

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND WRITINGS BY DREW LANHAM
The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature
By J. Drew Lanham
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If you would like more insight into Drew Lanham, we suggest the following resources:

Bartram's Living Legacy: The Travels and Nature of the South by William Bartram; Dorinda G. Dallmeyer, ed. (Mercer University Press, 2010)

Pennsylvania Quaker William Bartram traveled through the American South from 1773-1777 to collect plants and seeds, and he made drawings of the living things he saw along the way. His book about his travels has become a classic and is presented here accompanied by essays from modern Southern nature writers. In "Bartram on Blacktop," Lanham compares Bartram's horseback travels in his native South Carolina piedmont to his own nature-seeking wanderings in his pickup truck. He says that "Like Bartram, I want to know the secrets that lie beyond the plainly visible."

Behind the Binoculars - With Drew Lanham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eomGJ5BkYo>

Brief video (5 minutes) of Drew Lanham hosting a bird-watching excursion in Maryland. It is a terrific example of his personal philosophy of injecting caring into his work.

Drew Lanham: Hope Is the Thing With Feathers | Birds of North America Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MEn5QwdloE>

In this episode of the online series hosted by Jason Ward, Drew and Jason discuss Drew's work and ideas while, of course, bird watching. Interesting brief profile of Drew Lanham that illustrates themes that appear in *The Home Place*. (5 minutes)

Rules for the Black Birdwatcher by Drew Lanham.

<https://orionmagazine.org/article/9-rules-for-the-black-birdwatcher/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4thb2zGuOnU>



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In *The Home Place* chapter “Birding While Black,” Drew writes about being a birder and black in the United States. He has written about and been interviewed on this topic elsewhere. Two examples are included here. Both could be useful for conversation starters in book groups or to learn a bit more about Drew.

Sparrow Envy: Poems by J. Drew Lanham (Hub City Press, 2019)

This slender book is a collection of Lanham’s poems and (very) short prose. Birds and nature landscape are the dominant themes for these small, tender works with Lanham writing in a softer, more delicate style. Interesting to see Lanham’s artistic range and give voice to small moments.

This is Love Podcast – Episode 22: Prairie Warbler

<https://thisislovepodcast.com/episode-22-prairie-warbler/>

In this podcast interview Lanham talks about his childhood and what precise bird galvanized his path professionally and personally as a birder.

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