

Black Creators

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Nonfiction: History

Asim, Jabari. *A Child's Introduction to African American History: The Experience, People, and Events that Shaped Our Country.* (973.049 ASI)

Bayne, Bijan C. *Black Trailblazers: 30 Courageous Visionaries Who Broke Boundaries, Made a Difference, and Paved the Way.* (920.009 BAY)

Baptiste, Tracey. *African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History.* (920 BAP)

Black Achievements in Activism (323.119 TYN); *Business* (350.1 DIX); *Politics* (320.092 TYN), *STEM* (509.22 TYN).

Bolden, Tonya. *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM and How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.* (509.252 BOL; 973.049 BOL)

Castroville, Selene. *Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America.* (973.711 CAS)

Coleman, Little. *ABC: That Could Be Me!* (305.896 COL)

Farrell, Mary Cronk. *Standing Up Against Hate: How Black Women in the Army Helped Change the Course of WWII.* (940.541 FAR)

The Fierce 44: Black Americans Who Shook Up the World. (920.009 REI)

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic. (920.72 GOO)

Green, Amanda Jackson. *Hidden Black History: From Juneteenth to Redlining.* (323.119 GRE)

Greenfield, Eloise. *The Women Who Caught the Babies: A Story of African American Midwives.* (618.2 GRE)

Hannah-Jones, Nikole. *Born on the Water.* (306.362 HAN)

Harrison, Vashti. *Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History* (920.71 HAR) and *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History.* (920.72 HAR)

Henson, Heather and Bryan Collier. *Lift Your Light a Little Higher: The Story of Stephen Bishop, Slave-Explorer.* (973.711 HEN)

Hudson, Cheryl Willis. *Brave, Black, First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World.* (920.72 HUD)

Hudson, Wade. *Invincible: Fathers and Mothers of Black America.* (973.049 HUD)

Madigan, Tim and Hilary Beard. *The Burning: Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 (Adapted for Young People).* (976.686 MAD)

Messner, Kate and Damon Smyth. *History Smashers: The Underground Railroad.* (973.711 MES)

Miller, Rann. *Resistance Stories from Black History for Kids.* (323.119 MIL)

Moore-Janvier, Deidra R. *From Me to You: The Power of Storytelling and its Inherent Generational Wealth, an African American Story.* (973.049 MOO)

Shetterly, Margot Lee. *Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation Into Space.* (Young Reader's Edition: 510.92 LEE, picture book: 920.72 SHE)

Tyner, Artika R. *Focus on the Harlem Renaissance.* (700.89 TYN)

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices. (305.8 WE)

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre.* (976.686 WEA)

Williams Dockery, Patricia. *Slavery and the African-American Story.* (306.362 WIL)

Williams, Schele. *Your Legacy: A Bold Reclaiming of Our Enslaved History.* (973.049 WIL)

Wilson, Jamia. *Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes From Past and Present.* (series, 920 WIL)

Woelfle, Gretchen and R. Gregory Christie. *Answering the Cry for Freedom: Stories of African Americans and the American Revolution.* (973.3 WOE)

Zoboi, Ibi Aanu. *The People Remember.* (973.049 ZOB)



Poetry & Folk Tales

Alexander, Kwame. *Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets and The Undeclared.* (811 ALE)

Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. *Just Like Me.* (811 BRA)

Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Bronzeville Boys and Girls.* (811 BRO)

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Bryan, Ashley. *Freedom Over Me.* (811 BRY)

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Hamilton, Virginia. *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales.* (398.2 HAM)

Hughes, Langston. *I, Too, Am America.* (811 HUG)

Latham, Irene and Charles Waters. *Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship.* (811 LAT)

Medina, Tony. *Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy.* (811 MED)

Myers, Walter Dean. *Looking Like Me.* (811 MYE)

Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till.* (811 NEL)

Thomas, Joyce Carol. *The Blacker the Berry: Poems.* (811 THO)

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Brown, Austin Channing. *I'm Still Here: Loving Myself in a World Not Made for Me*. (305.896 BRO)

Chambers, Veronica. *Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter*. (323.119 CHA)

Clark-Robinson, M. and Frank Morrison. *Let the Children March*. (323.119 CLA)

Dionne, Evette. *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballet Box*. (323.34 DIO)

Duncan, Alice Faye and Charly Palmer. *Evicted!: The Struggle for the Right to Vote*. (324.62 DUN)

Goodman, Susan and E.B. Lewis. *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial*. (344.079 G00)

Gordon, Tyler. *We Can: Portraits of Power*. (920.009 GOR)

Henderson, Leah. *Together We March: 25 Protest Movements That Marched Into History*. (303.484 HEN)

Hinton, Anthony Ray. *The Sun Does Shine: An Innocent Man, a Wrongful Conviction, and the Long Path to Justice*. (364.66 HIN)

Jewell, Tiffany. *The Antiracist Kid: A Book About Identity, Justice, and Activism*. (305.8 JEW)

King, Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. *I Have a Dream*. (323.092 KIN)

King, Shani M. *Have I Ever Told You Black Lives Matter*. (920.009 KIN)

Kirkwood, Kathlyn J. *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round: My Story of the Making of Martin Luther King Day*. (323.092 KIR)

Langley, Sharon. *A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story*. (305.8 LAN)

Lewis, Cicely. *Mass Incarceration, Black Men, and the Fight for Justice*. (365.608 LEW)

Miller, Sharee. *Michelle's Garden: How the First Lady Planted Seeds of Change*. (635 MIL)

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *Small Shoes, Great Strides: How Three Brave Girls Opened Doors to School Equality*. (379.263 NEL)

Nichols, De. *Art of Protest: Creating, Discovering, and Activating Art for Your Revolution*. (701.03 NIC)

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Because of You, John Lewis: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*. (323.119 PIN)

Reynolds, Jason. *Stamped and Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You*. (305.8 REY)

Russell-Brown, Katheryn. *Justice Rising: 12 Amazing Women in the Civil Rights Movement*. (323.092 RUS)

Saad, Layla F. *Me and White Supremacy: Young Readers' Edition*. (305.8 SAA)

The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth. (305.8 TAL)

Wallace, Sandra Neil. *The Teachers March! How Selma's Teachers Changed History*. (323.119 WAL)

Art, Music, Dance & Sports

Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta and R. Gregory Christie. *The United States v. Jackie Robinson*. (796.357 BAR)

Barnes, Derrick. *Who Got Game? Baseball: Amazing But True Stories*. (796.357 BAR)

Black Achievements in Arts and Literature (709.239 SMI); *Entertainment* (791.089 SMI); *Music* (780.89 SMI); *Sports* (796.089 SMI).

Bown, Fred. *Hardcourt: Stories from 75 Years of the National Basketball Association*. (796.323 BOW)

Brew-Hammond, Nana Ekua. *Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky*. (701.85 BRE)

Copeland, Misty. *Black Ballerinas: My Journey to Our Legacy*. (792.8 COP)

Elizabeth, Jordannah. *She Raised Her Voice!: 50 Black Women Who Sang Their Way Into Music History*. (920.72 ELI)

Grady, Cynthia and Michele Wood. *Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song*. (782.253 GRA)

Harris, Duchess. *The Birth of Hip-Hop*. (781.649 HAR)

Jackson, Sharna. *Black Artists Shaping the World*. (709.22 JAC)

Johnson, James Weldon. *Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Celebration of the African American National Anthem*. (781.64 JOH)

Kirkfield, Vivian and Alleanna Harris. *Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe*. (781.65 KIR)

McKissack, Pat. *Let's Clap, Jump, Sing: Games, Songs, and Stories From an African American Childhood*. (305.896 MCK)

Moore, Madison and Lonnie Ollivierre. *More Than Just a Game: The Black Origins of Basketball*. (796.323 MOO)

Slade, Suzanne and Don Tate. *Swish!: The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High-Flying Harlem Globetrotters*. (796.323 SLA)

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Williams, Andrea. *Baseball's Leading Lady: Effa Manley and the Rise and Fall of the Negro Leagues*. (796.357 WIL)

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Alvin AILEY.

Trailblazing Actor Ira ALDRIDGE.

Marian ANDERSON: Amazing Opera Singer.

Trombone Shorty. (Troy ANDREWS)

Maya's Song. (ANGELOU)

Struttin' with Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin ARMSTRONG, the First Lady of Jazz.

Just a Lucky So and So: The Story of Louis ARMSTRONG.

Go Forth and Tell: The Life of Augusta BAKER, Librarian and Master Storyteller.

Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine BAKER.

Pigskins to Paintbrushes: The Story of Football-Playing Artist Ernie BARNES.

My Hands Sing the Blues: Romare BEARDEN's Childhood Journey.

BEYONCÉ: Shine Your Light.

Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn BROOKS.

Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace. (Ashley BRYAN)

Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle BUTLER.

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Brave Ballerina: Janet COLLINS.

Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John COLTRANE.

Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina (Young Reader's Edition). (Misty COPELAND)

Birth of the Cool: How Jazz Great Miles DAVIS Found His Sound.

Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan to Ballerina. (Michaela DEPRINCE)

Duke ELLINGTON: The Piano Prince.

Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat: Ella FITZGERALD.

The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music. (Roberta FLACK)

Sing, Aretha, Sing!: Aretha FRANKLIN, "Respect," and the Civil Rights Movement.

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou HAMER, The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement.

A Song for Jimi: The Story of Guitar Legend Jimi HENDRIX.

Mister and Lady Day: Billie HOLIDAY and the Dog Who Loved Her.

The Legendary Miss Lena HORNE.

Jump at the Sun: Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale HURSTON.

Dark Was the Night: Blind Willie JOHNSON's Journey to the Stars.

On the Line: Becoming the First African American Rockette. (Jennifer JONES)

Little Melba and Her Big Trombone. (LISTON)

Only the Best: The Exceptional Life and Fashion of Ann LOWE.

Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence MILLS.

On Her Wings: The Story of Toni MORRISON.

Holding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie ORMES.

Gordon PARKS: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America.

You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce! The Storied Life of Folk Artist Elija PIERCE.

Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life. (PINKNEY)

Sewing Stories: Harriet POWERS' Journey from Slave to Artist.

Leontyne PRICE: Voice of a Century.

Ordinary Days: The Seeds, Sound, and City that Grew PRINCE Rogers Nelson.

Mae Makes a Way: The True Story of Mae REEVES, Hat & History Maker.

Faith RINGGOLD: Narrating the World in Pattern and Color.

Grandpa Stops a War: Paul ROBESON.

Sonny ROLLINS Plays the Bridge.

In Her Hands: Sculptor Augusta SAVAGE.

Nina: A Story of Nina SIMONE.

Little Rosetta and Her Talking Guitar: The Musical Story of Sister Rosetta THARPE.

Ablaze with Color: Painter Alma THOMAS.

By and By: Charles TINDLEY, the Father of Gospel Music.

Ready to Fly: How Sylvia TOWNSEND Became the Bookmobile Ballerina.

It Jes' Happened: When Bill TRAYLOR Started to Draw.

Take a Picture of Me, James VAN DER ZEE!

The In-Between: A Memoir in Verse. (Katie VAN HEIDRICH).

Stompin' at the Savoy: How Chick WEBB Became the King of Drums.

Trailblazer: Ballerina Raven WILKINSON.

Mary's Idea. (Mary Lou WILLIAMS)

Curve & Flow: The Elegant Vision of L.A. Architect Paul R. WILLIAMS.

She Persisted: Oprah WINFREY.

Little Stevie WONDER.

Politics & Activism, 17th-19th Century

Box: Henry BROWN Mails Himself to Freedom.

Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick DOUGLASS, A Monumental American Man.

Mumbet's Declaration of Freedom. (FREEMAN)

Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann GRANDERSON and Her Secret School.

A Man Called HORSE: John Horse and the Black Seminole Underground Railroad.

Lizzie Demands a Seat!: Elizabeth JENNINGS Fights for Streetcar Rights.

Runaway: The Daring Escape of Ona JUDGE.

Stitch by Stitch: Elizabeth Hobbs KECKLY Sews Her Way to Freedom.

Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim KEY Taught the World About Kindness.

A Spy Called James: James LAFAYETTE, Revolutionary War Double Agent.

Hammering for Freedom: William LEWIS.

The Amazing Age of John Roy LYNCH.

Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl. (LYONS)

Searching for Sarah RECTOR: The Richest Black Girl in America.

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass REEVES, Deputy U.S. Marshall.

William STILL and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad.

So Tall Within: Sojourner TRUTH.

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Lift as You Climb: The Story of Ella BAKER.

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Saving American Beach: African American Environmentalist MaVynnee BETSCH.

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Fight for School Equality. (Jo Ann Allen BOYCE)

I am Ruby BRIDGES.

My Selma: True Stories of a Southern Childhood at the Height of the Civil Rights Movement. (Willie Mae BROWN)

Anita CAMERON.

Not Done Yet: Shirley CHISHOLM's Fight for Change.

Because Claudette. (COLVIN)

How Do You Spell Unfair?: MacNolia COX and the National Spelling Bee.

The Faith of Elijah CUMMINGS.

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When the Schools Shut Down: Virginia's "Lost Generation." (Yolanda GLADDEN)

Call Me Miss HAMILTON. (Mary HAMILTON)

Segregated Skies: David HARRIS's Trailblazing Journey.

Kamala HARRIS: Rooted in Justice.

She Persisted: Dorothy HEIGHT.

The Youngest Marcher: Audrey Faye HENDRICKS, a Young Civil Rights Activist.

Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South (Wade HUDSON).

All Rise: The Story of Ketanji Brown JACKSON.

What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?: Congresswoman Barbara JORDAN.

Martin L. KING, Jr.: Fighting for Civil Rights.

Coretta's Journey: The Life and Times of Coretta Scott KING.

A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School. (Carlotta Wells LANIER)

Opal LEE and What It Means to Be Free: The Grandmother of Juneteenth.

John LEWIS in the Lead.

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Patricia's Vision: The Doctor Who Saved Sight. (BATH)

Secret Garden of George Wash. CARVER.

Flying Free: How Bessie COLEMAN's Dreams Took Flight.

Dream Builder: Architect Philip FREELON.

No Small Potatoes: Junius G. GROVES and His Kingdom in Kansas.

I, Matthew HENSON: Polar Explorer.

Ice Cream Man: How Augustus JACKSON Made a Sweet Treat Better.

Mae Among the Stars. (JEMISON)

One Step Further: My Story of Math, The Moon, and a Lifelong Mission. (Katherine JOHNSON)

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Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove WALKER.

Unlawful Orders: Dr. James B. WILLIAMS, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist.

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Muhammad ALI: A Champion is Born.

Above the Rim: How Elgin BAYLOR Changed Basketball.

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