



About the Genre

Urban fiction, also known as *hood books*, *urban lit*, *street lit*, *gangsta lit*, and *ghetto lit*, initially gained success by word of mouth promotion within the African American community and has since grown to mainstream success.

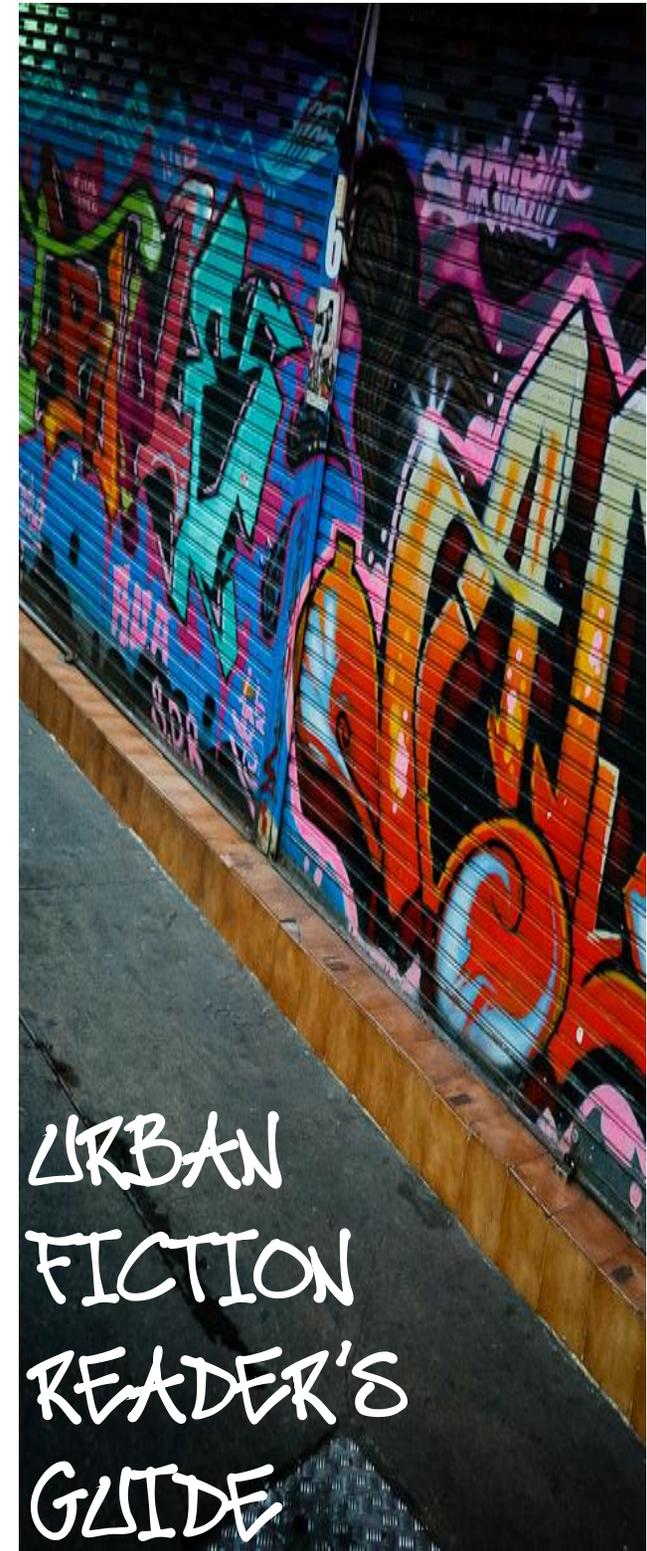
Urban fiction is usually set on the harsh streets of American cities. Protagonists who are pimps, prostitutes, gangsters, drug dealers, and hustlers of both genders dominate the genre. These books may contain violence, profanity, slang, and erotic scenes. Realism is central to the genre and the most successful writers are adept at capturing the essence of the streets.

The genre originated with convicted felons who wanted to tell their stories of dangerous dealings with money, sex, and murder. Incarcerated inmates would pen these novels as cautionary tales of how they survived the inner city streets. Pioneers of the genre include Iceberg Slim, a former pimp, and Donald Goines, who wrote his first novel while in prison.

Urban Fiction Authors

E.V. Adams
Ashley & JaQuavis
Treasure E. Blue
Tracy Brown
Sasha Campbell
Chunichi
Wahida Clark
De'nesha Diamond
Kia Dupree
Donald Goines
Brenda Hampton
Erica Hilton
LaJill Hunt
Anna J.
Kenji Jasper
Solomon Jones
Dwayne S. Joseph
Aliya S. King
K'wan
Miasha
Meesha Mink
Noire
Eric Pete
Daaimah S. Poole
Nisa Santiago
Sapphire
Devon Scott
Iceberg Slim
Sister Souljah
Vicki M. Stringer
Kiki Swinson
T.I.
Nikki Turner
Unique
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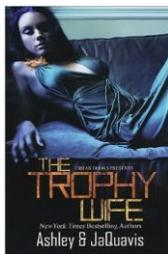


Darling Nikki

by E.V. Adams

The Trophy Wife

by Ashley & JaQuavis



Keyshia and Clyde

by Treasure E. Blue

Snapped

by Tracy Brown

Scandals

by Sasha Campbell

The Streets Keep Calling

by Chunichi



Payback Ain't Enough

by Wahida Clark

Heartbreaker

by De'nesha Diamond

Damaged

by Kia Dupree

Black Girl Lost

by Donald Goines

Full Figured 5: Plus Size Divas

by Brenda Hampton



“The cemetery is where a young hustla go to retire, and prison is where he goes to grow old.”

**— Nikki Turner
Heartbreak of A Hustler's Wife**

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Wifey: From Mistress to Wifey

by Erica Hilton

Drama Queen

by La Jill Hunt

The Aftermath

by Anna J.

Dark

by Kenji Jasper



Pipe Dream

by Solomon Jones

Truth or Dare?

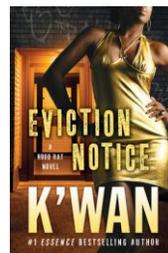
by Dwayne Joseph

Diamond Life

by Aliya S. King

**Eviction Notice:
A Hood Rat Novel**

by K'wan



Diary of a Mistress

by Miasha

Real Wifey's Get Money: An Urban Tale

by Meesha Mink

Natural Born Liar

by Noire

Crushed Ice

by Eric Pete

Another Man Will

by Daaimah S. Poole

Bad Apple: The Baddest Chick

by Nisa Santiago

Push

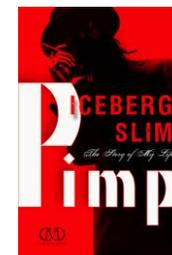
by Sapphire

Obsessed

by Devon Scott

Pimp

by Iceberg Slim



The Coldest Winter Ever

by Sister Souljah

Dirty Red

by Vickie M. Stringer

A Gangster and a Gentleman

by Kiki Swinson

**Power & Beauty: A Love Story
of Life on the Streets**

by T.I.

Relapse

by Nikki Turner

Cheaper to Keep Her

by Unique

At the Court's Mercy

by KaShamba Williams

Dutch

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