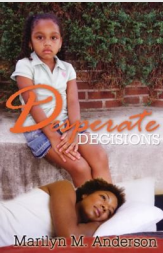


North Carolina African American Authors

Marilyn Mayo Anderson [Desperate Decisions](#) (Inspirational)



Four different women face their life decisions and the consequences of their choices in this powerful novel. Diana denounced the existence of God when she was little, but today she's living the life she always dreamed of. Diana's best friend, Kendra grew up in a sin-ridden household without a trace of God to be found, but grown, she found Christ, got married and became the virtuous First Lady of her husband's ministry. Both women are about to be shaken up when secrets from their past lives surface. —*Black Expressions*

Michele Andrea Bowen [Church Folk](#) (Inspirational)

Small-town girl Essie Lee Lane meets the man of her dreams in an unlikely encounter. Reverend Theophilus Henry Simmons is as smitten with Essie as she is with him. After they marry, they find that being the "first couple" comes with challenges from the local church and the national denomination. The secular issues of greed, sex, misconduct, money, and politics are as evident and dangerous in the church as outside.—*Booklist*



Cassandra Darden Bell [The Color of Love](#)



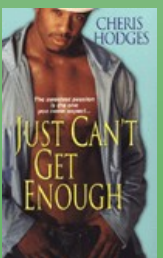
After 30 years of marriage, Greg and Rebecca Weaver take a painful look back at life as an interracial couple during the plight and passion of the Civil Rights Movement. The courtship starts during a time when it would have been more popular to murder someone than cross the "color line." Greg searches deep within himself to relate to his feelings about race relations and being married to a black woman. Rebecca, on the other shoe, tells her side of the story with all the conviction and strength of a woman with great virtue and courage. In *The Color of Love* we learn of life's trials and tribulations-faith and perseverance- and that true love and change starts on the inside and works it's way out. — *Amazon*

Sharon Ewell Foster [Abraham's Well](#)

Foster drops back to 1838 to tell the story of black Cherokees forced along the Trail of Tears. Her young heroine, Armentia, lives an idyllic life in North Carolina, but schemes for the land bring about the loathsome Indian Removal Act. Armentia watches as her brother is dragged into slavery, and then as most of her tribe, the Deer Clan, dies on the trail. Nor does Oklahoma turn out to be paradise, with Cherokees preying on Cherokees and Armentia sold into slavery. — *Booklist*



Cheris Hodges [Just Can't Get Enough](#) (Romance)



Celina Hart had security, a steady job, a predictable fiancé...and nothing that was making her truly happy. She gave it all up to gamble on her talent, and found success she'd never imagined as one of New York's hottest painters. But when she returns to her South Carolina hometown to care for her ailing father, she gets an even bigger surprise. That "bow-legged" neighbor's boy she used to play with has grown up into Darius McRae, a lawyer who gave up the D.C. fast-lane to get back to his roots. The last thing Darius was looking for was a relationship.... but Celina's sense of humor and unpretentious ways are igniting more than his passions. — *Amazon*



Evelyn Lemar [...And Then I Woke Up](#)

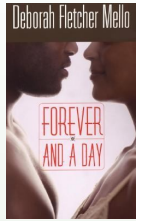


"...and then I woke up." chronicles the story of a single mom, Ericka Middleton who is stuck on neutral in a dead-end relationship with long-time boyfriend, Maurice Council who seems comfortable the way things are. Not quite ready to throw in the towel, she enlists the help of her married, platonic friend, Desmond Wright to keep her company on those lonely nights waiting for Maurice. But, when Ericka's waiting almost costs her her life, Ericka learns the importance of making things happen in her life rather than allowing life to happen around her. —

Amazon

Deborah Fletcher Mello [Forever and a Day](#) (Romance)

What starts out as a sensual game between a savvy urban talk-show host and a straight-laced professor develops into true love in this exciting and suspenseful romance. — *Powell's*



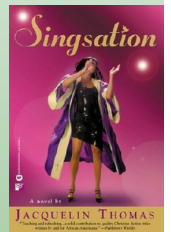
Tiphani Montgomery [The Millionaire Mistress](#)



Chasing money is all Chloe has ever known. Just when she thinks she's got it all, times get tight, and her body is put to work in the bedroom. Between sexin' married men for hire and searching for the man who would get her out the game; her life is shattered when her cousin Oshyn, pulls in a drug dealer with deep pockets. Oshyn knows her conniving cousin would do anything to walk in her shoes, so she flaunts glamorous gifts and icy diamonds, given to her by new love, Brooklyn Jones. Chloe gets senseless and resorts to desperate measures when she can't steal Brooklyn from Oshyn. When her wild sexual escapades don't work, she uses the ultimate betrayal as her weapon. But her plan is destroyed when a tragic moment happens that shocks everyone. Will Chloe look past her evil ways and change for the better, or will their fate be a replica of their dark family secret? There's a reason why their mothers are locked down and six feet under. —*Amazon*

Jacqueline Thomas [Singsation](#) (Inspirational)

Deborah Anne Peterson sings hymns at her small hometown church, but envisions herself performing in much glitzier venues. A fortuitous encounter with rap star Triage Blue gives her a chance to break into the big time. As she climbs the ladder of success and wrestles with the temptations that go with it, she wonders is this really what God wants her to do with her talent? —*Publishers Weekly*



Leceila Turnage [A Gift to the Eye and More](#)



Forty-year-old Eva Liles desires matrimony and motherhood. Though she lives in a small town a short distance from Raleigh, where she works and plays, she remains unlucky at love in a city nationally ranked among the top ten places for singles. When she meets the handsome Xavier Dupree, he seems to be her perfect mate except...he's currently incarcerated as a first time felon. When her church's most notorious gossip catches wind of her love interest, Eva has to make a choice...embrace Xavier and accept ridicule and humiliation or deny her heart the love it's always longed for. —*Publishers Weekly*

Linda Ward [High Occupancy](#)

After years of vacation-less hard work, the Tams', an idyllic blended family enjoying the home of their dreams, find life is interrupted by a home invasion. The setting is in the lovely home of this middle-class family, in Columbia MD, who suffers the ravages and drama of this intrusion. Elisa Tams, forty-ish mother of two teenagers is a bored housewife. Her husband Jake is an experienced, well thought of veteran police detective. He loves his home and was very happy to meet and marry Elisa, his second wife. He brought to their marriage his former father-in-law, Mac and little son Jeremy. Elisa and Jake have a daughter, Janelle, in common. This family nucleus must deal with the highly charged emotional trauma of a home invasion on more than one level. The events of that night fill them with the height of fear and revelation, disturbing not only the peace, but health and happiness. —*Amazon*

