

# Black Creators

## Fiction and Graphic Novels

### Fiction

Alexander, Kwame. and Jerry Craft. *J vs. K*. Fifth-graders must decide whether they should join forces to create an unbeatable duo that is sure to win their school's annual creative storytelling contest.

Alston, B.B. *Amari and the Night Brothers* (series). Thirteen-year-old Amari gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Banks, Taylor. *Billions to Burn*. Zeus embarks on a treasure hunt to find his grandfather and uncover the secrets that destroyed his grandfather's printing company during the Harlem Renaissance.

Baptiste, Tracey. *Carnival Chaos* (series). When Misty moved from Trinidad to Brooklyn, she was not expecting to discover she is a moko jumbie spirit, or that she and her cousins all have magic!

Barnes, Derrick. *The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze*. Thirteen-year-old Henson Blayze strives to be seen as more than just a football player in his predominantly white small town of Great Mountain, Mississippi, but when a horrific incident compels him to speak out, he must choose between playing football and seeking justice.

Bates, Janet Costa. *Rica Baptista: Llamas, Iguanas, and My Very Best Friend* (series). With her best friend moving away, Rica needs a pet so she won't get lonely, but her parents are against it until an act of kindness and courage proves she is ready!

Brown, Roseanne A. *Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting* (series). After her home is attacked by vampires, Serwa is sent to live with her aunt, but the aspiring vampire hunter discovers that middle school is hard when she has to avoid detention and turn her classmates into warriors.

Clark, P. Djéli. *Abeni's Song* (series). When her village is attacked by warriors, Abeni escapes with an old witch who begins her unwanted magical apprenticeship.

Clayton, Dhonielle. *The Marvellers* (series). Ella is the first Conjurer to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds where Marvellers from around the world practice their cultural arts. Despite her excitement, Ella discovers that being the first isn't easy—some Marvellers mistrust her magic.

Coelho, Joseph. *Relic Hamilton: Genie Hunter*. After Relic accidentally releases a force of evil while polishing a lamp in his grandfather's antique shop, he's swept up in a worldwide chase to capture rogue genies before they wreak havoc on the world.

Colbert, Brandy. *Let's Get Together*. Kenya's life has always been just the way she likes it. For Liberty, change is all she's ever known and she yearns for stability. Everything changes the day the girls meet at school and discover they are identical twins.

Davis, Tanita S. *Berry Parker Doesn't Catch Crushes*. Frustrated by how love seems to change those closest to her, twelve-year-old Berry sets out to prove that life is better without romance.

Dumas, Marti. *Nina and the Mysterious Mailbox* (series). In detention, Nina has to write a letter to a woman from history and chooses Cleopatra. After she slips it into a battered old mailbox in the woods, a giant scroll arrives at Nina's house, signed by Cleopatra herself!

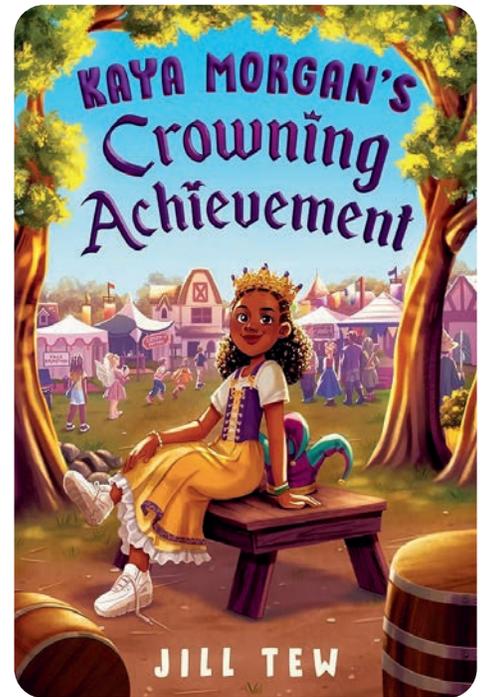
Durham, David Anthony. *The Shadow Prince* (series). Set in an alternate Egyptian universe, twelve-year-old Ash must compete and survive to become the shadow-and protector-of the prince.

Farmer, Craig Kofi. *A Method for Magic and Misfortune*. Twelve-year-old Marcus enters Mr. O's rigorous training program to hone his newfound magical abilities, but his mentor's alarming behavior makes him reevaluate his values and priorities.

Garrett, Camryn. *The Forgotten Summer of Seneca*. Everything is changing, and Rowan Robinson hates it. She's dreading having to spend her summer in New York City with her aunt, but when she finds a doorway in Central Park that leads to a magically preserved historical village, Rowan's summer gets a lot more interesting!

Jackson, Tiffany D. *Blood in the Water*. Brooklyn girl Kaylani McKinnon is thrust into an intricate web of lies when a shocking murder on Martha's Vineyard threatens to expose dangerous secrets.

Johnson, Leah. *Bree Boyd is a Legend!* Bree Boyd loves rules, order, and knowing what's going to happen next. But when a huge storm delivers a bolt of lightning straight into Bree, it leaves behind something she never prepared for: the power to move things with her mind. Will these new powers show Bree the magic of an unpredictable, imperfect life? Or will they simply spell disaster for everyone?



Jones, Nashae. *As You Wish*. After feelings for her best friend Deve become complicated, thirteen-year-old Birdie makes a wish with a West African trickster god that goes awry.

Mbalia, Kwame. *Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek* (series). When Jackson is forced to move from Raleigh to Chicago, he finds himself in a world of talking clocks, magical inheritance, and daredevil train porters in a fight against a terrifying evil.

Moses, Rucker. *Encounter at Owl Rock*. Twelve-year-old twin brothers Cypress and Oakley Young must stop aliens from taking over their Atlanta suburb.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *Radiant*. In 1963, Cooper Dale navigates the challenges of fifth grade as a Black girl in a predominantly white community near Pittsburgh.

Ochieng, Patrick. *Displaced*. Kimathi has a comfortable life in the suburbs of western Kenya—until a contentious election explodes into violence. His father is killed, his house is destroyed, and he and his mother and sister must flee.

Ransaw, Rosalyn. *Smoke & Mirrors*. After accidentally starting a barn fire in his aunt's small Midwestern town, Andy spends his summer renovating the owner's mansion, which previously belonged to a famous magician thought to be responsible for the town's infamous murder.

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Reynolds, Jason. *Coach*. Before Coach was the man who gave caring yet firm-handed guidance to Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny on the Defenders track team, he was little Otie Brody, who was obsessed with Mr. 9.99 (a.k.a. Carl Lewis) and Marty McFly from *Back to the Future*. And Otie just got the most amazing pair of Jordans ever!

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Will's Race for Home*. It's 1889, barely twenty-five years after the Emancipation Proclamation, and a young Black family is tired of working on land they don't get to own. So when Will and his father hear about an upcoming land rush, they set out on a journey from Texas to Oklahoma, racing thousands of others to the place where land is free—if they can get to it fast enough.

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola. *Operation Sisterhood* (series). Eleven-year-old Bo is used to it being just her and her mom in their cozy New York apartment, but when her mom gets married, Bo must adjust to her new sisters and a music-minded blended family that is much larger, louder, and more complex than she ever imagined.

Russell, Ally. *Mystery James Digs Her Own Grave*. Abandoned in a cemetery and raised in a funeral home, Mystery James, who can see and smell the supernatural, must solve the mystery of a priceless heirloom stolen from her family's business.

Sanders, DaVaun. *Keynan Masters and the Peerless Magic Crew* (series). At Peerless Academy, Keynan Masters discovers a corrupt magic and sets out to unravel the school's secrets.

Smith, Sherri L. *Candace, The Universe, and Everything*. Thirteen-year-old Candace discovers a portal in her locker that connects her across time and space with two other women who also had the same locker as girls, and the three go on to investigate the origins of the portal.

Springer, Lisa. *The Other Side of Imani*. Aspiring designer Imani must create a virtual avatar to compete for a spot at a prestigious arts school after she discovers that a viral influencer has stolen her designs, all while finding her voice and her true self.

Tew, Jill. *Kaya Morgan's Crowning Achievement*. For as long as she could remember, Kaya has spent her summers at the greatest place on Earth: The Renaissance Faire. Full of performers cosplaying as thieving pirates, enchanting fairies, and courageous heroes, the Ren Faire has always been a place where anyone could be anything they wanted to be. And Kaya is dreaming of being named the first Black Queen of the Faire.

Thomas, Angie. *The Manifestor Prophecy* (series). When her dad, a great Manifestor, is jailed for a crime he didn't commit, Nic, her hellhound, and two friends hunt for a powerful magical tool that could save him.

Thomas, J.E. *The AI Incident*. Malcolm is the new kid at school, but in no time at all, he's been slapped with the weird kid label. Is it because he burps when he gets nervous...which is often? His plan to fit in gets thrown way off track when an AI-powered robot visits school and events get set in motion that create...THE INCIDENT.

Thurman, Brittany. *Opal Watson, Private Eye*. Opal Watson is a young detective who loves solving mysteries, from lost pets to missing objects. When her best friend Madison hears strange noises in their apartment building, the Crescent, and renovations disrupt the neighbors, Opal begins to investigate.

Watson, Renée. *All the Blues in the Sky*. When thirteen-year-old Sage's best friend dies, Sage struggles with grief and feels that she is at fault, but when she joins a grief group, she slowly learns to heal.

### Nonfiction Graphic Novels

Baptiste, Tracey. *Rosa Parks & Claudette Colvin: Civil Rights Heroes*. (GN 323.092 BAP)

Bolden, Tonya. *Black Lives: Great Minds of Science*. (GN 920.073 BOL)

Bycel, Josh and Brittney Williams. *Wilma Rudolph*. (GN BIO RUD)

Bycel, Josh and Damion Scott. *Sports Superheroes: Stephen Curry*. (GN BIO CUR)

Fitzpatrick, Insha. *Who Sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott?: Rosa Parks*. (GN 323.092 FIT)

Fitzpatrick, Insha. *Who Was Accused in the Salem Witch Trials?: Tituba*. (GN133.43 FIT)

Shah, Amar and Rashad Doucet. *Wish I Was a Baller*. (GN BIO SHAH)

Smith, James Otis. *Black Heroes of the Wild West*. (GN 978.02 SMI)

Soria, Gabriel. *Who is the Man in the Air?: Michael Jordan*. (GN 796.323 SOR)

Soria, Gabriel. *Who Was the Greatest?: Muhammad Ali* (GN BIO ALI).

Taylor, Whit. *Harriet Tubman: Toward Freedom*. (GN BIO TUB)

Walker, David. *The Life of Frederick Douglass*. (GN BIO DOU)

### Graphic Novels

Alexander, Kwame. *Booked*.

*Are You Afraid of the Dark? Graphic Novel 2: Sinister Sisters and Other Terrifying Tales*.

Bagley, Jessixa. *Jazzy the Witch in Broom Doom*.

Brown, Roseanne A. *Into the Heartlands*.

Christmas, Johnnie. *Gamerville*.

Clarke, Daniel. *Kariba*.

Cody, Matthew and Derick Brooks. *Bright Family*. (series)

Craft, Jerry. *New Kid*. (series)

Doucet, Rashad. *Art Club*.

Garcia, Kami and Brittney Williams. *Mixed-Up*.

Grant, Shauna J. *Mimi and The Cutie Catastrophe*. (series)

Grimes, Nikki. *Garvey's Choice: The Graphic Novel*.

Johnson, Varian. *Twins*.

Lindell, Lawrence. *Buckle Up*.

Miller, Sharee. *Curlfriends* (series).

Nicholas, Jamar. *Leon the Extraordinary*. (series)

Nisson, Sam and Darnell Johnson. *Power Up*. (series)

Okorafor, Nnedi. *The Space Cat*.

Pumphrey, Jarrett. *Link + Hud*. (series)

Reynolds, Jason. *Stuntboy, In the Meantime*. (series)

Reynolds, Justin. *Miles Morales*. (series)

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Ghost Boys*.

Smith, Sherri L. *Pearl*.

Stephens, Olivia. *Artie and the Wolf Moon*.

Venditti, Robert and Olivia Stephens. *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*.

Weaver, Tony Jr. *Weirdo*.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer*.