Reading List for Influential Black Londoners

H= Available at : <http://www.londonlibraries.gov.uk/hackney/>

**General**

H P. Fryer, *Staying Power: The History of Black People in Britain* (1984).

H  *The Oxford Companion to Black British History*, ed. D. Dabydeen, J. Gilmore and C. Jones, (Oxford, 2005).

*The Image of the Black in Western Art*, ed. D. Bindman and H.L. Gates (New ed., 2010).

H *Black Africans in Renaissance Europe*, ed. K.J.P Lowe and T.F. Earle (Cambridge, 2005).

D. Northrup, *Africa's Discovery of Europe, 1450-1850* (Oxford, 2002).

I. Habib, *Black Lives in the English Archives, 1500-1677: Imprints of the Invisible* (2008).

H G. Gerzina, *Black London: life before emancipation* (1995).

H K. Chater, *Untold Histories: Black people in England and Wales during the period of the British slave trade c. 1660-1807*

H N.I. Matar, ***Islam in Britain 1558-1685* (Cambridge, 1998).**

H Ramdin. R., *Reimaging Britain: 500 Years of Black and Asian History* (1999).

H Visram, R., *Asians in Britain: 400 Years of History* (2002).

H S. Sandhu, *London calling: how Black and Asian writers imagined a city* (2003)

**Individual figures**

All of our Londoners, except John Blanke and the Lascars have entries in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography,* Online edition[http://www.oxforddnb.com/]

John Blanke

Miranda Kaufmann’s blog: <http://www.mirandakaufmann.com/3/post/2012/11/john-blanke-and-the-more-taubronar-renaissance-african-musicians-at-peckham-library.html>

Some original documents: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/blanke.htm>

Video clip for teachers: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/john-blanke-the-black-trumpeter/3642.html>

Ignatius Sancho

His letters: Sancho, I., *Letters of the Late Ignatius Sancho, an African* (1782) ed. Carretta, V., (1998).

Biography: R. King, S. Sandhu, J. Walvin, & J. Girdham, *Ignatius Sancho an African Man of Letters* (1997).

Francis Barber

H Novel: D. Dabydeen, *Johnson's Dictionary* (Peepal Tree Press, 2013).

Francis’s descendant’s book: Cedric Barber, *Slaves, Sinners and Saints: A true story of the Barber family over three centuries* (2008)

Dido Elizabeth Belle

G. Adams, ‘Dido Elizabeth Belle: A Black Girl at Kenwood’, *Camden History Review* 12 (1984), pp. 10-13.

S. Minney, ‘The Search for Dido’:  *History Today,* 55, 10. October 2005,

pp. 2-3.

On Lord Mansfield’s famous slavery cases:

- S.E. Wise, *Though the Heavens May Fall: the landmark trial that led to the end of human slavery* (NY, 2005).

H - J. Walvin, *The Zong: A Massacre, the Law and the End of Slavery* (2011)

George Bridgtower

Biography: C.D. Panton, *George Augustus Polgreen Bridgetower, violin virtuoso and composer of color in late 18th-century Europe.*  (NY, 2005).

Fiction:

- F.G. Williams, *The Abyssinian prince; The true life story of George Polgreen Bridgetower* (2001).

H - Rita Dove, *Sonata Mulattica: Poems* (2009) –to be made into a film for 2014.

Olaudah Equiano

H Autobiography: Equiano, E., *The Interesting Narrative of the life of Olaudah Equiano or Gustavus Vassa, the African* (1789) (various editions).

Biographies:

H - V. Carretta, *Equiano, the African: Biography of a Self-Made Man* (Athens, GA, 2005)

H - J. Walvin, *An African’s Life: the Life and Times of Olaudah Equiano* (2000).

Mary Seacole

H Autobiography: M. Seacole, *The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands* (Penguin, 2005).

Biographies:

H - R. Ramdin, *Mary Seacole: Life and Times* (2005)

H J. Robinson, *Mary Seacole: the charismatic black nurse who became a heroine of the Crimea* (2005)

Lascars

H R. Visram, *The Story of Indians in Britain 1700-1947: Ayahs, Lascars and Princes*(1986).

M. H. Fisher *Counterflows to colonialism: Indian travellers and settlers in Britain 1600-1857* (2004)

H D. Mahomet, *The Travels of Dean Mahomet: An Eighteenth-Century Journey Through India*, ed. M.H. Fisher (1997)

**Online Resources**

*Black Presence: Asian and Black History in Britain, 1500-1850* The National Archives, Exhibitions and Learning Online [http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/]

Black and Asian Londoners’ Database, *London Metropolitan Archives*

[<http://www.learningzone.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataonline/lz_baproject.asp>]

*Black and Asian people discovered in records held by the Manuscripts Section,* Guildhall Library Manuscripts Section*:* [http://www.history.ac.uk/gh/baentries.htm]

*Black Europeans, a British Library Online Gallery feature by guest curator Mike Phillips:* <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/features/blackeuro/> (includes Bridgetower and Coleridge-Taylor)