

Mystery Fiction

by African-American Authors

5+ TITLES IN LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES COLLECTION AS OF 2020

The Lincoln City Libraries own 5 or more titles by each of the authors included in the first section of this list. Be aware – in many of these cases, the libraries may own *most* or *all* of these titles in E-book format only!

[Chris Abani](#)

[Kalisha Buckhanon](#)

[Claudia Mair Burney](#)

[V.M. Burns](#)

[Austin S. Camacho](#)

[Charlotte Carter](#) *

[Stephen L. Carter](#)

[Tracy Clark](#) ^

[Kyra Davis](#) *

[Tanarive Due](#) and [Steven Barnes](#) (ghostwriting as *Blair Underwood*)

[Nelson George](#)

[Alexia Gordon](#) ^

[Robert Greer](#)

[Gar Anthony Haywood](#) / Ray Shannon *

[Cheryl A. Head](#) ^

[Chester B. Himes](#) *

[Cate Holahan](#)

[Rachel Howzell](#) (a.k.a. Rachel Howzell Hall) * ^

[Yolanda Joe](#) / [Ardella Garland](#)

[Keith Lee Johnson](#)

[Attica Locke](#) *

[Walter Mosley](#) *

[Marc Olden](#)

[Gary Phillips](#)

[Kwei Quartey](#) (a.k.a. Kwei Jones-Quartey)

[John Ridley](#)

[Juno Rushdan](#) ^

[Iceberg Slim](#) (a.k.a. Robert Beck)

[Valerie Wilson Wesley](#) *

813.08 Woo [Spooks, Spies and Private Eyes: Black Mystery, Crime & Suspense Fiction](#)

1-4 TITLES IN LIBRARIES AS OF 2020

The libraries own only a sampling of titles (at least 1 but fewer than 5) by each of the authors in this portion of the list. These also might only be in E-book format.

[Kareem Abdul-Jabbar](#)

[Esme Addison](#)

[Marguerite Ashton](#)

[Frankie Y. Bailey](#) *

[Karen Grigsby Bates](#) *

[Lorisa Bates](#)

[Eleanor Taylor Bland](#) *

[Oyinkan Braithwaite](#) ^

[J.L. Brown](#)

[Christopher Chambers](#)

[Alyssa Cole](#) (one mystery, lots of romances)

[Abby Collette](#)

[S.A. Cosby](#) ^

[Christopher Darden](#) *

[Nora DeLoach](#)

[Grace F. Edwards](#) *

[Rachel Edwards](#) ^

[Clyde W. Ford](#)

[Kellye Garrett](#) ^

[Gary Hardwick](#)

[Angela Henry](#)

[Hugh Holton](#)

[Solomon Jones](#)

[Stephen Mack Jones](#) ^

[Norman Kelley](#)
[Dorothy Koomson](#)
[Olivia Matthews](#) / Patricia Sargeant
[Penny Micklebury](#) *
[Hyacinthe M. Miller](#)
[Kori D. Miller](#)
[Tyora Moody](#)
[Barbara Neely](#) *
[Jason Overstreet](#) ^
[Jewell Parker Rhodes](#)
[K.D. Richards](#)
[Jacob Ross](#) ^
[Wally Rudolph](#)

[Dwayne Alexander Smith](#)
[Ian K. Smith](#)
[Judith Smith-Levin](#) *
[Faye Snowden](#)
[Nichelle D. Tramble](#)
[Abby L. Vandiver](#)
[John Vercher](#)
[Persia Walker](#)
[Chassie West](#)
[Lauren Wilkinson](#) ^
[Jerri Williams](#)
[Paula L. Woods](#) *

NOT IN LCL COLLECTION AS OF 2020

The following African-American authors of mystery fiction come highly recommended from various other online sites/lists, but are not currently in the Lincoln City Libraries' collection. You can consider ordering titles from any of these authors through our InterLibrary Loan service.

Leye Adenle
Nikki Baker *
Alverine Ball
Krys Batts
Jill Brock
Elaine Meryl Brown
Patricia E. Canterbury
Ceici Christy
Aaron Philip Clark
R. Lanier Clemons
Evelyn Coleman *
Janice Croom
Nikki Dolson ^
Unity Dow
Sheryse Noelle Dubose
Rudolph Fisher
Cordy Fitzgerald
R. Barri Flowers
Antwan Floyd Sr.
Danny Gardner
Terris McMahan Grimes *
Marietta Harris
Teddy Hayes *
Barbara Howard
R. Franklin James
Kim Johnson

O.R. Johnson
Myra Jolivet
Glede Browne Kabongo
Nicole Givens Kurtz
Jake Lamar
Michael R. Lane
Deliah "Dee" Lawrence
Paula Lennon
Glenville Lovell *
Gloria Mallette
Paula Mays
Lee E. Meadows
Vernadine A. Merrick
Quanie Miller
Barbara Mostella
Mukoma Wa Ngugi
Tope Oluwole
Stella Oni
Percy Spurlark Parker
Mike Phillips
Delia C. Pitts
Gail Ramsey
Gwen Richardson
Necole Ryse
Sharon Abimbola Salu
Pamela Samuels-Young

Gil Scott-Heron
Njami Simon
Gammy L. Singer
Bianca Sloane
Andrea Smith
Brian W. Smith
Tawanna Sullivan
F.J. Talley

Pamela Thomas-Graham *
Ewane Time
Larhonda Torrence
A.E.H. Veenman
Carolyn Marie Wilkins
Rachel Woods (also Woods Vane)

Thanks to the following websites for their archived lists!

<https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/lapl/african-american-mystery-writers-and-their-african-american>

* – indicates one of the 20 authors recommended In the Los Angeles Public Library list above

<https://www.ifoundthisgreatbook.com/black-mystery-authors-directory/>

<http://greglevin.com/scrawl-space-blog/black-authors-of-crime-fiction-everyone-needs-to-read>

^ – indicates a new “up and coming” author per the greglevin.com site list above

**This booklist created for the
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