



Caribbean-American Heritage Month Official 2024 Book List 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**. A bankra basket is a large woven basket used in the Caribbean to carry produce and other possessions. At the Caribbean-American Heritage Month Book Bankra, we invite everyone to put down their literal and figurative 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](#).

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Celebrate National Caribbean American Heritage Month

For the people and friends of the Caribbean

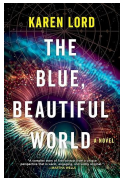


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Fiction and Poetry



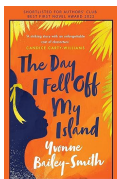
1. [Blue: A Novel](#) by Emmelie Prophets Translated by Tina Kover (Amazon Crossing January 2022)



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



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



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



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

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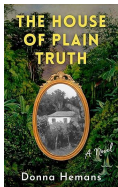
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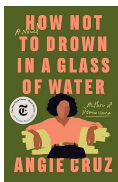
6. [The God of Good Looks](#) by Breanne McIvor (William Morrow May 16, 2023)



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



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



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



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

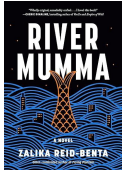
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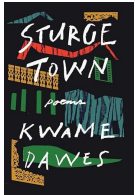
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11. [Mumma River](#) by Zalika Reid-Benta (Penguin Canada August 2023)



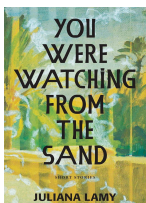
12. [Sturge Town](#) by Kwame Dawes (Peepal Tree Press October 2023)



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



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

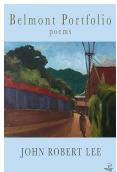


15. [You Were Watching from the Sand](#) by Juliana Lamy (Red Hen Press September 2023)

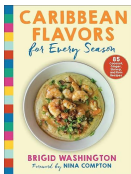


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Non-Fiction



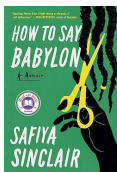
16. [Belmont Portfolio](#) by John Robert Lee (Peepal Tree Press November 2023)



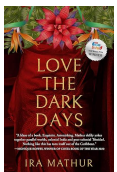
17. [Caribbean Flavors for Every Season : 85 Coconut, Ginger, Shrimp, and Rum Recipes](#) by Brigid Washington (Skyhorse June 2022)



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



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



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

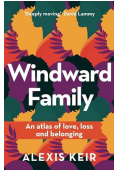
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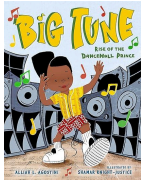


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21. [Windward Family: An atlas of love, loss and belonging](#) by Alexis Keir (Thread February 2, 2023)

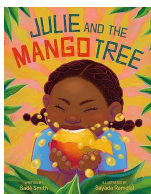
Children's and Young Adult



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



23. [Good Night My Sweet Island](#) by Petrea Honychurch Seaman, illustrated by Susanne Heitz (Papillote Press September 2023)



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



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

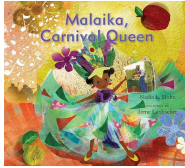
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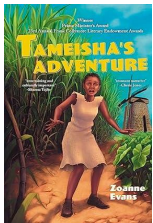
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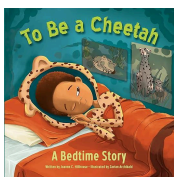
26. [Malaika, Carnival Queen](#) by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Irene Luxbacher (Groundwood Books May 2023)



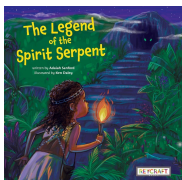
27. [Nightmare Island](#) by Shakirah Bourne (Nightmare Press June 2023)



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



29. [To Be a Cheetah A Bedtime Story](#) by Joanne C. Hillhouse, illustrated by Zavian Archibald (Sunbird Books July 4, 2023)



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