



MULTICULTURAL FICTION

Genre Study

MULTICULTURAL WRITERS TO TRY, IF YOU ENJOY...

Historical

David Ball
E.M Forster
Colleen McCullough

Humor

Maxx Barry
Alexander McCall Smith

Literary

Kiran Desai
Zadie Smith
Salman Rushdie

Mystery

Tony Hillerman
Yasmina Khadra
Sujata Massey
Kerry Greenwood
Eliot Pattison
David and Aimee Thurlo

Sources

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Websites

Amazon.com

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<http://www.webrary.org/rs/flbklistgenre.html>

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The Norton Anthology of World Literature
<http://www2.wwnorton.com/college/english/nawol/>

List of countries with links to sites for countries, authors, texts, articles, etc.
http://dmoz.org/Arts/Literature/World_Literature/

Books

Against Borders: Promoting Books for a Multicultural World by Hazel Rochman. American Library Association: Chicago, 1993.

The Literature Teacher's Book of Lists by Judie L.H. Strouf. Center for Applied Research in Education: West Nyack, N.J., 1993

Erdrich, Louise. Perma Red
Antelope Wife
Birchbark House (YA)
The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No
Horse
Love Medicine
Tracks
Glancy, Diane. Pushing the Bear
Hillerman, Tony. Listening Woman (and other titles)
Hogan, Linda. Mean Spirit
Power
Hudson, Jan. Sweetgrass (YA)
Lackey, Mercedes. Sacred Ground
Momaday, N. Scott. House Made of Dawn
Power, Susan. The Grass Dancer
Robson, Lucia St. Clair. Light a Distant Fire
Sarris, Greg. Watermelon Nights
Thom, James Alexander. Panther in the Sky
Silko, Leslie. Gardens in the Dunes
Welch, James. The Heartsong of Charging Elk

Romance

M.M. Kaye
Marguerite Turnley

Science Fiction

Nancy Farmer

Western

Cormac McCarthy
Tony Hillerman
Elmer Kelton

Multicultural Fiction Authors by Continent and Country

Africa

Colfer, Eoin.	Benny and Omar (YA)
Iweala, Uzodinma.	Beasts of No Nation
Kingsolver, Barbara.	The Poisonwood Bible
Maraire, J. Nozipo.	Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter (YA)
McCall Smith, Alexander.	No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
McKissack, Patricia.	Nzingha
Smith, Wilbur J.	Elephant Song Blue Horizon Birds of Prey
Vassanji, M.G.	The Book of Secrets

Ethiopia

Levitin, Sonia.	The Return (YA)
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Kenya

Marciano, Francesca.	Rules of the Wild
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Liberia

Banks, Russell.	The Darling
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Nigeria

Achebe, Chinua.	Things Fall Apart
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Somalia

Farah, Nuruddin.	Secrets
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Roth, Henry.	The Book of Lights Davita's Harp Mercy of a Rude Stream
Singer, Isaac Bashevis.	Gimpel the Fool and other stories
Yesiersk, Anzia.	Breadgivers

Latin American

Allende, Isabel.	Daughter of Fortune Zorro Portrait in Sepia
Alvarez, Julia.	Yo How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents In The Time Of The Butterflies
Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Albuquerque Bless Me, Ultima (Mexican)
Boyle, T. Coraghessan.	The Tortilla Curtain The Tequila Worm (YA) Caramelo (Mexican)
Canales, Viola.	The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love
Cisneros, Sandra.	The Empress of the Splendid Season
Hijuelos, Oscar.	Crossing the Wire (YA)
Hobbs, Will.	The Sugar Island
Lamazares, Ivonne.	Red Midnight (YA)
Mikaelsen, Ben.	Sparrow Hawk Red (YA)
Ryan, Pam Muñoz.	Esperanza Rising (YA)
Santiago, Esmeralda.	América's Dream (Puerto Rican)
Veciana-Suarez, Ana.	Flight to Freedom (YA)
Villaseñor, Victor.	Wild Steps of Heaven

Native American

Alexie, Sherman.	Reservation Blues Ten Little Indians The Toughest Indian in the World
Capps, Benjamin.	A Woman of the People
Dorris, Michael.	A Yellow Raft in Blue Water
Earling, Deborah	Magpie

Lahiri, Jumpa. Namesake
Mukherjee, Bharati. Jasmine

Iranian American

Dubas, Andre. The House of Sand and Fog
Tyler, Ann. Digging to America

Irish American

Auch, Mary Jane. Ashes of Roses (YA)
Avi. Escape from Home
Lord Kirkle's Money
Hijuelos, Oscar. The Fourteen Sisters of Emilio Montez
O'Brien
Hoff, B.J. Sons of an Ancient Glory
Nixon, Joan Lowry. Land of Promise (YA)
O'Connor, Joseph. Star of the Sea
Puzo, Mario. The Fortunate Pilgrim
The Godfather

Jewish

Abraham, Pearl. The Romance Reader
Denker, Henry. Horowitz and Mrs. Washington
Englander, Nathan. For the Relief of Unbearable Urges
Goldstein, Rebecca. Mazel
Goodman, Allegra. Kaaterskill Falls
Paradise Park
Hamill, Peter. Snow in August
Kahn, Sharon. Don't Cry For Me Hot Pastrami
Kellerman, Faye. Ritual Bath
Levine, Gail Carson. Dave at Night
Lipman, Elinor. The Inn at Lake Devine
Malamud, Bernard. The Assistant
Mirvis, Tova. The Lady's Auxiliary
Nahai, Gina Barkhordar. Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith
Nixon, Joan Lowry. Land of Hope (YA)
Potok, Chaim. The Chosen
My Name is Asher Lev

South Africa

Brink, Andre. Devil's Valley
Foden, Giles. Ladysmith
Gien, Pamela. The Syringa Tree
Maartens, Maretha. Paper Bird (YA)
Naidoo, Beverly. Chain of Fire (YA)
Paton Alan. Cry, the Beloved Country

Tanzania

Gurnah, Abdulrazak. By the Sea

Uganda

Foden, Giles. Last King of Scotland
Isegawa, Moses. Abyssinian Chronicles

Zimbabwe

Farmer, Nancy. A Girl Named Disaster (YA)

Middle East

Algeria

Ball, David. Empires of Sand.
Khadra, Yasmina. Morituri
Moore, Brian. The Magician's Wife

Egypt

Mahfuz, Najib. Palace Walk
Khashoggi, Soheir. Nadia's Song

Iran

Crowther, Yasmin. The Saffron Kitchen
Fletcher, Susan. Shadow Spinner (YA)
Pari, Susanne. The Fortune Catcher
Sayres, Meghan. Anahita's Woven Riddle (YA)

Iraq

Laird, Elizabeth. Kiss the Dust (YA)

Israel

Banks, Lynne Reid. One More River (YA)
Hartov, Steven. The Devil's Shepherd
Horn, Shifra. Four Mothers
Levitin, Sonia. The Singing Mountain (YA)
Shalev, Meir. The Loves of Judith

Jordan

Khashoggi, Soheir. Mosaic

Lebanon

Alameddine, Rabiah. I, the Divine

Morocco

Bowles, Peter. The Sheltering Sky

Lee, Marie G. No Physical Evidence
Necessary Roughness (YA)
Finding My Voice (YA)
Massey, Sujata. The Floating Girl
Na, An. A Step from Heaven (YA)
Namioka, Lensey. April and the Dragon Lady
Ties That Bind, Ties That Break
Otsuka, Julie. When the Emperor Was Divine
Tan, Amy. The Joy Luck Club
One Hundred Secret Senses
Uchida, Yoshiko. A Jar of Dreams

European American

Cather, Willa. My Antonia (Norwegian)
Chabon, Michael. The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and
Clay (Czechoslovakian)
Fast, Howard. Second Generation
Forbes, Kathryn. Mama's Bank Account (Swedish)
Hegi, Ursula. Vision of Emma Blau (German)
Krauss, Nicole Curtis. History of Love (Polish)
Littell, Robert. Visiting Professor (Russian)
Legends: a Novel of Dissimulation
Nixon, Joan Lowry. Land of Dreams (YA) (Swedish)
Proulx, Annie. Accordion Crimes
Rolvaag, Ole. Giants in the Earth

Indian American

Daswani, Kavita. For Matrimonial Purposes
Desai, Hidier Tanuja. Born Confused (YA)
Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee.
Arranged Marriages
Sister of My Heart
The Vine of Desire
Queen of Dreams
The Unknown Errors of Our Lives
Letters from Rifka (YA)
Hesse, Karen. Shards of Memory
Jhabvala, Ruth P. Sharmila's Book
Kirchner, Bharti.

United States

African American

Campbell, Bebe. Your Blues Ain't Like Mine.
Clarke, Breena. River Cross My Heart: a Novel
Curtis, Christopher. The Watson's Go to Birmingham (YA)
Ellison, Ralph. Invisible Man
Faulkner, William. Intruder in the Dust
Hambly, Barbara. Sold Down the River (and other mysteries)
Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God
Jackson-Opoku, Sandra
The River Where Blood is Born
Johnson, Angela. Toning the Sweep
Klass, David. Danger Zone
Lee, Harper. To Kill a Mockingbird
Morrison, Toni. The Bluest Eye
Beloved
Song of Solomon
Myers, Walter Dean. Hoops (YA)
Monster (YA)
Scorpions (YA)
Somewhere in the Darkness (YA)
Streetlove (YA)
Stolz, Mary. Cezanne Pinto (YA)
Stowe, Harriet Beecher.
Uncle Tom's Cabin
Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (YA)
Let the Circle Be Unbroken (YA)
Wright, Richard. Rite of Passage

Asian American

Bates, Judy. Midnight at the Dragon Café
Dallas, Sandra. Tallgrass
De la Cruz, Melissa. Fresh Off the Boat (YA)
Kadohata, Cynthia. Weedflower (YA)
Kogawa, Joy. Obasan (YA)
Lee, Gus. China Boy

Palestine

Khoury, Elias. Gate of the Sun
Nye, Naomi Shihab. Habibi (YA)

Turkey

Arslan, Antonia. Skylark Farm
Bagdasarian, Adam. The Forgotten Fire (YA)
Pamuk, Orhan. Snow
My Name is Red
Shafak, Elif. The Bastard of Istanbul

Saudi Arabia

Khashoggi, Soheir. Mirage
Sani, Raja Abd Allah. The Girls of Riyadh

Asia

Afghanistan

Hoseini, Khaled. The Kite Runner
A Thousand Splendid Suns
Ellis, Deborah. The Breadwinner
Parvana's Journey
Khadra, Yasmina. Swallows of Kabul
Seierstad, Asne. The Bookseller of Kabul
Staples, Suzanne Fisher
Under the Persimmon Tree (YA)

Azerbaijan

Said, Kurban. Ali and Nino

Burma (Myanmar)

Tan, Amy. Saving Fish from Drowning
Mason, Daniel. Piano Tuner

China

Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth
A House Divided
Pavilion of Women
East Wind, West Wind
Peony
Promise
Chai, May-Lee. My Lucky Face
Choy, Wayson. The Jade Peony
Dai, Sijie. Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress
Jen, Gish. Mona in the Promised Land
Jin, Ha. Waiting
Lee, Gus. China Boy
Namioka, Lensey. Ties That Bind, Ties That Break (YA)
See, Lisa. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Tan, Amy. Bonesetter's Daughter
Kitchen God's Wife

Guatemala

Cameron, Ann. Colibri (YA)
Castañeda, Omar S. Among the Volcanoes

Haiti

Danticat. Edwidge. Breath, Eyes, Memory
Temple, Frances. Taste of Salt (YA)

Honduras

Theroux, Paul. Mosquito Coast

Mexico

Esquivel, Laura. Like Water for Chocolate
The Law of Love
Malinche
Taibo, Paco Ignacio. The Shadow of the Shadow

Peru

Arana, Marie. Cellophane
Vargas-Llosa, Mario. The Notebooks of Don Rigoberto

Puerto Rico

Ferré, Rosario. Eccentric Neighborhoods
Montero, Mayra. The Captain of the Sleepers

Trinidad

Naipaul, V.S. A House for Mr. Biswas

Virgin Islands

O'Dell, Scott. My Name is Not Angelica (YA)

Central and South America including the Caribbean

Alarcon, Daniel. Lost City Radio (unnamed South American country)
Patchett, Ann. Bell Canto (unnamed South American country)

Antigua

Kincaid, Jamaica. Annie John

Chile

Allende, Isabel. The House of the Spirits
Daughter of Fortune

Colombia

García Márquez, Gabriel.
Love in the Time of Cholera
100 years of Solitude

Cuba

Ephron, Amy. White Rose: Una Rosa Blanca
García-Aguilera, Carolina.
Dreaming in Cuban

Dominican Republic

Alvarez, Julia. Before We Were Free
In the Name of Salomé
In the Time of the Butterflies
Joseph, Lynn. The Color of My Words
Vargas-Llosa, Mario. The Feast of the Goat

El Salvador

Martínez, Demetria. Mother Tongue

India

Desai, Anita. Clear Light of Day
Bumgartner's Bombay
Desai, Kiran. Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard
Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee

Lahiri, Jhumpa. Sister of My Heart
Markanday, Camila. Conch Bearer (YA)
Nectar in a Sieve
Mehta, Gita. Interpreter of Maladies
Raj: a Novel
Mistry, Rohinton. A Fine Balance
Mukherjee, Bharati. Jasmine
Naipaul, V. S. A Bend in the River
Roy, Arundhati. The God of Small Things
Rushdie, Salman. Haroun and the Sea of Stories
Midnight's Children

Simmons, Dan. The Song of Kali
Suri, Manil. The Death of Vishnu
Staples, Suzanne Fisher.

Shiva's Fire (YA)
Whelan, Gloria. Homeless Bird (YA)

Iran

Mehran, Marsha. Pomegranate Soup

Japan

Golden, Arthur. Memoirs of a Geisha
Hearn, Liam. Across the Nightingale Floor
Grass for his Pillow
Brilliance of the Moon
Hoobler, Dorothy. The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn (YA)
Meigs, Henry. Gate of the Tigers
Minatoya, Lydia Y. The Strangeness of Beauty
Murakami, Haruki. The Wind-up Bird Chronicle
Namioka, Lnese. Valley of the Broken Cherry Trees (YA)
Paterson, Katherine. Of Nightingales that Weep (YA)
Tsukiyama, Gail T. The Samurai's Garden

Korea

Choi, Sook Nyul. Year of Impossible Goodbyes (YA)
Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard (YA)
Stout, Mira. One Thousand Chestnut Trees
Scott, Joanna C. The Lucky Gourd Shop

Nepal

McCormick, Patricia. Sold (YA)

Pakistan

Staples, Suzanne Fisher.
Haveli (YA)
Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind (YA)

Phillipines

Holthe, Tessa Uriza. When the Elephants Dance

Sri Lanka

Roberts, Karen. The Flower Boy

Thailand

Ho, Minfong. Rice Without Rain (YA)

Tibet

Pattison, Eliot. The Skull Mantra

North America (Canada)

Atwood, Margaret. Alias Grace
Cat's Eye
Surfacing
Banks, Russell. The Sweet Hereafter
Brooks, Martha. True Confessions of a Heartless Girl (YA)
Itani, Frances. Deafening
Lawson, Mary. Crow Lake
Oke, Janette. Canadian West series
Vreeland, Susan. Forest Lover

Ali, Monica. Alentejo Blue
Saramago, Jose. All the Names
The History of the Siege of Lisbon

Spain

Zafon, Carlos Ruiz. Shadow of the Wind

Russia

Meek, James. People's Act of Love
Makine, Andreï. Dreams of My Russian Summers
Rybakov, Anatoli. Children of the Arbat
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander.
Cancer Ward
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Yugoslavia

Mead, Alice. Adem's Cross (YA)

Australia

Barry, Maxx. Jennifer Government.
Campion, Jane. The Piano (New Zealand)
Carey, Peter. The True History of the Kelly Gang
Cleary, Jon. Dragons at the Party
Flanagan, Richard. Death of a River Guide
Golding, William. Rites of Passage
Greenwood, Kerry. Murder in Montparnasse
Herrick, Steven. By the River (YA)
Jinks, Catherine. Evil Genius (YA)
Keneally, Thomas. A River Town
Lowry, Brigid. Things You Either Hate or Love (YA)
Mahy, Margaret. Memory (New Zealand) (YA)
Malouf, David. Remembering Babylon
McCullough, Colleen. The Thorn Birds
McCullough, Colleen. The Touch
Morgan, Marlo. Mutant Message Down Under
Moriarty, Jaclyn. The Murder of Bindy MacKenzie (YA)
Rice, Ben. Pobby and Dingon
Russon, Penni. Breathe (YA)
Shute, Nevil. A Town Like Alice
Turnley, Marguerite. Primal Men.
Winton, Tim. Dirt Music
Zusak, Markus. I am the Messenger

Europe

Austria

Lippi, Rosina. Homestead
Helprin, Mark. Soldier of the Great War (also Italy)

England

Ali, Monica. Brick Lane (London and Bangladesh)
Brooks, Geraldine. Year of Wonders
Donaghue, Emma. Slammerkin
Fielding, Helen. Bridget Jones' Diary
Haddon, Mark. Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Nighttime
Kinsella, Sophie. Undomestic Goddess
McEwan, Ian. Atonement
Saturday
Naipaul, V.S. Magic Seeds
Rennison, Louise. Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging

France

Japrisot, Sabastien. Very Long Engagement
Moore, Brian. Magician's Wife

Germany

Schlink, Bernard. Reader

Greece

De Bernieres, Louis. Corelli's Mandolin
Kazantzakis, Nikos. Zorba the Greek

Hungary

Phillips, Arthur. Prague

Ireland

Hart, Erin. Haunted Ground
Lake of Sorrows
Pearl
Gordon, Mary. Grace Notes
MacLaverty, Bernard. By the Lake
McGahern, John. The Mammy
O'Carroll, Brendan. The Music Lesson
Weber, Katharine. The Commitments
Doyle, Roddy. The Fall of Light
Williams, Niall.

Italy

Calvino, Italo. If on a Winter's Night a Traveller
Dunant, Sarah. The Birth of Venus
Forster, E.M. A Room with a View
Grisham, John. The Broker
Helprin, Mark. A Soldier of the Great War
Napoli, Donna Jo. Daughter of Venice (YA)
Ontaadje, Michael. The English Patient
Russell, Maria Doria. A Thread of Grace
Shapiro, Jeff. Renato's Luck
Tamaro, Susanna. Follow Your Heart

Kosovo

Mead, Alice. Girl of Kosovo (YA)

Norway

Fossum, Karin. Don't Look Back

Poland

Kozinski, Jerzy N. Painted Bird
Mekler, Eva. The Polish Woman
Nattel, Lilian. River Midnight
Helmreich, Helaine. The Chimney Tree

Portugal