Books on the Harlem Renaissance

**General histories:**

Jervis Anderson, *This Was Harlem: A Cultural Portrait, 1900-1950*

Emily Bernard, *Carl Van Vechten and the Harlem Renaissance: A Portrait in Black and White*

Jonathan Gill, *Harlem: The Four Hundred Year History from Dutch Village to Capital of Black America*

George Hutchison, *The Harlem Renaissance in Black and White*

David Levering Lewis, *When Harlem Was in Vogue*

Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts, *Harlem is Nowhere: A Journey to the Mecca of Black America*

Allon Schoener, ed., *Harlem on My Mind: Cultural Capital of Black America, 1900-1968*

Steven Watson, *The Harlem Renaissance: Hub of African-American Culture, 1920-1930*

Cary Wintz, *Black Culture and the Harlem Renaissance*

**Sample Books and Other Materials:**

Sterling Brown, *The Collected Poems of Sterling Brown*

Countee Cullen, *Collected Poems*

Jessie Fauset, *Plum Bun: A Novel Without a Moral*

Rudolph Fisher, either a collection of his short stories, or *The Walls of Jericho*

Maureen Honey, ed., *Shadowed Dreams: Women’s Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance*

Langston Hughes, look for collected poems

Langston Hughes, *The Big Sea*

Langston Hughes, *Not Without Laughter*

Zora Neale Hurston, *Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo”*

Zora Neale Hurston, *The Complete Stories of Zora Neale Hurston*


James Weldon Johnson, *God’s Trombones* (can be found in a collection of Johnson’s poetry)

Nella Larsen, *Passing*
Nella Larsen, *Quicksand*

Alain Locke, ed. *The New Negro: Voices of the Harlem Renaissance*

Claude McKay, look for his collected poems (edited by William Maxwell), *Home to Harlem*, and even a novel recently published, *Romance in Marseilles* (written after the period, but worth finding)

Wallace Thurman, *The Blacker the Berry* and *Infants of the Spring*

Jean Toomer, *Cane*

Eric Walrond, *Tropic Death*

**Visual and Other Arts:**

The film *Against the Odds: Artists of the Harlem Renaissance* (available on Youtube)

Romare Bearden and Harry Henderson, *A History of African-American Artists, 1792 to the Present* (it has a good section on Harlem Renaissance artists)

Rudolph P. Byrd and Carl Van Vechten, *Generations in Black and White: Photographs from the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection*

Mary Schmidt Campbell, *Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America*

Richard J. Powell and David A. Bradley, eds. *Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance*

Deborah Willis-Braithwaite, *VanDerZee: Photographer, 1886-1983*