

Black History 365

May: The Negro Motorist Green Book (also, The Negro Travelers' Green Book, or Green Book) was a travel guide for African Americans created by Victor Hugo Green, an American postal employee and travel writer from Harlem, New York. The guidebook was published annually from 1936 to 1966.

Readings



The Negro Motorist Green Book

Take a look at the Library of Congress entry for the Green Book. You can download a PDF of the book to see what the 1946 publication looked like.



Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America

Author Candacy Taylor shares the history of the Green Book and the horrible problem the Green Book was meant to solve in this nonfiction book.



The Watsons Go to Birmingham

This classic children's novel by Paul Curtis tells the story of a Black family traveling to the South. Find it here.

FUN FACT

The legendary performer and vocal powerhouse Tina Turner was born as Anna Mae Bullock in Nutbush, Tennessee. Overcoming immense personal challenges, she went on to establish a successful solo career that spanned decades, making her one of the best-selling recording artists of all time. Tina Turner passed away at the age of 83 in May 2023.



Multimedia

- Driving the Green Book Podcast
- Smithsonian Institution: The Negro Motorist Green Book



Movies / Streaming

- The Green Book
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham



TV / Videos

- Visiting Historic Green Book Locations (Full Episode) | Black Travel Across America
- How the "Green Book" Helped Black Motorists Travel Safely



Jams

- Route 66 (Nat King Cole)
- Green Book (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)