A collection of literature, poems, entertainment, recipes, exercises, meditations, and activities that can be enjoyed at home and indoors during the quarantine, curated by the AFAM community.

ON BUDDHISM AND BLACKNESS

STREAMING NOW

JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF THE TICKET
Streaming on: Kanopy
The documentary captures on film the passionate intellect and courageous writing of a man who was born black, impoverished, gay and gifted. Baldwin was at once a major twentieth century American author, a Civil Rights activist and, for two crucial decades, a prophetic voice calling Americans, Black and white, to confront their shared racial tragedy.

QUEEN SUGAR
Streaming on: Hulu
Produced by Oprah Winfrey, award-winning filmmaker Ava DuVernay (Selma), and Melissa Carter, Queen Sugar chronicles the lives and loves of the estranged Bordelon siblings in Saint Josephine, Louisiana. Reunited by a family tragedy, the Bordelons must navigate their complicated lives in order to run an ailing sugarcane farm. The mainstream themes in the series often accompany episodes centered on racial profiling, the long reach of chattel slavery in American history and the inequities in the criminal justice system, and other issues related to African Americans.

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HILTON ALS’S HOMECOMING AND THE MARCH FOR QUEER LIBERATION
NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART: TIMOTHY DUFFY | BLUE MUSE

Ironing Board Sam (Sammie Moore), 9th Wonder of the World, Hillsboro, NC, 2015, Timothy Duffy (American, b. 1969) Tintype

VIDEO

THE ECONOMY OF INCARCERATION: RUTH WILSON GILMORE

WHY I, AS A BLACK MAN, ATTEND KKK RALLIES.

COOKING: DORO WAT

8 to 10 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon white vinegar
4 to 5 large onions, peeled and quartered
Fresh ginger (1-inch piece), peeled and grated
½ head of garlic, peeled
½ cup olive oil
1 to 2 tablespoons hot chile powder like cayenne
1 tablespoon sweet paprika
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cardamom
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon ground fenugreek
¾ teaspoon salt or to taste
Pinch of freshly ground black pepper
Injera, pita, naan or rice, for serving
Hard-boiled eggs, for serving (optional)
“Damn and blast it!” Plaquette let herself in through the showroom door of the watchmaker’s that morning to hear Msieur blustering the air of his shop with his swearing. The hulking clockwork man he’d been working on was high-stepping around the workroom floor in a clumsy lurch. It lifted its knees comically high, its body listing to one side and its feet coming down in the wrong order; toe, then heel.

The Summer King lowered his shining hand, and it fell dark. Become Cianco the man again, he stood up with Gian, and celebrations began. The hymns and holy drumbeats turned worldly, the dancing fast and loose. Everyone feasted. Long after dark, beloved hands plucked Gian mid-dance from amidst a sweaty grind of women, and he clung to Cianco as the dizzy world spun still, he’d drunk so much.

THE NIGER DELTA, OIL, AND TRUMP’S AMERICA

LESSONS FOR AMERICANS IN THE AGE OF BLACK LIVES MATTER. FROM THE NIGER DELTA’S LONG STRUGGLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

By Omolade Adunbi

TALES OF A CIVILIZED SLAVERY

BLACK BRAZILIANS HAVE TO FIGHT OFFICIAL AND POPULAR NARRATIVES HIDING THE COUNTRY’S BRUTAL AND VIOLENT LEGACY OF SLAVERY.

By Danê Jaheem Sosaba