Black Playwrights in Britain in Print

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The following bibliography lists the work of those black i.e. African-Caribbean and Asian playwrights whose work has been published - and in most cases produced - in Britain. Where the publisher's name given below (e.g. Faber or Aurora Metro) is followed by a second date this indicates that the publication date differs substantially from the first production date, which usually appears in brackets with the producing company. Where a writer is based primarily in Britain though African (Biyi Bandele) or American by birth (Bonnie Greer), or has been substantially produced or formerly based in Britain though they may now be resident in the US or the Caribbean, they have been included in the listings of Black British playwrights e.g. Edgar White. All books should be assumed to be published in London unless otherwise indicated. Year and country of birth of playwright is given, where known, next to their name. The bibliography is regularly updated on: www.susan.croft.btinternet.co.uk

This bibliography forms a small part of a much larger project to collect information and documentary material - scripts, publicity, programmes - on any black (British or otherwise) playwright produced in Britain, which is being developed by the Theatre Museum as part of its strategy better to document Black theatre in Britain from the earliest times to the present day. If you would like a copy of the extensive bibliography of produced and published plays or could contribute details or documentary evidence of productions or hard-to-find publications, please contact:

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