

Black Creators

Picture Books, Easy Readers & Early Chapter Books

Contemporary Picture Books

Alexander, Kwame. *Acoustic Rooster's Barnyard Boogie Starring Indigo Blume*.

Barnes, Derrick. *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut; I Am Every Good Thing; and The King of Kindergarten*.

Best, Cari. *My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay*.

Blasi, Kathleen McAlpin. *Hosea Plays On*.

Bolden, Tonya. *Beautiful Moon: A Child's Prayer*.

Boswell, Addie K. *The Rain Stomper*.

Brown, Karamo. *I am Perfectly Designed*.

Brown, Tameka Fryer. *Brown Baby Lullaby and My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood*.

Brown-Wood, JaNay. *Grandma's Tiny House*.

Browne, Mahogany L. *Woke Baby*.

Bryan, Ashley. *Can't Scare Me!*

Bryon, Nathan. *Rocket Says Clean Up! and Rocket Says Look Up!*

Byers, Grace. *I am Enough and I Believe I Can*.

Cabrera, Cozbi A. *Me and Mama*.

Charles, Tami. *Freedom Soup and All Because You Matter*.

Cherry, Matthew A. *Hair Love*.

Cummings, Pat. *Harvey Moon, Museum Boy*.

Curry, Parker. *Parker Looks Up*.

de la Peña, Matt. *Last Stop on Market Street*.

Derby, Sally. *Sunday Shopping*.

Diggs, Taye. *Chocolate Me!; I Love You More Than...; and Mixed Me!*

Duncan, Alice Faye. *Just Like a Mama*.

Duyon, Samara Cole. *Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration*.

Elliott, Zetta. *A Hand to Hold and A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart*.

English, Karen. *Red Shoes*.

Freeman, Mylo. *Hair, It's a Family Affair*.

Frame, Jeron Ashford. *Yesterday I Had the Blues*.

Franklin, Ashley. *Not Quite Snow White*.

Gilchrist, Jan Spivey. *My America*.

Giovanni, Nikki. *I am Loved*.

Godin, Thelma Lynn. *The Hula Hoopin' Queen*.

Greenfield, Eloise. *The Friendly Four and Honey, I Love*.

Grimes, Nikki. *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures; Danitra Brown, Class Clown; Poems in the Attic; Southwest Sunrise; and Welcome, Precious*.

Harrington, Janice. *Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County*.

Holder, Alissa. *I am Smart, I am Blessed, I Can Do Anything!*

Hudson, Cheryl Hiller. *My Friend Maya Loves to Dance*.

Hughes, Langston. *Lullaby (For a Black Mother): A Poem and That is My Dream!*

Jackson, Richard. *In Plain Sight*.

James, Nancy Johnson. *Brown: The Many Shades of Love*.

Johnson, Angela. *A Girl Like Me; Daddy Calls Me Man; Lottie Paris and the Best Place; Violet's Music; and When I am Old with You*.

Johnson, Dinah. *Black Magic*.

Jordan, Deloris. *Did I Tell You I Love You Today?*

Joy, Angela. *Black is a Rainbow Color*.

Laditan, Bunmi. *The Big Bed*.



Lee, Spike. *Please, Puppy, Please*.

Loney, Andrea J. *Double Bass Blues*.

Lukoff, Kyle. *When Aidan Became a Brother*.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Tiara's Hat Parade*.

Magruder, Nilah. *How to Find a Fox*.

Marley, Cedella. *Every Little Thing and Get Up, Stand Up*.

Marty. *Dear Black Boy*.

McDaniel, Breanna J. *Hands Up!*

Medina, Meg. *Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away*.

Miller, Sharee. *Princess Hair and Don't Touch My Hair*.

Millner, Denene. *Early Sunday Morning and Fresh Princess* (series).

Montanari, Susan McElroy. *Hip-Hop Lollipop*.

Mora, Oge. *Saturday and Thank You, Omu!*

Muhammad, Ibtihaj. *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family*.

Myers, Christopher. *My Pen*.

Nelson, Kadir. *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*.

Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*.

Perkins, Useni Eugene. *Hey Black Child*.



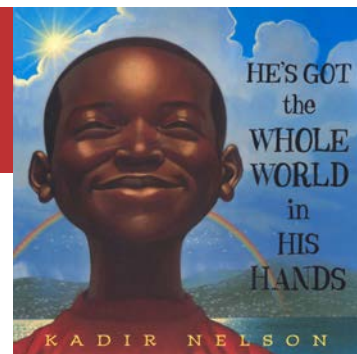
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Pinkney, J. Brian. *Cosmo and the Robot; Max Found Two Sticks; On the Ball; and Puppy Truck.*

Pumphrey, Jarrett. *The Old Truck.*

Redd, Nancy Amanda. *Bedtime Bonnet.*

Robinson, Christian. *Another and You Matter.*

Roe, Mechal Renee. *Cool Cuts and Happy Hair.*

Sanders, Joshunda. *I Can Write the World.*

Sauer, Tammi. *Mary Had a Little Glam.*

Schofield-Morrison, Connie. *I Got the Rhythm and I Got the School Spirit.*

Senior, Olive. *Boonoonoonous Hair.*

Sheppard, Markette. *My Rainy Day Rocket Ship.*

Sherman, Charlotte Watson. *Brown Sugar Babe.*

Smith, Will. *Just the Two of Us.*

Tallie, Mariahadessa Ekere. *Layla's Happiness.*

Tarpley, Natasha. *Bippity Bop Barbershop and I Love My Hair!*

Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah. *Mommy's Khimar and Your Name is a Song.*

Timbaland. *Nighttime Symphony.*

Trice, Linda. *Kenya's Art and Kenya's Song.*

Turner-Denstaedt, Melanie. *The Hat That Wore Clara B.*

Velasquez, Eric. *Grandma's Records and Looking for Bongo.*

Walker, Tricia Elam. *Nana Akua Goes to School.*

Wallis, Quvenzhane. *A Night Out with Mama.*

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *In Your Hands.*

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Bottle Cap Boys, Dancing on Royal Street.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Day You Begin; Each Kindness; Pecan Pie Baby; and We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past.*

Zachariah, Abdul-Razak. *The Night Is Yours.*

Historical Picture Books

Early America

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Freedom's School and Light in the Darkness: A Story About How Slaves Learned in Secret.*

Cooper, Floyd. *Juneteenth for Mazie.*

Grimes, Nikki. *Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony, Inspired by Historical Facts.*

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Steamboat School; and Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt.*

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys.*

Johnson, Angela. *All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom; and I Dream of Trains.*

LaFaye, A. *Follow Me Down to Nicodemus Town: Based on the History of the African American Pioneer Settlement.*

Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story From the Underground Railroad.*

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Hope's Gift.*

McKissack, Pat. *Stitchin' and Pullin': A Gee's Bend Quilt.*

Nolen, Jerdine. *Freedom Bird.*

Ransome, James. *The Bell Rang.*

Ringgold, Faith. *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky.*

Robbins, Dean. *Two Friends: Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and the Fight for Rights.*

Walker, Sally M. *Freedom Song: The Story of Henry "Box" Brown.*

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Freedom in Congo Square.*

Music & Folktales

Alexander, Cecil Frances. *All Things Bright and Beautiful.*

Bryan, Ashley. *Let it Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals.*

Hurston, Zora Neale. *The Six Fools.*

Johnson, James W. *Lift Your Voice and Sing.*

Levy, Debbie. *We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song.*

Nelson, Kadir. *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.*

Nolen, Jerdine. *Big Jabe and Thunder Rose.*

20th Century Experiences

Aston, Dianna Hutts. *The Moon Over Star.*

Bernstrom, Daniel. *Big Papa and the Time Machine.*

Bildner, Phil. *The Hallelujah Fight.*

Birtha, Becky. *Lucky Beans.*

Blue, Rose. *Ron's Big Mission.*

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Overground Railroad.*

Cooper, Floyd. *Willie and the All-Stars.*

Crews, Donald. *Bigmama's.*

Curtis, Gavin. *The Bat Boy and His Violin.*

Dempsey, Kristy. *A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*

Ehrhardt, Karen. *This Jazz Man.*

Harrington, Janice N. *Going North.*

Jordan, Deloris. *Dream Big: Michael Jordan and the Pursuit of Olympic Gold.*

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Ellen's Broom.*

McKissack, Pat. *Goin' Someplace Special.*

McMorrow, T.E. *The Nutcracker in Harlem.*

Michelson, Richard. *Across the Alley.*

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore.*

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker.*

Rhodes-Pitts, Sharifa. *Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, a Young Artist in Harlem.*

Ringgold, Faith. *Harlem Renaissance Party and Tar Beach.*

Shange, Ntozake. *Ellington was not a Street.*

Thomas, Joyce Carol. *In the Land of Milk and Honey.*

Tuck, Pamela M. *As Fast as Words Could Fly.*

Weatherford, Carol Boston. *Sugar Hill: Harlem's Historic Neighborhood.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Other Side and This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration.*

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Civil Rights

Bandy, Michael S. *Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box*; and *White Water*.

Bunting, Eve. *The Cart that Carried Martin*.

Duncan, Alice Faye. *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968*.

Evans, Shane W. *We March*.

Johnson, Angela. *A Sweet Smell of Roses*.

Latham, Irene. *Meet Miss Fancy*.

Mason, Margaret H. *These Hands*.

Meye, Susan Lynn. *New Shoes*.

Miller, Pat Zietlow. *The Quickest Kid in Clarksville*.

Ramsey, Calvin A. *Ruth and the Green Book*.

Reynolds, Aaron. *Back of the Bus*.

Wiles, Deborah. *Freedom Summer*.

Winter, Jonah. *Lillian's Right to Vote*.

Modern America

Copeland, Misty. *Firebird*.

Flournoy, Valerie. *The Patchwork Quilt*.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Going Down Home With Daddy* and *Tea Cakes for Tosh*.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *Don't Call Me Grandma*.

Uhlberg, Myron. *A Storm Called Katrina*.

Watson, Renée. *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*.

Easy Reader, Early Chapter, and Series Books

Atinuke. *Anna Hibiscus* (Early Chapters series). Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunties, but would really love to see snow.

Cox, Katherine. *Katie Fry: Private Eye* (Easy Readers series, Level 2). Amateur private investigator Katie Fry looks for clues to help Sherlock the kitten find his way back home.

Draper, Sharon. *Sassy: Little Sister is Not My Name* (Early Chapter series). Fashion-savvy Sassy does not like being the smallest student in her fourth-grade class, until a family emergency calls for a pint-sized hero.

Elliott, Zetta. *Dragons in a Bag* (Early Chapter series). In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

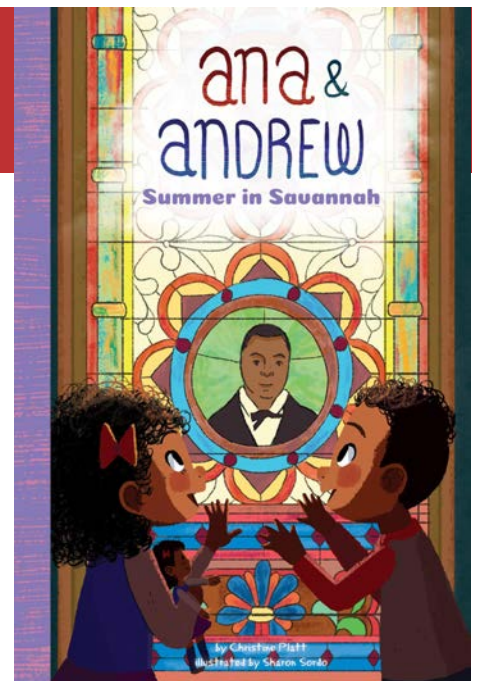
English, Karen. *Carver Chronicles: Dog Days* (Early Chapter series). Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great-aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

Grimes, Nikki. *Make Way For Dyanonde Daniel* (Early Chapter series). Spunky third-grader Dyanonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

Hillestad Butler, Dori. *King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth* (Easy Readers series, Level 2). Kayla places her tooth in a Tooth Fairy pillow, but it disappears before the Tooth Fairy has a chance to visit. Can her dog King help Kayla find the missing tooth?

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones: Rock Star* (Early Chapter series). Jada's best friend moved away but a class project on rocks and minerals, her favorite topic, could mean new friends.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Ty's Travels: Zip, Zoom!* (Easy Readers series, Level 1). Ty cannot wait to ride his new scooter, but when he has a hard time learning and wants to quit, a new friend encourages him to give it another try.



Nuurali, Siman. *Sadiq and the Explorers* (Paperback series). After a family hike in a nearby park, Sadiq forms the Explorers Club with his friends, who then help a neighbor create a nature-themed scavenger hunt.

O'Neal, Shaquille. *Little Shaq Takes a Chance* (Early Chapter series). When Little Shaq's class is assigned projects for the school's upcoming art show, he's not sure that his skills will transfer from the basketball court to the art studio.

Platt, Christine. *Ana & Andrew Summer in Savannah* (Easy Readers series, Level 2). Ana and Andrew travel to visit their grandparents in Savannah, Georgia where they learn that Grandma and Grandpa's church was built by enslaved people.

Smith, Nikki Shannon. *The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane* (Early Chapter series). Azaleah can't wait for her class field trip to the zoo, but first she has to help her younger sister crack the case of the stolen stuffed animal.

Wallis, Quvenzhane. *Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg!* (Early Chapter series). When Shai Williams loses the lead role in the third-grade musical at her performing arts elementary school in Atlanta, she learns an important lesson about adaptability, from her mother, aunt, and grandmother, all actresses.

Watson, Renee. *Ways to Make Sunshine* (Early Chapter series). The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.