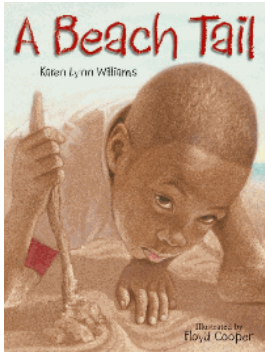
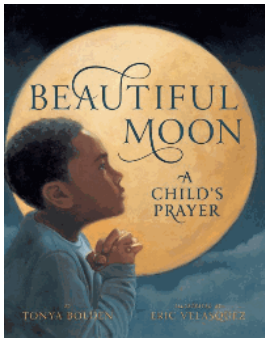
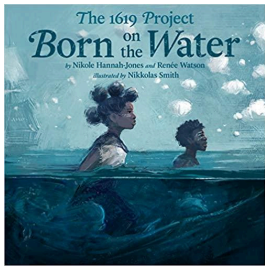
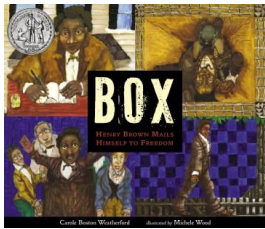
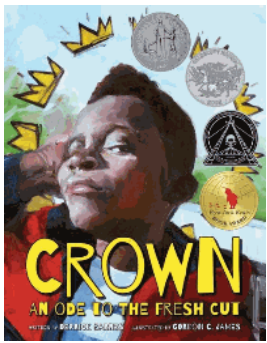
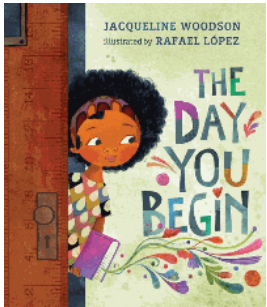

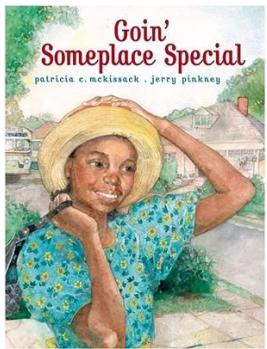
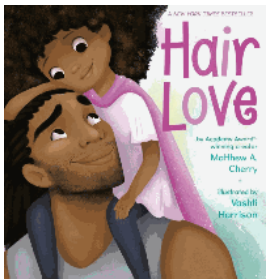

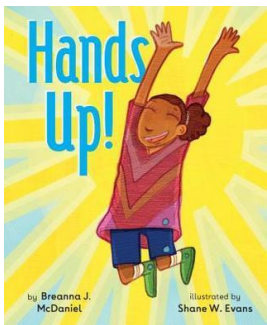


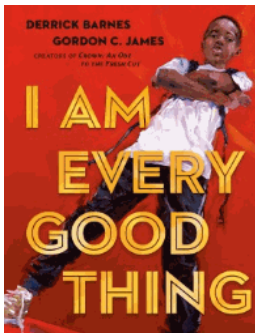
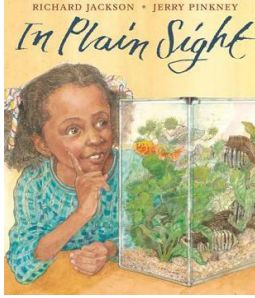
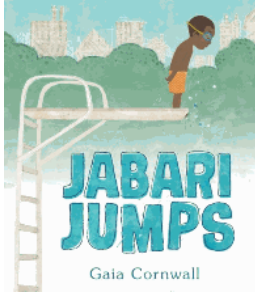


Black, African-American and African Inclusive Book Recommendations 2025

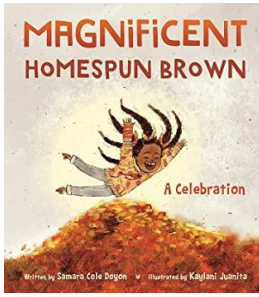
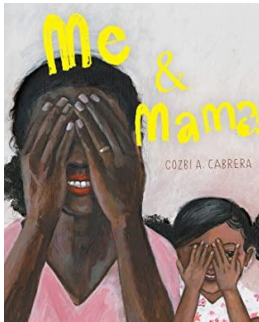
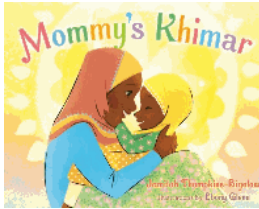
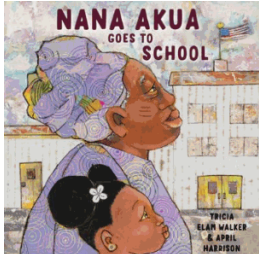
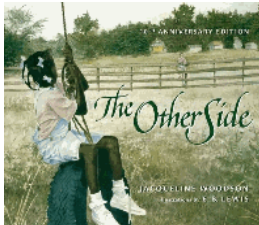
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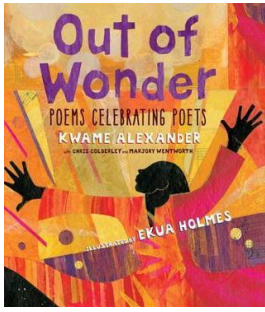
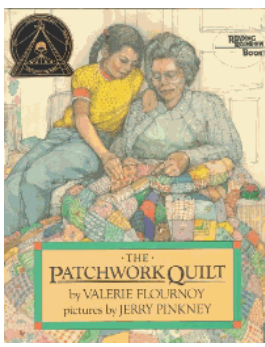
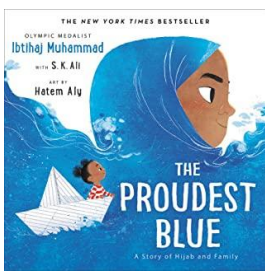



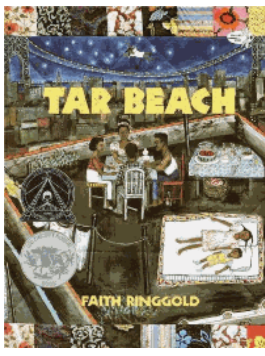
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Picture Books				
	<i>A Beach Tail</i>	Karen Lynn Williams	K-3	When his father tells him not to leave the lion he is drawing on the beach, a little boy starts making a very, very long tail--and a trail to follow back.
	<i>Beautiful Moon</i>	Tonya Bolden, Eric Velasquez	K-3	Under a radiant moon and surrounded by all the noises of the city at night, a little boy prays for those in need, for wars to end, for the sick to be healed, and for all the members of his family
	<i>Born on the Water</i>	Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson; illustrated by Nikkolas Smith	K-3	Stymied by her unfinished family tree assignment for school, a young girl seeks Grandma's counsel and learns about her ancestors, the consequences of slavery, and the history of Black resistance in the United States.
	<i>Box : Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom</i>	Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Michele Wood	5-8	The author narrates Henry Brown's story of how he came to ship himself in a box from slavery to freedom. Told in stanzas of six lines each, each line representing one side of a box, and augmented with historical

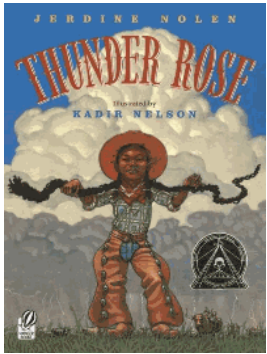
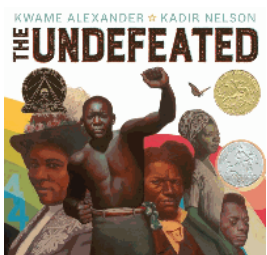
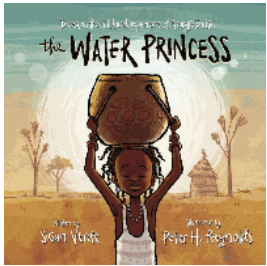
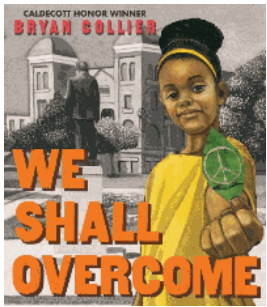
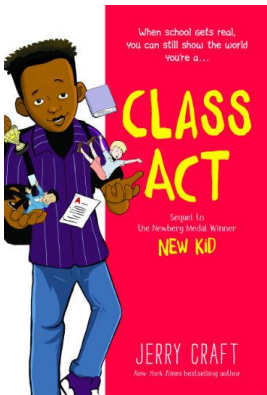
				records and excerpts from Henry Brown's own writing.
	<i>Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut</i>	Derrick Barnes, Gordon C. James	K-3	Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.
	<i>The Day You Begin</i> 	Jacqueline Woodson, Rafael López	K-3	Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.
	<i>Goin' Someplace Special</i>	Patricia C. McKissack, Jerry Pinkney	K-3	In segregated 1950s Nashville, a young African American girl braves a series of indignities and obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library.
	<i>Hair Love</i> 	Matthew A. Cherry, Vashti Harrison	K-3	A young girl named Zuri has an extra-special day coming up, and she asks Daddy to help her find the perfect style--in the process Zuri will learn that her hair is special and unique all on its own.
	<i>Hands Up!</i> 	Breanna J McDaniel	K-3	This triumphant picture book recasts a charged phrase as part of a black girl's everyday life--hands up for a hug, hands up in class, hands up for a high five--before culminating in a moment of resistance at a protest march.

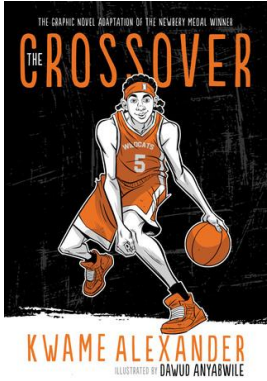

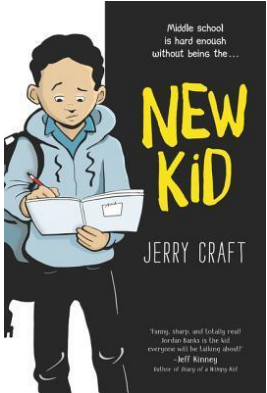


	<i>H.O.R.S.E. A Game of Basketball and Imagination</i>	Christopher Meyers	K-3	"wo friends try to outdo each other on the basketball court in an out-of-this-world game of H.O.R.S.E.
	<i>I am Every Good Thing</i>	Derrick Barnes; Gordon C. James	K-3	The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and no doubt he'll see them through--as he's creative, adventurous, smart, funny, and a good friend. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up.
	<i>In Plain Sight</i>	Richard Jackson, Jerry Pinkney	K-3	An ailing grandfather and his helpful granddaughter play a unique game of seek and find
	<i>Jabari Jumps</i>	Gaia Cornwall	K-3	Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons. He's passed his swim test. It's just... maybe he should do some stretches first. 'Looks easy,' says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back.
	<i>The King of Kindergarten</i>	Derrick Barnes	K-3	A confident little boy takes pride in his first day of kindergarten. By the Newbery Honor-winning author of Crown.

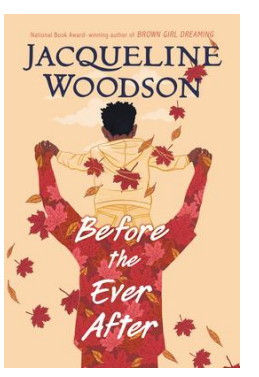
	<i>Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me</i>	Daniel Beaty, Bryan Collier	K-3	A boy wakes up one morning to find his father gone. At first, he feels lost. But his father has left him a letter filled with advice to guide him through the times he cannot be there
	<i>Last Stop on Market Street</i>	Matt de la Peña	K-3	A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.
	<i>Let the Children March</i>	Monica Clark-Robinson, Frank Morrison	K-3	In 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, thousands of African American children volunteered to march for their civil rights after hearing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak. They protested the laws that kept black people separate from white people. Facing fear, hate, and danger, these children used their voices to change the world.
	<i>Mae Among the Stars</i>	Roda Ahmed, Stasia Burrington	K-3	Presents a fictionalized, illustrated account of the childhood of Mae Jemison who would go on to become the first African American woman astronaut.

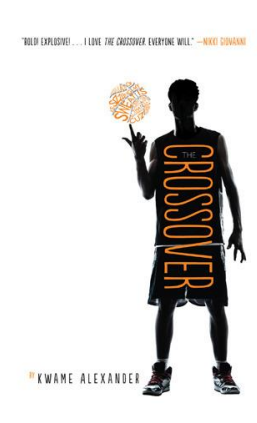

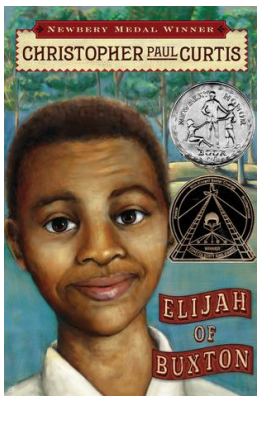


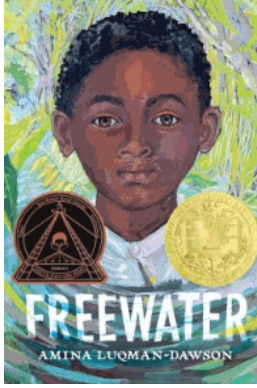
	<p><i>Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration</i></p>	<p>Samara Cole Doyon, Kaylani Juanita</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Joyful young narrators celebrate feeling at home in one's own skin</p>
	<p><i>Me & Mama</i></p>	<p>Cozbi A. Cabrera</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>For a little girl on a rainy day, the best place to be is with Mama.</p>
	<p><i>Mommy's Khimar</i></p>	<p>Jamilah Thompkins- Bigelow, Ebony Glenn</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Colorful illustrations show a young African American Muslim girl trying on her mother's headscarf, called a khimar or hijab. The yellow khimar means the most and as she wears it throughout the day, feeling the love of her family both Muslim and non-Muslim.</p>
	<p><i>Nana Akua Goes to School</i></p>	<p>Tricia Elam, April Harrison</p>	<p>K-34</p>	<p>Zura is worried about how her classmates will react to her Ghanaian Nana's tattoos on Grandparents Day, but Nana finds a way to show how special and meaningful they are.</p>
	<p><i>The Other Side</i></p>	<p>Jacqueline Woodson, E.B. Lewis</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Two girls, one white and one African-American, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.</p>

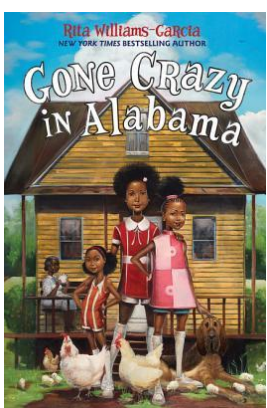

	<p><i>Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets</i></p>	<p>Kwame Alexander, Ekua Holmes, Chris Colderley, Marjory Wentworth</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Text and illustrations present twenty poems that look at well-known poets from around the world.</p>
	<p><i>The Patchwork Quilt</i></p>	<p>Valerie Flournoy</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.</p>
	<p><i>The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family</i></p> 	<p>Ibtihaj Muhammad, S.K. Ali, Hatem Aly</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.</p>
	<p><i>Sulwe</i></p> 	<p>Lupita Nyong'o, Vashti Harrison</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.</p>
	<p><i>Tar Beach</i></p>	<p>Faith Ringgold</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. Based on the author's quilt painting of the same name.</p>

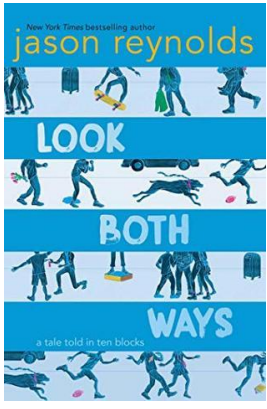

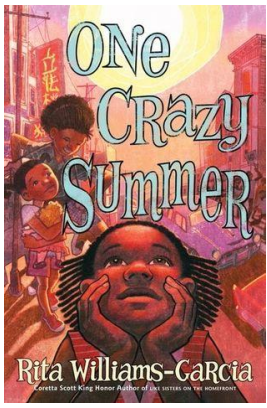

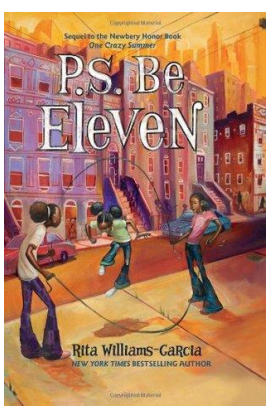
	<i>Thunder Rose</i>	Jerdine Nolen, Kadir Nelson	K-3	Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building metal structures, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.
	<i>The Undeclared</i>	Kwame Alexander, Kadir Nelson	K-3	An ode to black American triumph and tribulation.
	<i>The Water Princess</i>	written by Susan Verde, Peter H. Reynolds	K-3	The story of one young girl's quest to bring clean drinking water to her African village.
	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>	Bryan Collier	K-3	Following in the footsteps of one young girl, the author-illustrator traverses between historic civil rights monuments and contemporary political protests.
Graphic and Illustrated Novels				
	<i>Class Act</i>	Jerry Craft	5-8	Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities, no matter how hard he works, that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted, and begins to feel as if his good

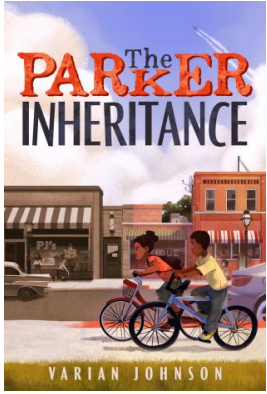

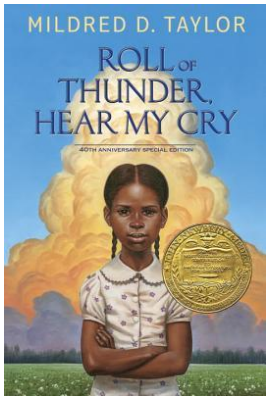
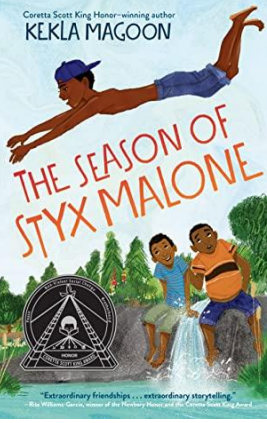

				friend might be one of those privileged kids.
	<i>The Crossover</i> 	Kwame Alexander, Dawud Anyabwile	5-8	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
	<i>New Kid</i> 	Jerry Craft	3-6	A graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.
	<i>Swim Team</i>	Johnnie Christmas	3-6	Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, but the thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy. Now she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, an elderly occupant of her apartment building (and former swim captain) is willing to help.
Chapter Books				


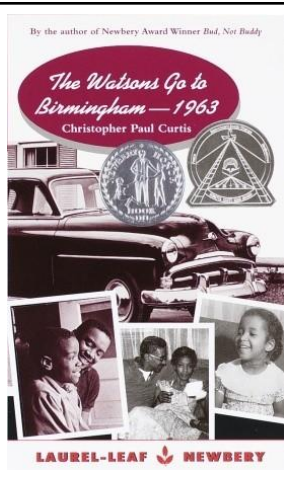
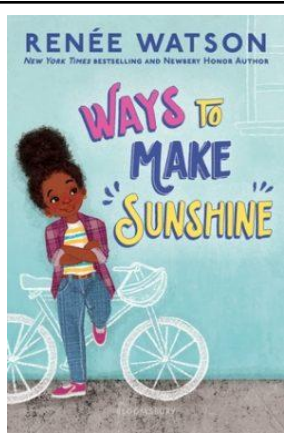
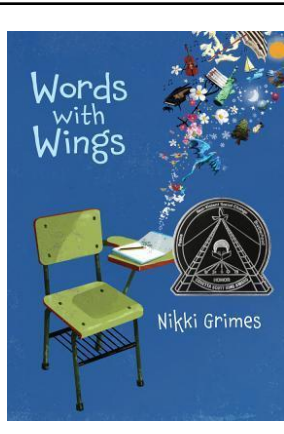
	<p><i>As Brave as You</i></p> 	<p>Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires -- literally.</p>
	<p><i>Before the Ever After</i></p> 	<p>Jacqueline Woodson</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Jacqueline Woodson's novel-in-verse explores how a family moves forward when their glory days have passed and the cost of professional sports on Black bodies.</p>
	<p><i>Betty Before X</i></p> 	<p>Ilyasah Shabazz, Renée Watson</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>A powerful middle-grade novel about the childhood activism of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter.</p>
	<p><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i></p>	<p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</p>

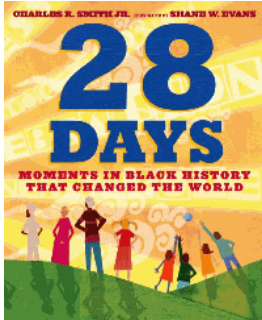
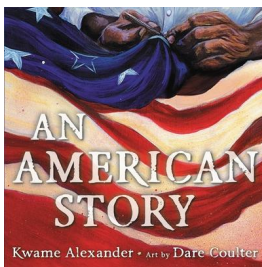
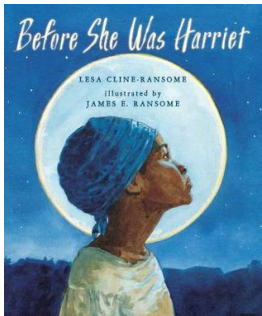
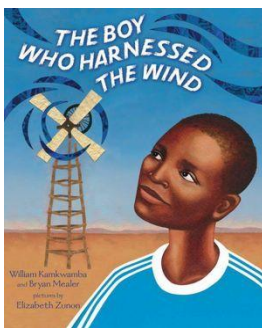
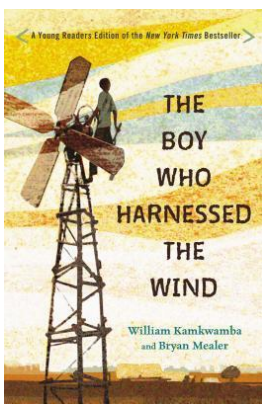

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	<p><i>Elijah of Buxton</i></p>	<p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.</p>
	<p><i>Finding Langston</i></p> 	<p>Lesa Cline-Ransome</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.</p>
	<p><i>Freewater</i></p>	<p>Amina Luqman Dawson</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>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.</p>

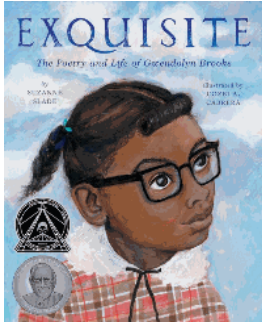
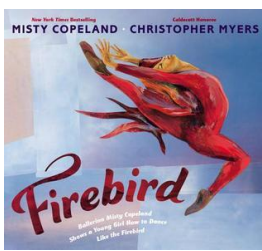
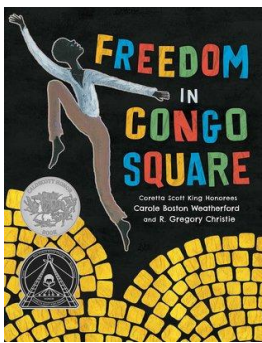
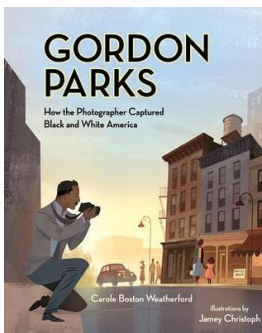
	<p><i>Genesis Begins Again</i></p>	<p>Alicia D. Williams</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.</p>
	<p><i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i></p>	<p>Rita Williams-Garcia</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>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. 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.</p>
	<p><i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i></p>	<p>Lisa Moore Ramee</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking.</p>
	<p><i>King and the Dragonflies</i></p>	<p>Kacen Callender.</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.</p>

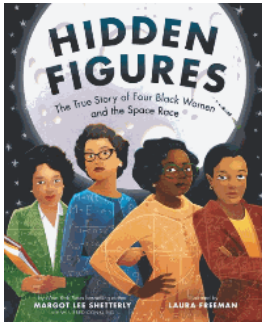
	<p><i>Look Both Ways</i></p> 	<p>Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.</p>
	<p><i>One Crazy Summer</i></p> 	<p>Rita Williams-Garcia</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.</p>
	<p><i>P.S. Be Eleven</i></p>	<p>Rita Williams-Garcia</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p><i>After spending the summer of 1968 with their mother and the Black Panthers, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern return home to Brooklyn and discover their father has a new girlfriend, Uncle Darnell has come home from Vietnam a changed man, and Big Ma still expects Delphine to take care of everything.</i></p>



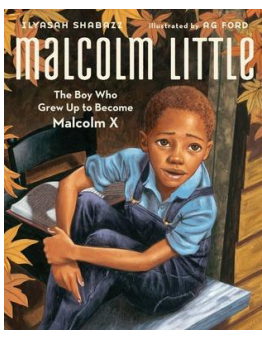

	<p><i>The Parker Inheritance</i></p> 	<p>Varian Johnson</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p><i>Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother and finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow book-worm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.</i></p>
	<p><i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i></p>	<p>Mildred Taylor</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.</p>
	<p><i>The Season of Styx Malone</i></p> 	<p>Kekla Magoon</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city.</p>

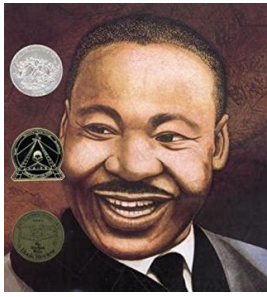
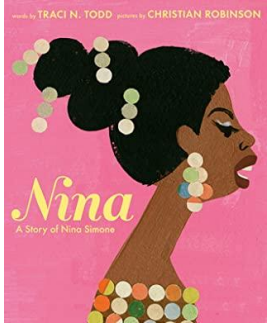
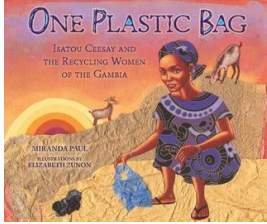
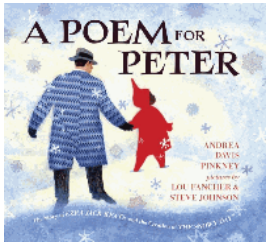
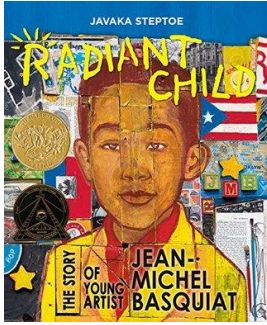
	<p><i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i></p>	<p>Kwame Mbalia</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.</p>
	<p><i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963</i></p>	<p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.</p>
	<p><i>Ways to Make Sunshine</i></p>	<p>Renée Watson</p>	<p>3-5</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><i>Words with Wings</i></p>	<p>Nikki Grimes</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Gabby daydreams to tune out her parents' arguments, but when her parents' divorce, and she begins a new school, daydreaming gets her into trouble. With a notebook "thick with daydreams," Gabby grows more confident about herself and her future.</p>
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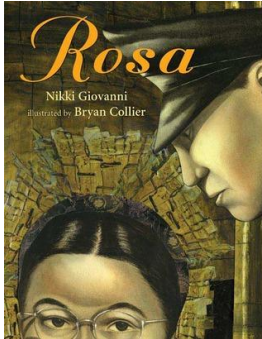
	<p><i>28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World</i></p>	<p>Charles R. Smith Jr.; illustrated by Shane Evans</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>A picture book look at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history.</p>
	<p><i>An American Story</i></p>	<p>Kwame Alexander, Dare Coulter</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A picture book in verse that threads together past and present to explore the legacy of slavery during a classroom lesson.</p>
	<p><i>Before She Was Harriet</i></p>	<p>Lesa Cline-Ransome, James E. Ransome</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Moses, General Tubman, Minty, Araminta, the woman we know today as Harriet Tubman went by many names. Each represented one of her many roles as a spy, as a liberator, as a suffragist, and more.</p>
	<p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i></p>	<p>William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, pictures by Elizabeth Zunon</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>The author details how he ignored naysayers and was able to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts.</p>
	<p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i></p> 	<p>William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer, Anna Hymas</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>African teenager William Kamkwamba explored science books in his village library when he was forced to drop out of school, and was able to change his family's life by creating a windmill to pump water for his family's farm.</p>

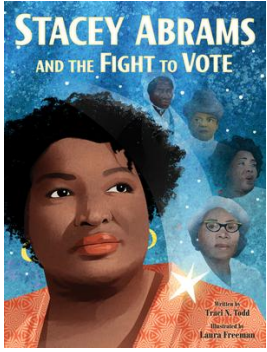
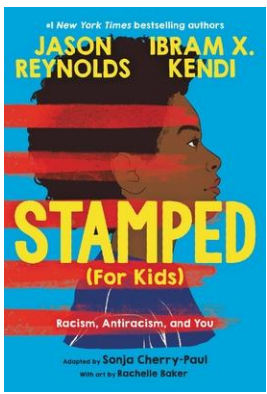
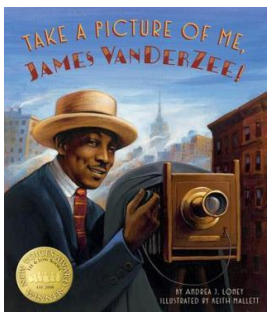

	<p><i>Exquisite : The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks</i></p>	<p>Suzanne Slade; illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A picture-book biography of celebrated poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize.</p>
	<p><i>Firebird</i></p>	<p>Misty Copeland, Christopher Myers</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student, with brown skin like her own, by telling her that she, too, had to learn basic steps and how to be graceful when she was starting out, and that some day, with practice and dedication, the little girl will become a firebird, too. Includes author's note about dancers who led her to find her voice.</p>
	<p><i>Freedom in Congo Square</i></p>	<p>Carole Boston Weatherford, R. Gregory Christie.</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Chronicles slaves' duties each day, from chopping logs on Mondays to baking bread on Wednesdays to plucking hens on Saturday, and builds to the freedom of Sundays and the special experience of an afternoon spent in Congo Square.</p>
	<p><i>Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America</i></p>	<p>Carole Boston Weatherford, Jamey Christoph</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>His white teacher tells her all-black class, You'll all wind up porters and waiters. What did she know? Gordon Parks is most famous for being the first black director in Hollywood. But before he made movies and wrote books, he was a poor African American looking for work. When he bought a camera, his life changed forever.</p>

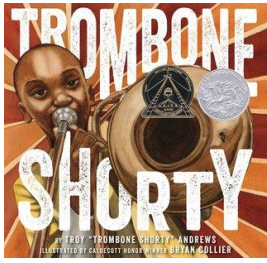
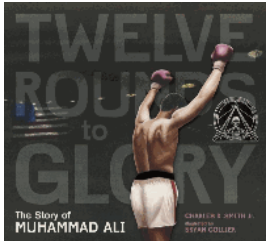
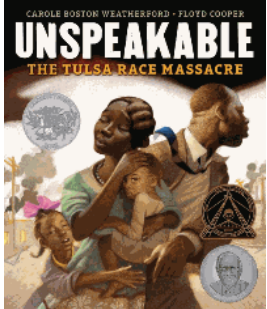
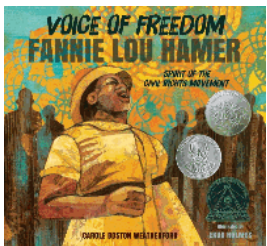
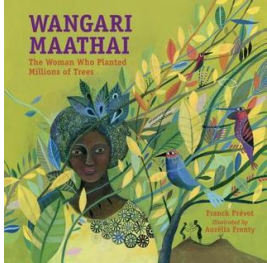
	<p><i>Hidden Figures, the True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race</i></p> 	<p>Margot Lee Shetterly, Winifred Conkling, Laura Freeman</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Presents a picture book profiling four African-American women mathematicians--Katherine, Dorothy, Mary, and Christine--who were hired by NASA to do the math work that would help the U.S. send the first astronauts into space.</p>
	<p><i>I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Jr.</i></p>	<p>Martin Luther King Jr., Kadir Nelson</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Presents illustrations and abridged text of the speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, in which he described his visionary dream of equality and brotherhood for humankind. Includes a CD with official recording of the speech.</p>
	<p><i>Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace</i></p> 	<p>Ashley Bryan</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>A memoir of African American artist Ashley Bryan in which he recounts his service as a Black soldier in the segregated army of WWII, and includes sketches and paintings in which he recorded his experiences.</p>
	<p><i>Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</i></p> 	<p>by Patricia Hruby Powell, Christian Robinson</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>An extraordinary 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.</p>

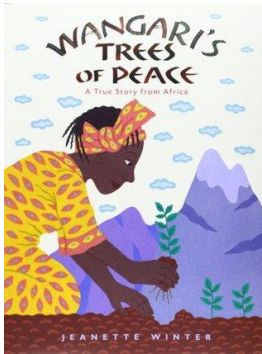
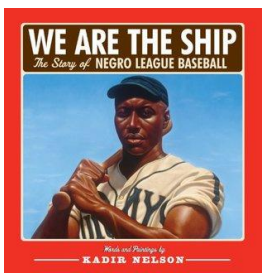
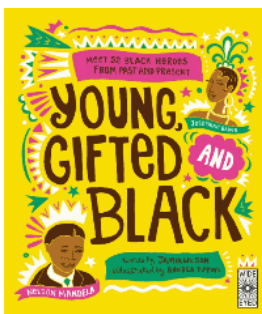
	<p><i>Justice Ketanji : the story of US Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson</i></p>	<p>written by Denise Lewis Patrick ; illustrated by Kim Holt.</p>		<p>United States Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson knew from the very beginning that 'You can do anything. You can be anything.' Driven by those powerful words and her parents' love, Ketanji refused to let naysayers stop her from rising to the top. Her perseverance and her wits led her to become the first Black woman to become a US district judge and eventually the first Black female US Supreme Court justice.</p>
	<p><i>Ketanji: Justice Jackson's Journey to the U.S. Supreme Court</i></p>	<p>Kekla Magoon, Laura Freeman</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Ketanji Brown Jackson is no stranger to overcoming obstacles. When a high school guidance counselor told her she should set her sights lower than Harvard, she decided to go to Harvard for college and law school. When she became a public defender and saw inequalities in the justice system, she used her legal skills to advocate for people who needed help but couldn't afford an attorney. Ketanji's path to the Supreme Court was unique: She's the only current Justice to have been a public defender and one of a few who went to public school.</p>
	<p><i>Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to be Malcom X</i></p> 	<p>Ilyasah Shabazz, A.G. Ford</p>	<p>K-3</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><i>Martin's Big Words</i></p>	<p>Doreen Rappaport, Brian Collier</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Looks at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation.</p>
	<p><i>Nina : A Story of Nina Simone</i></p>	<p>Traci N. Todd; pictures by Christian Robinson</p>	<p>K-3</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><i>One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia</i></p>	<p>Miranda Paul</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Isatou Ceesay finds a way to recycle discarded plastic bags that have accumulated in dirty heaps in her Gambian village.</p>
	<p><i>A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day</i></p>	<p>Andrea Davis Pinkney, Lou Fancher & Steve Johnson</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A celebration of the extraordinary life of Ezra Jack Keats, creator of The Snowy Day.</p>
	<p><i>Radiant Child</i></p>	<p>Javaka Steptoe</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A biography of Jean-Michel Basquiat, an artist in New York City who rose to fame in the 1980s.</p>

	<p><i>R-E-S-P-E-C-T : Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul</i></p>	<p>Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Aretha Franklin was born to sing. Her incredible talent and string of hit songs earned her the title 'the Queen of Soul.' This Queen was a multi-Grammy winner and the first female inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. And there was even more to Aretha than being a singer, songwriter, and pianist: she was an activist, too. Her song 'Respect' was an anthem for people fighting for civil rights and women's rights. With words that sing and art that shines, this . . . portrait of Aretha Franklin pays her the R-E-S-P-E-C-T this Queen of Soul deserves.</p>
	<p><i>Rosa</i></p>	<p>Nikki Giovanni, Bryan Collier</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Presents an illustrated account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, and the subsequent bus boycott by the black community.</p>
	<p><i>Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down</i></p>	<p>Andrea Davis Pinkney, Brian Pinkney</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>A picture book that celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-in at the lunch counter at Woolworth's as a protest against segregation.</p>

	<p><i>Stacey Abrams and the Fight to Vote</i></p>	<p>Traci N. Todd; Laura Freeman</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>This biography of Stacey Abrams, the politician, voters' rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, shows how her determination, perseverance and courage have profoundly impacted the world.</p>
	<p><i>Stamped (For Kids)</i></p>	<p>adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul, from "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" by Jason Reynolds, a remix of "Stamped from the Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi; art by Rachelle Baker</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Provides a young reader edition of the book of the same title that explores the history of racist ideas in America by examining the lives of notable historical figures, from Cotton Mather and Thomas Jefferson to W.E.B. Du Bois and Angela Davis. Discusses how racist ideas spread and how they are also discredited.</p>
	<p><i>Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee</i></p>	<p>by Andrea J. Loney, Keith Mallett</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>A biography of James Van Der Zee, innovative and celebrated African American photographer of the Harlem Renaissance. Includes an afterword, photos, and author's sources.</p>
	<p><i>Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman</i></p>	<p>Nikki Grimes, E.B. Lewis</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>A biography of the woman who became the first licensed African American pilot.</p>

	<p><i>Trombone Shorty</i></p>	<p>Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, Bryan Collier</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>New Orleans jazz musician Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews tells the story of how he got his nickname and his start in jazz music.</p>
	<p><i>Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i></p>	<p>Charles R. Smith Jr, Bryan Collier</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>Rap-inspired verse and illustrations describe the life of Muhammed Ali, discussing his bouts, struggles with societal prejudice, Islamic faith, Olympic glory, and more.</p>
	<p><i>Unspeakable : the Tulsa Race Massacre</i></p>	<p>Carole Boston Weatherford, Floyd Cooper</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>A picture book that sensitively examines the racial massacre in the Greenwood district of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1921. The book describes the residents of the prosperous African American community, and what happened when a white mob attacked and destroyed the town. Includes an author's and an illustrator's note with photographs.</p>
	<p><i>Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement</i></p>	<p>Carole Boston, Ekua Holmes</p>	<p>5-8</p>	<p>A collage-illustrated collection of free form poems describing the life and work of civil rights advocate Fannie Lou Hamer.</p>
	<p><i>Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees</i></p>	<p>Franck Prévot, Aurélia Fronty</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Tells the story of environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.</p>

	<p><i>Wangari's Trees of Peace: a true story from Africa</i></p>	<p>Jeanette Winter</p>	<p>K-3</p>	<p>Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard.</p>
	<p><i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i></p>	<p>Kadir Nelson</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Explores the history of Negro League baseball teams, discussing owners, players, hardships, wins, and losses; and including illustrations.</p>
	<p><i>Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present</i></p>	<p>Jamia Wilson, Andrea Pippins</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>This book brings together 52 iconic talents from the past and present and celebrates their inspirational achievements. Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and sporting heroes, including Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams.</p>

References and Additional Resources

<p>African American Literature Book Club</p>	<p>AALBC is the largest online bookstore dedicated to African-American and Black literature from around the world, celebrating Black culture and promoting authors and their ideas through books and literature that all readers will enjoy. Includes reviews and rewards lists.</p>
<p>The Brown Bookshelf</p>	<p>The Brown Bookshelf is designed to push awareness of the myriad Black voices writing for young readers. Their flagship initiative is 28 Days Later, a month-long showcase of the best in Picture Books, Middle Grade, and Young Adult novels written and illustrated by Black creators and published each February.</p>
<p>Children's Africana Book Awards</p>	<p>The Children's Africana Book Awards (CABA) are presented annually to the authors and illustrators of the best children's and young adult books on Africa published or republished in the U.S.</p>

The Conscious Kid Black History Books by Black Authors	An education, research, and policy organization dedicated to equity and promoting healthy racial identity development in youth supporting organizations, families, and educators in taking action to disrupt racism in young children.
Coretta Scott King Award	Given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.
Diverse Book Finder	An extensive collection of picture books featuring Black and Indigenous people and People of Color (BIPOC). *Inclusion of a title in the collection DOES NOT EQUAL a recommendation.
Honoring Black Lives Virtual Library	Click on book covers for copyright compliant read alouds.
Marley Dias's 1000 Black Girl Books	A resource guide created from the #1000blackgirlbooks campaign led by Marley Dias. Created in direct response to multiple requests made by educators, parents and students who asked for books with black girls as the main characters.
Social Justice Books	More than 60 carefully selected lists of multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators including Africa, Afro-Latinx, Black History, Black Lives Matter at School, Black Panthers, Civil Rights Teaching, Gentrification and Housing, Hair, Malcolm X, Reconstruction, and Slavery, Resistance, and Reparations



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