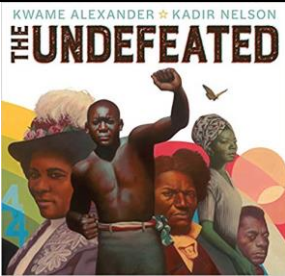
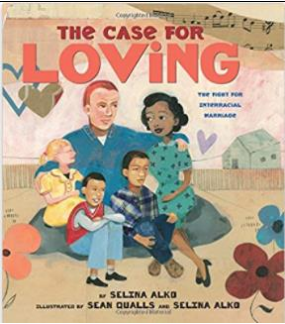
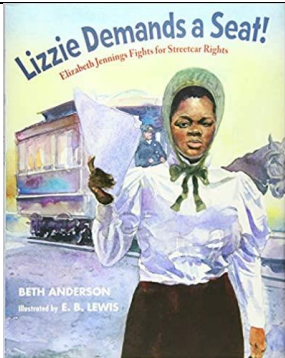


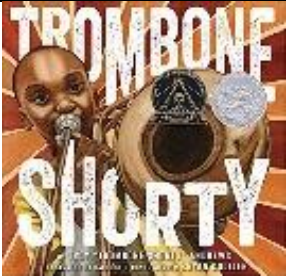
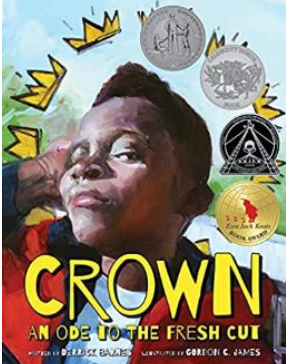
## MLK Bibliography 2023

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### Elementary

	<p>Alexander, Kwame. <i>The Undeclared</i>. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019.</p> <p>This poem is a love letter to Black life in the United States. The text has references to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others. Back matter provides historical context and additional details.</p> <p>Y-E AI272u</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Illustrator 2020, Caldecott Medal 2020, &amp; Newbery Honor 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Alko, Selina. <i>The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage</i>. New York, NY: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.</p> <p>For most children these days it would come as a great shock to know that before 1967, they could not marry a person of a race different from their own. That was the year that the Supreme Court issued its decision in <i>Loving v. Virginia</i>.</p> <p>306.846 AI49c</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2016.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Anderson, Beth. <i>Lizzie Demands a Seat!: Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights</i>. New York, NY: Calkins Creek, 2020.</p> <p>In 1854, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jennings, an African American schoolteacher, fought back when she was unjustly denied entry to a New York City streetcar, sparking the beginnings of the long struggle to gain equal rights on public transportation.</p> <p>323.092 An2322I</p> <p>Grades: 2-5</p>

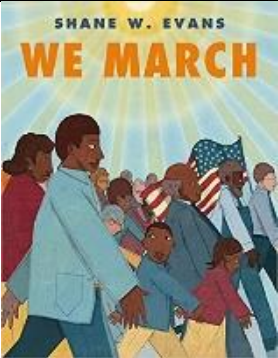
	<p>Andrews, Troy and Bill Taylor. <b><i>Trombone Shorty</i></b>. New York, NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015.</p> <p>Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. A prodigy, he was leading his own band by age six, and today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the New Orleans Jazz Fest.</p> <p>Y-E An277t</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2016, Caldecott Honor 2016, Coretta Scott King Illustrator 2016, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2016.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Archer, Micha. <b><i>Daniel's Good Day</i></b>. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2019.</p> <p>The people in Daniel's neighborhood always say, "Have a good day!" But what exactly is a good day? Daniel is determined to find out. As he strolls through his neighborhood, he finds answers as varied as his neighbors.</p> <p>813.6 Ar24d 2019</p> <p>Grades: PreK-1</p>
	<p>Asim, Jabari. <b><i>Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis</i></b>. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016.</p> <p>Glimpse into the boyhood of Civil Rights leader John Lewis. John wants to be a preacher when he grows up—a leader whose words stir hearts to change, minds to think, and bodies to take action. But why wait? When John is put in charge of the family farm's flock of chickens, he discovers that they make a wonderful congregation! So, he preaches to his flock, and they listen.</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2017 &amp; Golden Kite Honor 2017.</p> <p>328.73092 L5873p</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Baretta, Gene. <b><i>The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver</i></b>. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books, 2020.</p> <p>When George Washington Carver was just a young child, he had a secret: a garden of his own. Here, he rolled dirt between his fingers to check if plants needed more rain or sun. He protected roots through harsh winters, so plants could be reborn in the spring. He trimmed flowers, spread soil, and studied life cycles. It was in this very place that George's love of nature sprouted into something so much more—his future.</p> <p>630.92 C256b</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Barnes, Derrick. <b><i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i></b>. Jackson, MS: Bolden, 2017.</p> <p>Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.</p> <p>813.6 B2616cr</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Caldecott Honor 2018, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2018, Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award 2018, Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor 2018, Horn Book Fanfare List 2017, Kirkus Prize Winner for Young Adult Reader's Literature 2018, Newbery Honor 2018, NCTE Charlotte Huck Award 2018, &amp; Society of Illustrators Gold Medal 2018.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>Barnes, Derrick. <i>I am Every Good Thing</i>. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2020.</p> <p>The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and no doubt he'll see them through. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. And other times he's afraid because he's misunderstood and called what he is not.</p> <p>813.6 B2616i</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Horn Book for Excellence 2021, Claudia Lewis 2021, and NCTE Charlotte Huck 2021.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-2</p>
	<p>Barton, Chris. <i>What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?</i> New York, NY: Beach Lane Books, 2018.</p> <p>Congresswoman Barbara Jordan had a big, bold, confident voice—and she knew how to use it! Learn about her career in this picture-book biography of the lawyer, educator, politician, and civil rights leader.</p> <p>328.73092 J761w</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Amelia Bloomer List 2020, ALA Notable 2019, Notable Books of English Language Arts 2019, Notable Books for a Global Society 2019, and Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Bates, Janet Costa. <i>Time for Bed, Old House</i>. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2021.</p> <p>Isaac is excited to sleepover at Grandpop's house, but he's a little nervous. Luckily, his knowing Grandpop tells him it's not quite time to go to bed yet, first, he needs Isaac's help in putting the house to bed. Quietly and slowly, they move from room to room, turning out lights and pulling down shades, as Grandpop gently explains the nighttime sounds that Isaac finds unfamiliar. Now it's time to read the house a bedtime story. By the time the house is settled in for the night, Isaac and Grandpop are ready for bed, too!</p> <p>813.6 B3188ti</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Beaty, Daniel. <i>Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me</i>. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2013.</p> <p>A boy wakes up one morning to find his father gone. At first, he feels lost. But his father has left him a letter filled with advice to guide him through the times he cannot be there.</p> <p>Y-E B38k</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award 2014.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-2</p>
	<p>Bingham, Winsome. <i>Soul Food Sunday</i>. New York, NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p> <p>Granny teaches her young grandson how to cook the family meal, in this celebration of food, traditions, and gathering together at the table. Includes recipe for baked macaroni and cheese.</p> <p>813.6 B5138s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2022 &amp; Golden Kite Honor 2022.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>Bolden, Tonya. <b>No Small Potatoes: Junius G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas</b>. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 2018.</p> <p>Discover the incredible true story of how one of history's most successful potato farmers began life as a slave and worked until he was named the "Potato King of the World!"</p> <p>630.92 B6376n</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2019 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Britt, Paige. <b>Why Am I Me?</b> New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2017.</p> <p>Presented as a thoughtful, poetic exchange between two characters—who don't realize they are thinking and asking the very same questions—this celebration of our humanity and diversity invites readers of all ages to imagine a world where there is no you or me, only we.</p> <p>Y-E B7779w</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Notable Books for a Global Society 2018 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Cabrera, Cozbi A. <b>Me &amp; Mama</b>. New York, NY: Simon &amp; Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p> <p>On a rainy day when the house smells like cinnamon and Papa and Luca are still asleep, when the clouds are wearing shadows and the wind paints the window with beads of water, I want to be everywhere Mama is. This is an ode to the strength of the bond between a mother and a daughter as they spend a rainy day together.</p> <p>813.6 C1127m</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2022, Caldecott Honor 2022, &amp; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2022.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Castrovilla, Selene. <b>Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America</b>. Rochester, NY: Calkins Creek, 2022.</p> <p>George Scott peered at the nearby Union fortress. Three enslaved men had entered but had not been cast out. But exactly why were they granted refuge? Once inside, his knowledge of the area and the movements of the Confederate army impressed the fortress's commander, Major General Benjamin Butler. Working together, they plotted a plan to save the fortress from enemy attack. This suspenseful tale reveals how two men's stand meant eventual freedom of African Americans and the Emancipation Proclamation.</p> <p>975.54120 C2799s</p> <p>Grades: 2-5</p>
	<p>Cline-Ransome, Lesa. <b>Before She Was Harriet</b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2017.</p> <p>This biography of Harriet Tubman is written in verse. We know her today as Harriet Tubman, but she was called by many names. As General Tubman, she was a Union spy. As Moses, she led hundreds on the Underground Railroad. As Minty, she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken.</p> <p>973.7115092 T79b</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Christopher Awards 2018, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2018, Jane Addams Book Honor 2018, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2018, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>Cline-Ransome, Lesa. <b><i>Overground Railroad</i></b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2020.</p> <p>As she climbs aboard the New York bound Silver Meteor train, Ruth Ellen embarks upon a journey toward a new life up North—one she can't begin to imagine. Stop by stop, the perceptive young narrator tells her journey in poems, leaving behind the cotton fields and distant Blue Ridge mountains.</p> <p>813.6 C615o Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Clinton, Catherine. <b><i>When Harriet Met Sojourner</i></b>. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books, 2007.</p> <p>Two women have similar background: both slaves, both fiercely independent, and both great, in different ways. One day in 1864, the lives of these two women came together.</p> <p>929.737115 T79c Grades: 1-2</p>
	<p>Cook, Michelle. <b><i>Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change</i></b>. New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2009.</p> <p>Part historical, part poetry, and entirely inspirational, this unique picture book takes the reader through the cumulative story of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, expanding the popular slogan beyond Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Barack Obama to include more key players in the struggle for equality.</p> <p>920.009296 C7727o Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Costanza, Stephen. <b><i>King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin</i></b>. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p> <p>This toe-tapping picture book biography of African American composer Scott Joplin, whose ragtime music paved the way for jazz, is told through kaleidoscopic illustrations.</p> <p>780.92 C8239ki <b>Award:</b> NCTE Notable 2022. Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>De la Peña, Matt. <b><i>Last Stop on Market Street</i></b>. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.</p> <p>Every Sunday, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the other boys? How come they get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is answered by grandma, who helps him see beauty.</p> <p>Y-E D37I <b>Awards:</b> Caldecott Honor 2016, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2016, &amp; Newbery Medal 2016. Grades: PreK-K</p>

	<p>Dempsey, Kristy. <b><i>A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream</i></b>. New York, NY: Philomel Books, 2014.</p> <p>Little ballerinas have big dreams. Dreams of attending the best ballet schools and of dancing starring roles on stage. But in Harlem in the 1950s, dreams don't always come true—they take a lot of work and hope. But the first African American prima ballerina, Janet Collins, did make her dreams come true and inspired ballerinas everywhere.</p> <p>Y-E D3995d</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Golden Kite Award Picture Book 2015.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Dillon, Diane. <b><i>Love and the Rocking Chair</i></b>. New York, NY: Blue Sky Press, 2019.</p> <p>This is the story of new parents who buy a rocking chair. Watch the new mother glow with affection, and the new father read aloud to their young son. Time passes, and the boy grows up; the beloved rocker is moved to the attic and gathers dust. But when the boy becomes a man, the cycle begins anew. Inspired by the author and illustrator's own rocking chair, this is a tribute to the enduring power of family love.</p> <p>813.6 D5875I</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-K</p>
	<p>Duncan, Alice Faye. <b><i>Opal Lee and What it Means to be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth</i></b>. New York, NY: Tommy Nelson, 2022.</p> <p>The true story of Black activist Opal Lee and her vision of Juneteenth as a holiday for everyone will inspire children to be brave and make a difference. Growing up in Texas, Opal knew the history of Juneteenth, but she soon discovered that most Americans had never heard of the holiday that represents the nation's creed of "freedom for all."</p> <p>323.092 D9121op</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Elliott, Zetta. <b><i>A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart</i></b>. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2020.</p> <p>In this powerful, affirming poem by award-winning author Zetta Elliott, a Black child explores his shifting emotions throughout the year.</p> <p>811.6 EI589p</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2021, Caldecott Honor 2021, &amp; National Council of Teachers of English Notable Poetry Book 2021.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Erskine, Kathryn. <b><i>Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song</i></b>. New York, NY: Farrar Straus Grioux, 2017.</p> <p>A picture biography of civil-rights activist and Grammy Award-winning South African singer Miriam Makeba. She rose to fame in the hearts of her people at the pinnacle of apartheid. Mama Africa, as they called her, raised her voice to help combat these injustices at jazz clubs in Johannesburg; in exile, at a rally beside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and before the United Nations.</p> <p>782.4216309 M2893m</p> <p><b>Award:</b> ALSC Notable 2018, John Steptoe 2018, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Books 2018.</p> <p>Grades: 1-2</p>

	<p>Evans, Shane. <b><i>Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom</i></b>. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, 2011.</p> <p>A family silently crawls along the ground. They run barefoot through unlit woods, sleep beneath bushes, take shelter in a kind stranger's home. Where are they heading? They are heading for freedom by way of the Underground Railroad.</p> <p>Y-E Ev167u</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2012, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award 2012, &amp; Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts 2012.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Evans, Shane. <b><i>We March</i></b>. New York, NY: Square Fish, 2016.</p> <p>On August 28, 1963, a remarkable event took place—more than 250,000 people gathered in our nation's capital to participate in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The march began at the Washington Monument and ended at the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, advocating racial harmony.</p> <p>Y-E K585w</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Jane Addams Book Honor 2013 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2013.</p> <p>Grades: 1-2</p>
	<p>Finley Mosca, Julia. <b><i>The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague</i></b>. Seattle, WA: The Innovation Press, 2018.</p> <p>After touring a German submarine in the 1940s, Raye decides to become an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream. The gifted mathematician persisted—finally gaining her well-deserved title: a pioneer who changed ship design forever.</p> <p>623.8092 M76g</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Amelia Bloomer List 2019 &amp; Outstanding Science Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: 2-5</p>
	<p>Ford, Bernette G. <b><i>Uncle John's City Garden</i></b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2022.</p> <p>While visiting her uncle John in the city for the summer, an African American girl, L'il Sissy, her siblings, and uncle transform an empty lot into a vegetable garden. Bernette Ford's autobiographical story is a loving glimpse at a girl, her siblings, and her uncle, and their shared passion for farming. Includes recipe for succotash.</p> <p>813.6 F75un</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Halfmann, Janet. <b><i>Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School</i></b>. New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 2018.</p> <p>In Mississippi in the mid-1800s, it was illegal for enslaved people to learn to read and write. Getting caught meant thirty-nine lashes. But this did not stop Lilly Ann Granderson who started a midnight school in a small cabin in a back alley. Based on a true story, this is an inspiring testament to a little-known pioneer in education who taught hundreds of people to read and write.</p> <p>371.10092 H138m</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Carter G. Woodson 2019.</p> <p>Grades: 2-6.</p>

	<p>Hegedus, Bethany. <b><i>Rise!: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou.</i></b> New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 2019.</p> <p>Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother, and humanitarian, Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. This picture-book biography traces Maya's life from her early days in Stamps, Arkansas, through her work as a freedom fighter, to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.</p> <p>818.5409 H3617r</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Amelia Bloomer Book 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 2-5</p>
	<p>Hill, Laban Carrick. <b><i>Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave.</i></b> New York, NY: Little, Brown, 2010.</p> <p>This is the story of the life of an astonishingly prolific and skilled potter who lived and died a slave in 19th-century South Carolina.</p> <p>927.38 D272h</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Caldecott Honor 2011, Coretta Scott King Illustrator 2011, &amp; Orbis Pictus Commended 2011.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-2</p>
	<p>Hood, Susan. <b><i>Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World.</i></b> New York, NY: Harper, 2018.</p> <p>Shaking Things Up introduces fourteen revolutionary young women—each paired with a noteworthy female artist—to the next generation of activists, trailblazers, and rabble-rousers.</p> <p>305.4 H7617s</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Hopkinson, Deborah. <b><i>Carter Reads a Newspaper.</i></b> Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishing Company, 2019.</p> <p>“Carter G. Woodson didn’t just read history. He changed it.” As the father of Black History Month, he spent his life introducing others to the history of his people.</p> <p>973.0496073 H7773c</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Carter G. Woodson 2020, Eureka! Nonfiction Children’s Book Silver Honor 2019, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 202, Northern Dawn Award 2019, Oregon Spirit Honor 2019, &amp; Social Justice Literature Award 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 1-2</p>
	<p>Hopkinson, Deborah. <b><i>Steamboat School: Inspired by a True Story: St. Louis, Missouri: 1847.</i></b> New York, NY: Hyperion, 2016.</p> <p>In 1847 St. Louis, Missouri, a new law against educating African Americans forced Reverend John to close his school. So, he found a creative solution.</p> <p>Y-E H7773st</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2017 &amp; Jane Addams Book Award 2017.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-2</p>

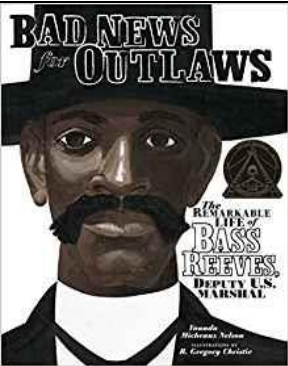


	<p>Hubbard, Rita Lorraine. <i>Hammering for Freedom</i>. New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 2018.</p> <p>William Lewis, born a slave, learned the blacksmith trade and proved to be an exceptional blacksmith. He earned so much money that he was allowed to keep a little. With a few coins, Bill set a plan in motion to free his family. 682.092 L5894h</p> <p><b>Award:</b> ALA Notable 2019.</p> <p>Grades: K-2</p>
	<p>Hubbard, Rita Lorraine. <i>The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read</i>. New York, NY: Schwartz &amp; Wade, 2020.</p> <p>In 1848, Mary Walker was born into slavery. At 15, she was freed, and by 20, she was married and had her first child. By 68, she had worked numerous jobs, including cooking, cleaning, babysitting, and selling sandwiches. At 114, she was the last remaining member of her family. And at 116, she learned to read. Mary Walker proved that you're never too old to learn. 306.362092 H8618o</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2021, Comstock Read Aloud 2021, Rhode Island Children's Book Award 2022, &amp; Texas Bluebonnet Award 2022.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Hughes, Langston. <i>That is My Dream!</i> New York, NY: Schwartz &amp; Wade Books, 2017.</p> <p>An African American boy faces segregation and racial prejudice, but he dreams of a different life—one full of freedom, hope, and wild possibility. 818.52 H874t</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Kincaid-Rolle, Sojourner. <i>Free at Last: a Juneteenth Poem</i>. New York, NY: Sterling Children's Books, 2022.</p> <p>Free verse poem traces the solemnity and celebration of Juneteenth from its 1865 origins in Galveston, Texas to contemporary observances all over the United States. This is an ode to the strength of Black Americans and a call to remember and honor a holiday whose importance reverberates far beyond the borders of Texas. 811.6 K573fr</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>King, Heidi Tyline. <i>Saving American Beach: The Biography of African American Environmentalist MaVynee Betsch</i>. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2021.</p> <p>A biography of MaVynee Betsch, an African American opera singer turned environmentalist, who worked to preserve American Beach, Florida as a historical landmark. 333.72092 K5826s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2022, Carter G. Woodson Honor 2022, Notable Books for a Global Society 2022, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trad Books 2002.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>King, Martin Luther, Jr. <i>I Have a Dream</i>. New York, NY: Schwartz &amp; Wade Books, 2012.</p> <p>On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, Martin Luther King gave one of the most powerful and memorable speeches in our nation's history.</p> <p>Y-E K585i</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2013 &amp; Parent's Choice Honor 2013.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Kruell, Kathleen. <i>Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson</i>. New York, NY: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2018.</p> <p>Young Neil could not believe the night sky at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City was real—until a visit to the country years later. That fueled his quest for knowledge taking him on a science expedition in northwest Africa, to a summer astronomy camp beneath a desert sky, and finally back home to become the director of the Hayden Planetarium, where it all began.</p> <p>523.01092 T988s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019 &amp; Outstanding Science Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>LaFaye, A. <i>Walking Home to Rosie Lee</i>. El Paso, TX: Cinco Puntos Press, 2011.</p> <p>Young Gabe is a child slave freed after the Civil War. He sets off to reunite himself with his mother who was sold before the war's end. Gabe's odyssey in search of his mother has an epic American quality, and Keith Shepherd's illustrations—influenced deeply by the narrative work of Thomas Hart Benton—fervently portray the struggle in Gabe's heroic quest.</p> <p>Y-E L131w</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Skipping Stones Honor Book 2012.</p> <p>Grades: 1-6</p>
	<p>Latham, Irene. <i>Meet Miss Fancy</i>. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2019.</p> <p>Frank is obsessed with elephants. When Miss Fancy, the elephant, retires from the circus and moves two blocks from his house to Avondale Park, he's over the moon! But Avondale Park is just for White people, so Frank is not allowed. Frank writes to the City Council so his church can host a picnic, and he can meet Miss Fancy. His neighbors signed the letter, but protests canceled the picnic. Miss Fancy escapes, and it's up to Frank to find her.</p> <p>Y-E L346m</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Levinson, Cynthia. <i>The Youngest Marcher</i>. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2017.</p> <p>Meet the youngest known child to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963, in this moving picture book that proves you're never too little to make a difference.</p> <p>323.092 H3842y</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2018, Carter G. Woodson Book 2018, Comstock-Gag Read Aloud Book Honor 2018, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.</p> <p>Grades: K-4</p>

	<p>Loney, Andrea J. <b><i>Double Base Blues</i></b>. New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young readers, 2019.</p> <p>Nic is an aspiring musician whose life spans two different worlds—his suburban school where he wows his friends in orchestra, and the busy city streets of his home where he's jostled by the crowd.</p> <p>813.6 L848d</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Caldecott Honor 2020.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Lupita, Nyong'o. <b><i>Sulwe</i></b>. New York, NY: Simon &amp; Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2019.</p> <p>When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but a shooting star's tale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade.</p> <p>813.6 N991s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Comstock-Gag Read Aloud Book 2020, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2020, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-2</p>
	<p>Lyons, Kelly Startling. <b><i>Going Down Home with Daddy</i></b>. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishing Company, 2019.</p> <p>Down home is Granny's house. Down home is where Lil Alan will hear stories of the ancestors and visit the land that has meant so much to all of them. And down home is where all the children will find their special way to pay tribute to family history.</p> <p>813.6 L9956g</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable Children's Book 2020 &amp; Caldecott Honor Book 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 1-2</p>
	<p>Mangal, Melina. <b><i>The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just</i></b>. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 2018.</p> <p>Ernest Everett Just was not like other scientists of his time. He saw the whole, where others saw only parts. He noticed details others failed to see. He persisted despite the discrimination and limitations imposed on him as an African American. His sea creatures observations revealed new insights.</p> <p>570.92 M3134v</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Carter G. Woodson Award 2019 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Mason, Margaret H. <b><i>These Hands</i></b>. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010.</p> <p>Joseph's grandpa could do almost anything with his hands. He could play the piano, throw a curveball, and tie a triple bowline knot in three seconds flat. But in the 1950s and 60s, he could not bake bread at the Wonder Bread factory. In this powerful intergenerational story, Joseph learns that people joined their hands together to fight discrimination so that one day, their hands could do anything at all in this whole wide world.</p> <p>Y-E M3815t</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Charlotte Zolotow Commended 2012 &amp; Golden Kite Honor 2012.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>McDaniel, Breanna. <b><i>Hands Up!</i></b> New York, NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2019.</p> <p>A young Black girl lifts her baby hands up to greet the sun, reaches her hands up for a book on a high shelf, and raises her hands up in praise at a church service. As she grows, she lives through everyday moments of joy, love, and sadness. When she gets a little older, she joins together with her family and her community in a protest march, where they lift their hands up together.</p> <p>813.6 M141h Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>McKissack, Pat. <b><i>What is Given from the Heart.</i></b> New York, NY: Schwartz &amp; Wade Books, 2019.</p> <p>"Misery loves company," Mama says to James Otis. It's been a rough couple of months, but Mama says as long as they have their health and strength, they're blessed. One Sunday before Valentine's Day, Reverend makes an announcement—the Temples have lost everything in a fire, and the church is taking a collection. James thinks hard, but what does he have worth giving?</p> <p>Y-E M217w <b>Award:</b> ALA Notable 2020. Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Michelson, Richard. <b><i>As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom.</i></b> New York, NY: Dragonfly Books, 2008.</p> <p>Martin grew up in America when this country was plagued by racial discrimination. He aimed to put a stop to it, so he became a minister. Abraham grew up in a Europe that did not welcome Jews. He found a new home in America and became a rabbi. These two social justice icons became friends.</p> <p>323.092 K585h <b>Awards:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2009 &amp; Sydney Taylor 2009. Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Mora, Oge. <b><i>Thank You, Omu!</i></b> New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2018.</p> <p>Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?</p> <p>Y-E M79t <b>Awards:</b> Caldecott Honor 2019, Ezra John Keats Illustrator 2019, &amp; John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator 2019. Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Mulholland, Loki. <b><i>She Stood for Freedom: The Untold Story of a Civil Rights Hero, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.</i></b> Salt Lake City, UT: Shadow Mountain, 2016.</p> <p>Biography of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland follows her from her childhood in 1950's Virginia through her high school and college years, when she joined the Civil Rights Movement, attending demonstrations and sit-ins. She also participated in the Freedom Rides of 1961 and was arrested and imprisoned.</p> <p>323.092 M899s <b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2017. Grades: K-3</p>

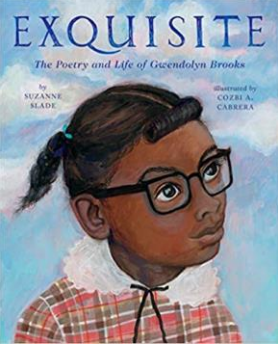
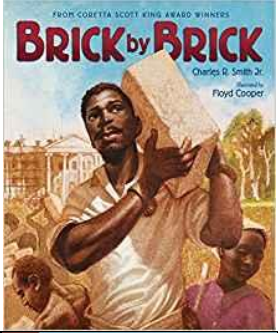
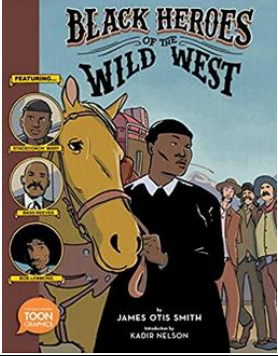
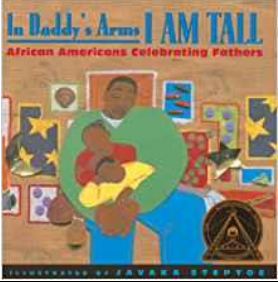
	<p>Nelson, Kadir. <b><i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.</i></b> New York, NY: Balzer &amp; Bray, 2011.</p> <p>A simple introduction to African American history, from Revolutionary-era slavery up to the election of President Obama.</p> <p>818.52 H874t</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Author 2012 &amp; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2012.</p> <p>Grades: 1-5</p>
	<p>Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. <b><i>Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves.</i></b> Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2009.</p> <p>Sitting tall in the saddle, with a wide-brimmed black hat and twin Colt pistols on his belt, Bass Reeves seemed bigger than life. As a U.S. Marshal—and former slave who escaped into the Indian Territories—Bass was cunning and fearless. For three decades, Bass was the most feared and respected lawman in the territories. He made more than 3,000 arrests.</p> <p>923.47665 R25944n</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Author 2010.</p> <p>Grades: 3-6</p>
	<p>Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. <b><i>The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth &amp; Harlem's Greatest Bookstore.</i></b> Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2015.</p> <p>In the 1930s, Lewis's dad, Lewis Michaux Sr., had a book itch. So, he started the National Memorial African Bookstore in Harlem. People from all over visited, even famous people. In the bookstore people bought and read books, swapped ideas, and talked about how things could change.</p> <p>Y-E N338b</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable Children's Book 2016, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2016, Jane Addams Children's Book Award 2016, &amp; Notable Books of English Language Arts 2016.</p> <p>Grades: 2-4</p>
	<p>Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. <b><i>Let 'Er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion.</i></b> Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2019.</p> <p>In 1911, three men were in the final round of the famed Pendleton Round-Up. One was White, one was Indian, and one was Black. When the judges declared the White man the winner, the audience was outraged. They named Black cowboy George Fletcher the "people's champion" and took up a collection, ultimately giving Fletcher far more than the value of the prize that went to the official winner.</p> <p>791.84092 F633I</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020 &amp; Orbis Pictus Award Commended 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 3-6</p>
	<p>Nolan, Nina. <b><i>Mahalia Jackson: Walking with Kings and Queens.</i></b> New York, NY: Amistad, 2015.</p> <p>Life was difficult for Mahalia growing up, but singing gospel always lifted her spirits and made her feel special. She soon realized that her powerful voice stirred everyone around her, and she wanted to share that with the world. Mahalia's extraordinary journey eventually took her to the historic March on Washington, where she sang to thousands and inspired them to find their own voices.</p> <p>782.254092 J136n</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>


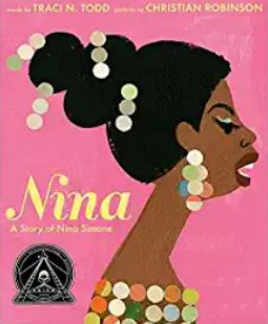
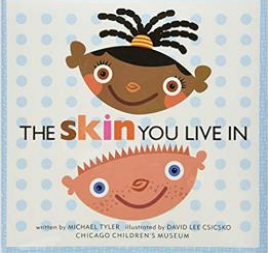
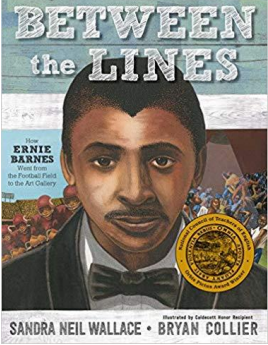
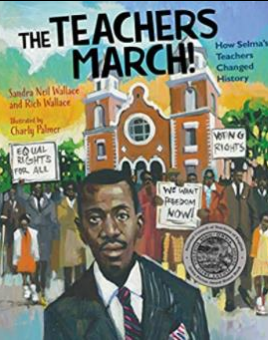
	<p>Parker, Robert Andrew. <i>Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum</i>. New York, NY: Schwartz &amp; Wade Books, 2008.</p> <p>Illustrations show the world as Art might have seen it. He was nearly blind, but his passion for the piano and acute memory for any sound drove him to become a virtuoso revered by classical and jazz pianists.</p> <p>927.86165 T189p</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2009 &amp; Schneider Family 2009.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Pinkney, Andrea Davis. <i>Sit-in: How Four Friends Stood up by Sitting Down</i>. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2010.</p> <p>This picture book is a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement.</p> <p>323.11 P6561s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Carter G. Woodson 2011, Jane Addams Honor 2011, &amp; Flora Stieglitz Straus Nonfiction 2011.</p> <p>Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Pinkney, Andrea Davis. <i>Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride</i>. New York, NY: Disney, 2009.</p> <p>Born into slavery, Belle had to endure the cruelty of several masters before she escaped to freedom. But she knew she would not really be free unless she was helping to end injustice. She changed her name to Sojourner and began traveling across the country, demanding equal rights for Black people and for women.</p> <p>306.362092 T777p</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Jane Addams 2010.</p> <p>Grades: K-4</p>
	<p>Powell, Patricia Hruby. <i>Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</i>. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2014.</p> <p>A portrait of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker, the woman who worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to the grandest stages in the world. Meticulously researched by both author and artist, Josephine's powerful story of struggle and triumph is an inspiration and a spectacle, just like the legend herself.</p> <p>792.8028092 P8715j</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2015, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2015, Notable Children's Books in Language Arts 2015, &amp; Robert F. Sibert Honor 2015.</p> <p>Grade: 2-5</p>
	<p>Powell, Patricia Hruby. <i>Lift as You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker</i>. New York, NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2020.</p> <p>Ella Baker worked to lift others up by fighting racial injustice and empowering poor African Americans to stand up for their rights. Her grassroots work in many communities made her a valuable ally for leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and she has been ranked as one of the most influential women in the civil rights movement. In the 1960s she worked to register voters and organize sit-ins, and she became a teacher and mentor to many activists.</p> <p>323.092 B1726l</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

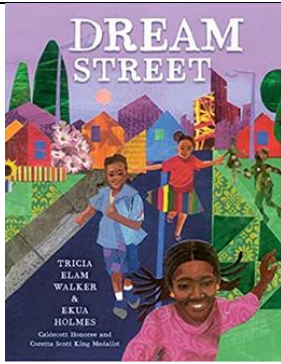
	<p>Ramsey, Calvin Alexander &amp; Gwen Strauss. <b><i>Ruth and the Green Book</i></b>. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2010.</p> <p>In the early 1950s, few African Americans could afford to buy cars. But Ruth soon found out that Black travelers were not treated very well in some towns. A gas station attendant showed Ruth's family <i>The Green Book</i>. It listed the places that welcomed Black travelers.</p> <p>Y-E R1493r</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2011, Jane Addams Honor 2011, Skipping Stones Honor 2011, &amp; Society of School Librarians International 2011.</p> <p>Grades: 3-5</p>
	<p>Ransome, James E. <b><i>The Bell Rang</i></b>. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2019.</p> <p>Every single morning, the overseer of the plantation rings the bell. Daddy gathers wood. Mama cooks. Ben and the other slaves go out to work. Each day is the same. Every day, except one, when the bell rings and Ben is nowhere to be found. Because Ben ran.</p> <p>813.6 R174b 2019</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2020 &amp; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2020.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Reynolds, Aaron. <b><i>Back of the Bus</i></b>. New York, NY: Philomel Books, 2010.</p> <p>A boy and his mother are riding the bus in Montgomery, Alabama like any other day—way in the back of the bus. The boy passes time by watching his marble roll up and down the aisle with the motion of the bus... until a big commotion breaks out. A child watches the arrest of Rosa Parks.</p> <p>Y-E R34b</p> <p><b>Award:</b> ALA Notable 2011.</p> <p>Grades: 1-3</p>
	<p>Reynolds, Jason. <b><i>Stuntboy, in the Meantime</i></b>. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p> <p>Portico Reeves' secret identity as Stuntboy allows him to use his superpower keep everybody safe, but when his superhero parents start fighting a lot, he feels the responsibility to save them.</p> <p>741.56 R3352s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Schneider Family Honor 2022.</p> <p>Grades: 2-7</p>
	<p>Ringgold, Faith. <b><i>Harlem Renaissance Party</i></b>. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2015.</p> <p>Lonnie and his uncle go back to Harlem in the 1920s. Along the way, they meet famous writers, musicians, artists, and athletes, from Langston Hughes and W.E.B. Du Bois to Josephine Baker and Zora Neale Hurston and many more, who created this incredible period. And after a day of walking with giants, Lonnie fully understands why the Harlem Renaissance is so important.</p> <p>Y R473h</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>

	<p>Robbins, Dean. <b>Two Friends: Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass</b>. New York, NY: Orchard Books, 2016.</p> <p>Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, get together for tea. They recount their stories fighting for women and African Americans rights. This story is based on a statue in Rochester, New York, of the two friends having tea.</p> <p>Y-E R534t</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Amelia Bloomer List 2017.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Romito, Dee. <b>Pies from Nowhere: How Georgia Gilmore Sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott</b>. New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2018.</p> <p>Georgia Gilmore was a cook at the National Lunch Company in Montgomery, Alabama. When the bus boycotts broke out in Montgomery, she organized a group of women who cooked and baked to fund-raise to help sustain the boycott. Called the Club from Nowhere, Georgia was the only person who knew who baked and bought the food. When Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested for his role in the boycott, Georgia testified on his behalf.</p> <p>323.092 G423p</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Roundtree, Dovey Johnson. <b>We Wait for the Sun</b>. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, 2021.</p> <p>The late Civil Rights attorney and activist shares a poignant moment from her childhood beside her wise grandmother, who taught Roundtree the values of self-worth, strength and justice that inspired the co-author's boundary-breaking career.</p> <p>340.092 R7609we</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2022</p> <p>Grades: 1-2</p>
	<p>Russell-Brown, Katheryn. <b>Little Melba and Her Big Trombone</b>. New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 2014.</p> <p>At seven, Melba fell in love with a big, shiny trombone. Overcoming obstacles, Melba become a famed trombone player and arranger.</p> <p>927.889 L698r</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2015, Amelia Bloomer List 2015, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2015, NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work 2015, &amp; Notable Books for a Global Society 2015.</p> <p>Grades: 1-3</p>
	<p>Shabazz, Ilyasah. <b>Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X</b>. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2013.</p> <p>Malcolm X grew to be one of America's most influential figures. But first, he was a boy named Malcolm Little. Written by his daughter, this inspiring picture book biography celebrates a vision of freedom and justice.</p> <p>320.546092 X1s</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2016, Coretta Scott King Honor 2016, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2016, &amp; Walter Dean Myers Honor 2016.</p> <p>Grades: 1-5</p>

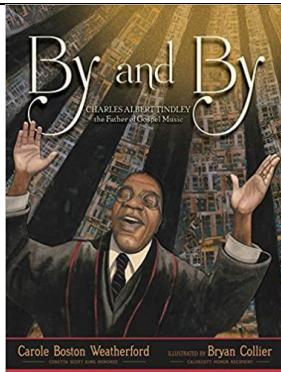


	<p>Slade, Suzanne. <b>Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks</b>. New York, NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2020.</p> <p>Gwendolyn Brooks (1917–2000) is known for her poems about “real life.” <i>Exquisite</i> follows Gwendolyn from early girlhood into her adult life, showcasing her desire to write poetry from a very young age. Gwendolyn Brooks was the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize, receiving the award for poetry in 1950. And in 1958, she was named the poet laureate of Illinois.</p> <p>811.54 Sl124e</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2021, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2021, Norman A. Sugarman 2009, &amp; Robert F. Sibert Honor 2021.</p> <p>Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Smith, Charles R., Jr. <b>Brick by Brick</b>. New York, NY: Amistad, 2012.</p> <p>This book describes the building of the White House and how it took many hands, several of them slaves, who will be remembered throughout history for their extraordinary feat.</p> <p>975.3 Sm535b</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Smith, James Otis. <b>Black Heroes of the Wild West</b>. Jackson, TN: TOON Books, 2020.</p> <p>Black Heroes of the Wild West" celebrates the extraordinary true tales of three black historical figures in the Old West: Mary "Stagecoach" Fields, a cardplaying coach driver; Bass Reeves, the first black Deputy US Marshall west of the Mississippi; and Bob Lemmons, a cowboy famous for his ability to tame mustangs.</p> <p>978.02 Sm612b</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Carter G. Woodson 2021.</p> <p>Grades: 3-5</p>
	<p>Steptoe, Javaka. <b>In Daddy's Arms I am Tall</b>. New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 1997.</p> <p>A collection of poems celebrating African American fathers by Angela Johnson, E. Ethelbert Miller, Carole Boston Weatherford, and others.</p> <p>811 In1</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 1998 &amp; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award 1998.</p> <p>Grades: 3-6</p>
	<p>Stroud, Bettye. <b>The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom</b>. New York, NY: Scholastic, 2006.</p> <p>Now that Hannah’s papa has decided to make the run for freedom, her patchwork quilt is not just a precious memento of Mama — it’s a series of hidden clues that will guide them along the Underground Railroad to Canada.</p> <p>Y St892pa</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Comstock-Gag Read Aloud Honor 2004.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>

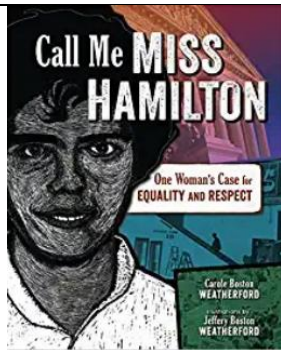
	<p>Taylor, Debbie. <b>Sweet Music in Harlem</b>. New York, NY: Lee &amp; Low Books, 2004.</p> <p>C.J. needs to act fast. A photographer from Highnote magazine is on his way to photograph Uncle Click, a well-known jazz musician, but Uncle Click's signature hat is missing. Now it is up to C. J. to hunt down the hat in time for the photo shoot. Little does C. J. know that his whirlwind search through Harlem sets in motion the making of a magical moment of friendship and music.</p> <p>Y-E T2133s Grades: 1-4</p>
	<p>Todd, Traci N. <b>Nina: A Story of Nina Simone</b>. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2021.</p> <p>A biography of Nina Simone, an acclaimed singer whose music gave voice to the struggle for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement.</p> <p>782.4216 T5669ni <b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2022, BCALA Children and Youth Literary Nonfiction 2022, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2022, Jane Addams 2022, Notable Social Studies Trade 2022, Norman A. Sugarman 2022, &amp; Orbis Pictus 2022. Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Tyler, Michael. <b>The Skin You Live in</b>. Chicago, IL: Chicago Children's Museum, 2005.</p> <p>Rhyming text and illustrations celebrate being content with the skin in which one lives, whatever that skin might be.</p> <p>813.6 T9717s Grades: PreK-2</p>
	<p>Wallace, Sandra Neil. <b>Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery</b>. New York, NY: Simon &amp; Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018.</p> <p>Ernie Barnes grew up in North Carolina in the 1940s loving to draw. But in the segregated south, Ernie didn't know how to make a living as an artist. Ernie became a football star. Still, he longed to paint. Ernie Barnes became one of the important artists of his time.</p> <p>796.332092 W1557b <b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2019, Golden Kite Honor 2019, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019, &amp; Orbis Picture 2018. Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Wallace, Sandra Neil. <b>The Teachers March!: How Selma's Teachers Changed History</b>. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2020.</p> <p>Reverend F.D. Reese was a leader of the Voting Rights Movement in Selma, Alabama. As a teacher and principal, he recognized that his colleagues were viewed with great respect in the city. Could he convince them to risk their jobs—and perhaps their lives—by organizing a teachers-only march to demand their right to vote? Includes interviews.</p> <p>323.1196 W1557t <b>Awards:</b> Jane Addams 2020, Notable Book for a Global Society 2021, &amp; Orbis Pictus Honor 2021. Grades: 2-5</p>



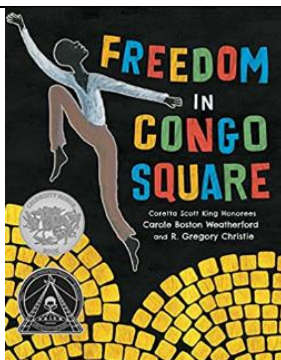
Walker, Tricia Elam. ***Dream Street***. Los Altos, CA: Anne Schwartz Books, 2021.  
Welcome to Dream Street--the best street in the world! Jump rope with Azaria. Dream big with Ede and Tari, who wish to create a picture book together. Say hello with Mr. Sidney, a retired mail carrier who greets everyone with the words, "Don't wait to have a great day. Create one!" On Dream Street, love between generations rules, everyone is special, and the warmth of the neighborhood shines. Real-life cousins pay homage to the street they grew up on and the loving community that made their childhood special.  
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**Award:** ALSC Notable 2022.  
Grades: PreK-3



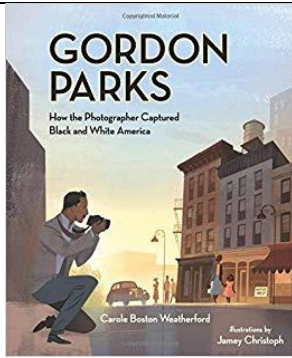
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music***. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020.  
When most African Americans were enslaved, Charles Tindley was born free. His childhood was not easy, with hours in the fields, and no opportunity to go to school. But the spirituals he heard as he worked made him long to know how to read the Gospel himself. Late at night, he taught himself to read from scraps of newspapers. Charles, whose hymn was the basis for "We Shall Overcome," become a founding father of American gospel music.  
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**Award:** Notable Poetry and Verse Novel 2021.  
Grades: PreK-3



Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Call Me Miss Hamilton: One Woman's Case for Equality and Respect***. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 2022.  
This picture book biography in verse tells the story of Mary Hamilton, an African American woman and Civil Rights activist, who was found to be in contempt of court when she would not respond to questions from an Alabama judge who used only her first name, while calling white people "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss." The NAACP took her case, which appealed all the way to the US Supreme Court, which ruled in Mary Hamilton's favor.  
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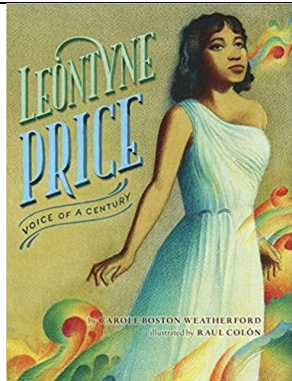
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Freedom in Congo Square***. New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2016.  
As slaves relentlessly toiled in an unjust system in 19th century Louisiana, they all counted down the days until Sunday, when at least for half a day they were briefly able to congregate in Congo Square in New Orleans. Here they were free to set up an open market, sing, dance, and play music. They were free to forget their cares, their struggles, and their oppression. This story chronicles slaves' duties each day and builds to the freedom of Sundays and the special experience of an afternoon spent in Congo Square.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2017, Caldecott Honor 2017, Charlotte Zolotow 2017, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2017, Notable Books for a Global Society 2017, & Notable Poetry and Verse Novels 2017.  
Grades: PreK-3



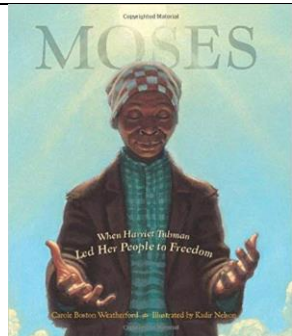
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America***. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Co., 2015. Gordon Parks was the first Black director in Hollywood. But before he made movies and wrote books, he was a poor African American looking for work. He taught himself how to take pictures and before long, people noticed. In Washington, D.C., Gordon wanted to take a stand against the racism he observed. With his camera in hand, he found a way.  
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**Award:** Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2016.  
Grades: K-3



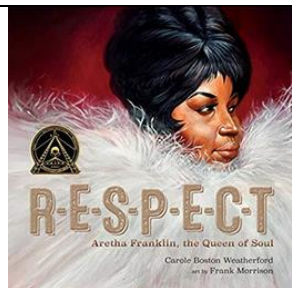
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***The Legendary Miss Lena Horne***. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2017. Lena Horne was born into the freedom struggle, to a family of teachers and activists. Her mother dreamed of being an actress, so Lena followed in her footsteps as she chased small parts in vaudeville, living out of a suitcase until MGM offered Lena something more—the first ever studio contract for a black actress. When she sang “This Little Light of Mine” at a civil rights rally, she found not only her voice, but her calling.  
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**Award:** Notable Social Studies Trade Books 2018.  
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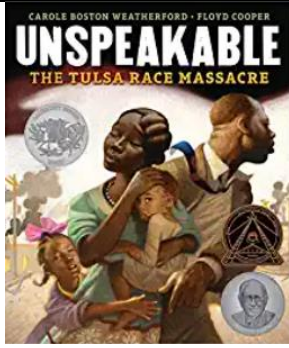
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Leontyne Price: Voice of a Century***. New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2014. Born in a small town in Mississippi in 1927, the daughter of a midwife and a sawmill worker, Leontyne had big dreams and plenty to be thankful for. She surrounded herself with church hymns and hallelujahs, soaked up opera on the radio, and watched Marian Anderson grace the stage. Bursting through the door Marian had opened, Leontyne was celebrated for her leading roles—most notably as the princess in *Aida*, the part she felt born to sing.  
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**Award:** Amelia Bloomer List 2015.  
Grades: K-4



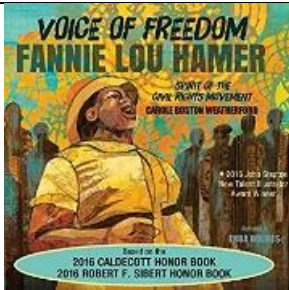
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom***. New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. Discover Tubman's spiritual journey as she hears the voice of God guiding her north to freedom on that very first trip to escape the brutal practice of forced servitude. Tubman would make nineteen trips back south, never being caught, but none as profound as this first one.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2007, Caldecott Honor 2007, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award 2007, & Notable Books for a Global Society 2007.  
Grades: K-3



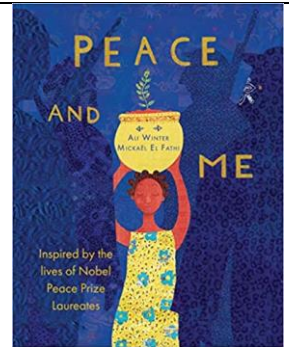
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul***. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020. Aretha Franklin, the daughter of a pastor and a gospel singer, had musical talent. Her hit songs earned her the title “the Queen of Soul,” multiple Grammy Awards, and a place in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. But Aretha didn’t just sing, she spoke out against injustice and fought for civil rights.  
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**Award:** Coretta Scott King Award Illustrator 2021.  
Grades: PreK-3



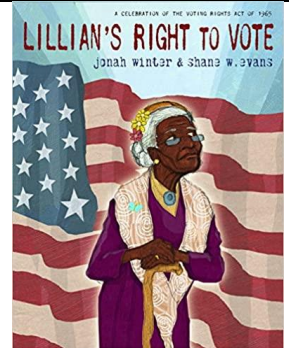
Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre.** Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2021.  
 This Book provides a powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history. It traces the history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district and the devastation that occurred in 1921 when a white mob attacked the Black community.  
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**Awards:** Caldecott Honor 2022, Coretta Scott King Author 2022, Coretta Scott King Illustrator 2022, Horn Book Honor 2022, Original Art Silver Medal 2020, & Robert F. Sibert Honor 2022.  
 Grades: 3-6



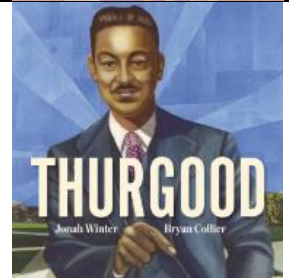
Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement.** Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015.  
 Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964, Ms. Hamer gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention that aired on national TV news.  
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**Awards:** Caldecott Honor 2016, John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator 2016, & Robert F. Sibert Honor 2016.  
 Grades: 3-5



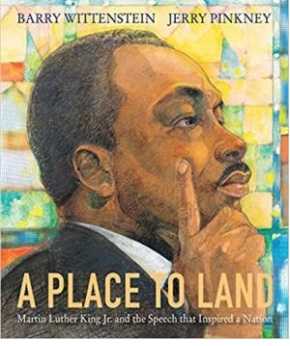
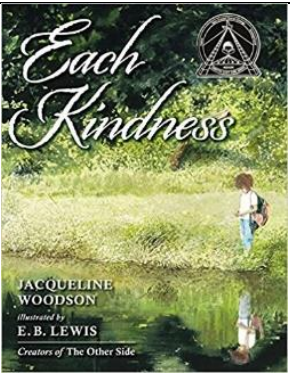
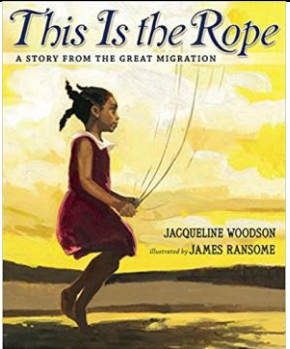
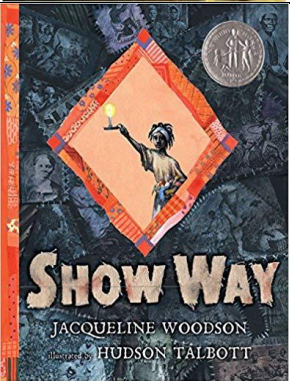
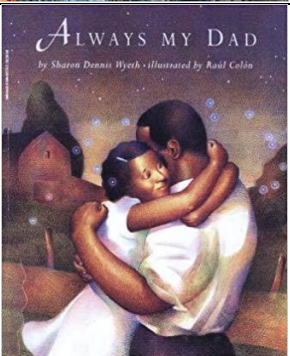
Winter, Ali. **Peace and Me.** Oxford, Great Britain: Lantana Publishing, 2018.  
 What does peace mean to you? This collection of inspirational ideas about peace is based on the lives of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates of the 20th and 21st centuries, among them Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and Malala Yousafzai.  
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**Award:** Outstanding International Book List 2019.  
 Grades: 2-5

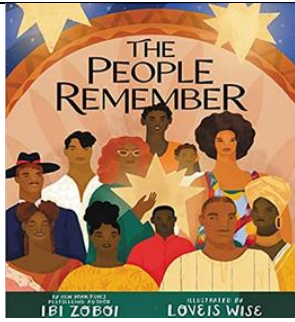


Winter, Jonah. **Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.** New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015.  
 An elderly African American woman, in route to vote, remembers her family's tumultuous voting history in this picture book published in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2016 & Jane Addams Honor 2016.  
 Grades: K-4



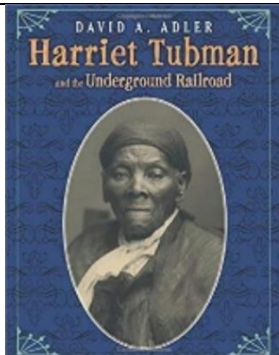
Winter, Jonah. **Thurgood.** New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2019.  
 Thurgood Marshall was a born lawyer--the loudest talker, funniest joke teller, and best arguer from the time he was a kid. He would go on to become the star of his high school and college debate teams and a stellar law student at Howard University. After only two years at the NAACP, he was their top lawyer and had earned the nickname Mr. Civil Rights. He argued--and won--cases before the Supreme Court, including *Brown v Board of Education*. He also became the first black U.S. Supreme Court Justice in history.  
 347.732634 W7345t  
**Award:** Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020.  
 Grades: K-4

	<p>Wittenstein, Barry. <b><i>A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation</i></b>. New York, NY: Porter Neal Books, 2019.</p> <p>Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington. But there's little on his legendary speech. Martin Luther King, Jr. was once asked if the hardest part of preaching was knowing where to begin. No, he said. The hardest part is knowing where to end.</p> <p>323.092 W784p</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable Children's Book 2020, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020, &amp; Orbis Pictus Award 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 2-5</p>
	<p>Woodson, Jacqueline. <b><i>Each Kindness</i></b>. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.</p> <p>Each kindness makes the world a little better. Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship.</p> <p>Y-E W868e</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2013, Coretta Scott King Honor 2013, Jane Addams 2013, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2013, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2013.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Woodson, Jacqueline. <b><i>This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration</i></b>. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013.</p> <p>The story of one family's journey north during the Great Migration starts with a little girl in South Carolina who finds a rope under a tree one summer. She has no idea the rope will become part of her family's history. But for three generations, that rope is passed down.</p> <p>Y-E W868t</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Charlotte Zolotow 2014 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2014.</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>
	<p>Woodson, Jacqueline. <b><i>Show Way</i></b>. New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2005.</p> <p>Soonie's great grandma was seven when she was sold to a plantation with only some fabric and needles to call her own. She pieced together bright patches with secret meanings made into quilts called Show Ways—maps for slaves to follow to freedom.</p> <p>Y-E W868sh</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2006, Newbery Honor 2006, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2006, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2006.</p> <p>Grades: PreK-3</p>
	<p>Wyeth, Sharon Dennis. <b><i>Always My Dad</i></b>. New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 1994.</p> <p>"Sometimes the person I want to see more than anyone in the world is my dad. But I only see my dad once in a while." So begins this story, based on Wyeth's memories of her childhood with an often-absent father. Though Dad moves around a lot and his jobs keep changing, a young girl and her brother hold fast to memories of his visits in this portrait of a family held together by a special bond of love.</p> <p>Y-E W974a</p> <p>Grades: K-3</p>

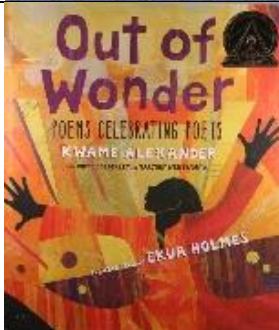


Zoboi, Ibi. ***The People Remember***. New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2021.  
 This book tells the journey of African descendants in America by connecting their history to the seven principles of Kwanzaa. By turns powerful and revealing, this is a lyrical narrative that tells the story of survival, as well as the many moments of joy, celebration, and innovation of Black people in America.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2022 & Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2022.  
 Grades: PreK-3

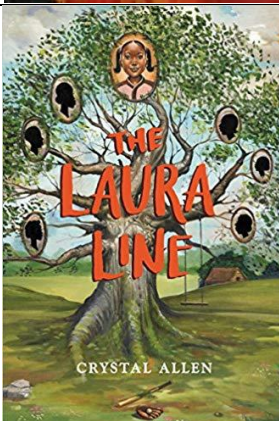
## Middle School



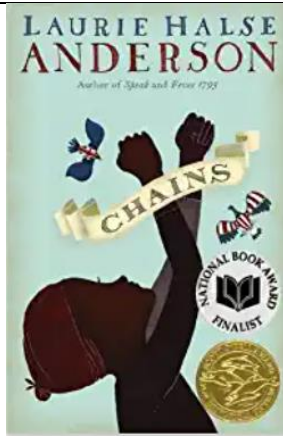
Adler, David A. ***Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad***. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2013.  
 Born a slave, Harriet Tubman was determined not to remain one. She escaped on the Underground Railroad in 1849. Then, as the most famous conductor of the Underground Railroad, fearlessly returned thirteen times to help guide family and others to freedom. Her bravery served her well in the Union army where she was a cook, a nurse, and then a spy. She later founded a home for elderly former slaves and became active in the women's suffrage movement.  
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 Grades: 5-6



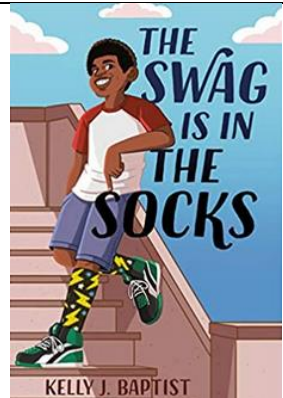
Alexander, Kwame, Chris Colderley, and Marjory Wentworth. ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2017.  
 Three authors created poems that emulated and paid tribute to poets that inspired them.  
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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2018, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award 2018, & Notable Books for a Global Society 2018.  
 Grades: 3-7



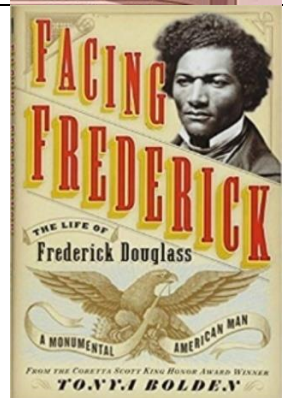
Allen, Crystal. ***The Laura Line***. New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2013.  
 Laura Dyson wants two things in life: to be accepted by her classmates and to be noticed by baseball star Troy Bailey. But everyone at school teases her for being overweight, and Troy won't give her a second glance. Until one day, their history teacher announces a field trip to the run-down slave shack on her grandmother's property. Her grandmother insists that it's more than just an old shack; it's a monument to the strong women in their family—the Laura Line. Laura is forced to come to terms with her family's past and what it means for her future.  
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 Grades: 3-7



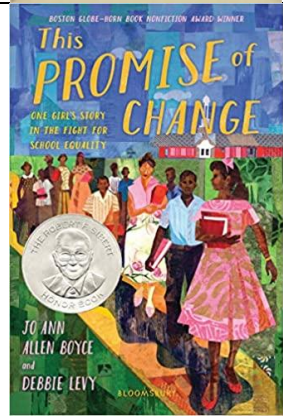
Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Chains**. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2008.  
 As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a New York City couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British invasion plans. Reluctant at first, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.  
 Y An2394ch  
**Awards:** ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2009, National Book Award Finalist for Young People’s Literature 2009, & Scott O’Dell 2009.  
 Grades: 5-9



Baptist, Kelly J. **The Swag is in the Socks**. New York, NY: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021.  
 Xavier Moon is not one to steal the show. He’s perfectly content to play video games and sit at his bedroom window watching the neighborhood talk outside. But for Xavier’s twelfth birthday, he receives a pair of funky socks and a challenge from his great-uncle, Frankie Bell, saying it’s time to swag out and speak up.  
 741.598 B2294sw  
 Grades: 3-7



Bolden, Tonya. **Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental American Man**. New York, NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2017.  
 Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) is best known for the telling of his own emancipation. But there is much more to Douglass’ story than his time spent enslaved and his famous autobiography. *Facing Frederick* captures the whole complicated, and at times perplexing, person that he was. Statesman, suffragist, writer, and newspaperman, this book focuses on Douglass the man rather than the historical icon.  
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**Awards:** Orbis Pictus Honor 2019 & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.  
 Grades: 5-9

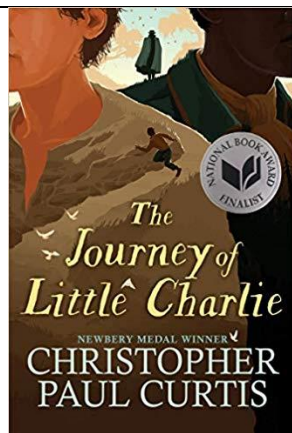


Boyce, Jo Ann Allen. **This Promise of Change: One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality**. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Children’s Books, 2019.  
 In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock 9 into Central High School, twelve African American students broke the color barrier at Clinton High School in Tennessee. At first things went smoothly, but uneasiness turned into anger, and even the Clinton Twelve wondered if it would be easier to go back to their old school. Jo Ann—tolerant, and popular among both Black and White students—found herself called on as the spokesperson of the group.  
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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2020, Carter G. Woodson Honor 2020, Notable Social Studies Trade Books 2020, & Robert F. Sibert Honor 2020.  
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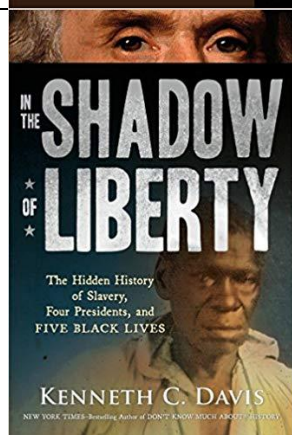


	<p>Bridges, Ruby. <b>Through My Eyes</b>. New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 1999.</p> <p>In November 1960, all of America watched as a tiny six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. An icon of the civil rights movement, Ruby Bridges, chronicles each step of this pivotal event in history through her own words.</p> <p>379.263092 B7647t</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2000, Carter G. Woodson Book 2000, Jane Addams 2000, Flora Stieglitz Straus 2000, &amp; Orbis Pictus 2000.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Brimner, Larry Dane. <b>Twelve Days in May: Freedom Rides 1961</b>. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2017.</p> <p>For twelve history-making days in May 1961, thirteen Black and White civil rights activists, also known as the Freedom Riders, traveled by bus into the South to draw attention to the unconstitutional segregation still taking place. Despite their peaceful protests, the Freedom Riders were met with increasing violence the further south they traveled.</p> <p>323.092 B77t</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2018, Carter G. Woodson 2018, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018, &amp; Robert F. Sibert Book Award 2018.</p> <p>Grades: 5-12</p>
	<p>Bryan, Ashley. <b>Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace</b>. Atheneum, 2019.</p> <p>Ashley Bryan tells his story of serving in the segregated army during World War II, and how love and the pursuit of art sustained him.</p> <p>741.6092 B84i</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2020, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2020, Flora Stieglitz Straus 2020, &amp; Bologna Ragazzi Special Mention Honor 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 5-6</p>
	<p>Christmas, Johnnie. <b>Swim Team</b>. New York, NY: Harper Alley, 2022.</p> <p>In this graphic novel, Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees--until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.</p> <p>741.5971 C4646sw</p> <p><b>Award:</b> National Book Award for Young People's Literature 2022.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Cline-Ransome, Lesa. <b>Being Clem</b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2021.</p> <p>1944. Clem's father is away, serving as a sailor in World War II. When the family receives news that his father has died in the infamous Port Chicago explosion in San Francisco, everything begins to fall apart. Clem's mother is forced to work long hours as a maid for a wealthy white family. The obstacles put in place by racial injustice seem insurmountable. Soon Clem can barely recognize his home and himself. Can he live up to his father's legacy?</p> <p>813.6 C615be</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>

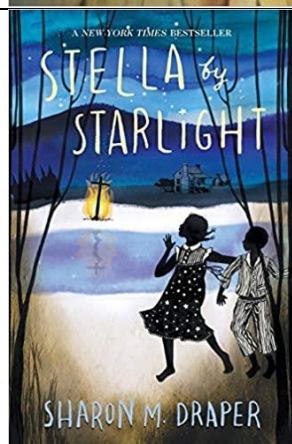
	<p>Cline-Ransome, Lesa. <b><i>Finding Langston</i></b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2018. When 11-year-old Langston's mother dies in 1946, he and his father leave Alabama for Chicago as a part of what came to be known as the Great Migration. It's lonely with just the two of them, and at school Langston is bullied. But his new home has a public library open to everyone. There, Langston discovers another Langston, a poet who inspired his mother.</p> <p>Y C615f</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2019, Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2019, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2019, Notable Books for a Global Society 2019, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019, &amp; Scott O'Dell Award 2019.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Cline-Ransome, Lesa. <b><i>Leaving Lymon</i></b>. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2020. Behind every bad boy is a story worth hearing and at least one chance for redemption. It's 1946 and Lymon, uprooted from his life in the Deep South and moved up North, needs that chance. Lymon's father is at Parchman Farm—the Mississippi State Penitentiary—and his mother, has moved North. Fortunately, Lymon is being raised by his loving grandparents. Together, Lymon and his grandpops share a love of music, spending late summer nights playing the guitar. In this companion novel to <i>Finding Langston</i>, readers will see a new side of the bully Lymon in this story of an angry boy whose raw talent, resilience, and devotion to music help point him in a new direction.</p> <p>813.6 C615I</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Craft, Jerry. <b><i>Class Act</i></b>. New York, NY: Quill Tree Books, 2020. Eighth grader Drew Ellis is no stranger to the saying “You have to work twice as hard to be just as good.” His grandmother has reminded him of this his entire life. But what if he works <i>ten</i> times as hard and still isn’t afforded the same opportunities that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted? To make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids. He wants to pretend like everything is fine, but it's hard not to withdraw, and even their mutual friend Jordan doesn't know how to keep the group together.</p> <p>741.5973 C8425c</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author 2020 &amp; Newbery 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Curtis, Christopher Paul. <b><i>Elijah of Buxton</i></b>. New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2007. In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves just over the border from Detroit. But things change when a former slave steals money from Elijah’s friend, who has been saving to buy his family out of captivity in the South. Elijah embarks on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the thief, and he discovers horrors of the life his parents fled.</p> <p>Y C941e</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2008, Canadian Library Association Book for Young Children 2008, Coretta Scott King Author 2008, Jane Addams Honor 2008, Newbery Honor 2008, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2008, &amp; Scott O'Dell 2008.</p> <p>Grades: 4-7</p>



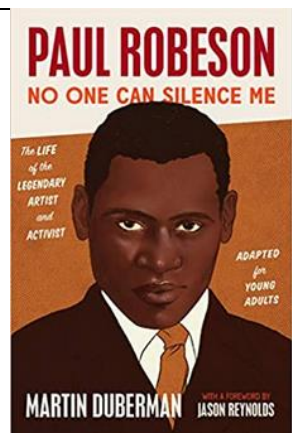
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Journey of Little Charlie*. Waterville, MA: Thorndike Press, 2018.  
 Twelve-year-old Charlie is down on his luck: His sharecropper father just died and Cap'n Buck—the most fearsome man in Possum Moan, South Carolina—has come to collect a debt. Fearing for his life, Charlie strikes a deal with Cap'n Buck and agrees to track down some folks accused of stealing from the cap'n and his boss. It's not too bad of a bargain for Charlie... until he discovers their true identities.  
 Y C941j  
**Awards:** Horace Mann Upstanders Book 2018, Geoffrey Bilson Award 2019, & National Book Award Finalist 2018.  
 Grades: 4-7



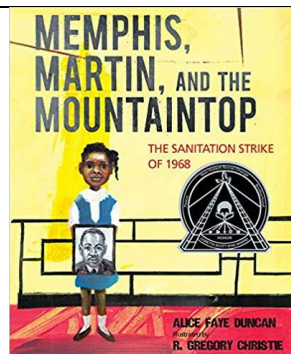
Davis, Kenneth C. *In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives*. New York, NY: Henry Holt & Co., 2016.  
 Did you know that many of America's Founding Fathers—who fought for liberty and justice for all—were slave owners? Through the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were "owned" by four of our greatest presidents, this book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2017, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2017, & YASLA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction 2017.  
 Grades: 6 +



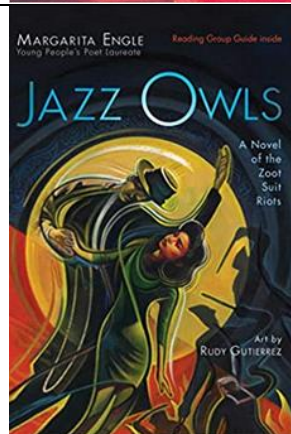
Draper, Sharon M. *Stella by Starlight*. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2015.  
 Stella lives in the segregated South. Some stores she can go into. Some stores she can't. Some folks are right pleasant. Others are a lot less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out. But one late night, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come, unwelcome change by any stretch of the imagination. As Stella's community is upended, she decides to fight fire with fire and learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.  
 Y D7918s  
**Awards:** ALA Notable 2016, Charlotte Huck 2016, Horace Mann Upstanders Book 2016, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2016, & Notable Books for a Global Society 2016.  
 Grades: 4-8



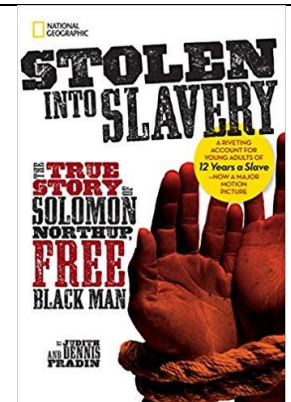
Duberman, Martin. *Paul Robeson: No One Can Silence Me*. New York, NY: The New Press, 2021.  
 The son of an ex-slave who upon his college graduation ranked first in his class, Robeson was proclaimed the future "leader of the colored race in America." Although a graduate of Columbia Law School, he abandoned his law career and began an internationally celebrated actor and singer. Paul Robeson's triumphs on the stage earned him esteem among white and Black Americans across the country, although his daring and principled activism eventually made him an outcast from the entertainment industry, and his radical views made many consider him a public enemy.  
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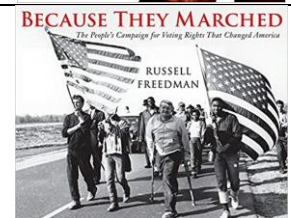
Duncan, Alice Faye. **Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968.** Honesdale, PN: Calkins Creek, 2018.  
 This historical fiction picture book presents the story of nine-year-old Lorraine Jackson, who in 1968 witnessed the Memphis sanitation strike—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final stand for justice before his assassination—when her father, a sanitation worker, participated in the protest.  
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**Award:** ALSC Notable 2019, Coretta Scott King Honor 2018, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.  
 Grades: 4-7



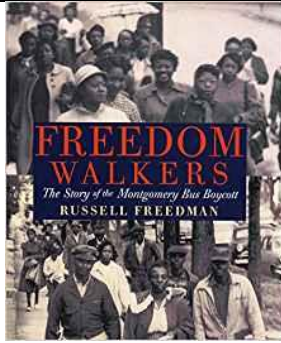
Engle, Margarita. **Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots.** New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2018.  
 Thousands of Navy sailors are pouring into Los Angeles on their way to the front lines of World War II. They are young, scared, and longing to feel alive before they have to face the horrors of battle. Hot jazz music spiced with cool salsa rhythms calls them to dance with the local girls. These Jazz Owl girls dance with the sailors until the blazing summer night when racial violence leads to murder. Suddenly the restless white sailors are attacking the girls' brothers and boyfriends. The zoot suits they wear are supposedly the reason for the violence but really these boys are beaten and arrested because of the color of their skin.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2019, Notable Poetry and Verse Novels 2019, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.  
 Grades: 7-9



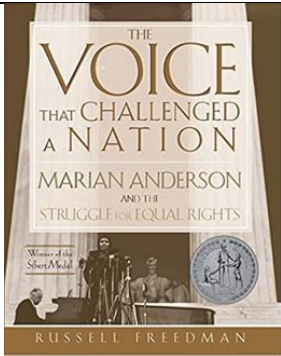
Fradin, Judith Bloom. **Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup, Free Black Man.** Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2012.  
 The true story behind the acclaimed movie *12 Years a Slave*, this book is based on the life of Solomon Northup, a free Black man from New York who was captured in the United States and sold into slavery in Louisiana.  
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**Awards:** Carter G. Woodson 2013 & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2013.  
 Grades: 5-6



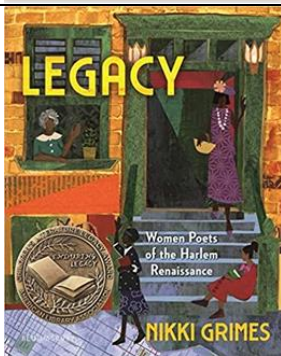
Freedman, Russell. **Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights that Changed America.** New York, NY: Holiday House, 2014.  
 In February, the shooting of an unarmed demonstrator by an Alabama state trooper inspired a march from Selma to the state capital. The event got off to a horrific start on March 7 as law officers brutally attacked peaceful demonstrators. But when vivid footage the violence was broadcasted throughout the world, the incident spurred demonstrators to complete the march at any cost.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2015 & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2015.  
 Grades: 6-8



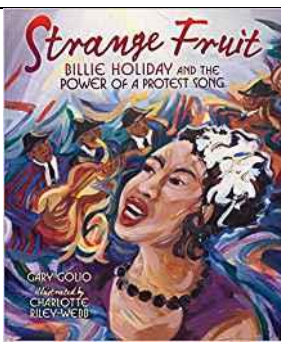
Freedman, Russell. ***Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.*** New York, NY: Holiday House, 2006.  
On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus and give up her seat to a White man. This refusal sparked the Montgomery bus boycott, a yearlong struggle, and a Civil Rights Movement victory.  
323.1196076 F8757f  
**Awards:** ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2007, Carter G. Woodson 2007, Flora Stieglitz Straus 2007, Jane Addams Honor 2007, Orbis Picture Honor 2007, & Society of School Librarians International Honor 2007.  
Grades: 6-8



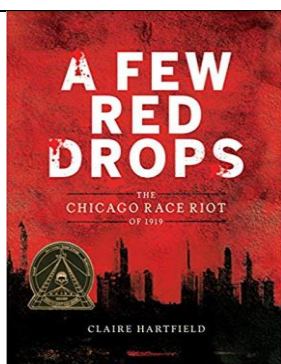
Freedman, Russell. ***The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights.*** New York, NY: Clarion Books, 2004.  
In the mid-1930s, Marian Anderson was a famed vocalist who had been applauded by European royalty and welcomed at the White House. But, because of her race, she was denied the right to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. This is the story of her resulting involvement in the civil rights movement of the time.  
927.821 An241f  
**Award:** Newbery Honor 2005  
Grades: 5-7



Grimes, Nikki. ***Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance.*** New York, NY: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2021.  
This feminist-forward new collection of poetry celebrates the little-known women poets of the Harlem Renaissance paired with full-color, original art from today's most talented female African-American illustrators. Taking inspiration from the unsung women poets of the era, Grimes uses the "Golden Shovel" poetry method to create original poems.  
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**Awards:** Children's Literature Legacy Award 2021 & Kirkus Prize Finalist 2021.  
Grades: 4-6

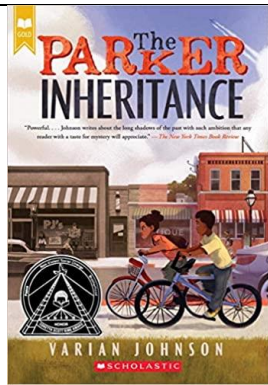


Goilo, Gary. ***Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song.*** Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 2017.  
In the 1930s, Billie was known as a performer of jazz and blues music, but her song wasn't either of those. Discover how Billie Holiday and Abel Meeropol combined their talents to create a song that challenged racism and paved the way for the Civil Rights movement.  
782.42165 H717s  
**Awards:** ALA Notable 2018, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2018, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.  
Grades: 3-6



Hartfield, Claire. ***A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919.*** New York, NY: Clarion Books, 2018.  
On a hot day in July 1919, five Black youths went swimming in Lake Michigan, unintentionally floating close to the "White" beach. An angry White man began throwing stones at the boys, striking, and killing one. Racial conflict on the beach erupted into days of urban violence that shook the city of Chicago to its foundations.  
305.896073 H253f  
**Awards:** Carter G. Woodson Award 2019 & Coretta Scott King Award 2019.  
Grades: 7-9

	<p>Haskins, James. <b>Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement</b>. New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children, 1997.</p> <p>A biography of Bayard Rustin, a skillful organizer behind the scenes of the American civil rights movement whose ideas strongly influenced Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>323.092 R928h</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Coretta Scott King Author Honor 1998.</p> <p>Grades: 5-8</p>
	<p>Hudson, Wade. <b>Defiant: Growing up in the Jim Crow South</b>. New York, NY: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p> <p>Wade Hudson came of age against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement. From their home on Mary Street, his close-knit family watched as the country grappled with desegregation, as the Klan targeted the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and as systemic racism struck across the nation and in their hometown. This powerful memoir reveals the struggles, joys, love, and ongoing resilience that it took to grow up Black in segregated America, and the lessons that carry over to our fight for a better future.</p> <p>323.092 H8697de</p> <p><b>Award:</b> Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2022.</p> <p>Grades: 5-6</p>
	<p>Hudson, Wade &amp; Cheryl Willis Hudson, Editors. <b>We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices</b>. New York, NY: Crown, 2018.</p> <p>What do we tell our children when the world seems bleak, and prejudice and racism run rampant? With 96 pages of original art and prose, fifty diverse creators lend voice to young activists.</p> <p>303.4 W3697</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Jane Addams Book Honor 2019 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Ireland, Justina. <b>Ophie's Ghosts</b>. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2021.</p> <p>Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father's life and forces her to move in with relatives in 1920s Pittsburgh, young Ophelia forges a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly. This is a quest to bring peace and healing to those whom society has left behind as it explores issues of race, privilege, and historical injustice.</p> <p>813.6 Ir25op</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Jane Addams Finalist 2022 &amp; Scott O'Dell Award 2022.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Jackson, Linda Williams. <b>Midnight Without a Moon</b>. New York, NY: HMH Books for Young Readers, 2017.</p> <p>Rose Lee Carter, a thirteen-year-old African American girl, dreams of life beyond the Mississippi cotton fields during the summer of 1955, but when Emmett Till is murdered and his killers are unjustly acquitted, Rose is torn between seeking her destiny outside of Mississippi or staying and being a part of an important movement.</p> <p>Y J1359m</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSA Notable 2018 &amp; Jane Addams Honor 2018.</p> <p>Grades: 5-7</p>



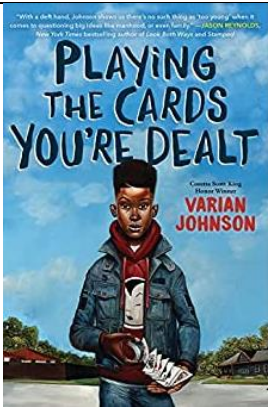
Johnson, Varian. ***The Parker Inheritance***. New York, NY: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2019.

When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. The letter describes a young woman, an injustice that happened decades ago, a mystery enfoldng its writer, and the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle.

813.6 J638p 2018

**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2019, Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2019, Horn Book Honor 2019, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019, & Odyssey Honor 2019.

Grades: 3-7



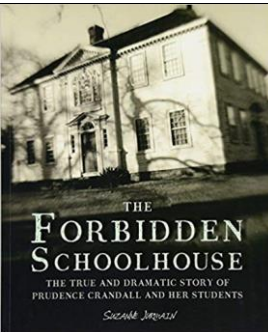
Johnson, Varian. ***Playing the Cards You're Dealt***. New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2021.

Ten-year-old Anthony Joplin is finally old enough to play in the spades tournament every Joplin Man before him seems to have won. So while Ant's friends are stressing about fifth grade homework and girls, Ant only has one thing on his mind: how he'll measure up to his father's expectations at the card table. Then Ant's best friend gets grounded, and he's forced to find another spades partner. Shirley, the new girl in his class, isn't exactly who he has in mind and he's not sure that his father wants him playing with a girl. But she's smart and tough and pretty and knows every card trick in the book. So Ant decides to join forces with Shirley--and keep his plans a secret. Only it turns out secrets are another Joplin Man tradition. And his father is hiding one so big it may tear their family apart.

813.6 J638pl

**Award:** ALA Notable 2022.

Grades: 3-7



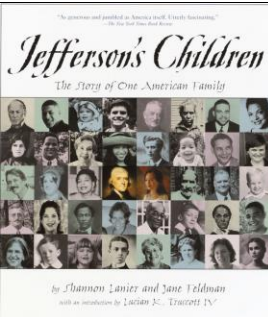
Jurmain, Suzanne. ***The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students***. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

They threw rocks at the school windows. Villagers refused to sell Miss Crandall groceries or let her students attend the town church. Her schoolhouse was mysteriously set on fire. The town authorities dragged her to jail and put her on trial for breaking the law. Her crime? Trying to teach African American girls.

923.7746 C85j

**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2006, Notable Books for a Global Society 2006, Golden Kite Honor 2006, & Orbis Pictus Honor 2006.

Grades: 5-7



Lanier, Shannon and Jane Feldman. ***Jefferson's Children: The Story of One American Family***. New York, NY: Random House, 2000.

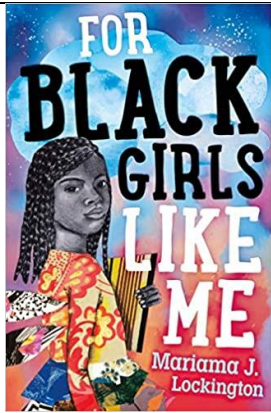
Told in the style of a family photo album—with a combination of photographs and interviews—*Jefferson's Children* is the story of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemming's sixth great-grandson, Shannon Lanier's, travels across the country to meet his relatives from both sides of the family.

923.1 J359I

Grades 3-7

	<p>Lasky, Kathryn. <b><i>True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad.</i></b> New York, NY: Blue Sky Press, 1996.</p> <p>When Lucy Bradford's grandfather passes away, the fourteen-year-old girl unexpectedly inherits his secret work as an abolitionist, and she soon takes on the task of helping a young slave girl escape.</p> <p>Y L335tr Grades: 7-9</p>
	<p>Lester, Julius. <b><i>Day of Tears.</i></b> New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.</p> <p>On March 2 and 3, 1859, the largest auction of slaves in American history took place in Savannah, Georgia. More than 400 slaves were sold. On the first day of the auction, the skies darkened and torrential rain began falling. The rain continued throughout the two days, stopping only when the auction had ended. The simultaneity of the rainstorm with the auction led to these two days being called "the weeping time."</p> <p>Y L5673d <b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2006, Coretta Scott King Author Award 2006, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2006, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2006. Grades: 5-8</p>
	<p>Levine, Kristin. <b><i>The Lions of Little Rock.</i></b> New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2012.</p> <p>As twelve-year-old Marlee starts middle school in 1958 in Little Rock, it feels like her whole world is falling apart. Until she meets Liz, the new girl at school. But when Liz leaves school without even a good-bye, the rumor is that Liz was caught passing for White. Marlee decides that doesn't matter. And to stay friends, Marlee and Liz are even willing to take on segregation and the dangers their friendship could bring to both their families.</p> <p>Y L5787I <b>Awards:</b> Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2013 &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2013. Grades: 5-6</p>
	<p>Levinson, Cynthia. <b><i>We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March.</i></b> Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2012.</p> <p>This is the little-known story of the 4,000 Black elementary-, middle-, and high school students who voluntarily went to jail in Birmingham, Alabama, between May 2 and May 11, 1963. Fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s precept to fill the jails, they succeeded where adults had failed in desegregating one of the most racially violent cities in America.</p> <p>323.1196073 L5789w <b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2013, Jane Addams 2013, Golden Kite Honor 2013, Notable Books for a Global Society 2013 &amp; Orbis Pictus Honor 2013. Grades: 7-9</p>





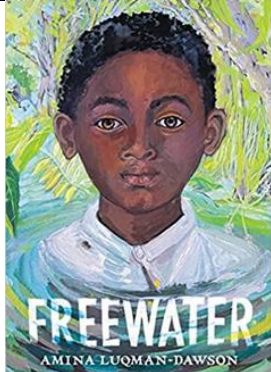
Lockington, Mariama J. ***For Black Girls Like Me***. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2019.

Makeda June Kirkland is eleven years old, adopted, and Black. Her parents and big sister are White, and even though she loves her family very much, Makeda often feels left out. When Makeda's family moves from Maryland to New Mexico, she leaves behind her best friend, Lena— the only other adopted Black girl she knows— for a new life. In New Mexico, everything is different. *For Black Girls Like Me* is for anyone who has ever asked themselves: How do you figure out where you are going if you don't know where you came from?

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**Awards:** ALSC Notable Book 2020 & ALA Notable Middle-Grade Novel 2020.

Grades: 4-7

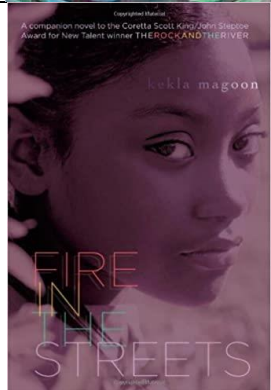


Luqman-Dawson, Amina. ***Freewater***. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2022.

After fleeing the plantation where they were enslaved, siblings Ada and Homer discover the secret community of Freewater, and work with freeborn Sanzi to protect their new home from the encroaching dangers of the outside world.

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Grades: 5 +

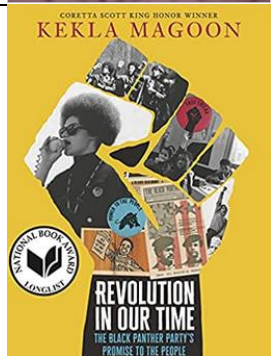


Magoon, Kekla. ***Fire in the Streets***. New York, NY: Aladdin, 2013.

In the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Chicago fourteen-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers, whether or not her brother Raheem, ex-boyfriend Sam, or her friends like it, and is soon caught up in the violence of anti-war and civil rights demonstrations. Companion to *The Rock and the River*.

Y M2758f

Grades: 5-9



Magoon, Kekla. ***Revolution in our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2021.

*Revolution in Our Time* puts the Panthers in the proper context of Black American history, from the first arrival of enslaved people to the Black Lives Matter movement of today. This eye-opening work invites a new generation of readers grappling with injustices in the United States to learn from the Panthers' history and courage, inspiring them to take their place in the ongoing fight for justice.

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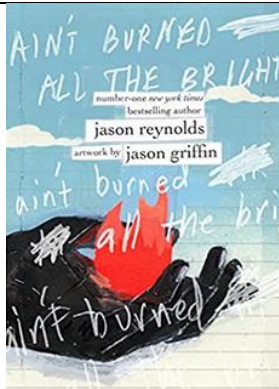
**Awards:** Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2022, Michael L. Printz Honor 2022, National Book Award Finalist 2022, & Walter Dean Myers Honor 2022.

Grades: 7-9

	<p>Magoon, Kekla. <b><i>The Rock and the River</i></b>. New York, NY: Aladdin, 2009.</p> <p>In 1968 Chicago, it's not easy for thirteen-year-old Sam to be the son of known civil rights activist Roland Childs, especially when his older brother, Stick, starts keeping to himself. Then, one day, Sam finds something under Stick's bed that changes everything: literature about the Black Panthers. Suddenly, nothing feels certain anymore. And when Dr. King is shot and killed, Sam's father's words are no longer enough to make him believe in change....</p> <p>Y M2758r</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2010 &amp; John Steptoe Award for New Author Talent 2010.</p> <p>Grades: 6-8</p>
	<p>McWhorter, Diane. <b><i>A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954-1968</i></b>. New York, NY: Scholastic, 2004.</p> <p>In this history of the modern Civil Rights Movement, Diane McWhorter focuses on the monumental events that occurred between 1954 (the year of Brown versus the Board of Education) and 1968 (the year that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated).</p> <p>323.1 M258d</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2005 &amp; Obis Pictus Commended 2005.</p> <p>Grades: 5-9</p>
	<p>Medearis, Angela Shelf. <b><i>Dare to Dream: Coretta Scott King and the Civil Rights Movement</i></b>. Birmingham, AL: Lodestar Books, 1999.</p> <p>From her childhood encounters with discrimination to her activism as an adult, Coretta Scott King dreamed of finding a place where people were treated equally. This compelling biography tells how she joined her husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to lead protest marches and stand up to prejudice and violence.</p> <p>323.092 K58d</p> <p>Grades: 4-7</p>
	<p>Myers, Walter Dean. <b><i>Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth be Told</i></b>. New York, NY: Harper-Collins, 2008.</p> <p>Long before boycotts, sit-ins, and freedom rides, Ida B. Wells was hard at work to better the lives of African Americans. An activist, educator, writer, journalist, suffragette, and pioneering voice against the horror of lynching, she used fierce determination and the power of the pen to educate the world about the unequal treatment of Blacks in the United States.</p> <p>923.6 W4622my</p> <p>Grades: 4-8</p>
	<p>Morrison, Toni. <b><i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i></b>. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2004.</p> <p>Toni Morrison has collected a treasure chest of archival photographs that depict the historical events surrounding school desegregation. These unforgettable images serve as the inspiration for Ms. Morrison's text—a fictional account of the dialogue and emotions of the children who lived during the era of "separate but equal" schooling.</p> <p>379.2630973 M8347r</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2005 &amp; Coretta Scott King Author Award 2005.</p> <p>Grades: 3-8</p>

	<p>Nelson, Kadir. <b><i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i></b>. New York, NY: Jump at the Sun, 2008.</p> <p>The story of Negro League baseball is the story of gifted athletes and determined owners, of racial discrimination and international sportsmanship, of fortunes won and lost, and of triumphs and defeats on and off the field.</p> <p>796.35764 N3346w</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author 2009, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2009, Orbis Pictus Honor 2009, &amp; Robert F. Sibert 2009.</p> <p>Grades: 3-7</p>
	<p>Parks, Rosa. <b><i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i></b>. New York, NY: Dial Books, 1992.</p> <p>Rosa Parks is best known for the day she refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott. Yet there is much more to her story than this one act of defiance. In this straightforward, compelling autobiography, Rosa Parks talks candidly about the Civil Rights Movement and her active role in it. Her dedication is inspiring; her story is unforgettable.</p> <p>976.147 P237r</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 1993 &amp; ALA Best Book for Young Adults 1993.</p> <p>Grades: 4-7</p>
	<p>Partridge, Elizabeth. <b><i>Marching for Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary</i></b>. New York, NY: Viking, 2009.</p> <p>Walk straight into the chaotic, passionate, and deadly three months of protests that culminated in the landmark march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. Learn about the children who faced terrifying violence to march alongside King.</p> <p>323.1196073 P2588m</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2010, Jane Addams Book Award 2010, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2010.</p> <p>Grades: 5 +</p>
	<p>Pinkney, Andrea Davis. <b><i>Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America</i></b>. New York, NY: Disney/Jump at the Sun, 2012.</p> <p><i>Hand in Hand</i> presents the stories of ten African American men from different eras in American history, organized chronologically to provide a scope from slavery to the modern day.</p> <p>973.0496073 P6561h</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author Award 2013, Notable Books for a Global Society 2013, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2013.</p> <p>Grades: 4-7</p>
	<p>Pinkney, Andrea Davis. <b><i>Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters</i></b>. Boston, MA: HMH Books for Young Readers, 2013.</p> <p>Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus and sparked a boycott that changed America. Harriet Tubman helped more than three hundred slaves escape the South on the Underground Railroad. Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. These women are part of a story about courage in the face of oppression.</p> <p>323.092396 P6561l</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Carter G. Woodson 2001 &amp; Coretta Scott King Author Honors 2001.</p> <p>Grades: 4-7</p>

	<p>Rappaport, Doreen. <b><i>Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round: Stories and Songs of the Civil Rights Movement</i></b>. Candlewick Press, 2006.</p> <p>In the summer of 1955, Moses Wright braved mortal danger to testify against three white men accused of murdering Emmett Till — a brutal event that helped to spur the American civil rights movement. Nine black teenagers in Little Rock, Arkansas, headed out to a formerly white high school, despite warnings that "blood will run in the streets." James Lawson trained activists not to fight back with fists or words, no matter how many billy clubs rained down on them. Through ten turbulent years, black southerners filled jails and public places with the songs and strength passed down from their ancestors.</p> <p>323.1196073 R1823n Grades: 4-7</p>
	<p>Rembert, Winfred. <b><i>Don't Hold Me Back: My Life and Art</i></b>. Gloucester, UK: Cricket Books, 2003.</p> <p>Winfred Rembert grew up in the 1950s in rural Georgia as the child of sharecroppers. As a young man, he was nearly lynched and served seven years in jail and on a chain gang. Yet he constantly found ways to create, to invent, to uplift. As a child, he made toys from pieces of junk at the town dump. In prison, he watched a leather worker and learned to carve and paint the leather himself. Rembert shows how the civil rights movement was not just a matter of famous speeches and marches, but was a product of the bonds of the black community and the unbreakable spirit of individuals</p> <p>759.13 R282d <b>Award:</b> ALSC Notable 2004. Grades: 5-6</p>
	<p>Reynolds, Jason. <b><i>As Brave as You</i></b>. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016.</p> <p>Scooping poop at his grandparent's house wasn't the way eleven-year-old Genie expected to be spending his summer. When his parents send him and his big brother, Ernie, to Virginia to experience the great outdoors, they're in for big surprises. First, there are chores galore. Second, Grandpop just might be completely off his rocker. The man has a big secret and once Genie learns what it is, all of Grandpop's oddities start to make sense. On top of that, Grandpop has a crazy idea for how to celebrate Ernie's fourteenth birthday. When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally.</p> <p>811.6 R3352as <b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2017, Kirkus Prize 2017, &amp; Schneider Family 2017. Grades: 5-6</p>
	<p>Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely. <b><i>All American Boys</i></b>. New York, NY: Atheneum, 2015.</p> <p>Rashad and Quinn -- one black, one white, both American -- face the unspeakable truth that racism and prejudice didn't die after the civil rights movement. There's a future at stake, a future where no one else will have to be absent because of police brutality. They just have to risk everything to change the world. Because that's how it can end.</p> <p>813.6 R3352a <b>Awards:</b> Amelia Elizabeth Walden 2016, Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2016, Notable Social Studies Trade Books 2016, &amp; Walter Dean Meyers 2016. Grades: 7-9</p>



Reynolds, Jason and Jason Griffin. ***Ain't Burned all the Bright***. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2022.

Jason Reynolds, using three longggggggg sentences, and Jason Griffin, using three hundred pages of a pocket-size moleskine, have mind-melded this fierce-vulnerable-brilliant-terrifying-whatiswrongwithhumans-hopefilled-hopeful-tender-heartbreaking-heartmaking manifesto on what it means not to be able to breathe, and how the people and things at your fingertips are actually the oxygen you most need.

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**Award:** Boston Globe Horn Award for Picture Books 2022.

Grades: 7-9



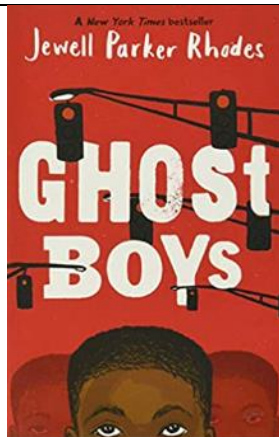
Rhodes, Jewell Parker. ***Black Brother, Black Brother***. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2020.

As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, most of the students don't look like Donte and don't like him either. Dubbing him "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter-skinned brother, Trey. When he's bullied and framed by the captain of the fencing team, "King" Alan, he's suspended from school and arrested. Terrified, searching for a place where he belongs, Donte joins a local youth center and meets former Olympic fencer Arden Jones. This is an examination of the school-to-prison pipeline and follows one boy's fight to finding his voice.

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**Award:** ALSC Notable 2021.

Grades: 3-7



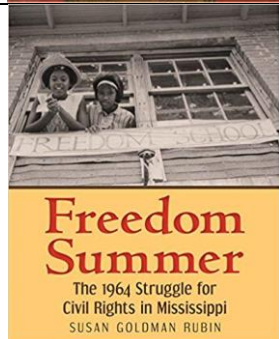
Rhodes, Jewell Parker. ***Ghost Boys***. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2018.

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family, his friend Carlos, and his community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions.

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**Awards:** Charlotte Huck Honor 2019, E.B. White Read Aloud 2019, Golden Kite Honor 2019, Jane Addams 2019, & Walter Dean Myers 2019.

Grades: 5+



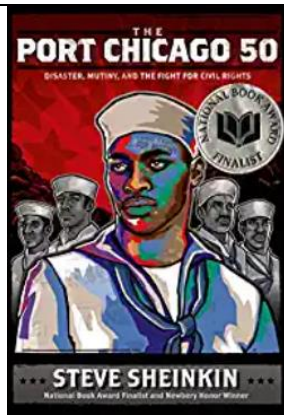
Rubin, Susan Goldman. ***Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi***. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2014.

In 1964, Mississippi civil rights groups banded together to fight Jim Crow laws in a state where only 6.4 percent of eligible Black voters were registered. Testing a bold new strategy, they recruited students from across the United States. That summer these young volunteers defied segregation by living with local Black hosts, opening Freedom Schools to educate disenfranchised adults and their children, and canvassing door-to-door to register voters. Everyone involved knew there would be risks but were nonetheless shocked when . . .

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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2015, Golden Kite Honor 2015, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2015.

Grades: 5-6



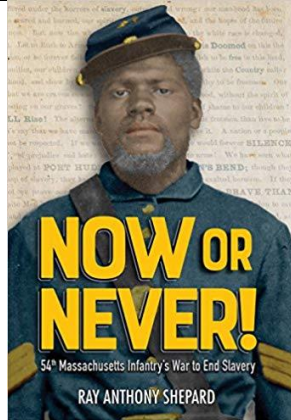
Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights***. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks, critically injuring off-duty men in their bunks, and shattering windows up to a mile away. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution.

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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2015, National Book Finalist 2014, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2015, & YASLA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction.

Grades: 5-9



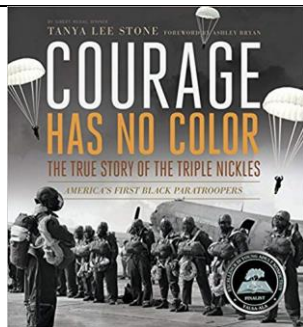
Shepard, Ray Anthony. ***Now or Never!: Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry's War to End Slavery***. Honesdale, PN: Calkins Creek, 2017.

Stephens and Gooding not only served in the Black Massachusetts 54th Infantry regiment but were also war correspondents who published eyewitness battlefield. Their dispatches told the truth of their lives at camp, their intense training, and the dangers on the battlefield. Like the other Black soldiers in the regiment, they not only fought against the Confederacy and the inhumanity of slavery, but also against injustice in their own army. The regiment's protest unfair pay resulted in America's first major civil rights victory.

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**Awards:** Carter G. Woodson Honor 2018 & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2018.

Grades: 5-12



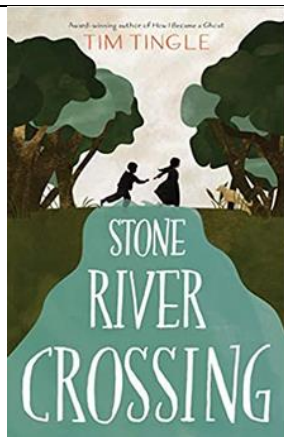
Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.

World War II is raging, and thousands of American soldiers are fighting overseas against the injustices brought on by Hitler. Back on the home front, discrimination against African Americans plays out as much on Main Street as in the military. This is the little-known history of the Triple Nickles, America's first Black paratroopers, who fought in an attack on the American West by the Japanese.

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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2014, Notable Books for a Global Society 2014, & Orbis Pictus Honor 2014.

Grades: 5 and up

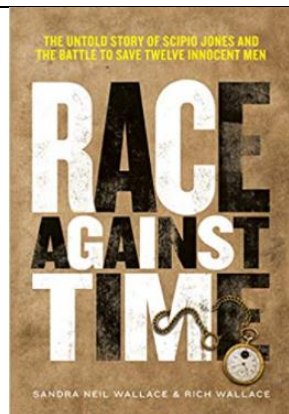


Tingle, Tim. ***Stone River Crossing***. New York, NY: Tu Books, 2019.

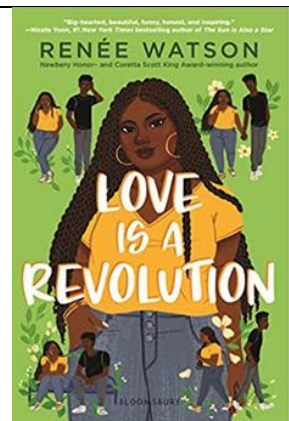
Martha Tom knows better than to cross the Bok Chitto River to pick blackberries. The Bok Chitto is the only border between her town in the Choctaw Nation and the slave-owning plantation in Mississippi territory. The slave owners could catch her, too. But crossing the river brings a surprise friendship with Lil Mo, a boy who is enslaved on the other side. When Lil Mo discovers that his mother is about to be sold and the rest of his family left behind, Martha Tom has the answer: cross the Bok Chitto and become free. By morning, Lil Mo discovers he has entered a completely new world of tradition, community, and... a little magic. Tim Tingle offers a story that reminds readers that the strongest bridge between cultures is friendship.

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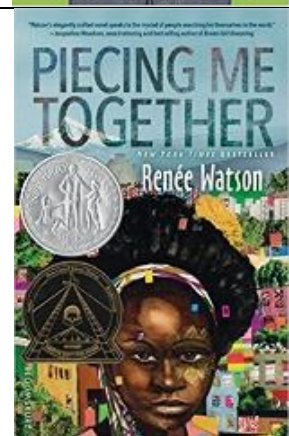
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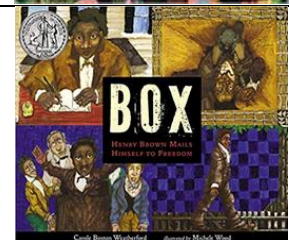
Wallace, Sandra Neil. ***Race Against Time: The Untold Story of Scipio Jones and the Battle to Save Twelve Innocent Men.*** Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2021. In October 1919, a group of Black sharecroppers met at a church in an Arkansas village to organize a union. Bullets rained down on the meeting from outside. Many were killed by a White mob in what became known as the Elaine Massacre. Others were rounded up and arrested. Twelve of the sharecroppers were hastily tried and sentenced to death. Scipio Africanus Jones, a self-taught lawyer who'd been born enslaved, answered the call and represented the twelve—but could he save the men's lives and set them free? 976.78805  
**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2022, Carter G. Woodson 2022, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2022.  
 Grades: 5-9



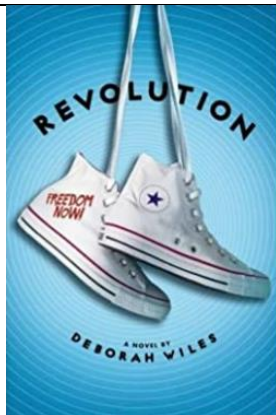
Watson, Renée. ***Love is a Revolution.*** New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2021. Nala Robertson reluctantly agrees to attend an open mic night for her cousin-sister-friend Imani's birthday. Tye Brown, the MC is perfect, except-- he is an activist and is spending the summer putting on events for the community when Nala would rather watch movies and try out the new seasonal flavors at the local creamery. In order to impress Tye, Nala tells a few tiny lies to have enough in common with him. As Nala falls deeper into keeping up her lies and into love, she'll learn all the ways love is hard, and how self-love is revolutionary. 813.6 W337lo  
 Grades: 7-9



Watson, Renee. ***Piecing Me Together.*** New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2017. Tired of being singled out at her mostly White private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. This is a nuanced story about girls navigating the landmines of others' good intentions and will make readers wrestle with every assumption they have about race, economic class, and so-called at-risk kids. Y W337p  
**Awards:** ALA Notable 2018, Amelia Bloomer List 2018, Coretta Scott King Author Award 2018, Jane Addams Book Honor 2018, Newbery Honor 2018, & Notable Books for a Global Society 2018.  
 Grades: 7-9



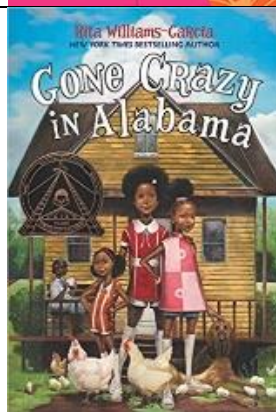
Weatherford, Carole Boston. ***Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom.*** Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2020. He was put to work as a child and passed down from one generation to the next — as property. When he was an adult, his wife and children were sold away from him out of spite. Henry Brown watched as his family left bound in chains, headed to the deeper South. But then hope and help came in the form of the Underground Railroad. In stanzas of six lines each, each line representing one side of a box, Carole Boston Weatherford narrates Henry Brown's story of how he came to send himself in a box from slavery to freedom. 306.362092 W3784b  
**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2021, Newbery Honor Medal 2021, Notable Poetry and Verse Novel 2021, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2021.  
 Grades: 5-9



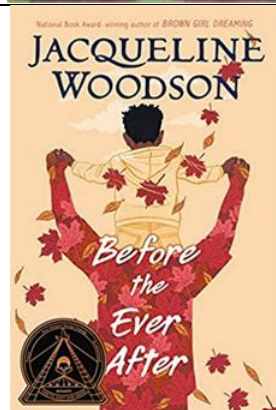
Wiles, Deborah. **Revolution**. New York, NY : Scholastic Press, 2014.  
It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer. Meanwhile, Sunny can't help but feel like her house is being invaded, too. She has a new stepmother, a new brother, and a new sister crowding her life, giving her little room to breathe. And things get even trickier when Sunny and her brother are caught sneaking into the local swimming pool, where they bump into a mystery boy whose life is going to become tangled up in theirs.  
Y W647r  
**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2015, Charlotte Huck Honor, Golden Kite 2015, Jane Addams Honor 2015, National Book Award Finalist 2014, Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2015, & Skipping Stones Honor 2015.  
Grades : 4-8



Williams, Alicia D. **Genesis Begins Again**. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2019.  
There are ninety-six reasons why thirteen-year-old Genesis dislikes herself. She knows the exact number because she keeps a list. Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.  
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**Awards:** Coretta Scott King John Steptoe Award 2020, Newbery Honor 2020, & William C. Morris Finalist 2020.  
Grades: 4-8

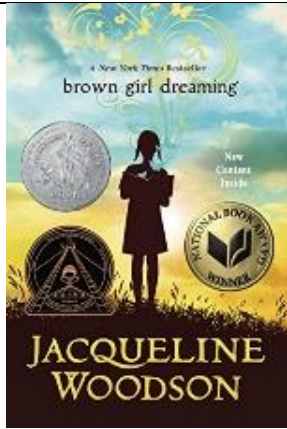


Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Gone Crazy in Alabama**. New York, NY: Amistad, 2015.  
Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother, Big Ma, and her mother, Ma Charles. Across the way lives Ma Charles's half-sister, Miss Trotter. The two half-sisters haven't spoken in years. As Delphine hears about her family history, she uncovers the surprising truth that's been keeping the sisters apart. But when tragedy strikes, Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.  
Y W6721g  
**Awards:** ALA Notable 2016 & Coretta Scott King Author Award 2016.  
Grades: 4-7



Woodson, Jacqueline. **Before the Ever After**. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2020.  
For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a talented pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of adoring sports fans. But lately life at ZJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time. ZJ's mom explains it's because of all the head injuries his dad sustained during his career. As ZJ contemplates his new reality, he must figure out how to hold on tight to family traditions and recollections of the glory days, while wondering what their past amounts to if his dad can't remember it.  
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**Awards:** ALSC Notable 2021, Coretta Scott King Author 2021, & Notable Poetry and Verse Novel 2021.  
Grades: 5-6





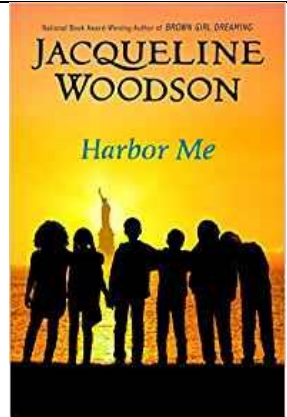
Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Brown Girl Dreaming***. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014.

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson felt halfway home in each place. In poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights Movement.

Y W868br

**Awards:** ALA Notable 2015, Coretta Scott King Author Award 2015, E.B. White Award 2015, NAACP Image Award 2015, National Book Award Winner 2014, Notable Books of the English Language Arts 2014, Notable Books for a Global Society 2015, & Robert F. Sibert Honor 2015.

Grades: 5-7



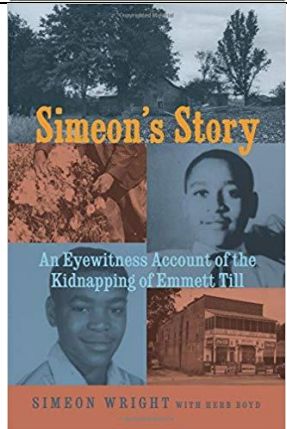
Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Harbor Me***. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018.

It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in. There, in the room they soon dub the ARTT Room (short for "A Room to Talk"), they discover it's safe to talk about what's bothering them—everything from Esteban's father's deportation and Haley's father's incarceration to Amari's fears of racial profiling and Ashton's adjustment to his changing family fortunes. When the six are together, they can express the feelings and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

Y W868h

**Award:** ALSC Notable 2019.

Grades: 5-6



Wright, Simeon. ***Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till***. Chicago, IL: Lawrence Hill Books, 2010.

No modern tragedy has had a greater impact on race relations in America than the kidnapping and murder of Emmett Till. A 14-year-old Black boy from Chicago visiting relatives in Mississippi in 1955, Till was taken from his uncle's home by two White men; several days later, his body was found in the Tallahatchie River. This grotesque crime became the catalyst for the civil rights movement. At age 12, author Simeon Wright saw and heard his cousin Emmett whistle at a White woman in the grocery store; he was sleeping in the same bed with him when Emmett was taken; and he was at the sensational trial.

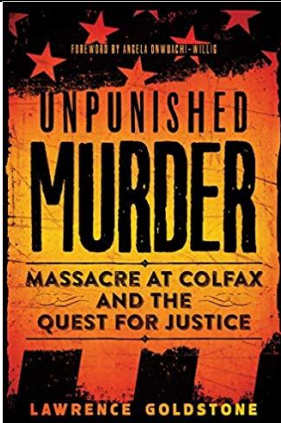
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**Awards:** Carter G. Woodson Honor 2011 & Skipping Stones Honor 2010.

Grades: 7-9

# High School

	<p>Brimner, Larry. <b><i>Accused!: The Trials of the Scottsboro Boys: Lies, Prejudice, and the Fourteenth Amendment.</i></b> Honesdale, PN: Calkins Creek, 2019.</p> <p>In 1931, nine teenagers were arrested as they traveled on a train through Scottsboro, Alabama. The youngest was thirteen, and all had been hoping to find something better at the end of their journey. But they never arrived. Instead, two White women falsely accused them of rape.</p> <p>345.761 B77a</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ALSC Notable 2020, Carter G. Woodson Honor 2020, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2020.</p> <p>Grades: 8-12</p>
	<p>Colbert, Brandy. <b><i>Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.</i></b> New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2021.</p> <p>In the early morning of June 1, 1921, a white mob marched across the train tracks in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and into its predominantly Black Greenwood District--a thriving, affluent neighborhood known as America's Black Wall Street. In a few short hours, they'd razed thirty-five square blocks to the ground, leaving hundreds dead. The Tulsa Race Massacre is one of the most devastating acts of racial violence in US history. But how did it come to pass? What exactly happened? And why are the events unknown to many today?</p> <p>976.68604 C671bl</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Boston Globe Horn Award for Nonfiction 2022 &amp; YASLA Nonfiction Finalist 2022.</p> <p>Grades: 9-12</p>
	<p>Draper, Sharon M. <b><i>Copper Sun.</i></b> New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.</p> <p>Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.</p> <p>Y D791c</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author Award 2007, Margaret A. Edwards 2015, &amp; Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2007.</p> <p>Grades: 9-12</p>
	<p>Dunbar, Erica Armstrong. <b><i>Never Caught: The Washington's Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge.</i></b> New York, NY: Simon and Schuster, 2019.</p> <p>When George Washington was elected president, he left Mount Vernon to serve in Philadelphia, the temporary seat of the nation's capital. In setting up his household he took Tobias Lear, his celebrated secretary, and eight slaves, including Ona Judge, about whom little has been written. As he grew accustomed to Northern ways, there was one change he couldn't get his arms around: Pennsylvania law required enslaved people be set free after six months in the state. Rather than comply, Washington sent the slaves back down south just as the clock was about to expire. Though Ona Judge lived a life of relative comfort, Judge left everything she knew to escape to New England.</p> <p>306.362092 D911n 2019</p> <p>Grades: 9-12</p>

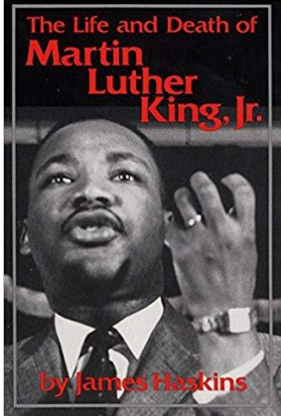


Goldstone, Lawrence. *Unpunished Murder*. New York, NY: Scholastic Focus, 2018.

On Easter Sunday of 1873, just eight years after the Civil War ended, a band of White supremacists marched into Grant Parish, Louisiana, and massacred over one hundred unarmed African Americans. The court case that followed reached the highest court in the land. Yet, following one of the ghastliest incidents of mass murder in American history, not one person was convicted.

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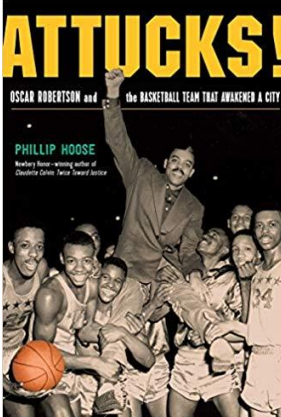


Haskins, James. *The Life and Death of Martin Luther King, Jr.* New York, NY: Beech Tree Books, 1992.

On April 4, 1968, a shot rang out in Memphis, Tennessee, killing the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The leader of the civil rights movement was dead, felled by an assassin's bullet. Who was Martin Luther King, and why do we remember him? Award-winning author James Haskins chronicles Dr. King's life and the circumstances surrounding his death.

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Grades: 8-12



Hoose, Phillip. *Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City*. New York, NY: Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2018.

In 1955, ten teens from an Indianapolis school, meant to be the centerpiece of racially segregated education in the state, shattered the myth of their inferiority. Their brilliant coach fashioned an unbeatable team. Anchored by the astonishing Oscar Robertson, a future college and NBA star, the Crispus Attucks Tigers were the first state champions from Indianapolis and the first all-Black team in U.S. history to win a racially open championship tournament.

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**Awards:** ALA Notable 2019, Carter G. Woodson Honor 2019, & Notable Social Studies Trade Book 2019.

Grades: 7-12



Jackson, Tiffany D. *Monday's Not Coming*. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books, 2018.

Monday Charles is missing, and only Claudia seems to notice. Claudia and Monday have always been inseparable—more sisters than friends. So, when Monday doesn't turn up for the first day of school, Claudia's worried. This thought-provoking thriller examines issues such as abuse, gentrification, and the marginalization of people of color with nuance and sensitivity. The narrative deftly moves back and forth between past and present, building to a devastating conclusion.

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**Awards:** John Steptoe Author Award 2019 & Walter Dean Meyers Honor 2019.

Grades: 9-12

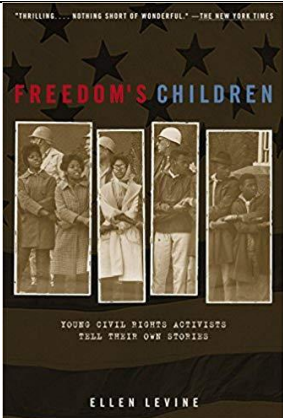


Latham, Jennifer. ***Dreamland Burning***. Little, Brown and Company, 2017. When seventeen-year-old Rowan Chase finds a skeleton on her family's property, she has no idea that investigating the brutal century-old murder will lead to a summer of painful discoveries about the present and the past. Nearly one hundred years earlier, a misguided violent encounter propels seventeen-year-old Will Tillman into a racial firestorm. In a country rife with violence against blacks and a hometown segregated by Jim Crow, Will must make hard choices on a painful journey towards self-discovery and face his inner demons in order to do what's right the night Tulsa burns. Through intricately interwoven alternating perspectives, Jennifer Latham's lightning-paced page-turner brings the Tulsa race riot of 1921 to blazing life and raises important questions about the complex state of US race relations--both yesterday and today.

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**Award:** Notable Books for a Global Society 2018.

Grades: 9 and up



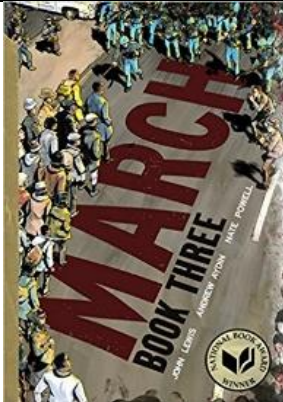
Levine, Ellen S. ***Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories***. New York, NY: Putman, 1993.

In this inspiring collection of true stories, thirty African Americans who were children or teenagers in the 1950's and 1960's talk about what it was like for them to fight segregation in the South—to sit in an all-White restaurant and demand to be served; to refuse to give up a seat at the front of the bus; to be among the first to integrate the public schools; and to face violence, arrest, and even death for the cause of freedom.

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**Award:** Jane Addams 1994.

Grades: 9-12



Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. ***March. Book Three***. Marietta, GA: Top Shelf Productions, 2016.

Congressman Lewis concludes his firsthand account of the civil rights era. A graphic novel that presents an extraordinary life and proves that young people can change the world.

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**Awards:** Coretta Scott King Book Author 2017, Michael L. Printz 2017, National Book Award for Young People's Literature 2016, Robert F. Sibert 2017, & YALSA Award for Nonfiction 2017.

Grades: 8 and up


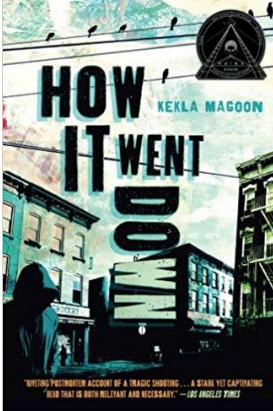

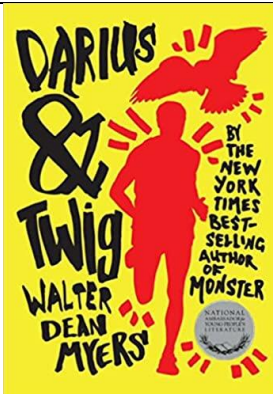


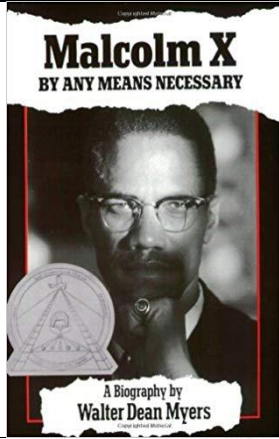
Parker, Morgan. ***Who Put This Song On***. New York, NY: Delacorte Press, 2019.

This pitch-perfect novel is about a Black teenage girl searching for her identity when the world around her views her depression as a lack of faith and Blackness as something to be politely ignored. Loosely based on her own teenage life and diaries, this incredible debut by award-winning poet will make readers stand up and cheer for a girl brave enough to live life on her own terms—and for themselves.

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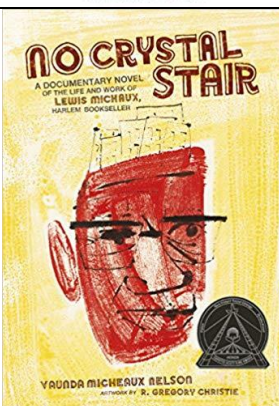
	<p>McKissack, Patricia and Arlene Zarembka. <b><i>To Establish Justice: Citizenship and the Constitution.</i></b> New York, NY: Random House, 2004.</p> <p>America was founded on the idea of liberty for all. But it has not always achieved that ideal. From the struggles of Native Americans at the country's birth to the African American civil rights movement of the 1960s, from the vote for women to the internment of the Japanese during World War II, <i>To Establish Justice</i> shows how the Supreme Court has paved the way for both justice and discrimination, and how this important arm of our government has impacted all of our lives.</p> <p>342.087 M217t  Grades: 9-12</p>
	<p>Magoon, Kekla. <b><i>How It Went Down.</i></b> New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co., 2014.</p> <p>When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson dies from two gunshot wounds, his community is thrown into an uproar. Tariq was Black. The shooter, Jack Franklin, is White. In the aftermath, everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events line up. Day by day, new twists further obscure the truth. Tariq's friends, family, and community struggle to make sense of the tragedy, and to cope with the hole left behind.</p> <p>Y M2758h  <b>Awards:</b> Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2015 &amp; Notable Books for a Global Society 2015.  Grades: 9 and up</p>
	<p>Morrow, Bethany C. <b><i>So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix.</i></b> Gordonsville, VA: Feiwel and Friends, 2021.</p> <p>As the American Civil War rages on, the Freedmen's Colony of Roanoke Island is blossoming, a haven for the recently emancipated. This is where the March family has finally been able to safely put down roots with four young daughters. Meg is a teacher who longs to find love and start a family of her own. Jo is a writer whose words are too powerful to be contained. Beth, a talented seamstress, is searching for a higher purpose. Amy, a dancer, is eager to explore life outside her family's home. As the March sisters become independent young women, together they will face first love, health struggles, heartbreak, and new horizons.</p> <p>813.6 M8348s  Grades: 10-12</p>
	<p>Myers, Walter Dean. <b><i>Darius &amp; Twig.</i></b> New York, NY: Amistad, 2014.</p> <p>Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. But they are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that life in Harlem throws at them. The two friends must face down bullies, an abusive uncle, and the idea that they'll be stuck in the same place forever.</p> <p>Y M9929d  <b>Awards:</b> ALA Notable 2014 &amp; Coretta Scott King Honor 2014.  Grades: 8 and up</p>



Myers, Walter Dean. *Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary*. New York: Scholastic, 1993.  
 A biography that provides a startling picture of the late African American leader's life.  
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**Awards:** Coretta Scott King Author Honor 1994 & Phoenix Honor 2013.  
 Grades: 8 and up



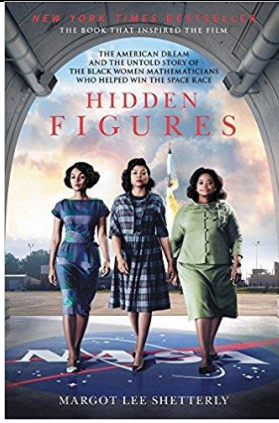
Nelson, Marilyn. *Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life*. New York, NY: Christy Ottaviano Books, 2022.  
 Augusta Savage was arguably the most influential American artist of the 1930s. A gifted sculptor, she flourished during the Harlem Renaissance and became a teacher to an entire generation of African American artists. Nelson's poems are paired with photographs of Savage's work, and photographs from her life. The result is an important portrait of an exceptional artist who, despite the limitations she faced, was compelled to forge a life through art and creativity.  
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Nelson, Vaunda M. *No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda, 2012.  
 Lewis Michaux was born to do things his own way. When a White banker told him to sell fried chicken, not books, because "Negroes don't read," Lewis took five books and one hundred dollars and built a bookstore. It soon became the intellectual center of Harlem, a refuge for everyone from Muhammad Ali to Malcolm X.  
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**Award:** Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2013.  
 Grades: 7-12



Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2017.  
 Written in blank verse, this is the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.  
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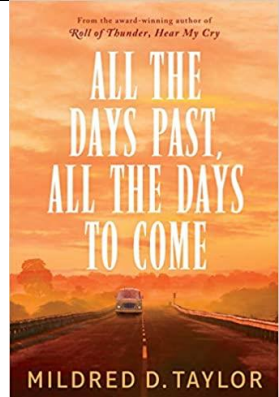
Shetterly, Margot Lee. ***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.***

New York, NY: William Morrow, 2016.

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets and astronauts into space. Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, four African American women participated in some of NASA’s greatest successes. 510.9252097 L5156h

**Awards:** Amelia Bloomer List 2017 & Outstanding Science Trade Book 2019.

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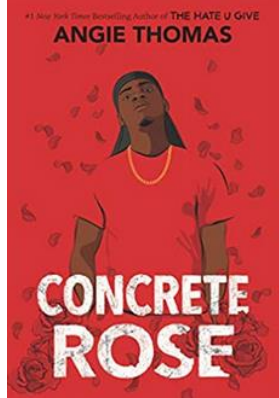


Taylor, Mildred D. ***All the Days Past, All the Days to Come.*** Viking Books for Young Readers, 2020.

The saga of the Logan family—made famous in the Newbery Medal-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*—concludes in a long-awaited and deeply fulfilling story. 813.54 T2166a

**Award:** Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2021.

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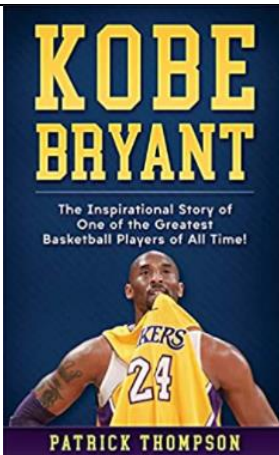


Thomas, Angie. ***Concrete Rose.*** New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2021.

Maverick feels strongly about family ties, making choices he feels necessary to help support his mom while his King father serves time, and leave him literally holding his son in a doctor's waiting room after he gets paternity test results back and his baby momma ghosts. Now the child he's raising is impacting the lives of his family and his girlfriend, and the gang life he led to support them all financially could leave them all bearing his responsibilities since it endangers his life. It looks like he may have been offered a chance to go straight, but leaving the King Lords won't be easy, and a "real" job has high demand for low return. 813.6 T3614c

**Award:** Michael L. Printz Honor 2022.

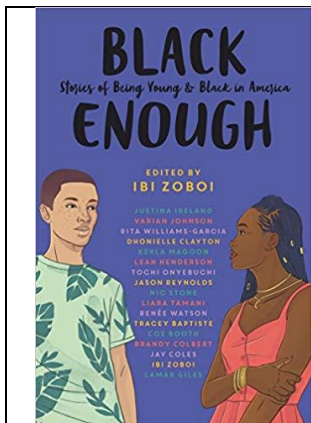
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Thompson, Patrick. ***Kobe Bryant: The Inspirational Story of One of the Greatest Basketball Players of all Time!*** Independently published, 2020.

Kobe lives and breathes basketball. While other basketball legends fade into obscurity after retirement, Kobe is out there pursuing new endeavors and building a business empire. It’s a testament to his relentless thirst for knowledge and never-ending quest to be better. This book is a front row ticket to Kobe’s journey through life. It teaches about the value of hard work and commitment to the craft. Kobe’s rise to greatness is an inspiration to a new generation of young people who dream of making it big in their chosen fields. 796.323092 B8415t

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Zoboi, Ibi, Tracey Baptiste, Coe Booth, etc. ***Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America***. New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2019.

*Black Enough* is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America.

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