



Adult Titles for Black History Month

Kamala's Way: An American Life by Dan Morain e-book

This is a revealing biography of Kamala Harris. She is a child of a strong woman who emigrated from India and became a cancer researcher and her father is a successful economist from Jamaica. It details Kamala's career as Alameda County District Attorney to become the first Black woman to be Vice President of the United States.

His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham B LEW, e-audiobook

John Lewis marched and was beaten in Selma, Alabama. Yet he was a man of faith and hope. He continued to put his life on the line, on the side of the powerless in the face of the powerful and worked for social change and never gave up hope.

Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis with Michael D'Orso B LEW

This is the story of John Lewis's life from Alabama to the halls of Congress as he describes it. It seems that every big moment of the civil rights movement, John Lewis was there – Birmingham, Selma, the March on Washington also with his mentor, Martin Luther King Jr. His firsthand description of every event along with his faith in nonviolence, gives us readers a seat at history.

Buses Are A Comin': Memoir of a Freedom Rider by Charles Person B PER

Charles Person rides with the Freedom Riders to New Orleans to see if the recent Supreme Court ruling that segregation is unconstitutional in bus depots, etc. is being followed in the South. Here is a challenge from one teenager to the young people of today to become an agent of change and make a better future.

The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson 304.80973 WIL, e-book

From 1915 to 1970, the exodus of nearly 6 million Black people fled the South for northern and western cities and a better life, changing the landscape of America. The author interviewed over one thousand people to gain a perspective of what the journey was like and what they found when they got there.

Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation by John Lewis New 328.73 LEW

Here are the final thoughts of a life well-lived. The topics include justice, faith, and courage. He had great confidence in people and in the future of this country and he empowers us to live up to his legacy with dedication and the ability to see the good in others.

On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed New 394.26 GOR

The author combines personal anecdotes and facts of American history to tell the story of how on June 16 1865 Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston and announced that legalized slavery had ended. The book is a clear reminder that the fight for equality goes on.

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story New 973 SIX, e-book

This book tells us, instead of looking at July 4, 1776 as the beginning of our country, we should look at 1619 because that's when enslaved people were first brought to America. This collection of essays from a distinguished group of thinkers, journalists, etc. shows us how each aspect of our history is affected by this fact.

An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States by Kyle Mays New 973.04 MAY, e-book

The author highlights times of connection between Black and Indigenous peoples. The book's main question is how can Indigenous and Black people find common purpose to oppose the unjust structures of American society?

Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America 1619-2019

973.04 FOU, e-book

This one volume describes the 400 years of the communal history of African Americans. 80 writers each take a five year period of history and explore it through historical essay, personal stories, laws, objects.

Life Upon These Shores: Looking at African American History 1513 to 2008 by Henry Louis Gates Jr. 973.04 GAT

The book is informed by the latest scholarship and includes more than 800 images focusing on defining events, debates, controversies. It reveals the sheer diversity of African American involvement in American history, society, and politics. The author shows the reader there is not a single "Black experience".

Reference Titles for Black History Month

African Americans in Science by Charles W. Carey Jr. REF 920 CAR

The 2 volume set is divided into four parts – addressing the accomplishments of individual Black scientists, the issues that are of critical importance to the African American scientific community, describes the scientific fields where these scientists made their contributions and the scientific research and training that are being conducted.

African American Firsts by Joan Potter REF 920 POT

African Americans have long been denied an accurate picture of their contributions. This authoritative resource describes the 450 "firsts" by African Americans. It is divided into 15 fields of the famous, little-known and unsung triumphs of Blacks in America.