

Contents

Acknowledgments ix

Introduction xi

Bibliography

Ada 1

Janus Adams 1

Jeanette Adams 1

Kenyette Adrine-Robinson 1

Fatimah Afif 2

Ai 2

Nanina Albā 3

Fareedah Allah 4

Donna Allegra 4

Fayola Kamaria Ama 4

Johari M. Amini (Johari M. Kun-
jufu) 4

Kathy Elaine Anderson 5

Mignon Holland Anderson 5

Maya Angelou 5

Denise Carreathers Armstrong 8

Red Arobateau 8

Toni Cade Bambara 8

Barbara Banks 10

Carol Tillery Banks 10

Amina Baraka (Sylvia Jones) 11

S. Brandi Barnes 12

Jonetta Rose Barras-Abney 12

Gwendolyn B. Bennett 12

Lorraine Bethel 13

Bessie Calhoun Bird 13

Becky Birtha 13

Lou Blackdykewomon 14

Julie Blackwomon (Julie Carter)
14

S. Diane Bogus 14

Marita Bonner (Occomy) 15

Sharon Bourke 15

Candy Dawson Boyd 15

Melba Joyce Boyd 15

Jill Witherspoon Boyer 16

Linda Brown Bragg 16

Joanne M. Braxton (Jody Brax-
ton) 17

Gwendolyn E. Brooks 17

Beth Brown 22

Linda Jean Brown 22

Wilmette Brown 22

Mary Burrill 23

Margaret T.G. Burroughs 23

Della Burt 23

Olivia Ward Bush-Banks 23

Octavia E. Butler 23

Stephanie Byrd 24

Jeannette Caines 25

Annetta Elam Capdeville 25

Pandoura Carpenter 25

Vinette Carroll 25

Barbara Chase-Riboud 26

Alice Childress 26

Robin Christian 28

Cheryl Clarke 28

Michelle Cliff 29

Carrie Williams Clifford 30

Lucille Clifton 30

Michelle T. Clinton 33

Flyin' Thunda Cloud 33	Yvonne A. Flowers 56
Alice S. Cobb 33	Carol Freeman 56
Wanda Coleman 33	Stephany Inua Fuller 56
Willie M. Coleman 35	Ruth M. Garnett 56
Eugenia W. Collier 35	Lethonia Gee 56
June L. Collins 35	Joan Gibbs 57
Kathleen Collins 35	Michele Gibbs 57
Brenda Connor-Bey 35	P.J. Gibson 57
Afua Pam Cooper 36	Nikki Giovanni 57
J. California Cooper 36	Frankcina Glass 59
Jayne Cortez 36	Marita Golden 59
Mae V. Cowdery 38	Jewelle Gomez 60
Stella Crews 38	Hattie Gossett 60
Kattie M. Cumbo 38	Jaki Shelton Green 60
Nia Damali 39	Eloise Greenfield 61
Daryl Cumber Dance 39	Carole Clemmons Gregory 63
Margaret Esse Danner 39	Lois Elaine Griffith 63
Doris Diosa Davenport 40	Nikki Grimes 64
Gloria Davis 40	Angelina Weld Grimké 64
Thadious M. Davis 40	Charlotte Forten Grimké 65
Thulani Davis (Thulani Nkabinde) 42	Rosa Guy 65
Ruby Dee 42	Jo Ann Hall-Evans 67
Betty DeRamus 42	Virginia Hamilton 67
Toi Derricotte 43	Lorraine Hansberry 69
Alexis DeVeaux 44	Frances E.W. Harper 71
Schavi Mali Diara 45	Deloris Harrison 72
Michelle Dionetti 45	Safiya Henderson 73
Rita Dove 45	Frenchy Hodges 73
Shirley Graham DuBois 48	Bell Hooks (Gloria Watkins) 73
Alice M. Dunbar-Nelson 49	Akua Lezli Hope 74
Leatrice W. Emeruwa 50	Lea Hopkins 74
Aisha Eshe (Marilyn Carmen) 50	Pauline E. Hopkins 74
Mari Evans 51	Diane Houston 75
Audrey Ewart 53	Mariah Britton Howard 75
Sarah Webster Fabio 53	Gloria T. Hull 75
Ruth Farmer 53	Lee Hunkins 77
Fatisha 53	Jacquelyn Furgus Hunter 77
Jessie Redmon Fauset 53	Kristin Hunter 77
Naomi F. Faust 55	Zora Neale Hurston 78
Muriel Feelings 55	Lateifa-Ramona L. Hyman 82
Julia Fields 55	Adrienne Ingrum 82
Nikky Finney 55	Rashidah Ismaili 82
	Angela Jackson 83

Cherry Jackson 84	Jabari Mahiri 110
Elaine Jackson 84	Barbara J. Mahone 111
Mae Jackson 84	Deborah Major 111
Patti-Gayle Jackson 85	Julianne Malveaux 111
Sandra J. Jackson-Opoku 85	Paule Marshall 112
Harriet Jacobs 85	Sharon Stockard Martin 114
Annetta Jefferson 86	Judi Ann Mason 115
Eva Jessye 86	Sharon Bell Mathis 115
Terri L. Jewell 86	Raymina Mays 115
Joanne Jimason 87	Malkia M'Buzi 115
Eloise McKinney Johnson 87	Irma McClaurin 116
Georgia Douglas Johnson 87	Chirlane McCray 116
Helene Johnson 88	Colleen J. McElroy 116
Rosalie Jonas 88	Terry McMillan 118
Cheryl Jones 88	Rosemari Mealy 118
Gayl Jones 89	Louise Meriwether 119
Lucille Jones 91	May Miller 119
Muriel Jones 92	Arthenia J. Bates Millican 120
Patricia Jones 92	Karen L. Mitchell 120
Anasa Jordan 93	Barbara J. Molette 120
June Jordan 93	Cynthia B. Moore 121
Rose Jourdain 96	Opal Moore 121
Sybil Kein 96	Maria K. Mootry 121
Dolores Kendrick 97	Toni Morrison 122
Adrienne Kennedy 97	Thylas Moss 131
Aneb Kgositsile (Gloria Larry House) 98	Ruby D. Moxley 131
Jamaica Kincaid 98	Harryette Mullen 131
Pinkie Gordon Lane 99	Pauli Murray 132
Nella Larsen 100	Schaarazetta Natelege 133
Jennifer Blackman Lawson 101	Gloria Naylor 133
Andrea Lee 101	Betty H. Neals 134
Audrey Lee 102	Njeri Nuru 134
Rikki Lights 102	Gloria Oden 134
Abbey Lincoln (Aminata Moseka) 103	Brenda Marie Osbey 135
Myrtle Smith Livingston 103	Pat Parker 136
Elouise Loftin 103	Michelle Parkerson 136
Pearl Cleage Lomax 103	Lucille J. Patterson 137
Audre Lorde 104	Ann Petry 137
Esther Louise 109	Linda Piper 138
Oyoko Loving 109	Ann Plato 138
Naomi Long Madgett 109	Carlene Hatcher Polite 138
	Margaret Porter 138
	Aishah Rahman 139

Dorothy Randall-Tsuruta	139	Gladys T. Turner	161
Rashida	139	Mary Elizabeth Vroman	161
Isetta Crawford Rawls	140	Gloria Wade-Gayles	161
Henrietta Cordelia Ray	140	Alice Walker	162
Sarah Carolyn Reese	140	Margaret Walker (Alexander)	172
Crystal Rhodes	140	Michele Wallace	174
Jeannette Robinson	140	Mildred Pitts Walter	174
Louise Robinson	140	Marilyn Nelson Waniek	175
Carolyn M. Rodgers	141	Leona N. Welch	176
Sandra Rogers	142	Kariamum Welsh (Carole Kariamum Welsh)	176
Charlemae H. Rollins	142	Dorothy West	177
Renée Roper	142	Phyllis Wheatley	177
Donna Kate Rushin	142	Paulette Childress White	179
Sonia Sanchez	142	Electa Wiley	180
Satiafa (Vivian V. Gordon)	145	Brenda Wilkinson	180
Baraka Sele (Pamela Cobb)	145	Anita J. Williams	180
Assata Shakur (Joanne Chesimard)	145	Elsie Arrington Williams	180
Ntozake Shange (Paulette L. Williams)	146	June Vanleer Williams	180
Saundra Sharp	150	Lorna V. Williams	181
Ann Allen Shockley	150	Lucy Ariel Williams	181
Judy Dothard Simmons	151	Regina Williams	181
Verta Mae Smart-Grosvenor	151	Sherley Anne Williams	181
Barbara Smith	152	Geraldine L. Wilson	183
Beverly Smith	154	Harriet E. Wilson	183
Mary Carter Smith	154	Betty Winston	184
Ellease Southerland	154	Barbara Woods	184
Anne Spencer	155	Sarah E. Wright	184
Hortense J. Spillers	155	Camille Yarbrough	185
Shirley O. Steele	156	Yvonne (Y.W. Easton)	185
Thelma J. Stiles	156	Nzadi Zimele-Keita (Michelle McMichael)	186
Elma Stuckey	156		
Pat Suncircle	156	Appendix A: Works About Black Women Writers	187
Lynn Suruma	156		
Eleanora E. Tate	157	Appendix B: Authors by Genre	193
Mildred D. Taylor	157		
Luisah Teish	158	<i>List of Abbreviations</i>	198
Lucy Terry	158		
Ianthe Thomas	159	<i>Index</i>	209
Joyce Carol Thomas	159		
Clara Ann Thompson	160		
Sojourner Truth	161		