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

**Fiction**

**Leila Mottley, Author: Night Crawling**

**Leila Mottley** (born 2002) is an American novelist and poet.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-1) She is [*The New York Times*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_New_York_Times) bestselling[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-2) author of *[Nightcrawling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nightcrawling%22%20%5Co%20%22Nightcrawling)*, which was a nominated for numerous awards, including the [Booker Prize](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Booker_Prize),[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-:0-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-4) making her the youngest author to have been nominated for the award.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-:1-5) In 2018, at age 16, she was named the Youth Poet Laureate of Oakland, California.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leila_Mottley#cite_note-:2-6)

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[**https://www.amazon.ca/Nightcrawling-novel-Leila-Mottley/dp/0593318935**](https://www.amazon.ca/Nightcrawling-novel-Leila-Mottley/dp/0593318935)

**Marlon James (novelist): Moon Witch, Spider King**

**Marlon James** (born 24 November 1970[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlon_James_%28novelist%29#cite_note-1)) is a Jamaican writer. He is the author of five novels: [*John Crow's Devil*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Crow%27s_Devil) (2005), [*The Book of Night Women*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Book_of_Night_Women) (2009), [*A Brief History of Seven Killings*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Brief_History_of_Seven_Killings) (2014), which won him the 2015 [Man Booker Prize](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Man_Booker_Prize), [*Black Leopard, Red Wolf*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Leopard%2C_Red_Wolf) (2019), and [*Moon Witch, Spider King*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moon_Witch%2C_Spider_King) (2022). **(read more):**

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