



NYC Lifestyle

New & Notable Authors for Black History Month

In our continued celebration of Black History Month, we've gathered new and notable works by Black authors. Whether you're interested in history, comics or coming-of-age stories, this edition of NYC Lifestyle can help inspire your reading list.

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story

[The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#) by Pulitzer Prize Winner Nikole Hannah-Jones is an expansion of her "1619 Project" published in *The New York Times Magazine*. This book reframes America's history and explores the legacy of slavery in the present-day through a collection of essays and poetry.

A Killer Sundae

The third installation of *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Abby Collette's [Ice Cream Parlor Mystery](#) is officially here. In [A Killer Sundae](#), ice cream parlor and truck owner Bronwyn Crewse must once again investigate a crime and navigate all the danger that comes with unplanned adventures.

Ain't Burned All the Bright

Jason Reynolds captures what it means to be Black in America in [Ain't Burned All the Bright](#). This piece of art features Reynolds' words on the backdrop of his best friend's illustrations. The novel surrounds the symbolism of oxygen and what it means to be able to breathe. Reynolds' work is powerfully honest and hopeful.

Honey Girl

In [Honey Girl](#) by Morgan Rogers, Grace Porter takes a trip to Vegas and ends up leaving married to someone she just met. The novel explores adulthood as Grace navigates different parts of her life while getting to know her new wife and planning for her future.



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***The Black Flamingo* | For YA**

[*The Black Flamingo*](#), Dean Atta's Stonewall Award-winning verse novel, focuses on Michael who is exploring different aspects of his identity as a mixed-race gay teen. In the coming-of-age novel, Michael finds a home in the drag community where the story of the Black Flamingo begins.

***The Year We Learned to Fly* | For Kids**

In [*The Year We Learned to Fly*](#) by Jacqueline Woodson, two siblings use their imagination on a dreary day, just as their grandmother taught them to. In teaching them to explore their imaginations, the grandchildren also learn about the brilliance and resilience of their ancestors.

***Okoye to the People* | For YA**

[*Okoye to the People: A Black Panther Novel*](#), by New York Times bestseller Ibi Zoboi, is set to be released next month. This addition to the Marvel Universe expands upon Okoye's experience in America, specifically New York, and how this experience impacted her.

***Operation Sisterhood* | For Kids**

[*Operation Sisterhood*](#) by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich takes place right here in New York City! Bo and her mother move into a brownstone in Harlem with her mother's boyfriend and his large family. This is a story about the joyous experience of a sisterhood and coming together as a family.