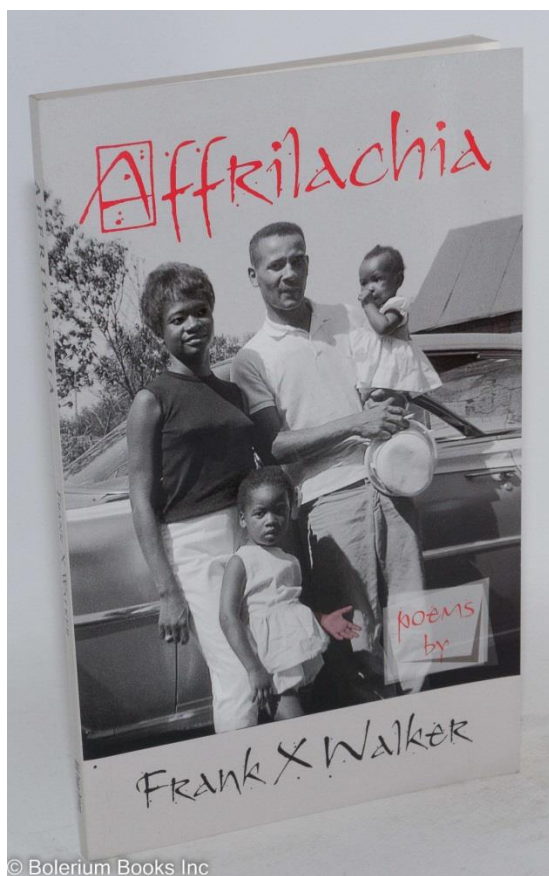


Welcome to [Radio Bristol Book Club](#) where readers from BCM and the [Bristol Public Library](#) come together each month to celebrate and explore books inspired by our region's rich Appalachian cultural and musical heritage! We invite you to read along and then listen to [Radio Bristol](#) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon when we dig deep into the themes and questions raised by the books, learn more about the authors, and celebrate the joys of being a bookworm!

In his debut poetry collection, Frank X. Walker created the term Affrilachian to identify the unique intersection of Appalachian and African American experiences. Walker's poems tell the story of growing up young, black, artistic, and male in Kentucky. The book has been widely recognized as a foundational work of the Affrilachian Poets, a community of writers offering new ways to think about diversity in the Appalachian region and beyond.



Frank X. Walker was born in Danville Kentucky. He is now a professor of English at the University of Kentucky. He is a founding member of the Affrilachian Poets and a former Kentucky poet laureate. He created the word Affrilachian to make visible often overlooked black experience in Appalachia. In addition to *Affrilachia* has published several poetry collections including; *Buffalo Dance: The Journey of York*, *Black Box: Poems*, *When Winter Come: The Ascension of York*, and *Isaac Murphy: I Dedicate This Ride*.



Please make plans to join us on **Thursday, June 22 at 12:00pm** for our discussion of *Affrilachia*. You can find us on the dial at 100.1 FM, [streaming live on Radio Bristol](#), or via the Radio Bristol app. The book is available at the Bristol Public Library, so be sure to pick up a copy and read it ahead of time. The librarians will be happy to help you find it! We look forward to exploring this book on-air, and if you have thoughts or questions about the book that you would like to share with our readers, you can email info@birthplaceofcountrymusic.org (Subject line: Radio Bristol Book Club) – your book insights might appear on air with us!

Looking ahead: Our book pick for July is *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson; we'll be discussing it on **Thursday, July 22, 2023**. Check out a full list of the books we have read in 2023 [here](#), where you can also listen to archived shows.

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