



Curated Reading List

Books that inspire bold dreams, strong voices, and brighter futures.

At House of Être, we believe every story opens a door. This curated list is designed to spark curiosity, celebrate culture, and empower young minds through literacy. Start here—and let these pages ignite a lifetime of learning.

AFRICAN LITERATURE

Dream Count

by Chimamanda Adichie

How Beautiful We Were

by Imbolo Mbue

The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party

by Alexander McCall Smith

Americanah

by Chimamanda Adichie

Larger Than Life

by Jodi Picoult

Phenomenal Woman: Four Poems Celebrating Women

by Maya Angelou

Things Fall Apart

by Chinua Achebe

Black Girls Must Have It All

by Jayne Allen

Zikora: A Short Story

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

No Longer at Ease

by Chinua Achebe

The Sweetness of Water: A Novel

by Nathan Harris

Cradle of Lightning: A Story of Botswana

by Francine Walls

Arrow of God

by Chinua Achebe

HISTORY

African History of Africa

by Zeinab Badawi

A People's History of the United States

by Howard Zinn

Botswana - Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture

by Culture Smart! and Michael Main

Botswana: Choice and Opportunity: A Memoir 1963 to 2018

by Sandy Grant and Jan-Bart Gewald

America's Heroes and History

by Brian Kilmeade

Africa Is Not a Country

by Dipo Faloyin

1000 American History Facts and 101 True Tales

by Ahoy Publications

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Empowered Girls: Activities and Affirmations for Empowering Strong, Confident Girls

by Allison Kimmey

Girls Who Build: Inspiring Curiosity and Confidence to Make Anything Possible

by Katie Hughes

The Blue Print For Black Youth Empowerment: Organizing To Secure Our Future

by Vernon Jackson

Truth for Our Youth: A Self-Empowerment Book For Teens

by Agyei Tyehimba

Me and My Feelings: A Kids' Guide to Understanding & Expressing Themselves

by NBCT Vanessa Green Allen, M.Ed.

Tips for becoming a successful Youth

by Okwuagbala Uzochukwu Mike

Positive Affirmations for Black Kids: Thoughtful Affirmations Designed to Increase Self-Confidence, Instill Self-Esteem, Grow Resilience, and Encourage Self-Love

by Nia Simone

Youth Empowerment: Young Scholars Journal Notes

by Alexandria Hunt-Quarles

Leadership for Teens: Discover the Leader in You

by Committed Visionaries

Types of Youth Empowerment

by Uzochukwu Mike

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