

List of 100 Books with which Graduates of SSU Should be Familiar

1. Achebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*. (1958)
2. Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. (1969)
3. Baldwin, James. *The Fire Next Time*. (1963)
4. Baldwin, James. *Go Tell It on the Mountain*. (1953)
5. Baldwin, James. *Nobody Knows My Name*. (1961)
6. Baldwin, James. *Notes of a Native Son*. (1955)
7. Baraka, Amiri (aka Leroi Jones). *Dutchman*. (1964)
8. Barry, Peter. *Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory*. (2009)
9. Belgrave, Faye and Kevin W. Allison. *African American Psychology: From Africa to America*. (2009)
10. Bedini, Silvio A. *The Life of Benjamin Banneker: The First African American Man of Science*. (1999)
11. Black, Albert W. Jr. *The Other Holocaust: The Sociology and History of African Americans*. (2002)
12. Blassingame, John W. *The Slave Community: Plantation Life in the Antebellum South*. (1979)
13. Bontemps, Arna. *Black Thunder: Gabriel's Revolt: Virginia, 1800*. (1992)
14. Bontemps, Arna. *Drums at Dust*. (2009)
15. Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Blacks*. (2003)
16. Butler, Octavia. *Kindred*. (2004)
17. Carey, Charles W. Jr. *African Americans in Science: An Encyclopedia of People and Progress*. (2008)
18. Chestnutt, Charles. *The Conjure Woman*. (1993)
19. Cleage, Pearl. *Flyin' West*. (1992)
20. Cleaver, Eldridge. *Soul on Ice*. (1968)
21. Coetzee, J.M. *Disgrace*. (2003)
22. Coetzee, J.M. *Waiting for the Barbarians*. (1999)
23. Conrad, Joseph. *Heart of Darkness*. (2007)
24. Cruse, Harold. *The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*. (1967)
25. Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*. (1845)

26. Dove, Rita. *Selected Poems*. (1993)
27. DuBois, W.E.B. *The Souls of Black Folk*. (1903)
28. Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*. (1953)
29. Fauset, Jessie Redmon. *Plum Bun: A Novel without a Moral*. (1929)
30. Feelings, Tom. *The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo*. (1995)
31. Franklin, John Hope. *From Slavery to Freedom*. (1960)
32. Franklin, John Hope. *Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin*. (2005)
33. Fraser, Walter J. *Savannah in the Old South*. (2003)
34. Frazier, E. Franklin. *Black Bourgeoisie*. (1957)
35. Freire, Paulo. *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. (2000)
36. Gates, Henry Louis, Jr. *In Search of Our Roots: How 19 Extraordinary African Americans Reclaimed Their Past*. (2009)
37. Gates, Henry Louis, Jr. *The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of African American Literary Criticism*. (1989)
38. Gates, Henry Louis, Jr. and Cornel West. *The Future of the Race*. (1997)
39. Giovanni, Nikki. *The Collected Poetry of Nikki Giovanni: 1968-1998*. (2007)
40. Gordon-Reed, Annette. *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*. (2008)
41. Greene, Melissa Faye. *Praying for Sheetrock*. (1991)
42. Griffin, John Howard. *Black Like Me*. (1964)
43. Haley, Alex. *Autobiography of Malcolm X*. (1996)
44. Haley, Alex. *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*. (1959)
45. Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun*. (1959)
46. Harris, Trudier. *Summer Snow: Reflections from a Black Daughter of the South*. (2003)
47. Herman, Edward, and Noam Chomsky. *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media*. (2002).
48. Hodes, Martha. *White Women, Black Men: Illicit Sex in the Nineteenth Century South*. (1997)
49. Huggins, Nathan Irvin. *Harlem Renaissance*. (1971)
50. Hughes, Langston. *The Best of Simple*. (1961)
51. Hughes, Langston. *Not Without Laughter*. (1930)
52. Hughes, Langston. *Selected Poems*. (1958)
53. Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes were Watching God*. (2006)

54. Jacobs, Harriet. *Incidents in the life of a Slave Girl*. (2004)
55. Johnson, James Weldon. *Black Manhattan*. (1930)
56. Kennedy, Adrienne. *Funnyhouse of a Negro*. (1997)
57. Kersten, Andrew E. A. *Phillip Randolph: A Life of a Vanguard*. (2006)
58. King, Martin Luther, Jr. *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1998)
59. King, Martin Luther, Jr. *The Measure of a Man*. (2001)
60. King, Peter J. *One Hundred Philosophers: The Life and Work of the World's Greatest Thinkers*. (2004)
61. Kushner, Tony. *Angels in America* (Parts I and 2). (1993)
62. Laird, Roland, Tanesha Nash Laird, Elihu Bey, and Charles Johnson. *Still I Rise: A Graphic History of African Americans*. (2009)
63. Larsen, Nella. *Quicksand and Passing*. (1986)
64. Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*. (1960)
65. Lewis, David Levering. *When Harlem was in Vogue*. (1981)
66. Locke, Alain. *The New Negro: An Interpretation*. (1925)
67. Logan, Rayford W. *The Betrayal of the Negro: From Rutherford B. Hayes to Woodrow Willson*. (1954)
68. McBride, James. *The Color of Water*. (2006)
69. McCall, Nathan. *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*. (1995)
70. McKay, Claude. *Home to Harlem*. (1928)
71. McLoyd, Vonnie C., Nancy E. Hill, and Kenneth A. Dodge, eds. *African American Family Life: Ecological and Cultural Diversity*. (2007)
72. McNair, Carl S. *In the Spirit of Ronald E. McNair*. (2005)
73. Morrison, Toni. *The Bluest Eye*. (1970)
74. Morrow, Alvin. *Breaking the Curse of Willie Lynch*. (2003)
75. Obama, Barack. *The Audacity of Hope*. (2006)
76. Obama, Barack. *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*. (2004)
77. O'Connor, Flannery. *The Complete Stories*. (1971)
78. Parks, Suzan-Lori. *Topdog/ Underdog*. (2001)
79. Quarles, Benjamin. *The Negro and the Making of America*. (1964)

80. Riggs, Thomas. *Everyday Finance: Economics, Personal Money Management, and Entrepreneurship*. (2008)
81. Roediger, David R., and Kathleen Cleaver. *The Wages of Whiteness: Race and the Making of the American Working Class*. (2001)
82. Russell, Kathy, Midge Wilson, and Ronald Hall. *The Color Complex: The Politics of Skin Color among African Americans*. (1992)
83. Stowe, Harriett Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. (1852)
84. Stuckey, Sterling. *Slave Culture: Nationalist Theory and the Foundations of Black America*. (1897)
85. Sweet, Frank W. *Legal History of the Color Line: The Rise and Triumph of the One-Drop Rule*. (2005)
86. Twain, Mark. *Huckleberry Finn*. (2008)
87. Walker, Alice. *The Color Purple*. (1982)
88. Wallace, Naomi. *Things of Dry Hours*. (2004)
89. Washington, Booker T. *Up from Slavery*. (1900)
90. Wells, Ida B. *Crusader of Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells*. (1970)
91. West, Cornel. *Race Matters*. (2001)
92. Williams, Eric. *Capitalism and Slavery*. (1944)
93. Williams, Juan. *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*. (1998)
94. Williamson, Joel. *Miscegenation and Mulattoes in the United States*. (1980)
95. Wilson, August. *Fences*. (1983)
96. Woodson, Carter G. *The Mis-Education of the Negro*. (1933)
97. Woodward, C. Vann. *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*. (1966)
98. Wright, Richard. *Black Boy: A Record of Childhood and Youth*. (1945)
99. Wright, Richard. *Native Son*. (1940)
100. Zinn, Howard. *A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present*. (2005)

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