

Flyy Girl

A major new history of the literary traditions, oral and print, of African-descended peoples in the United States.

I remember being three years old standing inside my doorway in a checkered red dress. My older brothers and sisters were on the porch. I heard a shot and a scream. Everybody yelled for me to get back in the house. My sisters flew inside at the insistence of my mother. We watched from the window as police cars came streaming down the road with their lights flashing. There were loud sirens. Then an ambulance followed. I was fighting to get my face to the window so I could see but I wasn't big enough. I became frustrated and cried, wet tears filling my face, so my oldest sister lifted me up. Then word got around that the man who was killed was the boy Jason's father, who lived up the street. I knew Jason and liked him. He had a pretty face and a big smile. Every time he came by the house and I was standing on the porch, he would say hi and call me by my name. Sometimes he would say, Are you being a good little girl? Other times he would say, You look very pretty. I thought about Jason and how he felt. He stood tall and proud and seemed like an old little kid, much older than me. He seemed caring inside and always dressed nice. I never knew my father, so I often wondered what it was like to have a father. I wondered what a man did in the house. Now I wondered about Jason. I wondered if he was going to cry. I wasn't allowed to go to the funeral, but I really wanted to. I wanted to see him and make sure he was okay. I wanted to tell him I wished those men didn't shoot his father.

Loving his life of carefree travel and insecure women, male model Terrance Mitchell experiences profound guilt when his insensitivity induces a young woman's instability, an event that prompts him to rethink his priorities. By the 2001 NAACP Image Award-winning author of *Boss Lady*. Reprint. 125,000 first printing.

EBONY is the flagship magazine of Johnson Publishing. Founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson, it still maintains the highest global circulation of any African American-focused magazine.

Tracy Ellison, the star of Omar Tyree's *Flyy Girl* and *For the Love of Money*, returns in this bestselling novel, *Boss Lady*. Everybody's favorite flyy girl is a little bit older, a whole lot wiser, and just as sassy as ever. After a series of triumphs in the world of letters and acting, Tracy takes on the dazzling world of Hollywood's A-list players to film a project close to her heart. Told from the point of view of Tracy's cousin and personal assistant, Vanessa, *Boss Lady* chronicles the trials and tribulations of adapting the story of Tracy Ellison's life. In this novel, *Flyy Girl* is becoming a major motion picture and Tracy is prepared to do anything and everything to tell her story and to make sure it's done right, from screenwriting to producing to designing. In the meantime, she's also juggling the highs and lows of her famously turbulent love life. Is it better to remain single and committed to her career? Or is she ready to take the plunge and embrace the married-with-

children life? Written with Omar Tyree's irresistible urban style, *Boss Lady* finds the author's best-loved character at the top of her game, thoroughly in charge, and taking life strictly on her own terms.

Hip Hop literature, also known as urban fiction or street lit, is a type of writing evocative of the harsh realities of life in the inner city. Beginning with seminal works by such writers as Donald Goines and Iceberg Slim and culminating in contemporary fiction, autobiography, and poetry, Hip Hop literature is exerting the same kind of influence as Hip Hop music, fashion, and culture. Through more than 180 alphabetically arranged entries, this encyclopedia surveys the world of Hip Hop literature and places it in its social and cultural contexts. Entries cite works for further reading, and a bibliography concludes the volume. Coverage includes authors, genres, and works, as well as on the musical artists, fashion designers, directors, and other figures who make up the context of Hip Hop literature. Entries cite works for further reading, and the encyclopedia concludes with a selected, general bibliography. Students in literature classes will value this guide to an increasingly popular body of literature, while students in social studies classes will welcome its illumination of American cultural diversity.

"Those who create for the love of art are consistently getting better. But those who create for the love of money, those guys are forever getting worse." Tracy Ellison, the sizzling heroine of the bestselling *Flyy Girl*, returns in this razor-sharp sequel from acclaimed author Omar Tyree. From hard-knocks Philly all the way to glamorous Hollywood, Tracy Ellison has truly walked the walk. Now twenty-eight years old and a major movie star, Omar Tyree's uncompromising *Flyy Girl* is returning to her East Coast roots. As Tracy drops in to reconnect with friends, she seems on the brink of a happily-ever-after existence, armed as she is with over-the-top beauty, unstoppable attitude, and new mountains of cash. But is attaining success and happiness really as simple as Tracy makes it look? As she begins to address the uncertainties of her youth, Tracy's homecoming stirs up a string of difficult questions about past loves, ambivalent family ties, and her artistic ambitions. Crackling with honesty and passion, *For the Love of Money* is a triumphant continuation of the adventures of one of contemporary fiction's most outrageous young heroines.

Look I have a Question! boldly answers the issues and topics that we were all too afraid to ask out loud as teenagers. In a series of national gatherings, *Girls Who Brunch Tour*, met over 6039 young girls from around the country who would anonymously submit questions that they were too afraid to ask out loud. Is friendship a real thing? Is love supposed to hurt? How do I know who is really for me? With the everyday stresses of bullying, peer pressure, discovering who you are and what you want to be, while trying to maintain friendships can be a bit much. And parents just don't understand right? Or do they? This guide was created by young girls for young girls, so that their stories can be heard and understood. Explore open and intimate questions that will help you understand how you too can begin to ask the

questions that you so badly need the answers to.

OMAR TYREE DOES IT AGAIN! The Philadelphia-born author, who jumpstarted the urban fiction craze more than a dozen years ago with *Flyy Girl*, presents the riveting new tale of Shareef Crawford, a celebrated writer of romantic fiction, who leaves his sunny mansion in South Florida and returns to his Harlem roots to pen a true crime book that may just end his life. Craving more respect for his craft as a writer, particularly from his peer group of urban men, Shareef allows an enticing female fan to pitch him a no-holds-barred tell-all about an imprisoned Harlem gangster who admires Shareef's writing. With insane courage and an iron will, Shareef, the street-smart intellectual, finally gets a chance to write something more edgy and noteworthy. However, the Harlem streets he returns to in 2006 have changed, and the stakes of survival are higher now than they've ever been. Amid the rise of high-priced condominiums, a changing population, young criminals gunning to make names for themselves, and old criminals fighting to become legitimate businessmen, Shareef finds himself caught in a real-life thriller where past foes become friends, and trusted friends become dangerous foes. Nevertheless, the Harlem legend is hell-bent to do anything he can to gain the respect on the streets that his career as a writer of women's fiction has failed to give him. *The Last Street Novel* is another urban classic as only Tyree, the self-proclaimed Urban Griot, can write them!

Examines high school science education in urban classrooms and provides suggestions on improvements that can be made to overcome social and cultural differences that impede meaningful learning.

DIANE D The Musical Drama is a musical, drama, psychological, thriller about a family owned Charity and Entertainment Organization. This story involves 3 generations of the Diaz-Davidson family. The family's Charity and Entertainment Organization performs shows around the country and the world to raise money for charity. DIANE D The Musical Drama involves fistfights, violent tempers, arrests, superhuman strength, jail time, hospitalizations and mental illness. The lead character of this story is a young, gorgeous, sexy, attractive, half-black/half-Dominican female named Diane Denise Brown as known as Diane D. Diane D is around 24 years old. She was born in the Dominican Republic. She now lives in New York with her family and is married to Michael, a handsome black man from New York. Diane D is a professional gymnast, a professional dancer, tap dancer and a singer. She is also a personal trainer and has some background skills in the martial arts. She is a very athletic person. She also works in a hospital. On her spare time, she rides motorcycles with her Jamaican cousin Dana of 'DANGEROUS DANA'. Diane D's parents, Mary and Barry and Mary's parents, Margarita and Tomas, own and run a Charity and Entertainment Organization which was started by Margarita and Tomas back in the Dominican Republic. Diane D sings and dances on stage for her parents and grandparents' Charity and Entertainment Organization. Her two brothers Nicolas and Mickey sing and play guitars for their family's organization

and her husband Michael is the leader of a band that plays for the organization. The Charity and Entertainment Organization also have an All-Boys Baseball Team, an All-Boys Basketball Team, an All-Boys Dirt Bike Competition Team and an All-Boys Break Dance Team which includes around 60 boys altogether ranging from ages 10 - 14 from different backgrounds and cultures. The Charity and Entertainment Organization's All-Boys Teams also includes a set of strikingly handsome identical twin hunks Mike and Mitch who are 12-years old. Mike and Mitch are half-white and half-Puerto Rican. They are tough. They are juvenile delinquents. They constantly get into fights with other boys. Their break dance team do break dance performances and hip-hop dancing. They also play sports with the Charity and Entertainment Organization's All-Boys Teams like baseball, basketball and ride in the dirt motorbike competitions. They have tween girls and girls of all ages screaming for them all the time. They are young heartthrobs. Older girls even admire them. Mike and Mitch usually ignore their female admirers. They have no interest in girls at the moment. They just want to be boys, hang with other boys and do boy things. Diane D, her brothers and her husband do other charity events with their family's organization, but there is a dark side to Diane D. She has a very bad temper. She can be very violent and vicious when she is pushed. She can be a physically strong person, especially when angry, just like her cousin Dana. Diane D would get into a violent fit and vicious rage under certain circumstances. She loses her cool when she catches two of her back-up dancers drinking. She loses her cool on a TV Talk Show when male audience members ask her personal questions. She loses her cool and threatens her Jamaican lover's girlfriend over the telephone telling the young woman that she's going to come to her place of residence. The young woman becomes shocked when she hears Diane D describing her place of residence. She becomes horrified to discover that Diane D knows exactly where she lives and maybe even knows how she looks like, because as far as the young woman knows, Diane D has never seen or met her before, or has she. Diane D goes man-hunting for a date for a High School Dance she is suppose to appear at and perform. When one of the men finally agrees to be Diane D's date, his wife finds out about it. She goes and looks for Diane D. When she finds Diane D, she angrily confronts Diane D! She then pays a price for it. Diane D and her family appear at an elementary school one night so that Diane D can perform for a charity case there. After Diane D's singing performance inside a crowded auditorium is over, a chubby little black boy named Marcus approaches her. He brings Diane D to a private area in the school and tells Diane D that there is no charity case in the school. He confesses to Diane D that there was never a charity case at the school that the entire charity case was all a hoax planned by him and his brother. He tells Diane D that he and his brother tricked her and her family into thinking that there was a charity case at the school just so that she can appear there and perform. Diane D becomes shocked when she realize that there was never a charity case at the school. She is shocked when she realize that she and her family had been tricked into coming

to the school. She starts to become sad. She then becomes angry. She then goes crazy and terrorizes the little boy right inside the school!

After ten years spent raising her own two sons alone, single mother Denise Stewart finds herself facing a new set of life challenges as she becomes involved with truck driver Dennis and faces custody battles with both her sons' fathers.

50,000 first printing. Tour.

New York Times bestselling author Omar Tyree's seductive, insightful novel exploring the age-old question: how do people fall in love—and stay in love? When Anthony "Ant" Poole, a young auto mechanic with a creative approach to the mating game, tries out his latest line on Sharron Francis, he has no idea of the impact it will have. For Sharron, an ordinary girl in search of companionship and happiness, Ant's words are filled with mystery and allure. Would she really be getting an actual piece of him, or just a piece period? The more Sharron contemplates Ant's line, the more it confounds her. When she decides the only way for her to discover its meaning is to discover Ant for herself, both her life and his are turned upside down.

Provides information about the genre of urban fiction, including its appeal to readers, its characteristics and structural elements, its history, and readers' advisory and collection development strategies for librarians.

From Ishmael Reed and Toni Morrison to Colson Whitehead and Terry McMillan, Darryl Dickson-Carr offers a definitive guide to contemporary African American literature. This volume—the only reference work devoted exclusively to African American fiction of the last thirty-five years—presents a wealth of factual and interpretive information about the major authors, texts, movements, and ideas that have shaped contemporary African American fiction. In more than 160 concise entries, arranged alphabetically, Dickson-Carr discusses the careers, works, and critical receptions of Alice Walker, Gloria Naylor, Jamaica Kincaid, Charles Johnson, John Edgar Wideman, Leon Forrest, as well as other prominent and lesser-known authors. Each entry presents ways of reading the author's works, identifies key themes and influences, assesses the writer's overarching significance, and includes sources for further research. Dickson-Carr addresses the influence of a variety of literary movements, critical theories, and publishers of African American work. Topics discussed include the Black Arts Movement, African American postmodernism, feminism, and the influence of hip-hop, the blues, and jazz on African American novelists. In tracing these developments, Dickson-Carr examines the multitude of ways authors have portrayed the diverse experiences of African Americans. The Columbia Guide to Contemporary African American Fiction situates African American fiction in the social, political, and cultural contexts of post-Civil Rights era America: the drug epidemics of the 1980s and 1990s and the concomitant "war on drugs," the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement, the struggle for gay rights, feminism, the rise of HIV/AIDS, and racism's continuing effects on African

American communities. Dickson-Carr also discusses the debates and controversies regarding the role of literature in African American life. The volume concludes with an extensive annotated bibliography of African American fiction and criticism.

From a team of experts who have researched the information habits and preferences of urban teens to build better and more effective school and public library programs.

Following the pack and doing what you are told may get you a job and even a promotion, but it won't lead to real success. Entrepreneur Arthur Wylie, who made his first million by 26, has conquered the worlds of finance, real estate, and entertainment with more than \$50 million in deals brokered and almost half a billion in assets and transactions under management. He has several subsidiaries that have diversified into film development, consulting, venture capital, speaking engagements, celebrity events, book publishing, technology, philanthropy, and real estate ventures internationally. In *Only the Crazy and Fearless Win BIG!*, he shares a little secret that few books discuss—to win big you have to be fearless and, sometimes, even a little crazy. Wylie outlines real-world examples from some of history and present-day's most well-known names and everyday entrepreneurs in every industry, profession, and segment of the economy. *Only the Crazy and Fearless Win BIG!* shows how their decisions raised eyebrows, dropped jaws, and met resistance—yet proved to be right. A few crazy and fearless decisions that led to victory and success, to fame and respect:

- *Dominate with Class*: Mexican Billionaire and world's richest man, Carlos Slim, shows how to dominate a market to empower others
- *Being Fearless*: CEO Steve Jobs is fired from Apple
- *Passion*: Sara Blakely used what she hated to become successful in an untapped market
- *People Power*: Henry Ford pays his workers double the industry average
- *Relentless*: Richard Branson pushes through obstacles and makes billions
- *How Crazy*: Intern-now-CEO Sean Combs's \$300 Million Clothing line beats out his entertainment business

Through Wylie's experience and guidance, he weaves together the lessons of these stories and more to share what it means to your life, wealth, career and business.

Over the recent years, identity has become one of the most central theoretical concept and topics of scholarship in a number of disciplines, including science education. In this volume, leading science educators articulate in carefully prepared case studies their theoretical perspective on science, learning, and identity.

A musician's first love is music. But what about everything else in there lives? Michael and Tina are chasing music and fame. But when one partner gets bitten by the fame bug first. The other is left feeling left behind. Tina is starting to feel like a prop in a bigger game. She'll play her position, but she may need some liquid courage to do so. If someone doesn't step in than she may drown in the bottle she keeps. Michael is basking in a moment that he knew was always due. However, his wife's alcoholism may sever every tie he's creating in the music business. The last thing he wants to do is choose between fame and marriage. But if they can't figure this out. Then the glitz and glam may destroy them and their marriage. Everyone knows that love never survives the music industry. The only question is what dies first? This shouldn't have to end in *A Songwriter's Death*. *A Songwriter's Death* is an intriguing and sexy, standalone, rockstar romance. If you like *A Star Is Born* meets *Blue Valentine*, that's part addiction drama, you will love *A Songwriter's Death*. Peel back the curtain to the music business and buy today!

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and authorial correspondence - A History of the African American Novel brings many voices to the table to broaden interpretations of the novel's development.

If educational reform is to succeed, it must attend to the perspectives of students--those most directly affected by schooling but least often consulted about its efficacy. This is the premise of the first book both to feature student perspectives on school and to foreground student voices; middle and high school students are the primary authors of the eight chapters collected in this volume aptly titled *In Our Own Words*. Reflecting differences of gender, racial, and ethnic background, and school context, the student authors write passionately and eloquently about their experiences of and desires for school. Through their explorations of topics as diverse as bilingual education, class cutting, teacher bias, race relations in school, what girls need from their education, and innovative curricular models, these student authors not only counter stereotypes of apathetic teenagers but also clearly identify what hinders and what supports their learning. For both the insights offered and the freshness of the students' voices, this collection is a must read for anyone who has a stake in making school a place where students can and want to learn.

Hip-hop culture began in the early 1970s as the creative and activist expressions -- graffiti writing, dee-jaying, break dancing, and rap music -- of black and Latino youth in the depressed South Bronx, and the movement has since grown into a worldwide cultural phenomenon that permeates almost every aspect of society, from speech to dress. But although hip-hop has been assimilated and exploited in the mainstream, young black women who came of age during the hip-hop era are still fighting for equality. In this provocative study, Gwendolyn D. Pough explores the complex relationship between black women, hip-hop, and feminism. Examining a wide range of genres, including rap music, novels, spoken word poetry, hip-hop cinema, and hip-hop soul music, she traces the rhetoric of black women "bringing wreck." Pough demonstrates how influential women rappers such as Queen Latifah, Missy Elliot, and Lil' Kim are building on the legacy of earlier generations of women -- from Sojourner Truth to sisters of the black power and civil rights movements -- to disrupt and break into the dominant patriarchal public sphere. She discusses the ways in which today's young black women struggle against the stereotypical language of the past ("castrating black mother," "mammy," "sapphire") and the present ("bitch," "ho," "chickenhead"), and shows how rap provides an avenue to tell their own life stories, to construct their identities, and to dismantle historical and contemporary negative representations of black womanhood. Pough also looks at the ongoing public dialogue between male and female rappers about love and relationships, explaining how the denigrating rhetoric used by men has been appropriated by black women rappers as a means to empowerment in their own lyrics. The author concludes with a discussion of the pedagogical implications of rap music as well as of third wave and black feminism. This fresh and thought-provoking perspective on the complexities of hip-hop urges young black women to harness the energy, vitality, and activist roots of hip-hop culture and rap music to claim a public voice for themselves and to "bring wreck" on sexism and misogyny in mainstream society.

You just can't keep a good girl down . . . unless you use the proper methods. Piper McCloud can fly. Just like that. Easy as pie. Sure, she hasn't mastered reverse propulsion and her turns are kind of sloppy, but she's real good at loop-the-loops. Problem is, the good folk of Lowland County are afraid of Piper. And her ma's at her wit's end. So it seems only fitting that she leave her parents' farm to attend a top-secret, maximum-security school for kids with exceptional abilities. School is great at first with a bunch of new friends whose skills range from super-strength to super-genius. (Plus all the homemade apple pie she can eat!) But Piper is special, even among the special. And there are consequences. Consequences too dire to talk about. Too crazy to consider. And too dangerous to ignore. At turns exhilarating and terrifying,

Victoria Forester's debut novel has been praised by Stephenie Meyer, author of the Twilight saga, as "the oddest/sweetest mix of Little House on the Prairie and X-Men...Prepare to have your heart warmed." The Girl Who Could Fly is an unforgettable story of defiance and courage about an irrepressible heroine who can, who will, who must . . . fly.

Traditional Chinese edition of I Love My New Toy! by Mo Willems. Piggie can't wait to show Gerald her brand new toy. But will an accidentally broken toy accidentally break a friendship?

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In this first musicological history of rap music, Cheryl L. Keyes traces the genre's history from its roots in West African bardic traditions, the Jamaican dancehall tradition, and African American vernacular expressions to its permeation of the cultural mainstream as a major tenet of hip-hop lifestyle and culture. Rap music, according to Keyes, addresses the political and economic disfranchisement of black youths and other groups, fosters ethnic pride, and displays culture values and aesthetics. Blending popular culture with folklore and ethnomusicology, Keyes offers a nuanced portrait of the artists, themes, and varying styles reflective of urban life and street consciousness. Her analysis draws on music, lives, politics, and interests of figures ranging from Afrika Bambaataa, the "godfather of hip-hop," to early artists like Grandmaster Flash, to crossover pioneers like LL Cool J, De La Soul, and Public Enemy, to megastars like Tupac Shakur and The Notorious B.I.G. At the same time, Keyes delves into the impact of the rapper-turned mogul phenomenon, the rise of Death Row Records, and the East Coast-West Coast tensions of the Nineties.

Bobby Dallas, a young, attractive, African American man, struggles with his feelings about career, family, and relationships, while seeking the love of the soul mate who got away

A comprehensive, five-volume set, Concise Major 21st-Century Writers profiles today's most outstanding and widely known writers. Clearly written in an easy-to-use format, it collects detailed biographical and bibliographical information on approximately 700 authors who are most often studied in college and high school.

When Fly Guy meets Fly Girl, he is amazed and smitten.

Knowledge about one's linguistic background, especially when it is different from mainstream varieties, provides a basis for identity and self. Ancestral values can be upheld, celebrated, and rooted further in the consciousness of its speakers. In the case of African American Vernacular English (AAVE) the matter is not straightforward and, ultimately, the social implications its speakers still face today are unresolved. Through detailed analysis of the four building blocks phonology, morphology, syntax, and vocabulary, Sophia Huber tries to trace the development of AAVE as a literary dialect. By unearthing in what ways AAVE in its written form is different from the spoken variety, long established social stigmata and stereotypes which have been burned into the consciousness of the USA through a (initially) white dominated literary tradition will be exposed. Analysing fourteen novels and one short story featuring AAVE, it is the first linguistic study of this scope.

In this volume, Lovalerie King and Shirley Moody-Turner have compiled a collection of essays that offer access to some

of the most innovative contemporary black fiction while addressing important issues in current African American literary studies. Distinguished scholars Houston Baker, Trudier Harris, Darryl Dickson-Carr, and Maryemma Graham join writers and younger scholars to explore the work of Toni Morrison, Edward P. Jones, Trey Ellis, Paul Beatty, Mat Johnson, Kyle Baker, Danzy Senna, Nikki Turner, and many others. The collection is bracketed by a foreword by novelist and graphic artist Mat Johnson, one of the most exciting and innovative contemporary African American writers, and an afterword by Alice Randall, author of the controversial parody *The Wind Done Gone*. Together, King and Moody-Turner make the case that diversity, innovation, and canon expansion are essential to maintaining the vitality of African American literary studies.

New York Times bestselling author Omar Tyree continues to write captivating novels with *Pecking Order*, the tale of an ambitious young accountant, Ivan Davis, who jumps into the high-stakes racket of industry promotions and celebrity parties in Southern California. Starting with a simple plan to promote business network events among the rich, famous, and frivolous clients he works with, Ivan begins to make a name for himself. He soon comes face-to-face with Lucina Gallo, the reigning diva of San Diego's nightlife culture. She needs a new partner she can trust, and one who knows everything about money. For this dollar-hungry entrepreneur, the timing couldn't be better. Who wouldn't want to be partners with the most glamorous girl in the city? Ivan quickly teams up with her for business -- and for possible pleasure. However, for Lucina, business is business and nothing extra. Or is it? After throwing a sizzling-hot birthday party for a popular San Diego Charger, Ivan finds himself babysitting Lucina's so-called girlfriends, some of the most spoiled and exotic women he has ever encountered. That's when the business deals begin to fall outside the bounds of simple promotion and parties. Ivan finds himself thrust into the limelight and lands at the doorstep of easy access to women, cash, cars, private jets, and multimillion-dollar real estate. But as the ridiculous amounts of money and power start to pile up, leaving a trail of broken hearts, fractured egos, and challenged loyalties, Ivan is forced to ask himself: How much money is enough? *Pecking Order*, with its perfect blend of money, plot, sex, and vulnerability, is another urban classic novel as only Omar Tyree can write them!

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