

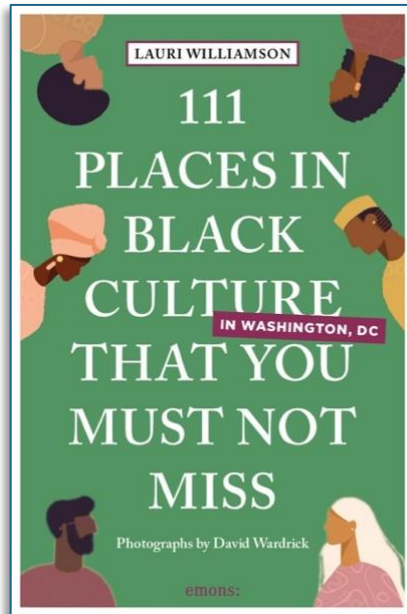
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New Guidebook Explores Black Culture in the American Capital



Washington, DC: Heritage, culture, and community are some of the themes in *111 Places in Black Culture in Washington, DC That You Must Not Miss*. This guidebook offers new and unique ways to explore the US capital city.

Author Lauri Williamson set out on a quest to find places in the nation's capital that represent the experience of Black Americans. "My aim was to shine a light on important people and stories in Black history," says Williamson. "But I also wanted to draw a broader picture of the innovators, creatives, entrepreneurs, chefs, shopkeepers, and shoemakers who are the pillars of culture in the Black community and the entire Washington, DC area today."

Part of the international *111 Places* guidebook series for locals and experienced travelers, this guidebook reveals the very spots where enslaved people set out on a valiant escape towards freedom, where Americans fought for civil rights, and where many individuals followed their dreams and made lasting social and economic contributions to the city and the nation. Rosa Parks' retreat on O Street, the home of abolitionist, author, and orator Frederick Douglass at Cedar Hill, and a park dedicated to the Father of Black History Carter G Woodson are among the many places and stories in this book associated with Black luminaries.

Williamson also highlights local gems in the city today, such as DC Sweet Potato Cake and Everyday Sundae for irresistible treats, both owned and operated by Black entrepreneurs. The Anacostia Community Museum has offered insights into urban community life for over 50 years. On the creative scene, Art of Noize hosts unique film, music, and art events in Petworth. *Black Last Supper*, a sculpture by Akili Ron Anderson, was lost for decades and discovered behind a wall in 2019 at the Studio Acting Conservatory. Allegory at the at the Eaton Hotel offers cocktails from inside an experiential art installation of Alice's Wonderland through the eyes of Ruby Bridges.

"I thought I had seen everything in Washington," says photographer David Wardrick. "But this project took me to many places I had no idea even existed."

111 Places in Black Culture in Washington, DC That You Must Not Miss will be released on June 19, 2024, a tribute to the Juneteenth federal holiday. It is now available for pre-orders and wholesale orders from bookstores and online wherever books are sold.

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