

# Black Canadians: A History

## Additional Resources

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### Books Mentioned in Lecture 1 (October 18<sup>th</sup>)

*The Slave Ship: A Human History* by Marcus Rediker

*The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* by Olaudah Equiano

**Note:** Olaudah Equiano's work is in the public domain because of its age so it is pretty easy to find online for free.

### Books Mentioned in Lecture 2 (October 25<sup>th</sup>)

*The Hanging of Angelique: The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montreal* by Afua Cooper. This is Dr Coopers interpretation of the court record. She takes the position that Angelique may have started the fire out of rebellion which again is disputed.

*The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Toronto!* By Afua Cooper, Adrienne Shadd and Karolyn Smardz-Frost. The new edition that came out this year has updated and added information.

Both of these books should be available for purchase online but I know a lot of local libraries also have them so it might be worth checking out or requesting that your local library carry them.

Here is the link to North Buxton's Virtual Museum  
<https://buxtonmuseum.com/history/virtual.html>

One of the audience members was interested in Frederick Douglass. Here are the names of his three autobiographies:

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, 1845

*My bondage and my freedom*, 1855

*Life and times of Frederick Douglass, written by himself*, 1881

All three of those are in the public domain and should be available to read for free online. The first one is the most popular but I also recommend the writings from when he was older. They give a different perspective that I think is valuable.

I also mentioned the recent biography of him. I have read it and I found that it is not only very good but also very accessible to non academic readers.

*Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* by David Blight. This is available as an e book or in print from many libraries.

### **Black Women in the Prairies**

Today (November 15, 2022) an audience member asked me about Black women in the prairies. Rather than just giving a couple of names I wanted to share a couple resources. The University of Calgary has put together this page called "*Black Albertans you should know*"; there are some important women on there. One of them is from the time period we were talking about and I believe a couple others are descendants.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/equity-diversity-inclusion/literacy-and-education/albertans>

*Mattie Mays* was the name of the matriarch I was talking about in Saskatchewan. The CBC did an interview a few years back with her grandson which people can read here.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/black-history-saskatchewan-1.4003834>

### Resources for Week 6 (November 22, 2022)

The documentary about Black WWII veterans is called *Black Liberators: WWII*. Here is a Global Article about it.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8366180/black-liberators-black-canadian-soldiers-wwii-stories/>

## Resources for Week 7 (November 29, 2022)

### **Books**

Dorothy W. Williams, *Road to Now: A History of Blacks in Montreal*

Oscar Peterson *A Jazz Odyssey: The Life of Oscar Peterson*

Karen Flynn, *Moving Beyond Borders: A History of Black Canadian and Caribbean Women in the Diaspora.*

### **Other resources**

I have a picture from an old *Maclean's* Article on one of the slides. It is called "The West Indians: Our Loneliest Immigrants" by George Lamming from 1961. It is featured online for free so if audience members would like to read it they can click on the link.

<https://archive.macleans.ca/article/1961/11/4/the-west-indians-our-loneliest-immigrants>

I do not think the movie has been fully distributed yet but there is a new documentary on Little Burgundy in Montreal called *Dear Jackie*. I got an advanced copy of it and really enjoyed it. The trailer can be viewed here.

<https://catbirdproductions.ca/en/productions/dear-jackie>