

2004 Summer Reading List: Hip-Hop Fiction

"A genre of fiction known variously as "street lit," "ghetto lit," "urban lit" or "hip hop lit" has begun registering impressive sales, catching the attention of the publishing industry. Previously sold as typewritten photocopies on street corners, these pulp-fiction books now appear in slick paperbacks available in bookstores and online."

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