



A recent book discussed by SANKOFA Reading group is Angie Thomas' debut novel, *The Hate U Give*. They met Tuesday, March 20 in the home of Angela D. Stewart to discuss *The Hate U Give* and explore the complex topics raised in the book. In attendance were Gwendolyn Chess, Irene German, Meredith C. McGee, Dr. Shanna Smith, Angela D. Stewart and Monica Stewart Wilson. Other books that have been discussed are Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me* and Dwayne Smith's thriller *40 Acres*.

SANKOFA Reading Group empowers women through exploring literature

JANS – Sankofa teaches us that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward. That is, we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated.

Founded in April 1998 by Angela D. Stewart, SANKOFA Reading Group is an auxiliary

of Women For Progress of Mississippi, Inc. The SANKOFA Reading Group seeks to engage its members in stimulating discussions of works of fiction, biography, poetry, and non-fiction.

Some past activities include C. Liegh McInnis leading a stimulating SANKOFA Reading Group's discussion on Richard Wright's *Black Boy*; POETRY UNPLUGGED: Poetry Celebration in honor of National Poetry Month; participated in the JSU Campus

Reading Community's discussion of *The Souls of Black Folk* by W. E. B. Du Bois and Carter G. Woodson's *Mis-Education of the Negro*; discussion of Chinua Achebe's novel, *Things Fall Apart* and food demonstration by Nigerian native Chioma Anosike; and a Black Panther dinner and movie event.

The next book selection is *Queen Sugar* by Natalie Baszile. For further information contact: astew44032@aol.com or 601-331-2410.

Dr. Wilma Clopton was recently presented the For My People Award during the 23rd Annual Margaret Walker Center awards ceremony at Jackson State University where honorees were recognized for their faithful commitment to the public preservation of African-American history and culture. In addition, she was also honored with the distinction of being named a Living Legends Award recipient at the 2018 Young, Gifted & Empowered Awards ceremony held at Jackson Prep for the positive impact and contributions she has made within Mississippi and beyond. "I am so thrilled that I have found the medium of film as a form of artistic expression, which also combines my passion for research," says Dr. Clopton. "As I chase these Mississippi ideas and concepts, I do so because we all deserve to know the truth! Receiving recognition for what I do is indeed such an honor. I cannot begin to really verbalize or phantom that my efforts are deemed to have this magnitude of importance. I am truly humbled by these honors. They inspire in me the courage to continue." Pictured: Dr. Joyce Ladner (left) and Dr. Wilma Clopton with their For My People Awards.



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