



The Box Marked Black "Reading List"

About:

This season, we're creating a "Reading List" for each play we're producing. These lists will provide our audience with suggested materials that are thematically tied to each particular play we've chosen to produce this season, and will include materials in a variety of mediums, such as books, films, albums, articles, and podcasts. Our list for *The Box Marked Black* was created in collaboration with the writer/performer of the show, Damaris Webb.

reading:

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin
- *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B Du Bois
- *Scribbling the Cat: Travels with an African Soldier* by Alexandra Fuller
- *Belonging: A Culture of Place* by bell hooks
- *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes* by Langston Hughes
- *Mules and Men* by Zora Neal Hurston
- *Lake Wobegon Days* by Garrison Keillor
- *Funnyhouse of a Negro* by Adrienne Kennedy
- *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *The Color of Water* by James McBride
- *The Number One Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- *The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream* by Barack Obama
- *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl* by Issa Rae
- *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine
- *for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf* by Ntozake Shange
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson

watching:

- *Loving*, directed by Jeff Nichols
- *Roots: The Complete Miniseries*, directed by Marvin J. Chomsky, John Erman, David Greene, and Gilbert Moses

listening:

- *Lemonade* by Beyoncé
- *Songs in the Key of Life* by Stevie Wonder
- *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* by Lauryn Hill
- *Things Fall Apart* by the Roots
- *2 Dope Queens* podcast by Phoebe Robinson and Jessica Williams