Troy Johnson’s Book Recommendations

Nonfiction

New Daughters of Africa: An International Anthology of Writing by Women of African Descent Edited by Margaret Busby

Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo” by Zora Neale Hurston and Deborah G. Plant

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization by Anthony Browder

The Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson

PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America by Claud Anderson

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

The Destruction of Black Civilization: Great Issues of a Race from 4500 B.C. to 2000 A.D. by Chancellor Williams

The African Origin Of Civilization: Myth Or Reality by Cheikh Anta Diop

Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys by Jawanza Kunjufu

Fiction

The Rib King by Ladee Hubbard

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw

Blacktop Wasteland by S. A. Cosby

The Awkward Black Man by Walter Mosley

Bourbon Street by Leonce Gaiter

It’s Not All Downhill from Here by Terry McMillan

Infinitum: An Afrofuturist Tale by Tim Fielder

When No One Is Watching: A Thriller by Alyssa Cole

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

On the Corner of Hope and Main: A Blessings Novel by Beverly Jenkins

Children’s Books

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Class Act by Jerry Craft

A Black Women’s History of the United States by Daina Ramey Berry and Kali Nicole Gross (Juvenile Nonfiction)

A Black Woman Did That by Malaika Adero

All Because You Matter Written by Tami Charles Illustrated by Bryan Collier

I Am Every Good Thing Written by Derrick Barnes Illustrated by Gordon C. James Nancy Paulsen Books

Nana Akua Goes to School Written by Tricia Elam Walker Illustrated by April Harrison Schwartz & Wade

Tiara’s Hat Parade Written by Kelly Starling Lyons Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell Albert Whitman & Company

William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad Written by Don Tate Illustrated by Don Tate Peachtree Publishers

Follow Your Dreams, Little One by Vashti Harrison