, *Everything I Am*

Urban Fiction

A.G. Deberry, *Carmelo’s Way: 187 Assassins*
Kimberly Fields, *Kash*
RedPhenix, *My Mother’s Daughter*

Cady Schell (Cyn Alexander), *Dust to Diamonds*