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**Book Club, Inc.**  
**Press Packet**

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Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc.

## About Go On Girl!

### **GO ON GIRL! CLUB HISTORY**

Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc. began in 1991 when Monique Greenwood, Lynda Johnson and Tracy Mitchell-Brown, three New York City co-workers with a passion for literature, decided to turn their office chatter about the latest books by Black authors into a formal reading group for their friends. Their monthly ritual sparked a wave of interest among other Black women as New York members relocated and formed various chapters of Go On Girl! in other parts of the United States.

Today, Go On Girl! is one of the largest, national book clubs for African-American women with more than 300 members in several states including New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, Illinois, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas and the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Go on Girl! is a highly organized group ruled by a mission statement, bylaws and two governing bodies including a National Board comprised of Chapter Facilitators and an Executive Committee that oversees such areas as event planning, membership, parliamentary issues and more.

Go On Girl! is a legally-incorporated, non-profit organization whose key mission is to support the creation and publication of quality literature by authors of Black African descent. Each month, members of Go On Girl! read, discuss and provide feedback to both publishers and authors about the titles featured on the annual book list.

### **GO ON GIRL! BOOK LIST**

The Go On Girl! Book List is developed by the **National Reading Committee** and contains works in the following genres: mystery, autobiography/biography, novel, short story collection, historical fiction, social commentary, science fiction/fantasy, international, popular fiction, new author, classic, and anthology. Members of the National Reading Committee research new titles through various sources including publishers, authors, publicists and the internet. For more information on the Go On Girl! Book List and National Reading Committee please contact Paulette Campbell at [pwcampbell@earthlink.net](mailto:pwcampbell@earthlink.net).

### **GO ON GIRL! WRITING AWARDS**

Since its inception, Go On Girl! has been a strong supporter of programs that honor new writing talent. In the early-1990's, GOG was one of the first groups to underwrite the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation's prestigious writing award. In 1999 and 2000, Go On Girl! created The **Unpublished Writer** and **Scholarship** awards to recognize emerging talent, the first to adult, amateur scribes and the second to students enrolled at historically black colleges. Winners are given monetary prizes and special recognition at the Go On Girl! Annual Awards Weekend. Some award recipients have attracted the attention of agents or publishers while others simply gained the confidence to continue pursuing their dream. For more information on the Go On Girl! Writing Awards please contact Pat Houser at [pathouser@aol.com](mailto:pathouser@aol.com).

## **JR. GO ON GIRL!**

Go On Girl! maintains a constant, visible presence in the African-America community through the work of local chapters. Group members read to the elderly in senior citizens homes, visit children in hospitals, donate books to prisons and women shelters, and more. One of the greatest areas of community service is seen in the work with young people through **Jr. Go On Girl!** Created for young girls to encourage good reading habits, Jr. Go On Girl! mirrors GOG in operation with monthly book discussions and feedback to publishers and authors. Jr. Go On Girl! members develop the book list with the approval of their parents and hosting GOG chapters. For more information on Jr. Go On Girl! please email your request to: [GOGBookClub@goongirl.org](mailto:GOGBookClub@goongirl.org)

## **GO ON GIRL! NATIONAL ARCHIVES REPOSITORY**

The life of Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc. is documented through its letters, programs, pictures, posters, newsletters, and other materials housed at the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature. The Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection is located in the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library in South Chicago. The collection is home of the original works of Arna Bontemps, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Margaret Walker, Zora Neale Hurston and others. These materials provide a roadmap for future generations of African-Americans wishing to start a literary organization and mark Go On Girl's! place in literary history beside notable figures. For more information on the **Go On Girl! National Archives Repository** please contact Evalyn Hamilton at [goghhistory@aol.com](mailto:goghhistory@aol.com).

## **GO ON GIRL! BOOK CLUB GUIDE FOR READING GROUPS**

April 1999 marked the publication of **The Go On Girl! Book Club Guide for Reading Groups** (Hyperion). Written by the organization's three founders, the guide takes a historic look at the Go On Girls, the book club tradition in the African-American community and the literary contributions (by genre) of writers of African descent. The Go On Girl! Book Club Guide for Reading Groups also showcases 15 of the authors who have been honored by GOG over the years. Excerpts from these authors' latest works are accompanied by questions designed to stimulate a book discussion. The book features provocative interviews with the authors, as well as an entire section on starting and sustaining a reading group.

Go On Girl is an eclectic group of women with various educations, lifestyles and professions. They are mothers, college students, entrepreneurs, grandmothers who come together each month, bonded by the love of good books.

To learn more about the Go On Girl! Book Club, visit our website at [www.goongirl.org](http://www.goongirl.org).



## Mission Statement

- ❑ **To expand the members' personal literary experience by:**
  - Reading quality works written by authors of Black African descent
  - Reading a selection of titles that vary in genre from new and classic fiction to science-fiction/fantasy and mystery to social commentary and history to autobiographies/biographies
  
- ❑ **To encourage responsible writing and publishing of literature written by people of Black African descent by:**
  - Providing book reviews and letters of encouragement to authors and publishers
  - Presenting recognition awards for outstanding literary works
  - Purchasing books preferably from African-American booksellers
  - Supporting literary events
  - Making group investments towards worthy literary endeavors
  
- ❑ **To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas and opinions by:**
  - Having monthly book discussions
  - Networking with other book clubs and literary organizations
  
- ❑ **To expose the Black African Diaspora to literature written by people of Black African descent by:**
  - Sponsoring Junior Go On Girl! book clubs for young girls
  - Hosting/sponsoring literary events on our own or jointly with other organizations and institutions
  - Sponsoring/supporting Community Literacy Projects
  
- ❑ **To strengthen the world community's recognition of literature written by people of Black African descent by:**
  - Partnering with media outlets to showcase Go On Girl! book selections, discussions, and events in print, radio and television
  - Maintaining a comprehensive website that features the complete list of Go On Girl! book selections and award winning authors



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## Reading List

(Current)

### 2005

#### January

*Little Scarlett*.....Walter Mosley  
Mystery

#### February

*Success Never Smelled So Sweet: How I Followed  
My Nose and Found My Passion*..... Lisa Price, Hilary Beard  
Autobiography/Biography

#### March

*The Second Life of Samuel Tyne*..... Esi Edugyan  
Novel

#### April

*Passing Through*..... Colin Channer  
Short Story Collection

#### May

*The Full Matilda: A Novel*.....David Haynes  
Historical Fiction

#### June

*Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women In America*..... Charisse Jones,  
Social Commentary Kumea Shorter-Gooden

### 2004

#### January

*The Emperor of Ocean Park*.....Stephen L. Carter  
Mystery

#### February

*Book of African American Women: 150 Crusaders*..... Tonya Bolden Rhodes  
Autobiography/Biography

#### March

*Getting Mother's Body*.....Suzan-Lori Parks  
Novel

**April**

*The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart*.....Alice Walker  
Short Story Collection

**May**

*Hottentot Venus: A Novel*.....Barbara Chase-Riboud  
Historical Fiction

**June**

*Don't Play in the Sun: One Woman's Journey*  
*Through the Color Complex*.....Marita Golden  
Social Commentary

**July**

*American Desert: A Novel*.....Percival Everett  
Science Fiction/Fantasy

**August**

*The Dew Breaker*.....Edwidge Danticat  
International

**September**

*Bling: A Novel*.....Erica Kennedy  
Popular Fiction

**October**

*Shifting Through Neutral*.....Bridgett M. Davis  
New Author

**November**

*The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*..... James Weldon Johnson  
Classic

**December**

*Shaking the Tree: A Collection of Fiction and Memoir by Black Women*... Meri Nana-Ama Danquah (Editor)  
Anthology



## The Go On Girl! Book Club Library

(Titles read since the club's inception)

### 2003

*Dancing on the Edge of the Roof*

*Douglass' Women*

*The Condemnation of Little B*

*Color of Justice*

*Waiting for an Angel*

*Portable Promised Land: Stories*

*Sittin' in the Front Pew*

*My Daddy Was a Number Runner*

*Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston*

*Never Forget the Bridge That Crossed You Over*

*Mojo: Conjure Stories*

*Lion's Blood*

**Sheila Williams**

**Jewell Parker Rhodes**

Elaine Brown

Gary Hardwick

Helon Habila

Touré

Parry "EbonySatin" Brown

Louise Merriwether

Valerie Boyd

Adriene Pickett

Nalo Hopkinson, Editor

Steven Barnes

### 2002

*The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks*

*Every Tongue Got To Confess: Negro Folktales From the Gulf States*

*The Future Has a Past: Stories*

*The Fall of Rome: A Novel*

*Justus Girls*

*Destined To Witness: Growing Up Black In Nazi Germany*

*Black No More: A Novel*

***Finding Fish***

*Shades of Jade: A Novel*

*Making Callaloo: 25 Years of Black Literature*

***Harlem Redux***

*All I Need*

Randall Robinson

Zora Neale Hurston

J. California Cooper

Martha Southgate

Evelyn "Slim" Lambright

Hans Massaquoi

George Schuyler

**Antwone Q. Fisher**

Gloria Mallette

Charles Henry Rowell, Editor

**Persia Walker**

Jacquie Bamberg Moore

### 2001

*Whatever Happened to Daddy's Little Girl?*

***Bruised Hibiscus***

*Sin in Soul's Kitchen*

*The Chaneyville Incident*

*Chocolate Thoughts*

*Kismet: A Story of Love, Friendship, Obsession & Fate*

*Iron Shadows*

*On Her Own Ground: The Life & Times of Madam C.J. Walker*

*Dark Matter: A Century of Speculative Fiction from the African Diaspora*

*The Blacker the Berry*

***Church Folk***

***Cane River***

Josetta Rose Barras

**Elizabeth Nuñez**

Andrew Oyefesobi

David Bradley

S. James Guitard

Dawn Knight

Steven Barnes

A'Lelia Bundles

Sheree R. Thomas

Wallace Thurman

**Michele Andrea Bowen**

**Lalita Tademy**

## 2000

*No Time to Die: A Mali Anderson Mystery*  
*Mis-Education of The Negro*  
*Slapboxing with Jesus*  
***The Coldest Winter Ever***  
*Black Picket Fences: Privilege & Peril Among the Black Middle Class*  
*The True History of Paradise: A Novel*  
***Sugar***  
*Jubilee*  
*Men Cry in the Dark*  
*Spooks, Spies and Private Eyes: Black Mystery Crime & Suspense*  
*Midnight Robber*  
*Kinship: A Family's Journey in Africa & America*

## 1999

***What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day***  
*The Black Panther Party Reconsidered*  
*Grand Central Winter*  
*The Silent Cradle*  
*On The Air: The Best of Tavis Smiley on the Tom Joyner Morning Show*  
*With Ossie & Ruby: In This Life Together*  
*The Bluelight Corner: Black Women Writing on Passion, Sex & Romance*  
*The Harris Men*  
*Parable Of The Talents*  
*Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*  
*The Lady, Her Lover And Her Lord*  
***The Spook Who Sat By the Door***

## 1998

*Straight, No Chaser: How I Became A Grown Up Black Woman*  
***The Seasons of Beento Blackbird***  
*The Best of Simple*  
*Between Each Line of Pain & Glory: My Life Story*  
*Keep Still: A Marti Macalister Mystery*  
*Honey Hush: An Anthology Of African-American Women's Humor*  
*A Shining Thread of Hope: The History of Black Women In America*  
*Caucasia*  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
*In The Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want*  
***My Soul to Keep***  
*Dorothy Dandridge: A Biography*

Grace Edwards  
Carter G. Woodson  
Victor D. Lavalle  
**Sister Souljah**  
Mary Patillo-McCoy  
Margaret Cezair-Thompson  
**Bernice L. McFadden**  
Margaret Walker  
Michael Baisden  
Paula L. Woods  
Nalo Hopkinson  
Phillipe E. Wamba

**Pearl Cleage**  
Charles Jones  
Lee Stringer  
Margaret Cuthbert  
  
Tavis Smiley  
Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee  
  
Rosemarie Robotham  
R.M. Johnson  
Octavia E. Butler  
Juan Williams  
T.D. Jakes  
**Sam Greenlee**

Jill Nelson  
**Akosua Busia**  
Langston Hughes  
Gladys Knight  
Eleanor Taylor Bland  
Daryl Cumber Dance  
Darlene C. Hine, Kathleen Thompson  
Danzy Senna  
James Baldwin  
Iyanla Vanzant  
**Tananarive Due**  
Donald Bogle

## 1997

*Big Girls Don't Cry*  
*Nappy: Growing up Black and Female in America*  
*Ain't Gonna Be the Same Fool Twice*  
*The Wedding*  
*Some Love, Some Pain, Some Time*  
*Don't Block the Blessings: Revelations of a Lifetime*  
***Tumbling***  
*Gone Fishin'*  
*The Hand I Fan With*  
*He Say, She Say*  
*Only Twice I've Wished For Heaven: A Novel*  
***Tryin' To Sleep In the Bed You Made***  
Grant

Connie Briscoe  
Aliona L. Gibson  
April Sinclair  
Dorothy West  
J. California Cooper  
Patti LaBelle, Laura B. Randolph  
**Diane McKinney Whetstone**  
Walter Mosley  
Tina McElroy Ansa  
Yolanda Joe  
Dawn Turner Trice  
Virginia DeBarry, Donna

## 1996

*The Good Negress*  
*Why Should White Guys Have All the Fun*  
*And This Too Shall Pass: A Novel*  
*How Stella Got Her Groove Back*  
*A Little Yellow Dog*  
*Knowing*  
*Black Lies, White Lies: The Truth According to Tony Brown*  
***Good Hair***  
***Where Evil Sleeps***

A.J. Verdelle  
Reginald F. Lewis, Blair S. Walker  
E. Lynn Harris  
Terry McMillan  
Walter Mosley  
Rosalyn McMillan  
Tony Brown  
**Benilde Little**  
**Valerie Wilson Wesley**

## 1995-1996

*Serpent's Gift*  
***Sisters & Lovers***  
***Chesapeake Song***  
*Brothers & Sisters*  
*Laughing In the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color*  
*Black Empire*  
*Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World*  
*Brotherman: Odyssey Of Black Men In America*  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
*When Death Comes Stealing*  
*Sally Hemmings: A Novel*  
*In The Company of My Sisters*

Helen Elaine Lee  
**Connie Briscoe**  
**Brenda Lane Richardson**  
Bebe Moore Campbell  
Patrice Gaines  
George Schuyler  
Marita Golden  
Herb Boyd, Editor  
Maya Angelou  
Valerie Wilson Wesley  
Barbara Chase-Riboud  
Julia A. Boyd

## 1994-1995

***Volunteer Slavery: My Authentic Negro Experience***  
*Ugly Ways*  
*Urban Romance: A Novel of New York in the 80's*  
***Coffee Will Make You Black***  
*The Sweeter the Juice: A Family Memoir in Black and White*  
*Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*  
Hearth

**Jill Nelson**  
Tina McElroy Ansa  
Nelson George  
**April Sinclair**  
Shirlee Taylor Haizlip  
Elizabeth & Sarah Delany, Amy

***Parable of the Sower***

*The Rage of the Privileged Class*

***Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America***

*The Souls of Black Folk*

*Falling Leaves of Ivy*

*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

**1993-1994**

*Yearning: Race, Gender and Cultural Politics*

***Your Blues Ain't Like Mine***

*And Do Remember Me*

*One Dark Body: A Novel*

*Dust Tracks on a Road: An Autobiography*

*Joy*

*Buppies, B-Boys, Baps & BoHos: Notes on Post-Soul Black Culture*

***Nouvelle Soul***

*Sasafrass, Cypress & Indigo: A Novel*

*Kindred*

*A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story*

*A Lesson Before Dying*

**1992-1993**

*The Street*

***Bailey's Cafe***

***Blanche on the Lam***

*Jazz*

*High Cotton*

*1959: A Novel*

*Double Stitch: Black Women Write about Mothers & Daughters*

*Memory of Kin: Stories about Family by Black Writers*

*Waiting To Exhale*

*Invisibility Blues: From Pop to Theory*

*Wild Seed*

*Autobiography of Jim Brown*

**1991-1992**

*Lucy: A Novel*

*Breaking Ice: An Anthology of African-American Literature*

*Devil in a Blue Dress*

*The Isis Papers*

*Black Ice*

*Heart of a Woman*

*Middle Passage*

*The Matter Is Life*

*The Content of Our Character: A New Vision of Race in America*

*A Measure of Time*

*Baby of the Family*

(Bold = Award Winners)

**Octavia E. Butler**

Ellis Cose

**Nathan McCall**

W.E.B. DuBois

Yolanda Joe

Harriet A. Jacobs

bell hooks

**Bebe Moore Campbell**

Marita Golden

Charlotte Watson Sherman

Zora Neale Hurston

Marsha Hunt

Nelson George

**Barbara Summers**

Ntozake Shange

Octavia E. Butler

Elaine Brown

Ernest J. Gaines

Ann Petry

**Gloria Naylor**

**Barbara Neely**

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Terry McMillan

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Maya Angelou

Charles Johnson

J. California Cooper

Shelby Steele

Rosa Guy

Tina McElroy Ansa



Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc.

## The Go On Girl! Author Awards Celebration

Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc. recognizes contributions in the creation and publication of quality works of literature by Black authors at its annual Author Awards Celebration.

Every December, members vote on which writers from that year's reading list will receive the coveted awards for **Author of the Year** and **Best New Author**. Additional honors such as **Lifetime Achievement** and **Special Recognition** are given to those who have made significant contributions in the writing, publishing, marketing and distribution of quality books for and about Black people. All prizes are awarded at the annual Author Awards Celebration the following May/June.

The first awards ceremony took place in 1993, at Royston's Jazz Club in Brooklyn, NY. It was a one-night affair with **Gloria Naylor (*Bailey's Café*)** on hand as the Author of the Year. Go On Girl! has honored a number of writers since that time including **Bebe Moore Campbell (*Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*)**, **Sonia Sanchez (*Special Recognition*)**, **Octavia Butler (*Parable of the Sower*)**, **Valerie Wilson Wesley (*Where Evil Sleeps*)**, and **Antwone Fisher (*Finding Fish*)** to name a few.

That one-night event in 1993 has evolved into a weekend celebration that takes place in a different Go On Girl! state each year. In 2005, Go On Girl! will venture outside the United States for the first time to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Members and guests will stay at the beautiful Wyndham Rose Hall Resort and Country Club for four days of island fun that includes an evening cruise, family and friend's mixer, awards dinner, farewell breakfast and more.

In 2006, the Go On Girl! celebration will take place in Sedona, Arizona and in 2007, the festivities will travel to Cleveland, Ohio.

Highlights from several key award celebrations include:

- **2003** – The Annual Awards Celebration returns to New York, the birthplace of Go On Girl! Author of the Year honoree **Persia Walker (*Harlem Redux*)** travels from her home in Munich, Germany to accept her award.
- **2001** - Go On Girl! celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence in Richmond, Virginia. Weekend highlights include a masquerade party in which members dressed as their favorite book characters and our first Author's Parlor featuring more than 50 writers. The Go On Girl! Scholarship Award is presented for the first time.
- **2000** – Go On Girl! presents its first award to a male, author **Sam Greenlee (*The Spook Who Sat by the Door*)** in Chicago. Mr. Greenlee flew in from Ghana to claim his prize at a special luncheon. The Go On Girl! Unpublished Writer's Award is presented for the first time.

For more information on the Go On Girl! Author Awards Celebration please contact Linda Davis-Morris at [LDMJamaica@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LDMJamaica@sbcglobal.net).

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**Award Winners**

**2003 Winners – 12th Annual Ceremony, Charleston, South Carolina - June 4th to 6th 2004**

Author of the Year.....Jewell Parker Rhodes.....*Douglass' Women: a Novel*  
New Author:.....Sheila Williams.....*Dancing on the Edge of the Roof*  
GOG Unpublished Writer.....Djuana Brockington

**2002 Winners – 11th Annual Ceremony, Brooklyn, New York – May 30th to June 1st 2003**

Author of the Year.....Persia Walker.....*Harlem Redux*  
New Author.....Antwone Q. Fisher.....*Finding Fish*  
Lifetime Achievement.....Maya Angelou, Distinguished Writer/Poet  
Special Recognition.....Howard Dodson, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture  
Una Mulzac, Liberation Book Store

**2001 Winners – 10th Annual Ceremony, Indianapolis, Indiana May 31 to June 2, 2002**

Author of the Year.....Elizabeth Nuñez.....*Bruised Hibiscus*  
New Author (co-winner).....Michelle Andrea Bowen.....*Church Folk*  
New Author (co-winner).....Lalita Tademy.....*Cane River*  
Special Recognition.....Marie Evans, Distinguished Writer/Educator  
Donna Stokes, Black Xpressions Bookstore & Gallery  
GOG Unpublished Writer.....Sue Williams  
GOG Scholarship Award.....Carla Gerton

**2000 Winners – 9th Annual Ceremony, Richmond, Virginia – June 1st to 3rd 2001**

Author of the Year.....Sister Souljah.....*The Coldest Winter Ever*  
New Author.....Bernice L. McFadden.....*Sugar*  
Lifetime Achievement.....Paule Marshall, Distinguished Writer  
GOG Unpublished Writer.....Sharon Foster  
GOG Scholarship Award.....Nicole Alexander

**1999 Winners – 8th Annual Ceremony, Chicago, Illinois – June 2nd to 4th 2000**

Author of the Year.....Sam Greenlee.....*The Spook Who Sat By the Door*  
New Author.....Pearl Cleage.....*What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day*  
Lifetime Achievement.....Gwendolyn Brooks, Distinguished Writer/Poet  
Special Recognition.....Vivian G. Harsh Collection of Afro-American History & Literature  
African American Images, Publishing Company  
Afrocentric Bookstore, Retailer  
Books Ink, Book Distributor  
GOG Unpublished Writer.....Tara Owens Baldrige

**1998 Winners – 7th Annual Ceremony, Seattle, Washington – May 21st to 23rd 1999**

Author of the Year.....Tananarive Due.....*My Soul to Keep*  
New Author:.....Akosua Busia .....*The Seasons of Beento Blackbird*  
Special Recognition.....Charles Johnson, Distinguished Writer  
Mona Lake Jones, Poet  
Elliott Bay Book Company  
Mary Lott, Bookseller

**1997 Winners – 6th Annual Ceremony, Largo, Maryland – May 29th to 31st 1998**

Author of the Year.....Diane McKinney-Whetstone .....*Tumbling*  
New Author.....Virginia DeBerry, Donna Grant.....*Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made*  
Lifetime Achievement.....Dorothy West, Distinguished Writer/Poet  
Special Recognition.....The Black Classic Press

**1996 Winners – 5th Annual Ceremony Newark, New Jersey – May 30th to June 1st 1997**

Author of the Year.....Valerie Wilson Wesley .....*Where Evil Sleeps*  
New Author.....Benilde Little.....*Good Hair*  
Special Recognition.....The New Jersey Orators

**1995 Winners – 4th Annual Ceremony, St. Louis, Missouri, May 24th to 26, 1996**

Author of the Year.....Brenda Lane Richardson.....*Chesapeake Song*

New Author.....Connie Briscoe.....*Sisters & Lovers*

Special Recognition .....Future Literary Scholars

**1994 Winners – 3rd Annual Ceremony, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – May 19th to May 21, 1995**

Author of the Year.....Octavia Butler .....*Parable of the Sower*

New Author.....April Sinclair .....*Coffee Will Make You Black*

Special Recognition.....Sonia Sanchez, Distinguished Writer/Poet

**1993 Winners – 2nd Annual Ceremony, Washington, D.C. – April 29th to May 1st, 1994**

Author of the Year.....Bebe Moore Campbell .....*Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*

New Author:.....Jill Nelson .....*Volunteer Slavery*

Publisher of the Year.....Noble Press

Special Recognition.....Time-Life Books, *Voices of Triumph Series*  
Jubilee Yearbooks, *Birth of Christ*

**1992 Winners – 1st Annual Ceremony, Brooklyn, New York – May 15, 1993**

Author of the Year.....Gloria Naylor .....*Bailey's Cafe*

New Author.....Barbara Neely.....*Blanche on the Lam*  
Barbara Summers.....*Nouvelle Soul*

Publisher of the Year .....Beacon Press



# Jamaica 2005

"GOG . . . JAMMIN' IN JAMAICA"

Thursday, May 19, 2005 - Sunday, May 22, 2005

## ADVERTISEMENT JOURNAL CONTRACT

Go on Girl! Book Club, Inc. will be hosting the 13th Annual Author Award Weekend Conference at the Wyndham Rose Hall in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

We are asking for your support by placing an advertisement in our conference souvenir journal. The advertisement journal will be distributed at the award banquet.

Please take a moment to fill out the information below and attach a copy of your ad to be inserted in our journal. You may use a business card, or any message you wish to convey.

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