



## BOOK NERD ALERT'S THE ZORA CANON'S COMPLETE CHECKLIST

100 greatest books by African-American women spanning from 1859 to present

### Complete list:

- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
- I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- Son of Solomon by Toni Morrison
- Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler
- Sula by Toni Morrison
- The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin
- Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism by bell hooks
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
- For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf by Ntozake Shange
- Zami: A New Spelling of My Name by Audre Lorde
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Selected Poems by Gwendolyn Brooks
- To Be Young, Gifted, and Black: Lorraine Hansberry in Her Own Words by Lorraine Hansberry
- Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Ann Jacobs
- Sister Outsides: Essays and Speeches by Audre Lorde
- The Selected Poems of Nikki Giovannia: 1968-1995 by Nikki Giovannia
- Parable of the Talents by Octavia E. Butler
- The Heart of a Woman by Maya Angelou
- An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
- Passing by Nella Larsen
- Meridian by Alice Walker
- Women, Race, & Class by Angela Y. Davis
- The Women of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor
- The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson
- When and Where I Enter" The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America by Paula J. Giddings
- Where We Stand: Class Matters by bell hooks
- Quicksand by Nella Larsen

- A Voice from the South by Anna Julia Cooper
- The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
- Whatever Happened to Interracial Love? By Kathleen Collins
- The Red Record by Ida B Wells- Barnett
- The Third Life of Grange Copeland by Alice Walker
- Coming of Age in Mississippi by Anne Moody
- The Street by Ann Petry
- Brown Girl, Brownstones by Paule Marshall
- In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose by Alice Walker
- Waiting to Exhale by Terry McMillan
- Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward
- Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision by Barbara Ransby
- White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide
- Gorilla, My Love by Toni Cade Bambara
- Iola Leroy: Shadows Uplifted by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper
- There is Confusion by Jessie Redmon Fauset
- Jubilee by Margaret Walker
- I've Been a Woman: New and Selected Poems by Sonia Sanchez
- Sassafrass, Cypress, & Indigo by Ntozake Shange
- Thomas and Beulah by Rita Dove
- Assata: An Autobiography by Assata Shakur
- Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman by Michele Wallace
- But Some of Us Are Brave: All the Women Are White, All the Blacks Are Men: Black Women's Studies by Akasha Gloria Hull
- Black-Eyed Susans and Midnight Birds: Stories by and About Black Women by Mary Helen Washington
- Home Girl: A Black Feminist Anthology by Barbara Smith
- Topdog/Underdog by Suzan-Lori Parks
- Fledgling by Octavia E. Butler
- A Mercy by Toni Morrison
- Directed by Desire: The Collected Poems of June Jordan
- African American Music: An Introduction by Mellonee Burnim
- Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris
- Our Nig by Harriet E. Wilson
- The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010 by Lucille Clifton
- Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code by Ruha Benjamin
- Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness by Simone Browne
- Tell My Horse: Voodoo and Life in Haiti and Jamaica by Zora Neale Hurston
- Unequal City: Race, Schools, and Perceptions of Injustice by Carla Shedd
- Moses, Man of the Mountain by Zora Neale Hurston
- Maud Martha by Gwendolyn Brooks
- Funnyhouse of a Negro by Adrienne Kennedy
- Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Social Upheaval by Saidiya Hartman

- The Flagellants by Carlene Hatcher Polite
- The Black Woman: An Anthology by Toni Cade Bambara
- Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Y. Davis
- We a BaddDDD People. By Sonia Sanchez
- Beyond Respectability: The Intellectual Thought of Race Women by Brittney Cooper
- Oreo by Fran Ross
- How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
- Corregidora by Gayl Jones
- Eva's Man by Gayl Jones
- The Salt Eaters by Toni Cade Bambara
- Fish Tales by Nettie Jones
- Linden Hills by Gloria Naylor
- Radiance from the Waters: Ideals of Feminine Beauty in Mende Art by Sylvia Ardyn Boone
- Blacks by Gwendolyn Brooks
- Invisibility Blues: Form Pop to Theory by Michele Wallace
  
- Ugly Ways by Tina Ecelroy Ansa
- The Black Christ by Kelly Brown Douglas
- Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and The Meaning of Liberty by Dorothy Roberts
- Black Picket Fence: Privilege and Peril Among the Black Middle Class by Mary Pattillo
- Native Guard by Natasha Trethewey
- All Bound Up Together: The Woman Question In African American Public Culture, 1830-1990 by Martha S. Jones
- Blue-Chip Black: Race, Class, and Status in the New Black Middle Class by Karyn R. Lacy
- Blood Dazzler by Patricia Smith
- The Ethnic Project: Transforming Racial Fiction into Ethnic Faction by Vilna Bashi Treitler
- Things I Should Have Told my Daughter: Lies, Lessons & Love Affairs by Pearl Cleage
- Sweat by Lynn Nottage
- Magical Negro by Morgan Parker