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**South Side Venus** The Legacy Museum of African American History Make Good the Promises In *Forgotten Legacy*, Benjamin R. Justesen reveals a previously unexamined facet of William McKinley's presidency: an ongoing dedication to the advancement of African Americans, including their appointment to significant roles in the federal government and the safeguarding of their rights as U.S. citizens. During the first two years of his administration, McKinley named nearly as many African Americans to federal office as all his predecessors combined. He also acted on many fronts to stiffen federal penalties for participation in lynch mobs and to support measures promoting racial tolerance. Indeed, Justesen's work suggests that McKinley might well be considered the first "civil rights president," especially when compared to his next five successors in office. Nonetheless, historians have long minimized, trivialized, or overlooked McKinley's cooperative relationships with prominent African American leaders, including George Henry White, the nation's only black congressman between 1897 and 1901. Justesen contends that this

conventional, one-sided portrait of McKinley is at best incomplete and misleading, and often severely distorts the historical record. A Civil War veteran and the child of abolitionist parents, the twenty-fifth president committed himself to advocating for equity for America's black citizens. Justesen uses White's parallel efforts in and outside of Congress as the primary lens through which to view the McKinley administration's accomplishments in racial advancement. He focuses on McKinley's regular meetings with a small and mostly unheralded group of African American advisers and his enduring relationship with leaders of the new National Afro-American Council. His nomination of black U.S. postmasters, consuls, midlevel agency appointees, military officers, and some high-level officials—including U.S. ministers to Haiti and Liberia—serves as perhaps the most visible example of the president's work in this area. Only months before his assassination in 1901, McKinley toured the South, visiting African American colleges to praise black achievements and encourage a spirit of optimism among his audiences. Although McKinley succumbed to political pressure and failed to promote equality and civil rights as much as he had initially hoped, Justesen shows that his efforts proved far more significant than previously thought, and were halted only by his untimely death.

*Mindin' Our Own Business* HarperCollins

Attorney Springfield recounts the tale of the Taylor-Springfield family through five generations in Haywood County, Tennessee. She begins in 1913 with a dream foretelling the death of five family members. Tamar, the widow of the dreamer, became the family matriarch and the two families were united in her grandchildren's generation. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

**Just Mercy** LSU Press

Patricia A. Banks traverses the New York and Atlanta art worlds to uncover how black identities are cultivated through black art patronage. Drawing on over 100 in-depth interviews, observations at arts events, and photographs of art displayed in homes, Banks elaborates a racial identity theory of consumption that highlights how upper-middle class blacks forge black identities for themselves and their children through the consumption of black visual art. She not only challenges common assumptions about elite cultural participation, but also contributes to the heated debate about the significance of race for elite blacks, and illuminates recent art world developments. In doing so, Banks documents how the salience of race extends into the cultural life of even the most

socioeconomically successful blacks.

*The Legacy of Tamar* Routledge

Souvenir programme for the 30th anniversary celebration of the African American Museum in Philadelphia, held on Friday, February 24, 2006 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

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**How to Build a Museum** Tinwood Books

Examines the impact of African culture upon Black visual artists in the United States and Caribbean (Jamaica, Haiti, and the Bahamas).

**Thirty Years of Lynching in the United States, 1889-1918** MIT Press

A WALL STREET JOURNAL FAVORITE FOOD BOOK OF THE EAR From the author of *Queen Sugar*—now a critically acclaimed series on OWN directed by Ava Duvernay—comes a beautiful

exploration and celebration of black farming in America. In this impressive anthology, Natalie Baszile brings together essays, poems, photographs, quotes, conversations, and first-person stories to examine black people’s connection to the American land from Emancipation to today. In the 1920s, there were over one million black farmers; today there are just 45,000. Baszile explores this crisis, through the farmers’ personal experiences. In their own words, middle aged and elderly black farmers explain why they continue to farm despite systemic discrimination and land loss. The "Returning Generation"—young farmers, who are building upon the legacy of their ancestors, talk about the challenges they face as they seek to redress issues of food justice, food sovereignty, and reparations. These farmers are joined by other influential voices, including noted historians Analena Hope Hassberg and Pete Daniel, and award-winning author Clyde W. Ford, who considers the arrival of Africans to American shores; and James Beard Award-winning writers and Michael Twitty, reflects on black culinary tradition and its African roots. Poetry and inspirational quotes are woven into these diverse narratives, adding richness and texture, as well as stunning four-color photographs from photographers Alison Gootee and Malcom Williams, and Baszile’s personal collection. As Baszile reveals, black farming informs crucial aspects of American culture—the family, the way our national identity is bound up with the land, the pull of memory, the healing power of food, and race relations. She reminds us that the land, well-earned and fiercely protected, transcends history and signifies a home that can be tended, tilled, and passed to succeeding

generations with pride. *We Are Each Other’s Harvest* elevates the voices and stories of black farmers and people of color, celebrating their perseverance and resilience, while spotlighting the challenges they continue to face. Luminous and eye-opening, this eclectic collection helps people and communities of color today reimagine what it means to be dedicated to the soil.

**Legacy: Three Centuries of Black History in Charlotte, North Carolina | 2nd Edition** Hartman Publishing Group, Ltd.

Examines the vast array of art produced by African Americans in response to the continuing impact of anti-Black violence and how it is used to protest, process, mourn and memorialize those events. *We Are Each Other’s Harvest* Oxford University Press

From one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time comes an unforgettable true story about the redeeming potential of mercy. Bryan Stevenson was a gifted young attorney when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man sentenced to die for a notorious murder he didn’t commit. The case drew Stevenson into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship - and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.--Back cover.

*A House Built by Slaves* National Geographic Books

Showcasing the treasures of Howard University’s Moorland Springarn Research Center.

*Make Good the Promises* Chicago Review Press

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Philadelphia Museum of Art, January 10-April 5, 2015"--Title-page vers

*African American Art Philanthropy* Sankofa Travelher

Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture is truly groundbreaking!

The first national museum whose mission is to illuminate for all people, the rich, diverse, complicated, and important experiences and contributions of African Americans in America is opening. And the history of NMAAHC--the last museum to be built on the National Mall--is the history of America. The campaign to set up a museum honoring black citizens is nearly 100 years old; building the museum itself and assembling its incredibly far-reaching collections is a modern story that involves all kinds of people, from educators and activists, to politicians, architects, curators, construction workers, and ordinary Americans who donated cherished belongings to be included in NMAAHC’s thematically-organized exhibits. Award-winning author Tonya Bolden has written a fascinating chronicle of how all of these ideas, ambitions, and actual objects came together in one incredible museum. Includes behind-the-scenes photos of literally "how to build a museum" that holds everything from an entire segregated railroad car to a tiny West African amulet worn to ward off slave traders.

*30 Years, Rekindling the Spirit, Reclaiming a Legacy* Rowman & Littlefield

Combining a fascinating history of the first U.S. high school for African Americans with an unflinching analysis of urban public-school education today, *First Class* explores an underrepresented and largely unknown aspect of black history while opening a discussion on what it takes to make a public school successful. In 1870, in the wake of the Civil War, citizens of Washington, DC, opened the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth, the first black public high school in the United States; it would later be renamed Dunbar High and would flourish despite Jim Crow laws and segregation. Dunbar attracted an extraordinary faculty: its early principal was the first black graduate of Harvard, and at a time it had seven teachers with PhDs, a medical doctor, and a lawyer. During the school’s first 80 years, these teachers would develop generations of highly educated, successful African Americans, and at its height in the 1940s and '50s, Dunbar High School sent 80 percent of its students to college. Today, as in too many failing urban public schools, the majority of Dunbar students are barely proficient in reading and math. Journalist and author Alison Stewart—whose parents were both Dunbar graduates—tells the story of the school’s rise, fall, and possible resurgence as it looks to reopen its new, state-of-the-art campus in the fall of 2013.

*To Conserve a Legacy* Penguin

Explores the patterns of cultural and philanthropic giving among African American art collector/donors. Focuses on African Americans with appreciable collections of fine art and explores why they collect, why they are philanthropic, and where they give. Also assesses the views of African American museum professionals and how philanthropy is carried out at their organizations. Methodology includes key informant interviews, participant interviews, and literature review.

Results show that there is a high degree of unity and common ideas on the practice and tradition of art collection and philanthropy, and that African American art philanthropy has not yet reached its full potential nor exerted its full influence on society.

**Legacy** Arcadia Publishing

In this landmark guide, nearly two dozen essays by scholars, educators, and museum leaders suggest the next steps in the interpretation of African American history and culture from the colonial period to the twentieth century at history museums and historic sites. This diverse anthology addresses both historical research and interpretive methodologies, including investigating church and legal records, using social media, navigating sensitive or difficult topics, preserving historic places, engaging students and communities, and strengthening connections between local and national history. Case studies of exhibitions, tours, and school programs from around the country provide practical inspiration, including photographs of projects and examples of exhibit label text. Highlights include: Amanda Seymour discusses the prevalence of "false nostalgia" at the homes of the first five presidents and offers practical solutions to create a more inclusive, nuanced history. Dr. Bernard Powers reveals that African American church records are a rich but often overlooked source for developing a more complete portrayal of individuals and communities. Dr. David Young, executive director of Cliveden, uses his experience in reinterpreting this National Historic Landmark to identify four ways that people respond to a history that has been too often untold, ignored, or appropriated—and how museums and historic sites can constructively respond. Dr. Matthew Pinsker explains that historic sites may be missing a huge opportunity in telling the story of freedom and emancipation by focusing on the underground railroad rather than its much bigger "upper-ground" counterpart. Martha Katz-Hyman tackles the challenges of interpreting the material culture of both enslaved and free African Americans in the years before the Civil War by discussing the furnishing of period rooms. Dr. Benjamin Filene describes three "micro-public history" projects that lead to new ways of understanding the past, handling source limitations, building partnerships, and reaching audiences. Andrea Jones shares her approach for engaging students through historical simulations based on the "Fight for Your Rights" school program at the Atlanta History Center. A exhibit on African American Vietnam War veterans at the Heinz History Center not only linked local and international events, but became an award-winning model of civic engagement. A collaboration between a university and museum that began as a local history project interpreting the Scottsboro Boys Trial as a website and brochure ended up changing Alabama law. A list of national organizations and an extensive bibliography on the interpretation of African American history provide convenient gateways to additional resources.

*African American Art One World*

*South Side Venus* is the first biography of legendary Chicago artist and writer Margaret T. Burroughs, cofounder of the South Side Community Art Center (SSCAC) and the DuSable Museum of African American History.

*Forgotten Legacy* Princeton University Press

Iconic Black Chicagoan profiles. This volume is a book of comedians, athletes, and musicians of Chicago. A must have for everyone who cherishes the history of Chicago within the African American community. A contemporary history of over 30 years.

*Black Art Ancestral Legacy* Crown Books for Young Readers

"Black history is more than 28 days." Living historian Tammy Gibson takes us through her travels around the United States, digging deep into the soil of American history to tell the stories of African American heroes so often edited out of the history books. In her book, *Honoring The Legacy: A Guide of African-American Monuments and Statues* Gibson locates the statues and monuments of African Americans that changed the course of history. From grave sites of forgotten African American to monuments of men and women who shaped our modern lives, this book chronicles Gibson’s journey of discovery, and will leave you with newfound knowledge, respect, and understanding for the figures of her heritage. The reminders of the past will sadden, inspire, and provoke readers who take the journey within these pages with her. This guidebook provides an outdoor museum of a list of over 500+ monuments and statues of prominent African Americans and historical events that have shaped history and past and present African American sculptors, through their artistic work, who have created beautiful and impressive monuments that will withstand the test of time.

*The Legacy Museum of African American History* Yale University Press

Rediscover the forgotten story of how President Lincoln welcomed African Americans to his White

House in America's most divided and war-torn era. Jonathan White illuminates why Lincoln's then-unprecedented welcoming of African American men and women to the White House transformed the trajectory of race relations in the United States. From his 1862 meetings with Black Christian ministers, Lincoln began inviting African Americans of every background into his home, from ex-slaves from the Deep South to champions of abolitionism such as Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth. More than a good-will gesture, the president conferred with his guests about the essential issues of citizenship and voting rights. Drawing from an array of primary sources, White

reveals how African Americans used the White House as a national stage to amplify their calls for equality. Even 155 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln's inclusion of African Americans remains a necessary example in a country still struggling from racial divisions today.

**Illuminating an Ignored Legacy** Beacon Press

"At the beginning of the Civil War, Federal troops secured Alexandria as Union territory. Former slaves, called contrabands, poured in to obtain protection from their former masters. Due to

overcrowding, mortality rates were high. Authorities seized an undeveloped parcel of land on South Washington Street, and by March 1864, it had been opened as a cemetery for African Americans. Between 1864 and 1868, more than 1,700 contrabands and freedmen were buried there. For nearly eighty years, the cemetery lay undisturbed and was eventually forgotten. Rediscovered in 1996, it has now been preserved as a monument to the courage and sacrifice of those buried within. Author and researcher Char McCargo Bah recounts the stories of those men and women and the search for their descendants."-- back cover.

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