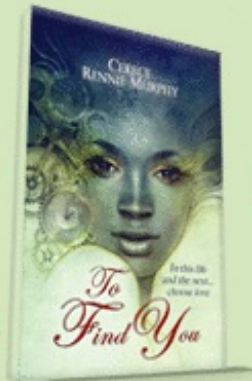


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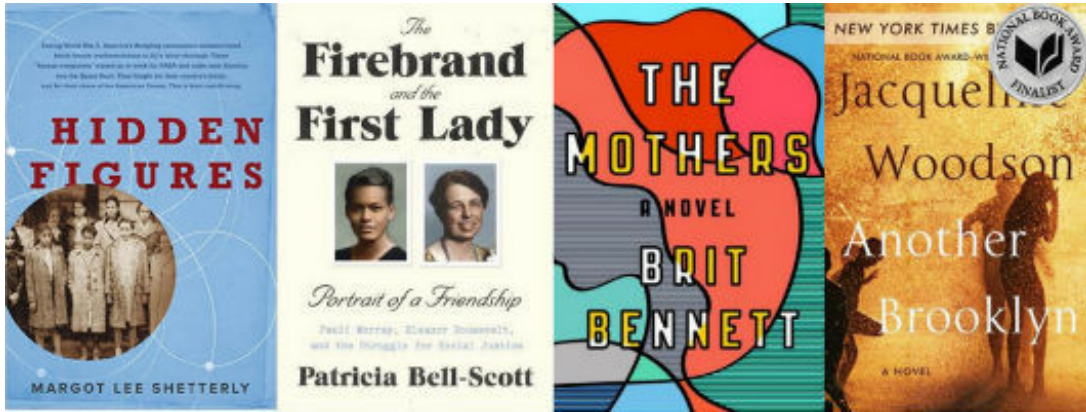
### **She is Global, an Artist, a Movement—Malaika Adero is “Global I Aam” by Patrick A. Howell**

Malaika Adero doesn’t call a lot of attention to herself. She does her work methodically and pointedly, beautifully, year after year, decade after decade without a lot of fanfare. All you see of Malaika are the volumes of books that she has birthed as well as the regular celebration of our global village griots and ancestors under the expanse of large colorful wings.

She is part of the 13th century continuum of West African history from those kingdoms of Ghana, Songhai and Mali. She comes to us from the tradition of the griot—a story teller or praise singer who is a historian and often seen as a community and cultural leader, often times an advisor to persons of royal designation (think Miles Davis, Nelson Mandela, Prince, Toni Morrison, or Spike Lee amongst countless others). [Read the full tribute to Ms. Adero](#).

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## **Folktales’ Black Women’s Literary Society**

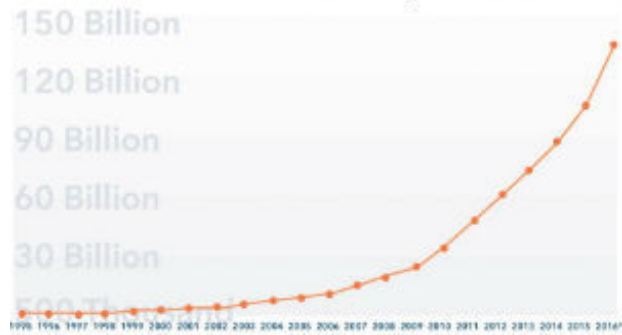


Folktales' [Black Women's Literary Society](#), from Austin, Texas, meets the 3rd Friday of each month from February - November usually at the George Washington Carver Museum. They are a group of Black women reading African America authors. Learn more about this Book Club and hundreds of others on our [book club listing](#).

## Amazon Owns the Black Book Ecosystem—Does it Matter?

There are very few booksellers (physical stores and online) selling books, independent of Amazon, and making very much money doing it. This is particularly true for booksellers who sell books that are important to the Black community. As a result, Amazon, to our detriment, owns the Black book ecosystem. Amazon not only profits disproportionately from our products they determine which books are important and are seen.

### Timeline of Amazon's Expansion



I encourage you to [read this research report](#) produced by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. This report brilliantly describes the impact of Amazon's virtual monopoly and how Amazon is “Stifling Competition, Eroding Jobs, and Threatening Communities.”

## African American Film Critics Association Names MOONLIGHT the Top Film of 2016

"Our members had a plethora of outstanding movies, documentaries and TV shows to choose from this year," says AAFCA Co-founder Shawn Edwards. "It was an exceptional year in terms of the quantity and quality of films about the black experience. And while this by no means solves the diversity issue in the film industry it was definitely refreshing to have such a wide-range of exceptional work to choose from to honor and celebrate with our approval."

There were several movies released this year that are considered masterpieces. However, it was "[Moonlight](#)" that dominated this year's voting for the 8th AAFCA Awards. The independent film which chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world while growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami completely resonated with the majority of the members of the association."



The 3rd Annual Harlem Renaissance Holiday Fete will be hosted by Nicole Dennis-Benn and Jason Reynolds and will be held Friday, December 16, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Chaiwali located at 274 Lenox Ave., at 124 St, in Harlem, NY.

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