

1916

Angelina Weld Grimké's play, *Rachel* premieres
Georgia Douglas Johnson publishes *The Heart of a Woman*

Alice Dunbar Nelson publishes *Mine Eyes Have Seen*
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1918

The Harlem Renaissance begins
Georgia Douglas Johnson publishes *Bronze*

1922

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Angelina Weld Grimke publishes *Rachel*

Thousands of African Americans march down Fifth Avenue in New York in the "Silent Protest Parade" in order to protest racial inequalities

1920

The 19th Amendment is ratified, guaranteeing women the right to vote

Marita Bonner publishes her essay "On Being Young--A Woman--And Colored"

Josephine Baker performs in La Revue Negre

1925



Alice Dunbar Nelson publishes her
column "*From a Woman's Point of View*"

1926

1935

Zora Neale Hurston publishes *Mules and Men*
The National Council of Negro Women is founded

1930s

Georgia Douglas Johnson's play *Plumes* premieres
Marita Bonner publishes *The Purple Flower*
Nella Larsen publishes *Quicksand*

1928

1929

Nella Larsen publishes *Passing*
Jessie Redmon Fauset publishes *Plum Bun*



Zora Neale Hurston publishes
Their Eyes Were Watching God

1937

Hattie McDaniel becomes the first African American to win an Oscar for her supporting role in *Gone With the Wind*
Marian Anderson sings to a crowd of 75,000 at the Lincoln Memorial

1939

1944

Alice C. Browning founds *Negro Story* magazine

1945

Gwendolyn Brooks publishes *A Street in Bronzeville*

1940s

Crystal Bird Fauset becomes the 1st female African American legislator in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

1938

Zora Neale Hurston publishes her autobiography *Dust Tracks on a Road*
Margaret Walker publishes *For My People*

1942

1946

Ann Petry publishes
The Street



Dorothy West publishes
The Living is Easy

1948

1950

Gwendolyn Brooks wins the Pulitzer Prize for her poetry collection *Annie Allen*, making her the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize

1955

Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to go to the back of a public bus in Montgomery, AL

1950s

Gwendolyn Brooks publishes *Annie Allen*

1949

Gwendolyn Brooks publishes *Maud Martha*

1953



Paule Marshall publishes *Brown Girl, Brownstones*
Lorraine Hansberry's play *A Raisin in the Sun* premieres on Broadway

1959

1962

Adrienne Kennedy's play *Funnyhouse of a Negro* premieres

1965

The Black Arts Movement begins
Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* is recovered and reprinted for the first time in 30 years

1960s

Over 200,000 participants gather at The March on Washington to hear Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech

1963

1966

Margaret Walker publishes *Jubilee*, the first neo-slave narrative

African American Women's Literary Renaissance Begins

1969

Sonia Sanchez publishes *Homecoming*
June Jordan publishes *Who Look at Me*
Diahann Carroll becomes the first black woman to win a Golden Globe for her role in the TV series, *Julia*

1971

June Jordan publishes *His Own Where*

Maya Angelou publishes *Just Give Me A Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie*

1975

Ntozake Shange's play *for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf* premieres on Broadway

1972

Shirley Chisholm becomes the first black woman to run for President

1973

Toni Morrison publishes *Sula*

1970s

1968

Audre Lorde publishes *The First Cities*
Shirley Chisholm becomes the first black woman elected to Congress

Maya Angelou publishes *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Toni Morrison publishes *The Bluest Eye*

Toni Cade Bambara publishes *The Black Woman*

Angela Davis is added to the FBI's Most Wanted list

Assata Shakur joins the Black Panther Party but leaves shortly after, then joins the Black Liberation Army

1970

Audre Lorde publishes *Coal*
Adrienne Kennedy writes and produces *A Movie Star Has to Star in Black and White*

1974

Sonia Sanchez publishes *A Blues Book for Blue Black Magical Women*
Angela Davis publishes *Angela Davis: An Autobiography*

1976

1979 Octavia Butler publishes *Kindred*
Margaret Walker edits and publishes *I Love Myself When I Am Laughing: A Zora Neale Hurston Reader*

1977

Toni Morrison publishes *Song of Solomon*
Rita Dove publishes *Ten Poems*

1980

Barbara Christian publishes *Black Women Novelists*, the first major study of African American women's literary tradition
Toni Cade Bambara publishes *The Salt Eaters*

1986

Oprah premieres her long-running talk show in Chicago

1980s

1978

Sonia Sanchez publishes *I've Been a Woman*
Audre Lorde publishes *The Black Unicorn: Poems*
Ntozake Shange publishes *nappy edges*

1981

bell hooks publishes *Ain't I a Woman?: Black Women and Feminism*
Angela Davis publishes *Women, Race, and Class*

1982

Gloria Naylor publishes *The Women of Brewster Place*

Alice Walker publishes *The Color Purple*

1983

Alice Walker receives the Pulitzer Prize for *The Color Purple*

1984

Sonia Sanchez publishes *Homegirls and Handgrenades*

1985

Gwendolyn Brooks is named U. S. Poet Laureate

1987

Assata Shakur publishes *Assata: An Autobiography*

Rita Dove receives the Pulitzer Prize for *Thomas and Beulah*

1995

Gwendolyn Brooks receives the National Medal of the Arts from President Bill Clinton

1994

Rita Dove becomes U. S. Poet Laureate

Gwendolyn Brooks is named is named Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities

1989

bell hooks publishes *Talking Back: Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black*

1990s

1988

Gloria Naylor publishes *Mama Day*

1992

Carol Moseley Braun becomes the first black female senator

1993

Toni Morrison becomes the first African American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature

Maya Angelou reads her poem "*On the Pulse of the Morning*" at President Bill Clinton's inauguration, becoming the first black poet to speak at an American presidential inauguration

1996

Venus by Suzan Lori-Parks premieres

Rosa Parks receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Oprah Winfrey begins Oprah's Book Club

1998

Corretta Scott King presents the NAACP's Springarn Medal--the highest award in civil rights activism--to Myrlie Evers-Williams

2002

Suzan Lori-Parks wins the Pulitzer Prize in Drama for her play *Topdog/Underdog*

Hannah Crafts's *The Bonds-woman's Narrative*, possibly the first African American novel, is first published

2003

Beyoncé releases her first solo album *Dangerously in Love*

2000s

1997

The Million Woman March is held in Philadelphia

2001

Condoleezza Rice becomes National Security Advisor

2005

Octavia Butler publishes *Fledgling*

Beyoncé releases her second solo album *B'Day*

2006

2008

Paula Giddings publishes *Ida: A Sword Among Lions*

Beyoncé releases her third solo album *I Am...Sasha Fierce*

Michelle Obama delivers the keynote address at the 2008 Democratic National Convention

2013

Nayirrah Waheed publishes *salt*.

Claudia Rankine publishes *Citizen* **2014**

Janet Mock publishes *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, and So Much More*

Roxane Gay publishes *Hunger*

Viola Davis becomes the first black woman to win an Oscar, Emmy, and Tony for acting for her role in *Fences*

2017

2010s

2007

bell hooks publishes *Soul Sister: Women, Friendship, and Fulfillment*

2009

Michelle Obama becomes the first black First Lady of the United States

Viola Davis becomes the first black woman to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress for

2015

Beyoncé releases her sixth solo album and second visual album *Lemonade*

Solange Knowles releases *A Seat at the Table*

Insecure, written and directed by Issa Rae, premieres on HBO

2016