

Chapter 1 : Black Literary Marketplace

For the tenth year running, the annual Black Authors & Published Writers Directory (BAPWD) has been the go-to reference book regarding the Black publishing industry. Readers and researchers can expect updated information on everything from Black authors, poets, song, film and playwrights to PR firms and television talk shows.

Best known for his reflections on his experience as an openly gay Black man in white America, his novels, essays and poetry make him a social critic who shared the pain and struggle of Black Americans. Born in Harlem in 1924, Baldwin caught the attention of fellow writer Richard Wright who helped him secure a grant in order to support himself as a writer. He left to live in Paris at age 24 and went on to write *Go Tell It on the Mountain* which was published in 1955, a novel unlike anything written to date. Speaking with passion and depth about the Black struggle in America, it has become an American classic. Baldwin would continue to write novels, poetry and essays with a refreshingly unique perspective for the rest of his life. James Baldwin provided inspiration for later generations of artists to speak out about the gay experience in Black America like Staceyann Chin and Nick Burd. Baldwin, 1924-1988, MDCarchives

Amiri Baraka Born in 1931, poet, writer and political activist Amiri Baraka used his writing as a weapon against racism and became one of the most widely published African American writers. Known for his social criticism and incendiary style, Baraka explored the anger of Black Americans and advocated scientific socialism. Often confrontational and designed to awaken audiences to the political needs of Black Americans, Baraka was a prominent voice in American literature. Inciting controversy throughout his career, he was accused of fostering hate while at the same time being lauded for speaking out against oppression. Often focusing on Black Liberation and White Racism, he spent most of his life fighting for the rights of African Americans. With a writing career that spanned nearly fifty years, Baraka is respected as one of the leading revolutionary cultural and political leaders, especially in his hometown of Newark, NJ. Together they have gone on to inspire younger generations like Terrence Hayes.

Born in California in 1949, Butler was an avid reader despite having dyslexia, was a storyteller by 4, and began writing at the age of 12. Drawn to science fiction because of its boundless possibilities for imagination, she was quickly frustrated by the lack of people she could identify with so she decided to create her own. Butler took the science fiction world by storm. Her evocative novels featuring race, sex, power and humanity were highly praised and attracted audience beyond their genre. They would eventually be translated into multiple languages and sell more than a million copies. One of her best-known novels *Kindred*, published in 1980, tells the story of a Black woman who must travel back in time in order to save her own life by saving a white, slaveholding ancestor. Over her career, she won two Hugo Awards, two Nebula Awards and in 1995 she became the first science fiction writer to win the MacArthur fellowship. Butler at book signing, released by Nikolas Coukouma.

Du Bois was one of the most influential African American thought leaders of the 20th century. He studied Black America and wrote some of the earliest scientific studies on Black communities, calling for an end to racism. Calling for organized action and an end to segregation, Jim Crow laws, and political disenfranchisement in America, the prophetic work was not well received at the time of its publication. Du Bois eventually went on to help to establish the NAACP where he became editor of its newspaper the *Crisis*, and a well-known spokesman for the cause. Many of his essays from *Crisis* were published in book form under the title *The Emerging Thought of W. E. B. Du Bois: Essays and Editorials from "The Crisis"*. While these attracted less attention than his scholarly works, they also focused on the Black race covering the topics of miscegenation and economic disparities in the South. A literary critic, writer, and scholar, Ellison taught at a variety of colleges and spent two years overseas as a Fellow of the American Academy. In an effort to transcend the starkly defined racial categories of the 1940s, he was sometimes criticized for choosing white society over his African American identity. Identifying as an artist first, Ellison rejected the notion that one should stand for a particular ideology, refuting both Black and white stereotypes in his collection of political, social and critical essays titled *Shadow and Act*. "I am a man of substance, of flesh and bone, fiber and liquids — and I might even be said to possess a mind. I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me. Best known for *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and the novel *Roots*, Haley began his writing career freelancing

and struggled to make ends meet. Eating canned sardines for weeks at a time, his big break came when Playboy magazine assigned him to interview Miles Davis. Proving to be such a success, the magazine contracted Haley to do a series of interviews with prominent African Americans. The Autobiography of Malcolm X would soon become an international bestseller and Haley became a literary success. After a decade of research and travel to West Africa, the epic novel *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* was published in 1976. The book was a national sensation and won the Pulitzer Prize, eventually becoming a television miniseries that would shatter television viewing records when million viewers tuned in. While many American poets during the 1950s were writing esoteric poetry to a dwindling audience, Hughes addressed people using language, themes, attitudes and ideas that they could relate to. When his first novel *Not Without Laughter* was published in 1931, it won the Harmon gold medal for literature. A prolific writer known for his colorful portrayals of Black life from the 1930s, Hughes wrote plays, short stories, poetry, several books, and contributed the lyrics to a Broadway musical. In addition to his extensive body of work, he inspired other artists and highlighted the power of art as a catalyst for change. Seen as a voice for their own experience, writers during the Harlem Renaissance often dedicated their work to Hughes. By the time of its height in the 1930s, Hurston was a preeminent Black female writer in the United States. Unlike the style of contemporaries Richard Wright and Ralph Ellison, Hurston did not write explicitly about Black people in the context of white America. She focused on the culture and traditions of African Americans through the poetry of their speech. Despite her earlier literary success, Hurston would suffer later in her career. Having difficulty getting published, she died poor and alone. His novel *Black Boy* was a personal account of growing up in the South and eventual move to Chicago where he became a writer and joined the Communist Party. While the book was a great success, Wright had become disillusioned with white America and the Communist Party, and moved to Paris. He spent the rest of his life living as an expatriate and he continued to write novels. Growing up in an integrated neighborhood, Morrison was not fully aware of racial divisions until her teenage years. It was in the 1950s when Morrison became an editor at Random House that she began to write. While she had published *The Bluest Eye* in 1952 and *Sula* in 1967, *The Song of Solomon* was the book that set her on the course of literary success. The publication of *Beloved* in 1987 is considered to be her greatest masterpiece and won several awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Toni Morrison, , MDCarchives.

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