

I have these little literary scenes and memories that are too small for an essay or book, but perfect for this format. Just the right size for literary friends and not the general public. I'll post them from time to time as I remember them in no order of importance.

For example, here's literary memory #1: Sometime in the early 80s I think, I was in LA and Ishmael Reed was there. He called me and invited me to a party organized by George Clinton and the Funkadelics in honor of Ishmael. He didn't tell me that it was a black tie affair or as the Funkadelics put it, a "Tie Black Affair." I arrived in pants and a sweater. I was so underdressed, but George Clinton insisted I be up on the stage with Ishmael. Of course, if you go to any event with the Funkadelics, you're going to be underdressed!

Literary memory #2: If you have a copy of Ishmael Reed's novel, "Mumbo Jumbo," my picture is in the book