**BHM 2024 Theme: RESOURCES (Books, Videos, Other)**

**Non-Fiction**

# Clay Cane, Author: The Grift: The Downward Spiral of Black Republicans from the Party of Lincoln to the Cult of Trump (January 30, 2024)

Part history and part cultural analysis, The Grift chronicles the nuanced history of Black Republicans. Clay Cane lays out how Black Republicanism has been mangled by opportunists who are apologists for racism.

After the Civil War, the pillars of Black Republicanism were a balanced critique of both political parties, civil rights for all Americans, reinventing an economy based on exploitation, and, most importantly, building thriving Black communities. How did Black Republicanism devolve from revolutionaries like Frederick Douglass to the puppets in the Trump era?

Whether it's radical conservatives like South Carolina Senator Tim Scott or Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, they are consistently viral news and continuously upholding egregious laws at the expense of their Black brethren. Black faces in high places providing cover for explicit bigotry is one of the greatest threats to the liberation of Black and brown people. By studying these figures and their tactics, Cane exposes the grift and lays out a plan to emancipate our future. (read more):

<https://www.amazon.com/Grift-Downward-Spiral-Republicans-Lincoln/dp/1728290228>

#  [A'ja Wilson](https://www.amazon.ca/Aja-Wilson/e/B0CHSX48JV/ref%3Ddp_byline_cont_book_1), Author: Dear Black Girls: How to Be True to You (Feb. 6 2024)

# Despite gold medals, WNBA championships, and a list of accolades, A’ja Wilson knows how it feels to be swept under the rug―to not be heard, to not feel seen, to not be taken seriously. As a fourth grader going to a primarily white school in South Carolina, A’ja was told she’d have to stay outside for a classmate’s birthday party. “Huh?” she asked. Because the birthday girl’s father didn’t like Black people.

# Wilson tells stories like this, about how even when life tried to hold her down, it didn’t stop her. She shares her contribution to “The Talk,” and how to keep fighting, all while igniting strength, passion, and joy. Dear Black Girls is a necessary and meaningful exploration of what it means to be a Black woman in America today―and a rallying cry to lift up women and girls everywhere. (read more):

# <https://www.amazon.ca/Dear-Black-Girls-How-True/dp/125029004X>

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