

“In the Kitchen” A Celebration of Black Women’s Hair

A Selected Reading List

Most of these books are available at the WRRRC Library, 104 North Hall.

Books marked with ★ are not yet available at the WRRRC but can be found at Shields Library.

Bulletproof Diva: Tales of Race, Sex, and Hair. Lisa Jones, 1994.

Good Hair: For Colored Girls Who’ve Considered Weaves When the Chemicals Became Too Ruff. Lonnice Brittenum Bonner, 1991.

Hair Matters: Beauty, Power, and Black Women’s Consciousness. Ingrid Banks, 2000. ★

Hair Raising: Beauty, Culture, and African American Women. Noliwe M. Rooks, 1996.

Hair Story: Untangling the Roots of Black Hair in America. Ayana D. Byrd & Lori L. Tharps, 2001.

Hope in a Jar: The Making of America’s Beauty Culture. Kathy Peiss, 1998.

Naked: Black Women Bare All about Their Skin, Hair, Hips, Lips, and Other Parts. Ayana Byrd & Akiba Solomon, 2005.

Nappily Ever After. Trisha R. Thomas, 2000. (fiction)

Nappy Edges. Ntozake Shange, 1972. (poetry)

Rapunzel’s Daughters: What Women’s Hair Tells Us about Women’s Lives. Rose Weitz, 2005.

Recovering the Black Female Body: Self-Representations by African American Women. Michael Bennett & Vanessa D. Dickerson, 2001.

Sheila’s Shop: Working-Class African American Women Talk about Life, Love, Race, and Their Hair. Kimberly Battle-Walters, 2004. ★

Tenderheaded: A Comb-Bending Collection of Hair Stories. Juliette Harris & Pamela Johnson, 2001.