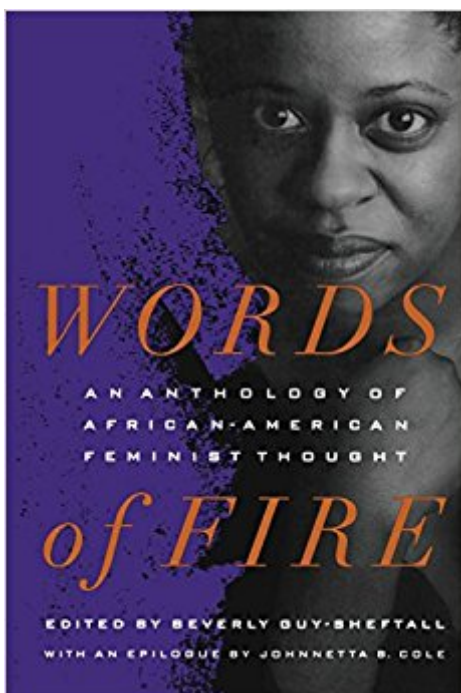


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# Words Of Fire: An Anthology Of African-American Feminist Thought



## Synopsis

The first major anthology to trace the development, from the early 1800s to the present, of black feminist thought in the United States, *Words of Fire* is Beverly Guy-Sheftall's comprehensive collection of writings, in the feminist tradition, of more than sixty African American women. From the pioneering work of abolitionist Maria Miller Stewart and anti-lynching crusader Ida Wells-Barnett to the writings of contemporary feminist critics Michele Wallace and bell hooks, black women have been writing about the multiple jeopardies—racism, sexism, and classism—that have made it imperative for them to forge a brand of feminism uniquely their own. List of Contributors: Margaret Walker Alexander Sadie Tanner Mosell Alexander Frances Beale Shirley Chisholm Cheryl Clarke Pearl Cleage Johnnetta B. Cole Patricia Hill Collins The Combahee River Collective Anna Julia Cooper Angela Davis Alice Dunbar-Nelson Julia A.J. Foote Amy Jacques Garvey Paula Giddings Jacquelyn Grant Patricia Haden Evelyn Hammonds Lorraine Hansberry Frances Ellen Watkins Harper Elizabeth Higginbotham Darlene Clark Hine bell hooks Claudia Jones June Jordan Gloria Joseph Florynce "Flo" Kennedy Deborah K. King Linda La Rue Audre Lorde Tracye Matthews Elise Johnson McDougald Donna Middleton Gertrude Bustill Mossell Pauli Murray Barbara Omolade Barbara Ransby Beth E. Richie Patricia Robinson Barbara Smith Maria Miller Stewart Ula Taylor Mary Church Terrell Pauline Terrelonge Sojourner Truth Alice Walker Michele Wallace Mary Ann Weathers Ida Wells-Barnett E. Frances White Margaret Wilkerson

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Beverly Guy-Sheftall is the Anna Julia Cooper Professor of English and Women's Studies at Spelman College and the founding director of the Women's Research & Resource Center. She is also one of the founding co-editors of *Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women*. Her previous publications include *Who Should Be First?: Feminists Speak Out on the 2008 Presidential Campaign* (co-edited with Johnnetta B. Cole) and *Still Brave: The Evolution of Black Women's Studies* (co-edited with Frances Smith Foster and Stanlie M. James).

There is a huge difference in the process and practice of being a 'black' feminist. It is not comfortable for women who are not of color to grasp the entire experience. Not mad in my statements. Not pointing fingers. This is an outstanding way to get to know what is being said on this side of the color line. Really.

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*Words of Fire* is a collection I had to have on my shelf. The wealth of information contained between the pages of this book promises to bring years of rewarding reading, historical reflection, and self empowerment to every woman of color for years to come!

This book is a wonderful collection of black feminist writing. It is more of a quick background on each writer, but it definitely is a great guide for anyone- new or not- to the topic. It was provoking, critical, and absolutely authentic. I had Dr. Guy-Sheftall sign the book for me and she is an absolutely amazing woman who is very strong in her beliefs. Absolutely fantastic. Buy it.

Excellent readings!

The anthology is an amazing collection of texts that one would have to work very hard to gather. It documents the range of Black feminist thought and even includes essays that concern philosophy. The range of issues and the historical breadth make the anthology an invaluable tool for anyone who is grappling with feminism and how Black women have constituted themselves in relation to this movement.

This is a comprehensive (as of this moment), collection of essays, talks, and articles by African-American women. I needed to purchase this for a class, and will be keeping it. It shows Black women in conversation with each other over time, at certain points agreeing, and others not, but always smart. Love it!

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