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Screenplay collection

1934-2001

Sc MG 668

Summary

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Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by author or title.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American screenwriters
Authors, Black

Genre/Physical Characteristic

screenplays
Television scripts

Names

Angelou, Maya
Baldwin, James, 1924-1987
Haley, Alex
Lee, Spike
Pryor, Richard, 1940-2005
Singleton, John, 1968-2019

Container List

- b. 1 *Addica, Milo and Will Rokos. Monster's Ball* 2001
- b. 1 *American Documentary films in cooperation with the Black Panther Party. Huey!*
- b. 1 *Amos 'n' Andy* 1950
- b. 1 *Angelou, Maya. Sister, Sister* ca. 1979-1982
- b. 1 *Anonymous. Gentlemen from Harlem*
- b. 1 *Baldwin, James and Arnold Perl. Malcolm X* ca. 1968-1972
Photocopy of 3rd draft.
- b. 1 *Batten, Mary. Pulling Switches*
- b. 1 *Beatty, Warren and Jeremy Pikser. Bulworth* 1997
- b. 1 *Bella, James and Willis Goldbeck. Captain Buffalo* 1959
- b. 1a *Batten Tony. The Other American Revolution, 1939-1968* ca. 1982
- b. 2 *Bernstein, Arnyan and Dan Gordon. The Hurricane* ca. 1999
Autographed by Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, Denzel Washington, and authors.
- b. 2 *Black, John D. F. Shaft* 1971
Adapted from Ernest Tidyman's novels. Screenplay cowritten by Tidyman but only Black's name appears on this copy.
- b. 2 *Blackwell, Charles and Sidner Poitier. Gala Performance* 1979
- b. 2 *Bochco, Steven. Dear John*
- b. 2 *Brooks, Mel. Black Bart* 1975
- b. 2 *Brooks, Richard. Something of Value* 1956
- b. 2 *Brown, Michael Henry. Dead Presidents* 1995
Bufford, Takashi
- b. 3 *Set It Off* 1993
- b. 3 *Without Peer: The Tiger Woods Story* 1997
- b. 3 *Burnett, Charles. To Sleep with Anger* 1990
- b. 3 *Cherry, Angela. Evolution in Ebony*
- b. 3 *Chertok, Jack. Our Gang Follies* 1939
- b. 3 *Clarke, Shirley and Carl Lee. The Cool World* 1963
- b. 3 *Colick, Lewis. Ghosts of Mississippi* 1996
- b. 3 *Conselman, William. The Little Colonel* 1934
- b. 3 *Cooper, Barry Michael (written by) and Thomas Lee Wright (based on original screenplay, Nicky, by). New Jack City* 1991
- b. 4 *Cundieff, Rusty. House Party II* 1991
Cutler, Ron. *Willie Dynamite* 1973
- b. 4 *Davis, Ossie. For Us, the Living* 1983
- b. 4 *Elkins, Hillard. Golden Boy* 1963
- b. 4 *Fanning, Nathaniel. Nothing but the Blood*
- b. 4 *Franzoni, David, Diana Hammond, and Charles Shyer. Jumpin' Jack Flash* 1985
Fuller, Charles
- b. 4 *A Soldier's Play* ca. 1981

Fuller, Charles (cont.)

- b. 4 *Arnie (An American Love Story)*
- b. 4 *Fuller, Samuel J. and Curtis Hanson. White Dog* ca. 1982
- b. 5 *George, Nelson and Chris Rock with Bob Locash. Cell Block 4* 1992
- b. 5 *Gottlieb, Carl. Which Way Is Up* 1977
- b. 5 *Guare, John. Six Degrees of Separation* 1993
- Haley, Alex
 - b. 5 *Queen, parts 1-3* 1991-1992
Three separate scripts.
 - b. 5 *Roots Christmas: Kunta Kinte's Gift* 1988
Called *Roots: The Gift* when it aired.
 - b. 5 *Dean, Phillip Hayes. Acres of Diamonds*
 - b. 5 *Herch, Eddy Gilbert. Fisher's Hornpipe*
- b. 5a *Howard, Gregory Allen. Remember the Titans* ca. 2000
- b. 5a *Hudlin, Reginald. House Party* ca. 1990
- b. 6 *Jack Benny Radio Show* 1938 October 30-November 13
Includes two scripts for two Sunday episodes.
- b. 6 *Johnson, David C. and Butch Robinson with David Taylor. Drop Squad* ca. 1994
- b. 6 *Kamara, David K. Song of the Future*
- b. 6 *King, Woodie. Beast of Harlem* ca. 1982
- b. 6 *Lardner, Ring, Jr. The Greatest*
- Lee, Spike
 - b. 6 *Do the Right Thing* 1989
 - b. 6 *Jungle Fever* 1991
 - b. 6 *Mo' Better Blues* 1990
 - b. 6 *She's Gotta Have It* 1986
- b. 7 *Lerner, Gerda and Carl. Black Like Me* ca. 1964
- b. 7 *Magnoli, Albert. Purple Rain* 1984
- b. 7 *Marconi, David. Enemy of the State* 1997
- b. 7 *Maxwell, Richard. The Serpent and the Rainbow* 1988
- b. 7 *McMillan, Terry and Ron Bass. Waiting to Exhale* 1995
- b. 7 *Meyjes, Menno. Moon Song*
- b. 8 *Murphy, Eddie. Harlem Nights* 1989
- b. 8 *Osborn, Royce, Jr.. Geniuses Together*
- b. 8 *Palcy, Euzhan. A Dry White Season* 1989
- b. 8 *Parks, Gordon. The Learning Tree* 1969
- b. 8 *Poitier, Sidney and Jason Starks. The Ramsey Girls* 1983
- b. 8 *Price, Richard. Clockers* 1995
- Pryor, Richard
 - b. 9 *Family Dream* 1979
 - b. 9 *Untitled new movie* 1981
 - b. 9 *Raymond, Dalton S. and Morton Grant. Uncle Remus* ca. 1946
Released as *Song of the South*.

- b. 9 *Riesner, Dean. Fatal Beauty* 1986
- b. 9 *Rose, Williams. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* 1967
- b. 9 *Rubin, Bruce Joel. Deep Impact* 1997
- b. 9 *Rubin, Ronald. Don't Look Back: The Story of Leroy 'Satchel'* 1980
- b. 10 *Schrank, Joseph. Cabin in the Sky* 1942
- b. 10 *Schumacher, Joel. The Wiz* 1978
- b. 10 *Sheffield, David and Barry Blaustein. Coming to America* 1988
- b. 10 *Simon, Neil. California Suite* 1978
- Singleton, John
- b. 10 *Boyz n the Hood* 1991
- b. 10 *Higher Learning* 1995
- b. 10 *Poetic Justice* 1993
- b. 10 *Smith, Bobby, Jr. Jason's Lyric* 1994
- b. 10 *Smith, Robert. St. Louis Blues* 1958
- b. 10a *Spielberg, Steven. Amistad*
- b. 11 *Steinberg, Ziggy. Another You* 1990
- b. 11 *Stewart, Douglas Day. An Officer and a Gentleman* 1982
- b. 11 *Sylvester, Robert. The Joe Louis Story* 1953
- b. 11 *Townsend, Robert. The Meteor Man* 1993
- b. 11 *Twain, Norman. Lean on Me (revised)* 1998
- b. 11 *Twist, John. Band of Angels* 1957
- b. 11 *Urbisci, Robert, Paul Mooney, and Richard Pryor. Jo Jo Dancer, Your Life Is Calling* 1986
- Van Peebles, Melvin
- b. 12 *Greased Lightning* 1976
- b. 12 *Panther* 1994
- b. 12 *Washington, Denzel. Antwone Fisher* 2001
- b. 12 *Wayans, Damon. Blankman* 1993
- b. 12 *Wayans, Shawn, Marlon Wayans, and Phil Beaman. Don't Be a Menace to South Central while Drinking Your Juice in the Hood* 1994
- b. 12 *Weston, Mark. Pershing*
- b. 12 *Williams, Tyger. Menace II Society* 1993
- b. 12 Unknown, untitled script
- b. 13 *Zagor, Michael. The Josephine Baker Story, parts 1-2* 1988
Two separate scripts for parts 1 and 2.
- b. 13 *Zwick, Edward. Glory* 1989
Three scripts total: general, master English dialogue list, and master English subtitle/spotting list.