



Hello

United California African-American Book Clubs (UCAAB) was founded in 2003 as a means for African-American book clubs in California to network, support, promote our reading groups, black-owned independent bookstores, and the authors we love to read. Many of us live, work, and meet in the same area, but rarely do we get a chance to come together as ONE!

UCAAB is our way of officially creating and sustaining a cohesive environment that celebrates each member's (book club or individual) uniqueness, encourages community bonding, embraces fellowship, and supports the literary contributions of authors of African descent.

One of the primary goals of UCAAB is to bring book lovers and authors together on the West Coast. To accomplish this, UCAAB hosts its annual **"Fall into Fiction"** (FIF) literary event. This is just one of the things UCAAB does to capture the attention of publishers so they will include California on all of their authors' book tours. With your support and assistance, the continued success of FIF will be a major step in the achievement of this goal.

UCAAB believes that every individual will bring a specific dynamic to the group, which will aid in accomplishing the mission and goals of this organization.

UCAAB is looking for positive individuals who wish to make a difference in the literary world with an emphasis on authors of African descent. If you would like to join UCAAB to help make it the best West Coast book club consortium, please take a moment to fill out the application. Completed applications should be submitted to the Membership Coordinator at ucaabmembership@gmail.com. If you have any further questions, send an email to ucaabbookclubs@yahoo.com.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank you for your interest in UCAAB.

Regards,

UCAAB Membership Coordinator

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ELIGIBILITY

This club is open to all individuals residing in California and book clubs in the state of California that promote the literary contributions of authors of African descent. This support includes, but is not limited to, club membership, book selections, and/or hosting/attending events. Any club or individual wishing to join will have to fill out an application and pay dues. Membership is open-ended and granted throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Individual Membership – \$35

Book Club Membership – \$125

DUES

Membership fees are due on January 31 of each year. A new member's dues are payable at the time of membership approval and on January 31 each subsequent year. Membership dues are not prorated. If a book club's or individual's membership is revoked or the book club or individual chooses to leave, dues will not be refunded. Each book club or individual member is responsible for a bounced check and the fees associated with it.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of UCAAB are held monthly via conference call. Any member can submit items for the agenda. UCAAB members are responsible for attending monthly meetings regularly. If any member misses **three** meetings in a row without a valid reason, as determined by UCAAB membership, the member's membership will be brought before UCAAB members for determination of membership revocation. For this reason, UCAAB allows any person within a book club's membership or a designated proxy for an individual member to attend meetings. UCAAB also meets in-person annually or as determined by current membership. Location, duration, and meeting content will be determined by the membership by majority vote.



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Membership Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE ZIP	
CONTACT NUMBER	
E-MAIL	

CLUB BACKGROUND (if applicable)

NAME OF CLUB	
LOCATION (CITY)	
MEMBERSHIP COUNT	
CO-ED	YES NO
YEAR ESTABLISHED	
DUES PAYING CLUB?	YES NO
MEETING FREQUENCY	MONTHLY SEMI-MONTHLY

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

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CLUB INFORMATION

These questions are asked to gauge your participation and commitment level. Not all individuals will have the time to actively participate because of obligations to their book clubs. UCAAB is aware of book club obligations and understands and supports its members' commitment to their respective book clubs.

The goal is to ensure UCAAB is maximizing everyone's strengths and fulfilling the mission of the organization.

What made you or your book club interested in joining UCAAB?

In what way are you or your book club able to contribute to the success of UCAAB?

In what way are you or your book club able to contribute to the success of "Fall into Fiction?"

If you are a member of a book club, how can UCAAB support your book club?