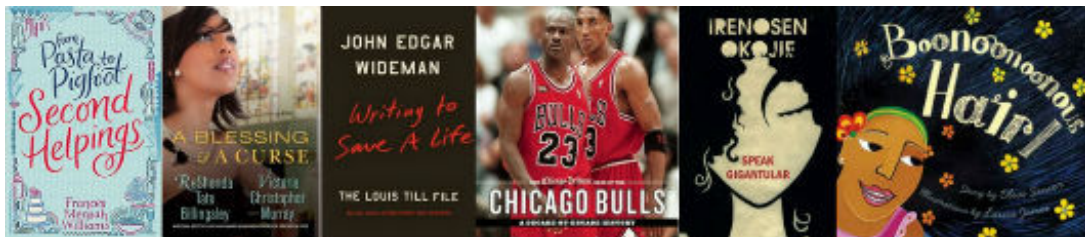


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New Books Coming in November



There are so many terrific new books, and there is simply is not enough space to describe them all in our eNewsletter. Please visit our website for a list of [newly published](#) and [soon to be released](#) books.

Paul Beatty Wins the Man Booker Prize



Paul Beatty's novel *The Sellout*, won the Man Booker Prize on October 25, 2016. Beatty is the first American to win the award.

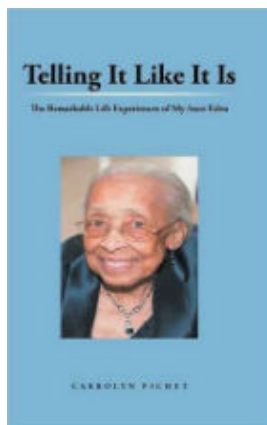
In 1990, Paul Beatty was crowned the first Grand Poetry Slam Champion of the Nuyorican Poets Cafe. One of the prizes for winning that championship title was the book deal which resulted in his first volume of poetry, *Big Bank Takes Little Bank*. His first novel, *The White Boy Shuffle*, received a favorable review in The New York Times. Beatty's award-winning novel *The Sellout*, Beatty chronicles an urban farmer who tries to spearhead a revitalization of slavery and segregation in a fictional Los Angeles neighborhood.

National Book Awards Finalists Announced



The National Book Foundation has announced the finalists for the 2016 National Book Awards for fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and young people's literature. The winners will be announced on November 16 at the National Book Awards Ceremony and Benefit Dinner, which will be hosted by award-winning writer and comedian Larry Wilmore. AALBC.com will be on hand to cover the event. [Check out the 2016 finalists of African descent](#) and all the others going back to 1953.

Book Reviews



Telling It Like It Is: The Remarkable Life Experiences of My Aunt Edna by Carrolyn Pichet

"*Telling It Like It Is*, is equal parts historical biography, personal recollections, family memories, and self-help in the guise of lessons from a well-lived life. It is a love letter to not only a person, Pichet's beloved Aunt Edna, but also to a long gone time and place—when neighborhoods were tightly knit communities and families looked out for each other. Filled with anecdotes and life lessons, favorite sayings are used as titles throughout the book and serve to highlight the many roles Aunt Edna has taken and played in her life—mother, fierce family defender, and advocate, to name only a few."—Carol Taylor ([more](#))



Legend of the Orange Scepter by M. Haynes

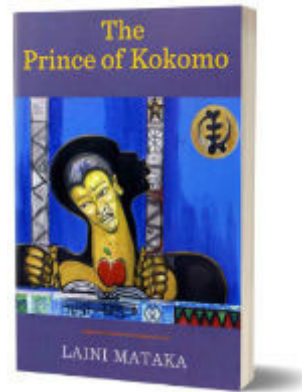
"Overall, Haynes' Legend of The Orange Scepter takes us on a classic battle between good and evil. The final battle between the teen Elementals and the evil Queen and her metal minions is well worth the wait and should provide some thrills for the young readers. Impassioned, exciting, and well-conceived, the novel is a marvelous achievement." —Robert Fleming ([more](#))

Recommended Reads

The Prince of Kokomo — Poetry by Laini Mataka

Laini Mataka is wiser, smarter, and stronger than ever. If you've read any of her earlier books and thought she might mellow, you'd be wrong. If you loved reading *Bein A Strong Black Woman Can Get U Killed!!* and wanted more, *The Prince of Kokomo* is for you. Laini doesn't just write about Black reality, she tears it apart, piercing the boundless and forgotten moments that shape our reality.

When you read *The Prince of Kokomo*, be ready to follow Mataka into battle. She is Harriet Tubman restored. Like Harriet, she has no time for those who love the comfort of their prisons or the seductions of their enslavement.



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Fim Reviews

Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise

“...a single-mom at 17 after being pressured into a sexual encounter with a boy who wanted nothing more to do with her. She subsequently supported herself and her son, [Guy Johnson](#) (an AALBC.com Bestselling novelist), by holding an array of odd jobs, including work in the sex trade industry as a stripper, prostitute, and even a madam.

Yet somehow, Maya would overcome her humble roots and checkered early career to become an African-American icon and a very respected writer in her own right. That miraculous recovery is the subject of *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise*, a reverential retrospective offering an intimate look at the life of the late poet, author, actress, director, and civil rights activist.” —Kam Williams ([more](#))

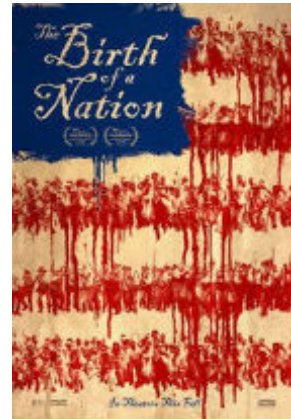


The Birth of a Nation

“...judging *The Birth of a Nation* strictly on the merits, it undeniably deserved its previous status as a prime Oscar contender.” —Kam Williams ([more](#))

Read [our interview with Nate Parker](#), the film’s star, writer, and director (he addresses the rape allegations).

Learn about “[Nat Turner’s Mental and Military Motivations](#)” in an article by Ezra Aharone. Also, read [a scathing review of the film](#) written by Professor Leslie M. Alexander who called the film an “Epic Fail.”



13th — Documentary Discusses Contemporary Slavery in America

The title of Ava DuVernay’s extraordinary and galvanizing documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads

“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States.”

The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the sprawling American prison industry is laid out by DuVernay with bracing lucidity. With a potent mixture of archival footage and testimony from a dazzling array of activists, politicians, historians, and formerly incarcerated women and men, DuVernay creates a work of grand historical synthesis.



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Editor's Picks:

RT Booklovers Convention – May 2-7 2017 – Atlanta, GA

A senior publishing industry professional highly recommends this event. It is well run and a lot of fun. The organizers RT Book Reviews (formerly *Romantic Times Magazine*) describes the RT Booklovers Convention as a "...book industry event where you can mix business with pleasure. Attend more than 200 workshops as well as numerous parties and reader events that will keep you informed, and in touch, while having fun."



New York Comic Con – October 5-8, 2017 – New York, NY

Author tip: "...if you're a speculative fiction author (horror, fantasy, paranormal, urban fantasy, sci-fi, etc.) you should definitely go"—Cerece Rennie Murphy

Mosaic Literary Conference – November 19, 2016 – Bronx, NY

This year's conference will focus on the influence [James Baldwin's](#) prescient writings continue to have on American culture. The conference will feature film, lesson plans, panels, and workshops.

The Mosaic Literary Conference is a grassroots event and a great opportunity for the community, educators, students, program administrators, and parents to learn ways to integrate books and reading into the lives of teenagers. MLC offers a mix of informative programs and creative workshops to engage young minds, strengthen literacy, and develop education strategies. [Register here.](#)



Increased Interest in the Survival of Independent Bookstores

"Black-Owned Bookstores Soldier-On in the Fight to Survive and Thrive"

by Tony Williams, Caribbean Book Blog (October 20, 2016)

"Black-owned indie bookstores look forward to the next chapter"

by Kelsey McKinney, Fusion (October 20, 2016)

"A Glimmer of Hope for Black-Owned Bookstores"

by Judith Rosen, Publisher Weekly (Feb 19, 2016)

For more information check out our [list of bookstores in the United States that specialize in Black literature](#), and our list of [websites dedicated to authors of African descent](#).



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Dear Troy,

On the evening of October 3, 1997, after the kids were put to bed, I fired up my 28.8KB modem and dialed up my ISP to connect to the World Wide Web. My custom built Pentium-powered PC was optimized for speed and sported a new 14" CRT monitor capable of displaying 256 colors. I was ready to launch AALBC.com.



Over the years the site has grown by leaps and bounds, especially over the last year, as I've been fully engaged working on the website's [4th major overhaul](#).

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