

## Haiti Book List and Other Resources

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### Beginning Creole Language Resources:

*Light Messages Publishing:* [www.lightmessages.com](http://www.lightmessages.com). Publisher website that has numerous resources for learning Creole. I would highly recommend the book and/or CD/Workbook set, Creole Made Easy by Wally Turnbull for those just beginning with Creole. This website also sells a Creole cook book, recipes, coloring book, and book of Haitian proverbs.

*Indiana University Creole Institute:* [www.indiana.edu/~creole/](http://www.indiana.edu/~creole/). This website sells several resources for learning Creole including a great beginner course, Ann Pale Kreyol: An Introductory Course in Haitian Creole. They also have both a beginner and advanced Creole dictionary.

*Kansas University Creole Resources:* <http://www2.ku.edu/~haitiancreole/>. University website that has free downloads of books and other beginner resources for learning Creole.

### Haitian History and Culture:

Arthur, Charles. Haiti: A Guide to the People, Politics, and Culture. Massachusetts: Interlink Books, 2007. *An introductory guidebook to all things Haiti.*

Deren, Maya. Divine Horseman: The Living Gods of Haiti. New York: McPherson & Company, 1983. *A detailed anthropological study of Voodoo in Haiti.*

Dubois, Lawrence. Avengers of the New World: The Story of the Haitian Revolution. First Harvard University Press, 2005. *A dense book about the Haitian Revolution.*

Farmer, Paul. Haiti After the Earthquake. New York: Public Affairs Publish House, 2011. *A personal account of Farmer's work in Haiti after the earthquake, as well as several essays about the history and culture of Haiti.*

Farmer, Paul. The Uses of Haiti. New York: Common Courage Publications, 2005. *A somewhat dense book about Haiti's history and the history of foreign and economic policy from the U.S., Canada, and France towards Haiti.*

Girard, Philippe R. Haiti: The Tumultuous History: From Pearl of the Caribbean to Broken Nation. Palgrave Macmillian paperback edition, 2010. *An easy to read introduction to Haitian history.*

James, C.L.R. The Black Jacobins. New York: Vintage Books, 1989. *The definitive book on the Haitian Revolution.*

Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World. New York: Random House, 2003.

Robinson, Randall. An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, From Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President. New York: Civitas Books, 2007. *Tells the story of former president Jean Bertrand Aristide from a very pro-Aristide perspective.*

Trost, Margaret. On That Day, Everybody Ate: One Woman's Story of Hope and Possibility in Haiti. Hawaii: Koa Books, 2008. *A very easy to read book that tells the story of an American woman's encounter with poverty and suffering in Haiti.*

Wucker, Michele. Why the Cocks Fight: Dominicans, Haitians, and the Struggle for Hispaniola. New York: Hill and Wang, 1999. *A great book on the history of relations between Haiti and their neighbor the Dominican Republic.*

### **Children's Books**

Eyvindson, Peter. Soni's Mended Wings. Canada: Boken Wings Missions, Inc., 1999.

Lauture, Denize. Running the Road to ABC. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2000.

Myers, Walter Dean. Toussaint L'Ouverture: The Fight for Haiti's Freedom. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996.

Williams, Karen Lyn. Circles of Hope. Michigan: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2005.

Williams, Karen Lyn. Tap-Tap. New York: Clarion Books, 1994.

Wolkstein, Diane. Bouki Dances the Kokioko. New York: Gulliver Books, 1997.

Youme. Selavi: A Haitian Story of Hope. El Paso, Texas: Cinco Puntos Press, 2004.

## **Haiti News and Politics Web Sites:**

[www.belpolitik.com](http://www.belpolitik.com)

[www.haitiantimes.com](http://www.haitiantimes.com)

[www.haitian-truth.org](http://www.haitian-truth.org)

[www.1804times.com](http://www.1804times.com)

[www.ayitikaleje.org](http://www.ayitikaleje.org)

## **Haiti Blogs**

[www.kimandpatrick.blogspot.com](http://www.kimandpatrick.blogspot.com)

<http://blexi.blogspot.com/>

[www.livesayhaiti.blogspot.com](http://www.livesayhaiti.blogspot.com)

[www.goatpath.wordpress.com](http://www.goatpath.wordpress.com)