List of Abbreviations

BFS  
By the Light of My Father’s Smile.

Breaking  

CP  
The Color Purple.

Crystal  
No Crystal Stair: Visions of Race and Sex in Black Women’s Fiction.

Feminist  
Black Feminist Criticism: Perspectives on Black Women Writers.

Feminist  
Feminist Theory from Margin to Center.

GC  
The Third Life of Grange Copeland.

NOH  
Now is the Time to Open Your Heart.

MD  
Meridian.

PSJ  
Possessing the Secret of Joy.

SMG  
In Search of Our Mothers’ Gardens.

Southern  
The Southern Women Writers: The New Age.

TF  
The Temple of My Familiar.

WBH  
The Way Forward is with a Broken Heart.

Women  