

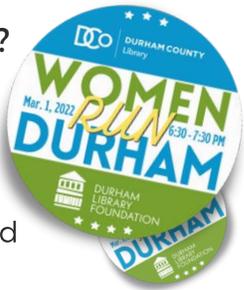
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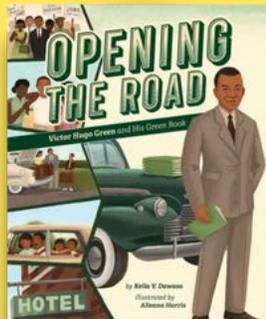
### MAIN LIBRARY'S INNOVATION LAB?

Check out Main Library's STEAM Unit in the Innovation Lab to see what they have to offer and kick-off the celebration of Women's History Month leading into March by creating decorative custom buttons February 23-26, 2022, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Pre-made buttons will also pop up at other library locations!



## CHECK IT OUT

for free from the library!



Opening the Road: Victor Hugo Green and His Green Book

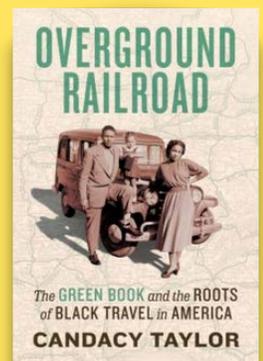
By Keila V Dawson

A nonfiction picture book about *The Green Book*, a travel guide for African Americans during segregation, and the man who wrote it.

Overground Railroad

By Candacy A. Taylor

The first book to explore the historical role and residual impact of the Green Book, a travel guide for black motorists. Published from 1936 to 1966, the Green Book was hailed as the "black travel guide to America."



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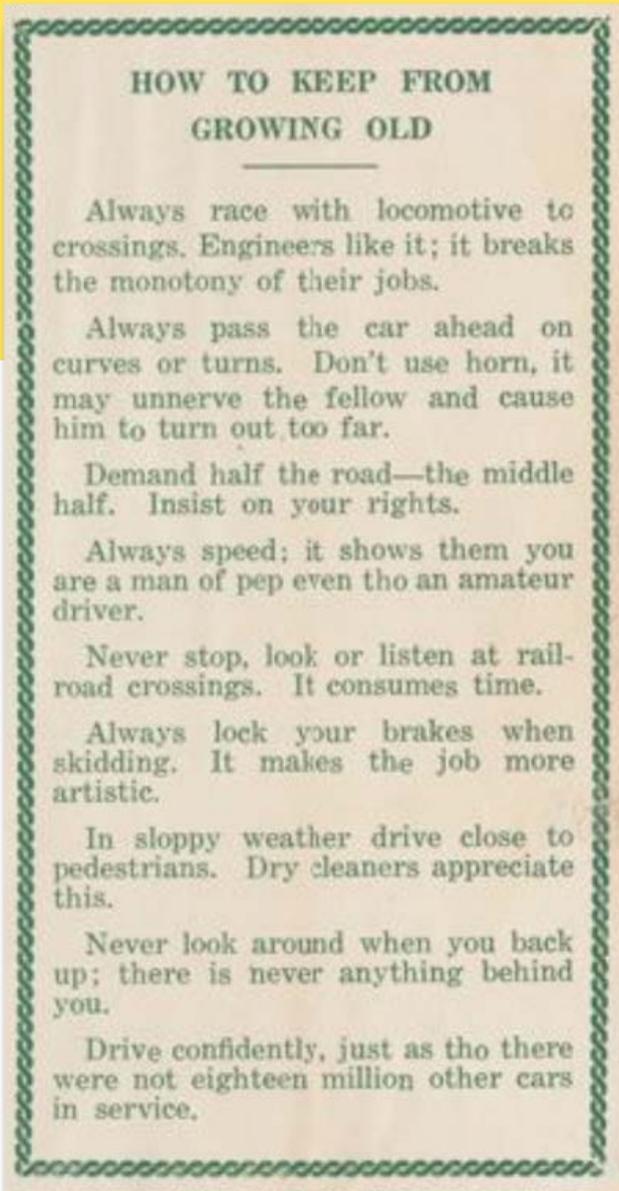
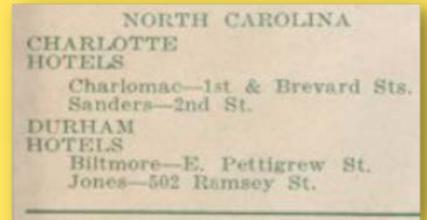
# AT STAKE

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH & THE GREEN BOOK

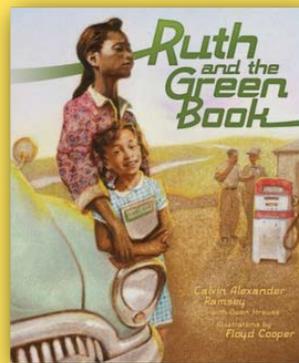
During segregation and the Jim Crow era in the United States, though all travelers were allowed to cross the country using the highways and roads, travel was dangerous for African Americans. It could put their lives and dignity at stake. Many travelers weren't allowed into businesses, hotels, restrooms, and more. Published from 1936-1966, Victor

Hugo Green's **The Negro Motorist Green Book** provided a life-changing travel guide for African American travelers. Later known as **The Negro Traveler's Green Book** (1952) and **The Travelers' Green Book** (1960) this travel guide listed places that were safe to patronize, visit, and stay.

**Durham** first appeared in the 1938 edition with listings for places to stay including hotels and tourist homes. The following year Durham's listing increased to include service stations, restaurants, and beauty parlors. To learn more about the crucial role **The Green Book** played in history and explore **Durham Green Book listings**, visit the NC African American Heritage Commission at <https://aahc.nc.gov/green-book-project>.



**A Bit of Cautionary Humor for Motorists**  
Excerpt from *The Negro Motorist Green Book*:  
1937 (NY Public Library Digital Collections)

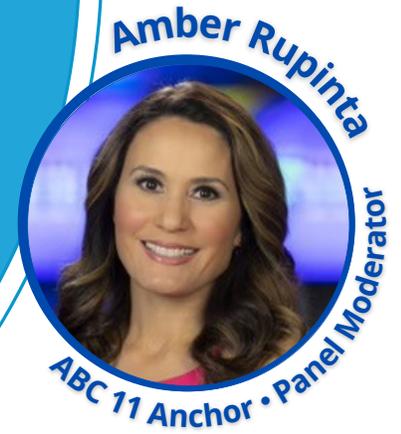


# RUTH AND THE GREEN BOOK

BY CALVIN A. RAMSEY

Coming soon! Join author Calvin A Ramsey and Bragtown Branch Library for a virtual author visit discussing **Ruth and the Green Book** as well as Durham's unique place in the historic Green Books, and more. Check [durhamcountylibrary.org](http://durhamcountylibrary.org) for when and how to log in. This is a family occasion!

# WOMEN ★ ★ ★ RUN ★ ★ ★ DURHAM



**MARCH 1, 2022 • 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Durham is making history once again during this significant time of female leadership! Hear directly from prominent leaders during a dynamic discussion on reaching this point and what the future may hold.

Durham County Library with support from the Durham Library Foundation, invites you to join this momentous event celebrating Women's History Month!



**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

Event is free & open to EVERYONE, but seating is limited. Details on how to register and save your seat are coming soon!

*\*mask & screening required to attend event*

