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HAITIAN HISTORY, POLITICS, ECONOMICS:

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This book is definitely a tome, but is perhaps the most complete and authoritative history of Haiti in English.

From Dessalines to Duvalier: Race, Colour and National Independence in Haiti David Nicholls, (1995)

Another good general history of Haiti.

**The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution* C.L.R. James, (1989)

A Classic account of the Haitian slave revolution of 1791-1803, written from a Marxist perspective.

**Haiti: State Against Nation—The Origins and Legacy of Duvalierism* Michel-Rolph Trouillot, (1990)

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**The Rainy Season: Haiti Since Duvalier* Amy Wilentz, (1989)

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**The Uses of Haiti* Paul Farmer, (2003, updated)

A Chomsky-like analysis of the exploitation of Haiti by the US with emphasis on post-Duvalier period.

**Why the Cocks Fight: Dominicans, Haitians, and the Struggle for Hispaniola* Michele Wucker, (2000)

An exploration of the historical and present-day cultural divide between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Walking on Fire: Haitian Women's Stories of Survival and Resistance Beverly Bell, Edwidge Danticat, (2001)

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**Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* Tracy Kidder; (2003)

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**Restavec: From Haitian Slave Child to Middle-Class American* Jean-Robert Cadet, (1998)

Cadet recounts the story of his youth as a restavec as well as his climb to middle-class American life.

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The Drum and the Hoe: Life and Lore of the Haitian People Harold Courlander, (1993)

A broad overview of Haitian culture, including, but not limited to Voodoo. The appendices include songs, games, and proverbs.

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A balanced summary of traditional Haitian religion placed in Haiti's recent

historical context.

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The Farming of Bones Edwidge Danticat, (1999)

A novel from a young and widely-praised Haitian American woman, based on historical events of the massacre of thousands of Haitians in the Dominican Republic in 1937.

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A Classic critique of our common assumptions of the causes of hunger in a recently updated edition.

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A critique of economic practice and the narrowness of the traditional economic theory.

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An excellent collection of essays offering a critique of the central claims of the dominant economic theory.

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An Excellent analysis of the Third World crisis.