



WHN Reading List for Black History Month 2024

About

For thirty years, the Women's History Network (WHN) have been publishing journal articles and blogs on myriad subjects about women.

We have constructed this reading list for Black History Month, and beyond, to make visibility of our publications easier. Clicking on the title will link you to the relevant page. All images are public domain.


We hope you find them useful in your research but more importantly, we hope you simply enjoy reading about some fascinating aspects of women's history.

If you would like to contribute an article or a blog please visit these pages for submission details:

Journal article <https://womenshistorynetwork.org/womens-history-today/#Contact>

Blog <https://womenshistorynetwork.org/bloggers-wanted/>


| TITLE | Article/blog author; date of publication; link |
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| Aboriginal First, Woman Second – Part 1 | Author: Elizabeth Williams Book extract: October 31, 2012 |
| Aboriginal First, Woman Second – Part 2 | Author: Elizabeth Williams Book extract: November 1, 2012 |
| Afghanistan: Violence Against Women on the Rise | Author: Lynette J. Dumble Blog: October 27, 2013 |

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| <p><u>African Women’s Caucus Statement Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57)</u></p> | <p>Author: African Women’s Caucus Notification: March 21, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>After the rediscovery of a 19th-century novel, our view of black female writers is transformed</u></p> | <p>Author: Gretchen Gerzina Blog: January 29, 2017</p> |
| <p><u>A Hidden History: African women and the British Health Service, 1930-2000</u></p> | <p>Author: Olivia Mason Blog: October 1, 2019</p> |
| <p><u>‘Almost an Equal Example’: Justice during the American Civil War</u></p> | <p>Author: Elizabeth M. Barnes Blog: April 25, 2021</p> |
| <p><u>Amy Bailey, ‘Discrimination’, Public Opinion (16 July 1938)</u></p> |  <p>Author: Henrice Altink Blog: October 3, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Apology: Australia 2008</u></p> | <p>Author: Hon. Brendan Nelson Blog: October 16, 2016</p> |
| <p><u>Apprenticeship and Slavery</u></p> | <p>Author: Lisa Collins Blog: October 6, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Arab Women’s Caucus, UN Commission on the Status of Women – Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57)</u></p> | <p>Author: Arab Women’s Caucus Notification: March 21, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>A Stash of Gems on Women from the Nigerian National Archives</u></p> | <p>Author: Tayo Agunbiade Blog: October 24, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>A statue for the Past, Present and Future: making space for Betty Campbell</u></p> | <p>Author: Angela V. John Blog: October 25, 2021</p> |


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| <u>Ayahs at Sea</u> | Author: Jo Stanley Blog: October 9, 2011 |
| <u>'Becoming Postcolonial: A Reflection on 'Chinese' Positionality in African Gender Studies'</u> | Author: Xia'nan Jin Seminar notification: September 29, 2021 |
| <u>Bettie Thompson and the James Street Holiness Church</u> | Author: Sonja Ingram Blog: July 21, 2020 |
| <u>Black & Asian women's history: enslaved women on ships</u> | Author: Jo Stanley Blog: July 12, 2015 |
| <u>Black and Minority Ethnic Women and the Sea in World War 2</u> | Author: Jo Stanley Blog: October 26, 2012 |
| <u>Black cadet harassed to death at sea? Or murdered?</u> | Author: Jo Stanley Blog: October 16, 2011 |
| <u>Black community in Eighteenth Century London</u> | Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 9, 2010 |
| <u>Black Women and Legal Entanglements</u> | Author: Rachel Chua Seminar notification: October 3, 2022 |
| <u>Black Women in Britain During the Great War</u> | Author: Stephen Bourne Blog: October 1, 2020 |
| <u>Black Women in Wartime Britain 1939-45</u> | Author: Stephen Bourne Blog: October 4, 2020 |
| <u>Bringing Ourselves Along with Us: The Realities of Historical Writing</u> | Author: Dr Robin Mitchell Blog: June 28, 2021 |
| <u>Caribbean Women and the Ethiopian Solidarity Campaign</u> | Author: Kesewa John Blog: October 21, 2019 |
| <u>(The) Cry of Lost Aboriginal Sisters Across Canada</u> | Author: Hon. David Kilgour, JD Blog: October 18, 2013 |

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| <p><u>Cultures of Exclusion: Illicit worlds of Indian dance – Pt 1</u></p> | <p>Author: Anna Morcom Blog: February 9, 2014</p> |
| <p><u>Cultures of Exclusion: Illicit worlds of Indian dance – Pt 2</u></p> | <p>Author: Anna Morcom Blog: February 12, 2014</p> |
|  <p><u>Diane Abbott: A Potted Herstory of a Pioneer</u></p> | <p>Author: Drs Robin Bunce and Samara Linton Blog: October 21, 2020</p> |
| <p><u>Discrimination – A Coat of Many Colors</u></p> | <p>Author: Rachel McDonough, Christine Sheppard and Cierra Jonik Blog: March 28, 2015</p> |
|  <p><u>Dorothy Dandridge (1922-1965) – at sea</u></p> | <p>Author: Jo Stanley Blog: October 28, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Early Modern Zenobias: Ars Historica, Crafting Women’s Histories and Composing Women’s Imagined Communities</u></p> | <p>Author: Elizabeth Ann Mackay Journal: <i>Women’s History Today</i>, Volume 3 Issue 2 Winter 2021 Special Edition: Early Modern Women, pp.5-14</p> |
| <p><u>Empire on Fire: The Institutionalisation of Widow Immolation by the British Colonial State in India</u></p> | <p>Author: Ghazah Abbasi Blog: February 19, 2024</p> |
| <p><u>Encounters with Empire, Hawaii, no. 1</u></p> | <p>Author: Katie Barclay Blog: March 24, 2012</p> |
| <p><u>Encounters with Empire, Hawaii, no. 2</u></p> | <p>Author: Katie Barclay Blog: March 25, 2012</p> |

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| <p><u>Eslanda Goode Robeson</u></p> |  | <p>Author: Nicholas Grant Blog: October 30, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>'The Evolution of the Witch: Changing Perceptions of female power and sexuality in Postcolonial Nigeria'</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr Naomi Richman Seminar notification: September 29, 2021</p> |
|  | <p><u>(The) First Female African- American Pilot</u></p> | <p>Author: Jay Khan Blog: March 25, 2018</p> |
| <p><u>For My People – Part 1</u></p> | | <p>Author: Marie Andrews Book extract: October 5, 2012</p> |
| <p><u>For My People – Part 2</u></p> | | <p>Author: Marie Andrews Book extract: October 8, 2012</p> |
| <p><u>(The) Geo-Politics of War and Woman-Terror in Congo</u></p> | | <p>Author: Lynette J. Dumble and Jocelyne A. Scutt Blog: December 1, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>Hart Sisters of the West Indies</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 27, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Hidden History of the Ayahs of Britain</u></p> | | <p>Author: Farhanah Mamoojee Journal: <i>Women's History</i>, Volume 2, Issue 17, Spring 2021, pp.4-7</p> |
| <p><u>Hidden lives and silent voices in the later eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries Caribbean Island of Grenada</u></p> | | <p>Author: Sonia Baker Blog: October 10, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>History in Fiction</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 12, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Indigenous Women Unite Against Violence Against Women!</u></p> | | <p>Author: Indigenous Women Commission Notification: March 14, 2013</p> |

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| <p><u>Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57)</u></p> | |
| <p><u>Hiding in Plain Sight: Black Women, the Law and the Making of a White Argentine Republic</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Erika Denise Edwards Blog: March 17, 2020</p> |
|  <p><u>How Michelle Obama's Visit to a London School Helped Boost Students' Grades</u></p> | <p>Author: Simon Burgess Blog: October 22, 2018</p> |
| <p><u>Identifying Mother India in Bankimchandra Chatterjee's Novels</u></p> | <p>Author: Sutapa Dutta Journal: <i>Women's History Magazine</i>, Issue 74, Spring 2014, pp.4-10</p> |
| <p><u>'I have always been one of the boys': Hilda Ramushu and the railways in Zimbabwe, 1970s-1980s</u></p> | <p>Author: Nicole Sithole Blog: October 17, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>Imagining Caribbean Womanhood: race, nation and beauty competitions, 1929-1970</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Rochelle Rowe Blog: May 11, 2020</p> |
| <p><u>'I'm not your typical nurse': Caribbean nurses in Britain and Canada</u></p> | <p>Author: Karen Flynn Journal: <i>Women's History Magazine</i> Issue 69 Summer 2012 pp.26-35</p> |
| <p><u>In a White Man's World: Women at The Citadel</u></p> | <p>Author: Amy Thompson McCandless Journal: <i>Women's History Magazine</i> Issue 52 Spring 2006 pp.17-24</p> |
| <p><u>In Search of the Outcaste Sacred Prostitute in Colonial India</u></p> | <p>Author: Priyadarshini Vijaisri Journal: <i>Women's History Magazine</i>, Issue 51, Autumn 2005, pp.4-13</p> |
| <p><u>Irene Scruggs and American Expats in Europe</u></p> | <p>Author: Ashley Steenson Blog: January 31, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>Jeannette Washington: Pittsburgh's First Black Public Health Nurse</u></p> | <p>Author: Adam Lee Cilli Blog: October 22, 2021</p> |

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|  | <p><u>Josephine Baker, 1906 – 1975</u></p> | <p>Author: Sophie Munro Blog: March 5, 2017</p> |
| <p><u>Joy as Gendered Resistance in Ashenda Celebrations during the Tigray War, 2020–Present</u></p> | <p>Author: Francesca Baldwin Blog: October 11, 2021</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Lilian Bader: one of the first Black British women in the Royal Air Force</u></p> | <p>Author: Lucia Wallbank Blog: October 19, 2020</p> |
|  | <p><u>Lilian Masediba Ngoyi (1911-1980)</u></p> | <p>Author: Nicholas Grant Blog: October 17, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Looking Past Protest: “Do you really want to argue that Black-authored plays about lynching aren’t protest plays?”</u></p> | <p>Author: Professor Koritha Mitchell Blog: August 7, 2020</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Lucille Mathurin-Mair (née Waldron), 1924-2009: Pioneer of Caribbean Women’s History</u></p> | <p>Author: Barbara Bush Blog: March 21, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Mary Morris-Knibb accuses the Child Welfare Association of discrimination, 17 November 1938</u></p> | <p>Author: Henrice Altink Blog: October 2, 2011</p> | |

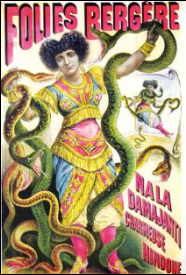

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| <p><u>Mary Prince</u></p> | <p>THE HISTORY OF MARY PRINCE, A WEST INDIAN SLAVE. RELATED BY HERSELF.</p> <p>WITH A SUPPLEMENT BY THE EDITOR.</p> <p>To which is added, THE NARRATIVE OF ASA-ASA, A CAPTURED AFRICAN.</p> <p>"By our sufferings, since ye brought us To the man-degrading mart,— All sustain'd by patience, taught us Only by a broken heart,— Deem our nation brutes no longer, Till some reason ye shall find Worthier of regard, and stronger Than the colour of our kind." Gives.</p> <p>LONDON: PUBLISHED BY F. WESTLEY AND A. H. DAVIS, STATIONERS' HALL COURT; AND BY WAUGH & INNES, EDINBURGH. 1831.</p> | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 31, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Might Is Not Right – Racism, Trumpism, Misogyny Out</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Jocelyne Scutt Blog: January 29, 2017</p> | |
| <p><u>'Modern' Mothers in Ghana's Newspapers 1960 – 1975</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Holly Ashford Blog: February 24, 2020</p> | |
| <p><u>'No Liberation Without Black Women': Gender in the Black Liberation Front</u></p> | <p>Author: Amelia Francis Blog: October 22, 2018</p> | |
| <p><u>On the margins? British Caribbean and British Asian Women: A Brief History, Part 1.</u></p> | <p>Author: Barbara Bush Blog: October 25, 2010</p> | |
| <p><u>On the margins? British Caribbean and British Asian Women: A Brief History, Part 2.</u></p> | <p>Author: Barbara Bush Blog: October 25, 2010</p> | |
| <p><u>Pandita Ramabai</u></p> |  <p><i>Ramabai</i></p> <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: March 11, 2011</p> | |

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| <p><u>Phillis Wheatley</u></p> |  | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 20, 2010</p> |
|  | <p><u>Queen Mother Moore and Reparative Histories</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Hannah Ishmael Blog: October 26, 2020</p> |
| <p><u>Queering recognition: Exploring ‘corrective rape’ and black lesbian sexuality in a local and transnational context</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr. Nadine Lake Blog: February 7, 2019</p> |
| <p><u>Radhabai Subbarayan: Debates on Indian Female Franchise in the 1930s</u></p> | | <p>Author: Sumita Mukherjee Journal: <i>Women’s History</i>, Volume 2 Issue 6 Autumn 2016 pp.10-14</p> |
| <p><u>Recognising local faces in global spaces: lessons we can learn from our Indian grandmothers, part 1</u></p> | | <p>Author: Annie Devenis Blog: December 5, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Recognising local faces in global spaces: lessons we can learn from our Indian grandmothers, part 2</u></p> | | <p>Author: Annie Devenis Blog: December 8, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>Rediscovering Nigeria’s Suffragettes</u></p> | | <p>Author: Rachel Chua Seminar notification: October 19, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>(The) Representation of Women’s Leadership in Ancient Greek and Modern Yoruba</u></p> | | <p>Author: Folake Onayemi Journal: <i>Women’s History Magazine</i>, Issue 60, Summer 2009, pp.30-34</p> |
| <p>Rethinking the experience of women in the Nupi Lan during the British</p> | | <p>Author: Zuzubee Huidrom</p> |

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| <p>colonial rule (access only available to WHN members)</p> | <p>Journal: <i>Women's History Today</i>, Volume 3, Issue 8, Autumn 2023, pp.11-18</p> |
| <p><u>Sister, Black is the Colour of My Soul – Part 1</u></p> | <p>Author: Lilla Watson Book extract: February 26, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>Sister, Black is the Colour of My Soul – Part 2</u></p> | <p>Author: Lilla Watson Book extract: March 9, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>Slave Narratives</u></p> | <p>Author: Katie Barclay Blog: February 13, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Slavery</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 17, 2010</p> |
| <p><u>(The) Smith Sisters of Sierra Leone – West African Nurses Extraordinaire</u></p> | <p>Author: Adenike Ogunkoya Blog: March 15, 2013</p> |
| <p><u>Socialism and the Black British Women's Movement</u></p> | <p>Author: Kelly-Ann Gordon Blog: October 10, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>Storytelling As Protest: How Did South Asian Women Forge Solidarity and Create Spaces for their Community in Britain?</u></p> | <p>Author: Amal Habib Malik Journal: <i>Women's History Today</i>, Volume 3 Issue 3, Spring 2022, Special Edition: Focus on Undergraduate Research, pp.35-41</p> |
| <p><u>'There has always been a Black women's peace movement': Women of Colour and Anti-War Activism in the U.S., 1968-1972</u></p> | <p>Author: Frankie Chappell Blog: October 4, 2021</p> |
| <p><u>Una Marson 1905-65</u></p> | <p>Author: Imaobong Umoren Blog: May 29, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Unnamed Revolutionary women in France, the UK, and Sri Lanka – Aruni Samarakoon</u></p> | <p>Author: Aruni Samarakoon Blog: August 12, 2024</p> |



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|  | <p><u>Utopia: The Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye</u></p> | <p>Author: Anon Blog: October 28, 2017</p> |
| | <p><u>Venezuela’s long history of racism is coming back to haunt it</u></p> | <p>Author: Hazel Marsh Blog: October 15, 2017</p> |
| | <p><u>Victoria Caste and Gosha hospital in shaping women’s healthcare in Colonial Madras</u></p> | <p>Author: Arnab Chakraborty Blog: July 1, 2019</p> |
| <p>Voiceless Women: Slavery, Marginality and Truth in the Archives (access only available to WHN members)</p> | | <p>Author: Angela Zhang Journal: <i>Women’s History Today</i>, Volume 3 Issue 2 Winter 2021, Special Edition: Early Modern Women, pp. 62-63</p> |
| <p><u>What is Black?</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr Isobel Grundy Blog: October 5, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>When 100 Years is Not Enough!</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins Blog: February 22, 2021</p> |
| <p><u>‘Without friends or money’: African and Asian Mothers and the Eighteenth-Century Foundling Hospital</u></p> | | <p>Author: Hannah Dennett Blog: October 3, 2022</p> |
| <p><u>Witness against Slavery – The Story of Mary Prince</u></p> | | <p>Author: Beverley Duguid Blog: October 23, 2011</p> |
| <p><u>Women in the Service Industries in Southern Africa since 1900</u></p> | | <p>Author: Dr Andrew Cohen & Dr Rory Pilosof Blog: November 6, 2018</p> |

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|  | <p><u>Women Performers, their Writhing Reptiles and that Wrought Indian Connection</u></p> | <p>Author: Debanjali Biswas Blog: June 24, 2024</p> |
| <p><u>Women’s Education, Labour or Charity? Significance of Needlework among Ottoman Armenians, from Mid-Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Century</u></p> | <p>Author: Hasmik Khalapyan Journal: <i>Women’s History Magazine</i>, Issue 53, Summer 2006, pp.21-31</p> | |
| <p><u>(The) Women Who Built Black Britain: A Look into Black Cultural Archives</u></p> | <p>Author: Liberty Martin Journal: <i>Women’s History</i>, Volume 2 Issue 17 Spring 2021 pp.23-26</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Writing a woman’s trauma. Balancing Fannie Lou Hamer’s silence with newly recovered testimony</u></p> | <p>Author: Kate Clifford Larson Blog: October 24, 2021</p> |
| <p><u>Young Women against Apartheid: Gender, Youth and South Africa’s Liberation Struggle</u></p> | <p>Author: Dr Emily Bridger Blog: April 29, 2021</p> | |