



READING LIST

1) Popular

- **Mountains Beyond Mountains** (Tracy Kidder)
Tells the story of Paul Farmer, a boy brought up on a bus and in a boat, who later went to Harvard and set out on a mission to cure infectious disease in Haiti.
- **Haiti After the Earthquake** (Paul Farmer)
Takes a deeper look at post-earthquake relief efforts and analyzes which efforts succeeded and which efforts failed.

2) Historical

- **Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History** (Michel-Rolph Trouillot)
Delves into “the most successful slave revolt in history” and takes look at how power has played a role in key historical events around the world.
- **Toussaint Louverture** (Madison Smartt Bell)
An engaging biography of Toussaint Louverture, the “controversial, paradoxical leader” who led the first successful slave revolt in history and helped Haiti gain independence.
- **Avengers of the New World** (Laurent Dubois)
Tells the story of the Haitian Revolution from the points of view of slaves and free people in Haiti and highlights issues of democracy and human rights.
- **The Comedians** (Graham Greene)
A fictional but thought-provoking account of three men traveling on a ship to Haiti during a time when Papa Doc and his corrupt secret police ruled Haiti.

3) Analytical

- **Haiti: The Aftershocks of History** (Laurent Dubois)
Analyzes the root of Haiti’s current poverty and troubles and highlights “the foundation on which a new Haiti might yet emerge.



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4) Cultural

- **Dancing on Fire** (Maggie Steber)
An extraordinary book with vivid photographs capturing moments in Haiti's history where, despite the tragedy and hardship that exists, individuals still dare to smile and remain hopeful.
- **Under a Grudging Sun** (Alex Webb)
A collection of vibrant photographs that takes its audience into the heart of Haiti and shows never-before-seen sides of life.
- **Voodoo in Haiti** (Alfred Metraux)
An excellent account of the history and origin of voodoo as well as the lives and rituals of Haitian mambos and adepts.
- **Compas Direct: A Haitian Pride: The Road to Hollywood**
A book that highlights the beauty and power of Haiti's world class music.
- **Letters from the Other Side of Haiti: A Long Way Down** (Jilayna Adamson)
This book shows a different side of Haiti that is often ignored by the media. While hardship exists, the hope, joy, compassion, and contentment outshines all else.

5) Autobiographical

- **Brother, I'm Dying** (Edwidge Danticat)
The intense story of a young Haitian girl who had to make a new life in the US with her family and, from an early age, was constantly confronted with terrifying situations.

6) Inspirational

- **Heartache and Hope in Haiti: The Britney Gengel Story: Making our Daughter's Last Wish Come True** (Len Gengel, Cherylann Gengel, Gary Brozek)
The story of an American family that founded an orphanage in Grand Goave, Haiti, in honor of their daughter, a college sophomore who dreamt of opening an orphanage in Haiti but died tragically in the 2010 earthquake before carrying out her dream herself.