



# HAITI ADVOCACY MINISTRY

## Recommended Books on Haiti-Rev. Serena Beeks

- History: Haiti: Aftershocks of History by Laurent DuBois – very readable, very balanced history of Haiti.
- Historical Fiction: All Souls' Rising, Master of the Crossroads, and The Stone That the Builder Refused, a trilogy by Madison Smartt Bell about Toussaint L'ouverture, the revolution, and the beginning of the republic. A Taste of Salt by Frances Temple.
- Social History: Uses of Haiti by Paul Farmer. Socio-medical history: Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder – the story of Paul Farmer and the founding of Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health).
- Anthropology: Life in a Haitian Valley by Melville J. Herskovits; includes a good description of the place of *Vodou* in Haitian culture.
- Kreyol (Creole) prayers: God is No Stranger by Wally Turnbull.
- Kreyol proverbs: Parol Granmoun translated by Edner Jeanty.
- Memoir: Restavec by Jean-Robert Cadet. A Wedding in Haiti by Julia Alvarez.
- Memoir/culinary culture: No Man is an Island by TiGeorges Laguerre, owner of TiGeorges Chicken, 307 Glendale Boulevard (just south of 101 freeway), Los Angeles. Delicious lunches!
- Speaking of cooking: A Taste for Haiti by Stephanie Renauld Armand.
- Journalists' views/memoirs: Best Nightmare on Earth by Herb Gold. The Rainy Season by Amy Willentz. Bon Jour Blanc by Ian Thompson.
- Fiction: Anything by Edwidge Danticat. Krik? Krak! (a book of short stories) is a good start.
- Written in Haiti: The Comedians by Graham Greene.
- Written by a person of Haitian descent: The Three Musketeers, The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas, *pere*. Dumas' father was born in Haiti to a French aristocrat and a Haitian slave. The aristocrat did not want his son to use the family name, so he used the slave's last name, Dumas, instead.
- Painted and published by someone born and raised in Haiti (then France, then the USA): Birds of America by John Jacob Audubon.
- Post-earthquake: How did the aid work/not work? Where did the money go? The Big Truck That Went By by Jonathan Katz. Haiti After the Earthquake by Paul Farmer. Haiti Now – The Now Institute.
- Post-earthquake fiction: In Darkness by Nick Lake. Dark story of a boy caught in the rubble.
- Poetry by Haitian children: Haiti My Country translated by Solange Messier.