

African American Interest Urban/Contemporary Fiction

T.N. Baker

Sheisty: Epiphany Wright, Keisha Moore, and Shana Scott were best friends growing up in the hood of southside Jamaica Queens. Now as adults their friendship is put to the test when envy, hidden betrayal and the bad boys in their lives make it a struggle to keep it tight.

Still Sheisty

Parry “EbonySatin” Brown

Sittin’ in the Front Pew: Death brings about strange emotions, and people’s true colors start to show as Glynda Naylor discovers when she gets the call that her father has died. What happens when his secret shows up for the funeral?

Fannin’ the Flames; Just A Click Away; Love is Blind; The Shirt Off His Back; What Goes Around

Tracy Brown

Black: A Street Tale: Kaia, an inner-city girl, is tossed from a broken home and forced to learn the hard way just how grimy the streets can be.

Criminal Minded; Dime Piece

Tajuana Butler

Sorority Sisters: Butler writes with sensitivity and authenticity about class, friendship, self-discovery, sexuality, and love.

Hand Me Down Heartache; Just My Luck; The Night Before Thirty

Bebe Moore Campbell

Your Blues Ain’t Like Mine: Chicago-born Armstrong Todd is 15, black, and not used to the segregated ways of the Deep South when his mother sends him to spend a pivotal summer with relatives in her native rural Mississippi.

72 Hour Hold; Brothers and Sisters ; Singing in the Comeback Choir; What You Owe Me

Chunichi

A Gangster’s Girl: The lure of easy money leads young Ceazia into a dangerous world of drugs, prostitution and murder

Married to the Game

Wahida Clark

Payback is a Mutha: The story of a woman who thinks she has everything, but who really has everything to lose--starting with her best friend and ending with her life.

Thugs and the Women Who Love Them

Sheila Copeland

Chocolate Star: Chocolate stars are African- American twenty-somethings in pursuit of celebrity. Restless and edgy, they are determined to trade their humble beginnings for outrageous success.

Chocolate Affair; Diamond Life

Eric Jerome Dickey

Genevieve: Beautiful, independent “financial guru” Genevieve Forbes and her husband are by-products of broken families. When Genevieve’s grandmother dies, they return to her backwoods Alabama hometown for a reunion that stirs up old grudges, and sparks familial infighting.

Between Lovers; Chasing Destiny; Cheaters; Drive Me Crazy; Friends and Loves; Liars Game; Milk in My Coffee

Collen Dixon

Every Shut Eye: Alex Baxter knows what it's like to survive on the meanest streets of Washington D.C. And he knows what it's like to cross over into a world where money flows like water, power is more precious than gold, and sex is the fuel that can propel you to the top.

Keisha Ervin

Chyna Black: I'm Chyna, Chyna Danea Black to be more exact. For you to fully understand me, you have to understand my past. You see, I'm every black girl growing up in the hood, and like most I got caught up in the life.

Me and My Boyfriend; Mina's Joint

K'wan Foye

Road Dawgz: K-Dawg divides his time between Slater Village Boys Home and State Prison. K-Dawg decided that the world owed him something and when he left prison he was going to take it.

Hoodlum; Gangsta: An Urban Tragedy; Street Dreams

Donald Goines

Dopefiend: A young African-American man and his girlfriend, both attractive and talented, are drawn into the nightmare of heroin addiction.

Black Girl Lost; Whoreson; Eldorado Red

Shannon Holmes

Bad Girlz: A journey into the seedy world of strippers--a milieu of sex, money, and murder. How good girls who grew up in the harsh urbanscape of the Philly Badlands become bad girls.

B-more careful; Never Go Home Again

Hunter Hayes

Shoe's on the Otha' Foot: In today's Harlem, Leslie, 21, juggles a job as an apartment manager, night classes and her attraction building contractor Benjamin. Her best friend, Rachele, is a 35-year-old divorcee caring for her young children while dating two very different men.

A Pair Like No Otha'

La Jill Hunt

Drama Queen: Kayla Hopkins is young, beautiful, and can't win for losing. Kayla's not satisfied with just one man. She has two--one she's in love with and another whom she's pregnant by. Will Kayla see the disaster brewing before everything blows up in her face?

Another Sad Love Song; No More Drama; Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda; Too Close For Comfort

Iceberg Slim

Mama Black Widow: A fictional memoir of Otis Tilson, a drag queen who comes of age in the 1930s and 40s in the brutal ghettos of Chicago.

Trick Baby

Renay Jackson

Peanut's Revenge: Criminal kingpin Big Ed Tatum is released from jail after the only witness to his crime is murdered. When his rival Silky turns up dead, Silky's woman, Melody Bordeaux (aka Peanut), vows revenge.

Turf War: Gang rivalry and drug trade on the streets of Oakland, California.

Oaktown Devil: Shakeys Loose

Jihad

Street Life: Jihad's rise to the top of the drug game, his subsequent fail, and seven years spent behind bars. What could have been his ultimate demise turned into his biggest blessing.

Baby Girl; Riding Rhythm

Darlene Johnson

Dream in Color: Victoria's marriage is on the rocks, and she copes by daydreaming about fantasy men. Victoria develops a plan to create the reality that she's always wanted.

Keith Lee Johnson

Little Black Girl Lost: A gangland chronicle set in 1950s New Orleans about a beautiful girl struggling to beat the odds and control her own fate.

Fates Redemption; Honeymoon is Over; Little Black Girl Lost 2; Pretenses; Sugar & Spice

Mat Johnson

Drop: A man determined to break the pattern of the ghetto he despises must, in the process, come to terms with his hatred for himself.

Hunting in Harlem

R.M. Johnson

Dating Games: An emotionally charged and riveting story of love, family, and revenge.

Do You Take This Woman; Father Found; The Harris Family; Harris Men; Million Dollar Divorce; Love Frustration

Stephanie Johnson

She's Got Issues: Sinclair and Aliette become friends despite the fact that Aliette was one of the many women bedded by Sinclair's husband.

Desperate Sisters; Rockin' Robin

Solomon Jones

The Bridge: Philadelphia Police Detective Kevin Lynch feels he has spent his whole life trying to put his past in the infamous projects known as The Bridge firmly behind him. But a frantic call for help from a childhood friend whose child has gone missing changes all that.

C.R.E.A.M.; Pipe Dream; Ride or Die

Tayari Jones

Leaving Atlanta: It's summer in Atlanta and black children are disappearing. By the time the heinous killing spree is over, 29 will be dead. This haunting menace provides the backdrop to stories of three children fighting the everyday battles of adolescence.

The Untelling

Dwayne S. Joseph

The Womanizers: Best friends Mike, Max, and Ahmad have all said their "I do's." But do they really understand what their vows mean? A look at married men who are put to the ultimate test.

Choices Men Make; Never Say Never

Toyna Lewis Lee

Gotham Diaries: An uproarious work of social satire giving an exclusive peek into the world of super-rich, super-connected African Americans.

Benilde Little

Acting Out: Without knowing exactly how it happened, sexy photographer and college rebel Ina Eleazar became a suburban, car-pooling, Prozac-popping housewife and mother of three. No wonder her husband Jay found himself a new love.

Good Hair; The Itch; Who Does She Think She is?

Gloria Mallette

Distant Lover: For 37-year-old Tandi Crawford, the past is a double-edged sword of both pleasure and pain. Each step closer to the truth will reveal its own secret, secrets that will forever change Tandi's life.

Honey Well; Promises to Keep; Shades of Jade; What's Done in the Dark

Victor Martin

A Hood Legend: Fresh out of the Marines with only five grand in his pocket, Ménéage'A is looking to make his presence felt on the extravagant, flossed-out streets of Miami.

Menage's Way; Unique's Ending

Diane McKinney-Whetstone

Leaving Cecil Street: It is 1969 and Cecil Street is "feeling some kind of way", so the residents decide to have two block parties this year. These energetic, sensual street celebrations serve as backdrop to the stories of the people on the block.

Blues Dancing; Tempest Rising; Tumbling

Terry McMillan

Interruption of Everything: 44-year-old Marilyn feels as if her life is spiraling out of control. She has a husband who is adrift in his career and is showing signs of having an affair. A pregnancy scare intensifies her need to define herself as a woman with her own identity.

A Day late and a Dollar Short

Disappearing Acts

How Stella Got Her Groove Back

Waiting to Exhale

Y. Blak Moore

The Apostles: The Apostle's leader, "Solemn Shawn" Terson, is the most revered and feared man in Chicago. When Insane Wayne is turned down for admission to the gang, his reaction is violent

Slipping; Triple Take

Mary B. Morrison

Somebody's Gotta Be on Top: Will Darius and his newly-appointed vice president, Fancy, work together in the bedroom as well as the boardroom?

He's Just a Friend; Never Again Once More; Nothing Has Ever Felt Like This; Soul Mates Dissipate.

Victoria Christopher Murray

Truth Be Told: Grace Monroe has a devoted husband and adoring daughters. Newly elected on a Christian platform to the Los Angeles city council, she must face a dilemma that will force her to question her life and her faith when a secret from her husband's past is revealed.

Grown Folks Business; Joy; A Sin and a Shame; Temptation

Noire

G-Spot: A 19-year-old extricates herself and her younger brother from the deadly control of her boyfriend, who is a sex club owner and powerful drug dealer.

Candy Licker; Thug-a-licious

Daaimah Poole

Ex-Girl to the Next Girl: Shonda thought she would be married by now to Malik, the man she stole from the altar. What she soon discovers, however, is that Malik is not all she thought, and marriage may not be either.

What's Real; YoYo Love

Jason Poole

Larceny: In this tale, jealousy turns to envy then to backstabbing for two friends who have struggled together, hustled together and endured separate prison terms.

Connie Porter

Imani All Mine: Tasha is a child mothering a child--spunky, sassy, brimming with the hopefulness and frank wisdom of youth despite her circumstances. The name she gives her daughter is a sign of her determination and fundamental trust: Imani means faith.

Tracy Price-Thompson

A Woman's Worth: A compelling novel about a father's love, a mother's shame, and the daughter for whom they're willing to sacrifice everything.

Black Coffee; Chocolate Sangria; Knockin' Boots

Kelly Robinson

Between Brothers: As the Ellis Community Center, a rare bright spot in a low-income Washington D.C., neighborhood struggles to keep its doors open, its last hope for survival lies with four housemates from a black university.

No More Mr. Nice Guy; The One That Got Away; Strong Silent Type

Kimberla Lawson Roby

The Best Kept Secret: Reverend Curtis Black--surely one of the cleverest ne'er-do-wells ever to step foot in a church, is starting over. He has a new job, a new wife (again), and a newfound will to follow the straight and narrow path of righteousness.

Behind Closed Doors; Casting the First Stone; Changing Faces; Here and Now; It's a Thin Line; A Taste of Reality; Too Much of a Good Thing

Sapphire

Push: Precious Jones, a 16-year-old girl who is pregnant with her second child by her father, is pushed by her courageous African-American teacher to learn, to read and discovers an important truth about her life.

April Sinclair

Coffee Will Make You Black: The story of an African-American woman growing up on the south side of Chicago during the turbulent 1960s as she tests the limits of racism.

Ain't Gonna Be the Same Fool Twice; I Left My Back Door Open

Sister Souljah

The Coldest Winter Ever: Winter, born into a wealthy drug-dealing family in the Brooklyn ghetto, grows up thinking of herself as the queen of the world, but things come crashing down.

Camika C. Spencer

He Had It Coming: Five women take delicious revenge on an arrogant male author.

When All Hell Breaks Loose; Cubicles

Vickie M Stringer

Imagine This: Pamela, a.k.a. Carmen, had it all but lost out when the love of her life left her penniless and alone to raise their son. She pulls herself up, becomes a major hustler in the street game - - but the consequences are more dreadful than she ever imagined.

Let That Be the Reason; Dirty Red

Carol Taylor

Brown Sugar 1, Brown Sugar 2, and Brown Sugar 3: Smart, sexy, and original short stories written by bestselling black writers you know and love.

Nichelle G. Tramble

The Last King: The story about Maceo Redfield, who after being away for two years, returns to Oakland to help out an old friend who is accused of murder.

The Dying Ground: A Hip-Hop Noir Novel

Nikki Turner

A Hustler's Wife: Sweet innocent Yarni, from a well-to do family, falls for Richmond's notorious drug kingpin, Des. She will learn being a hustler's wife isn't easy.

Girls From Da Hood #1 and #2; The Glamorous Life; A Project Chick; Riding Dirty on I-95

Omar Tyree

Boss Lady: Rescued by now successful filmmaker Tracy, Vanessa finds herself immune to Hollywood's parties and smooth-talking players. She tries to persuade Tracy to film Flyy Girl

Diary of a Groupie; Flyy Girl; What They Want

Carl Weber

Lookin' for Luv: Three young African-American men have a lot going for them--except the love of a good woman. Kevin, Antoine, and Tyrone each call hotline 1-900-BLACK LUV and take a riotous trip through religious freaks, hootchie mamas, chicken heads, gold diggers, and some serious Brides of Franksteins. Each man discovers that when they play the game of love, they've got to be ready for anything.

Baby Momma Drama; First Lady; Married Men; Player Haters; The Preacher's Son; So You Call Yourself a Man?

KaShamba Williams

Blinded: Mona Foster is an ambitious teenager determined to escape a life of poverty and shame.

At The Courts Mercy; Driven; Grimey

Teri Woods

True to the Game: A Novel: Gena finds herself in true blue love with Quadir, a millionaire associated with the cartel.

Dutch; Dutch II; Deadly Reigns #1 and #2

Alisha Yvonne

Lovin' You Is Wrong: Holiday Simmons, a successful financial analyst in Memphis, tries to discover what "real love" is by taking advantage of the affection of two former male colleagues.

Roman Broxton and Lance Ferrell not only work for the same insurance company, but they happen to be best friends, sharing a common desire for one woman, Holiday Simmons.

I Don't Wanna Be Right

Zane

Afterburn: The story of a chiropractor and bank employee who struggle to find love in a world gone mad. Everything that can go wrong in the dating game, and the few things that can go right

The Sex Chronicles: Shattering the Myth: A collection of stories that probe women's darkest passions and pushes the boundaries of erotic fiction.

Addicted; Chocolate Flava; Caramel Flava; Getting Buck Wild; Heat Seekers; Nervous; The Sisters of APF; Skyscraper