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

**Fiction**

**Alice Walker, Author: The Colour Purple**

Alice Walker (b. 1944), one of the United States’ preeminent writers, is an award-winning author of novels, stories, essays, and poetry. In 1983, Walker became the first African-American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for fiction with her novel The Color Purple, which also won the National Book Award. (It is) **the inspiration for the new film adaptation of the Tony-winning Broadway musical.**

A powerful cultural touchstone of modern literature, The Color Purple depicts the lives of African American women in early twentieth-century rural Georgia. Separated as girls, sisters Celie and Nettie sustain their loyalty to and hope in each other across time, distance, and silence.

Her other books include The Third Life of Grange Copeland, Meridian, The Temple of My Familiar, and Possessing the Secret of Joy. In her public life, Walker has worked to address problems of injustice, inequality, and poverty as an activist, teacher, and public intellectual.

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[**https://www.amazon.ca/stores/author/B000APW6SE/about**](https://www.amazon.ca/stores/author/B000APW6SE/about)

**Yaa Gyasni, Author: Homegoing**

**Yaa Gyasi** (born 1989) is a [Ghanaian-American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghanaian-American) novelist. Her debut novel [*Homegoing*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homegoing_%28Gyasi_novel%29), published in 2016, won her, at the age of 26, the [National Book Critics Circle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Book_Critics_Circle_Award)'s [John Leonard Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Book_Critics_Circle_Award#John_Leonard_Award) for best first book, the [PEN/Hemingway Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hemingway_Foundation/PEN_Award) for a first book of fiction, the [National Book Foundation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Book_Foundation)'s "[5 under 35](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Book_Foundation#5_Under_35)" honors for 2016 and the [American Book Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Book_Award).

Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. **(read more):**

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