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Nikki self-published her first book *Black Feeling, Black Talk/Black Judgement* in 1969, selling 10,000 copies; William Morrow published in 1970. Known for its iconic revolutionary phrases, it is heralded as one of the most important volumes of modern African-American poetry and is considered the seminal volume of Nikki's body of work.

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In *The Women and the Men* (Morrow 1975), Nikki displays her compassion for the people, things and places she has encountered—She reveres the ordinary and is in search of the extraordinary.

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