

Suggested Hip Hop Reading/Film List

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This list excerpted from the *HipHop Speaks!* book list originally compiled by Kevin Powell and April Silver (Co-Founders); Additions by April Silver

TITLE

Between God and Gangsta Rap Bearing Witness to Black Culture
Black Noise Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America
Blues People Negro Music in White America
Can't Stop, Won't Stop A History of the Hip Hop Generation
Check It While I Wreck It Black Womanhood, Hip Hop & the Public Sphere
Death of Rhythm and Blues
Everything But The Burden What White People Are Taking from Black Culture
Fight the Power Rap, Race, and Reality
Games Black Girls Play Learning The Ropes from Double-Dutch to Hip-Hop
Hip Hop America
Hip Hop Generation, The Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture
Holler If You Hear Me Searching for Tupac Shakur
Inner-Course
Keeping It Real
Know What I Mean? Reflections on Hip-Hop
No Good Nigg@ Bluez
Pedagogy of the Oppressed
Pimps Up, Ho's Down: Hip Hop's Hold on Young Black Women
R&B: Rhythm and Business The Political Economy of Black Music
Rose That Grew from Concrete
The Will to Change Masculinity and Love
To the Break of Dawn A Freestyle on the Hip-Hop Aesthetic
We Real Cool Black Men and Masculinity
When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost My Life at a Hip Hop Feminist
Who's Gonna Take The Weight? Manhood, Race, and Power in America
Home Girls Make Some Noise!: Hip-hop Feminism Anthology

FILMS

Scene Not Heard
My Letter to Hip-Hop
Letter to the President
No!
Bling: A Planet Rock

Author

Michael Eric Dyson
Tricia Rose
LeRoi Jones (now Amiri Baraka) *
Jeff Chang
Gwendolyn Pough
Nelson George
Greg Tate
Chuck D *
Kyra Gaunt *
Nelson George
Bakari Kitwana *
Michael Eric Dyson
Toni Blackman *
Kevin Powell *
Michael Eric Dyson
Jerome Jones, Mo Beasley *
Paulo Freire
T. Sharpley-Whiting
Edited by Norman Kelly
Tupac Shakur
bell hooks
William Jelani Cobb (coming February 2007) *
bell hooks
Joan Morgan *
Kevin Powell *
Pough, Richardson, Durham, and Raimist

Maori Karmael Holmes
Bridget Gray
Thomas Gibson
Aishah Simmons
Raquel Cepeda

AKILA WORKSONGS offers this reading list in support of the film "Beyond Beats and Rhymes: A Hip-Hop Head Weighs in on Manhood in Hip-Hop Culture." *The list is short, we know, but it is intended to give a general overview of books that will provide more insight on themes addressed in the film. We have missed some important books for sure but this is a start in the right direction. We hope you find it useful.*

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