



Book Bankra

The 18th anniversary of the Caribbean-American Heritage Month will be recognized in June. There are many activities planned for each week in June, including discussions of environmental issues and a domestic agenda, a recognition of Restaurant week, and a business conference.

As a part of the celebration, we will release a list of **thirty** books released between 2022 and 2024; Caribbean literature written by Caribbean-connected authors with Caribbean themes. We will also have a different book-related event every Tuesday evening in June on Zoom.

We welcome you to take part in our **Book Bankra**, when we invite everyone to put down their bankra baskets, relieve themselves from the weariness of the day, and enjoy stories, truths, and recipes from a broad range of Caribbean islands.

We have included the list below grouped by genre. We encourage you to



**explore
the list,**



**include
the books
in your collections, and**



**share them
with your
communities and
readers.**

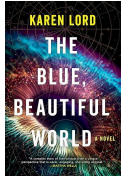
Also look at the books we highlighted on the [2023 list](#).

Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2024 Book List

Fiction and Poetry



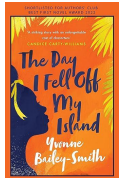
[Blue: A Novel](#) by Emmelie Prophets Translated by Tina Kover
(Translator) (Amazon Crossing January 2022)



[The Blue, Beautiful World: A Novel](#) by Karen Lord (Del Rey August 2023)



[Console: Poems](#) by Colin Channel (Farrar, Straus and Giroux July 2023)



[The Day I Fell Off My Island](#) by Yvonne Bailey-Smith (Myriad Editions May 2022)



[Family Lore](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo (Ecco August 2023)



[The God of Good Looks](#) by Breanne McIvor (William Morrow May 16, 2023)



[Goodbye Bay](#) by Jennifer Rahim (Peepal Tree Press 2023)



[The House of Plain Truth](#) by Donna Hemans (Zibby Books January 2024)



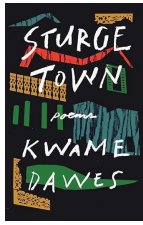
[How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water](#) by Angie Cruz (Flatiron Books September 2023)



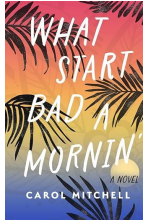
[Island Man](#) by Joanne Skerret (Red Hen Press August 2023)



[Mumma River](#) by Zalika Reid-Benta (Penguin Canada August 2023)



[Sturge Town](#) - Kwame Dawes (Peepal Tree Press October 2023)



[What Start Bad a Mornin'](#) by Carol Mitchell (Central Avenue Publishing September 2023)

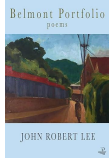


[When the Vibe is Right](#) by Sarah Dass (Balzer + Bray May 30, 2023)

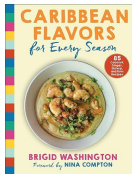


[You Were Watching from the Sand](#) by Juliana Lamy (Red Hen Press September 2023)

Non-Fiction



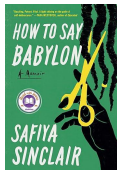
[Belmont Portfolio](#) by John Robert Lee (Peepal Tree Press Nov 2023)



[Caribbean Flavors for Every Season : 85 Coconut, Ginger, Shrimp, and Rum Recipes](#) by Brigid Washington (Skyhorse June 2022)



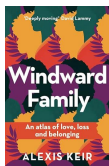
[Harvesting Haiti: Reflections on Natural Disasters](#) by Myriam J A Chancy (University of Texas Press October 2023)



[How to Say Babylon](#) by Safiya Sinclair (37 Ink October 2023)



[Love the Dark Days](#) by Ira Mather (Peepal Tree Press July 2022)



[Windward Family: An atlas of love, loss and belonging](#) by Alexis Keir Thread (February 2, 2023)

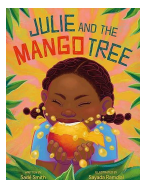
Children's and Young Adult



[Big Tune the Rise of the Dance Hall Prince](#) by Alliah L. Agostini (Author), Shamar Knight-Justice (Illustrator) (Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) March 2023)



[Good Night My Sweet Island](#) By Petrea Honychurch SeamanIllustrations by Susanne Heitz (Papillotte Press September 2023)



[Julie and the Mango Tree](#)By Sade Smith, Illustrated by Sayada Ramdial (Feiwel & Friends August 2023)



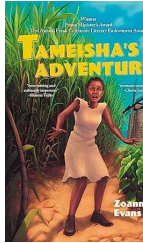
[Last Canto of the Dead](#) (Outlaw Saints, 2) Hardcover – May 16, 2023 by Daniel José Older (Rick Riordan Presents May 2023)



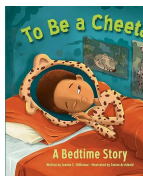
[Malaika, Carnival Queen](#) by Nadia L. Hohn, Illustrated by Irene Luxbacher (Groundwood Books May 2023)



[Nightmare Island](#) by Shakirah Bourne (Nightmare Press June 2023)



[Tameisha's Adventure](#) by Zoanne Evans (CaribbeanReads 2023)



[To Be a Cheetah A Bedtime Story](#) by Joanne Hillhouse (Author), Zavian Archibald(Illustrator) (Sunbird Books July 4, 2023)



[The Legend of the Spirit Serpent](#) by Adaiah Sanford, illustrated by Ken Daley (Reycraft Brooks May 2022)
