

Black History Month



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A LITTLE HISTORY FIRST...

Black History Month, as it is now known, has roots dating back to 1926, with the development of Negro History Week. This was led by early 20th Century Historian Carter G. Woodson, the son of formerly enslaved people, and the second African American to receive a doctorate from Harvard, who wanted to change Black Americans

being left out of the narrative of American History. Woodson's goal was to have a week celebrating and teaching the cultural significance of the history of Black Americans. Woodson chose the week of February, 7th because of its symbolism, which included the birthday's of Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and Frederick Douglass (February 14th).

In 1976, the week long celebration was expanded, and Black History Month was born. That same year, President Ford urged Americans to observe Black History Month, but it was President Jimmy Carter who officially recognized Black History Month in 1978.



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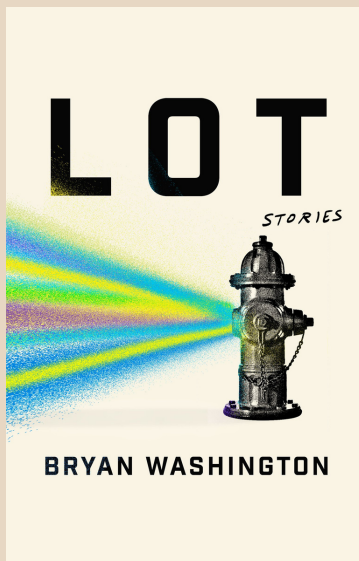
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TAKE SOME TIME TO READ AND WATCH CONTENT DEVELOPED BY BLACK CREATORS, OR SUPPORT SOME BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES

Authors

Bryan Washington

Bryan Washington is a 28-year-old writer from Houston. He published his debut short story collection, *Lot*, in 2019 and a novel, *Memorial*, in 2020. His fiction and essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *BuzzFeed*, the *BBC*, and *GQ*. *Lot* was one of Barack Obama's "Favorite Books of the Year".



Lot

In the city of Houston- a sprawling diverse microcosm of America- the son of a black mother and Latino father is coming of age. He's working at his family restaurant, weathering his brother's blows, resenting his older sister's absence. And discovering he likes boys.

Film

Crime + Punishment (Documentary 1hr 52 min) View on: Hulu

Amidst a landmark class action lawsuit over illegal policing quotas, *Crime + Punishment* chronicles the remarkable efforts and struggles of a group of black and Latino whistleblower cops and the young minorities they are pressured to arrest and summons in New York City.

Crime + Punishment examines the United States' most powerful police department through the brave endeavors of a group of active duty officers and one unforgettable private investigator who risk their careers and safety to bring light to harmful policing practices which have plagued the precincts and streets of New York City for decades.



Businesses

Georgia's

Address: 440 S. Anaheim Blvd,
#209A (Anaheim Packing District)
Phone: (714) 906-1900

Georgia's fills a gap in the soul food scene that was once thriving in North and West Long Beach. The city once had a rich history centered around soul food, largely thanks to black residents who brought Creole, Cajun and other Southern cuisines straight to our backyards.



Tribute Coffee House

Address: 13960 Harbor Blvd Garden
Grove, CA 92843
Phone: (714) 852-3005

One of Yelp's highest rated Black-owned businesses from last year (2020).



Authors

Yaa Gyasi

Yaa Gyasi was born in Ghana and raised in Huntsville, Alabama. Gyasi's debut was highly praised by critics and she has received several awards, including the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Award, PEN/ Hemingway Award, National Book Foundation's "5 under 35" and the 2020 Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise in Literature.



Transcendent Kingdom

Gifty, a sixth-year PhD student in neuroscience who was raised in a deeply religious family is studying how to adjust behaviors by triggering neurons in the brain through experiments with mice. Her own brother, Nana, died from a heroin overdose when she was 11, and her mother ended up in a deep depression as a result. Gifty's research is aimed at addressing both these things. Transcendent Kingdom is a deeply moving exploration into faith, science, the African immigrant experience, family dynamics, addiction, and depression.

Shows

WU-TANG: An American Saga

Series: 1 Season, 10 ep.

View on: Hulu

Set in early 1990s New York City at the height of the crack cocaine epidemic, the show tracks the Clan's genesis, a vision of Bobby Diggs aka The RZA, who works to bring together a dozen young, black men who are torn between careers in music and lives of crime but eventually rise to become the unlikeliest of American success stories. Created by RZA of the Wu-Tang Clan.



Beauty

BLK+GRN

blkgrn.com

Founded by Dr. Kristian Henderson in 2018, BLK+GRN is an online marketplace dedicated to selling an array of products by Black women, for Black women—and everything is all natural. BLK+GRN offers a range of items from deodorant to body scrub from over 70 artisans.

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Jacq's

www.shopjacqs.com

It's all about self-care and self love for Jacq's co-founder and CEO Barbara Jacques. It's no wonder the brand was created out of love, and an immediate need for non-toxic products.

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