

Bibliography of Black History Picture Books

The picture books listed below are sophisticated in their subject matter and can deliver content in a manner that all students can understand. They can be used in grades 3-12.
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Slavery and Underground Railroad:

- Adler, David A. *The Picture Book of Harriet Beecher Stowe*. New York: Holiday House, 2003. ISBN 0-8234-1646-1 (about the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and her work to expose the evils of slavery)
- Bunting, Eve. *The Blue and the Gray*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1996. ISBN 0-590-60197-0 (Modern day flashback to Civil War)
- Bradby, Marie. *More Than Anything Else*. New York: Orchard Books, 1995. ISBN 0-531-09464-2 (Booker T. Washington's desire to read)
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997. ISBN 0-06-443519-9 (a nameless slave escapes)
- Hamilton, Virginia. *The People Could Fly*. New York: Scholastic, 1985. ISBN 0-590-48211-4 (American Black Folktales)
- Hopkinson, Deborah. *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*. New York: Dragonfly Books, 1993. ISBN 0-679-87472-0 (Escape from slavery)
- Hopkinson, Deborah. *Under the Quilt of Night*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001. ISBN 0-689-82227-8 (Beautifully worded and illustrated book about escaping to freedom)
- Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000. ISBN 0-689-80076-2 (Takes place just after slaves are freed)
- Johnson, Delores. *Now Let Me Fly: The Story of a Slave Family*. New York: Aladdin Books, 1993. ISBN 0-689-80966-2 (Tells the story from Africa to plantation life)
- Lawrence, Jacob. *Harriet and the Promised Land*. Hong Kong: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1997. ISBN 0-689-80965-4 (Lots of paintings to illustrate the story)
- Lees, Stewart. *Runaway Jack*. New York: Barron's Educational Series, 2004. ISBN 0-7641-5712-4 (From plantation life to runaway slave)
- Lester, Julius. *From Slave Ship to Freedom Road*. New York: Puffin Books, 1998. ISBN 0-14-056669-4 (Good resource, but use caution because of strong language)
- Levine, Ellen. *...If You Traveled on The Underground Railroad*. New York: Scholastic, 1988. ISBN 0-590-45156-1 (Good descriptions of the time)
- McGill, Alice. *Molly Bannaky*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1999. ISBN 0-395-72287-x (A white woman buys, frees and marries a slave. Her grandson is Benjamin Banneker, the famous scientist.)
- McGovern, Ann. *"Wanted Dead or Alive" The True Story of Harriet Tubman*. New York: Scholastic, 1965. ISBN 0-590-44212-0 (More narrative about Harriet Tubman)
- Nelson, Jerdine. *Big Jabe*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 2000. ISBN 0-68-813662-1 (Tall tale from slave days)
- Nelson, Vaunda Michaux. *Almost to Freedom*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 2003. ISBN 1-57505-342-x (Escape story told by a rag doll)
- Polacco, Patricia. *Pink and Say*. New York: Scholastic, 1994. ISBN 0-590-54210-9 (Civil War – friendship between two Union soldiers, one white, one black)

- Ransom, Candace. *Liberty Street*. New York: Walker & Co., 2003.
ISBN 0-8027-8869-6 (Slave who is learning to read at a secret school)
- Rappaport, Doreen. *No More! Stories and Songs of Slave Resistance*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2002. ISBN 0-7636-0984-6 (stories about individuals in slavery)
- Rappaport, Doreen. *Freedom River*. New York: Hyperion Books for Young Children, 2000. ISBN 078680350-9 (Crossing the Ohio River to freedom)
- Riggio, Anita. *Secret Signs Along the Underground Railroad*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 1997. ISBN 1-56397—555-6 (Secret signs used to help slaves escape to the North)
- Ringgold, Faith. *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky*. New York: Dragonfly Books, 1992. ISBN 0-517-88543-3 (Story of Harriet Tubman)
- Rockwell, Anne. *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000. (Life of the abolitionist)
- Sanders, Scott Russell. *A Place Called Freedom*. New York: Aladdin Picture Books, 1997. ISBN 0-689-84001-2 (Escaping slaves)
- Schroeder, Alan. *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman*. New York: Puffin Books, 1996. ISBN 0-14-056196-X (The early days of Tubman's life)
- Stroud, Bettye. *The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005. ISBN 0-7636-2423-3 (Quilts help escaping slaves)
- Thomas, Joyce Carol. *I Have Heard of a Land*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1995. ISBN 0-06-443617-9 (Freed slaves move west to settle)
- Turner, Ann. *Nettie's Trip South*. New York: Scholastic, 1987. ISBN 0-590-42721-0 (based on the true experience of a young girl from the North traveling to the South during slavery)
- Vaughan, Marcia. *The Secret to Freedom*. New York: Lee & Low Books Inc., 2001. ISBN 1-58430-021-3 (Quilt patterns as signals to escaping slaves)
- Winter, Jeanette. *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. New York: Dragonfly Books, 1988. ISBN 0-679-81997 (using the North Star to escape to freedom)
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *Show Way*. New York: G.P. Putnam & Sons, 2005. ISBN 0-399-23749-6 (generations of slaves and free)

Civil Rights Movement:

- Adler, David A. *A Picture Book of Rosa Parks*. New York: Holiday House, 1993. ISBN 0-8234-1177-x (Biography of the Civil Rights leader)
- Adler, David A. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Free at Last*. New York: Holiday House, 1986. ISBN 0-8234-0618-0 (Biography)
- Adler, David A. *The Picture Book of Thurgood Marshall*. New York: Holiday House, 1997. ISBN 0-8234-1308-x (biography)
- Adoff, Arnold. *Malcolm X*. New York: Harper Trophy, 1970. ISBN 0-06-446015-0 (The biography of Malcolm X)
- Battle-Lavert, Gwendolyn. *Papa's Mark*. New York: Holiday House, 2003. ISBN 0-8234-1650-x (Learning to write and be able to vote)
- Bridges, Ruby. *Through My Eyes*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1999. ISBN 0-590-18923-9 (Articles and interviews about school integration as part of Ruby's autobiography)
- Bunting, Eve. *Smoky Night*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1994. ISBN 0-15-269954-6 (Los Angeles riots)
- Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*. New York: Scholastic, 1995. ISBN 0-590-57281-4 (The story of Ruby's first days of school)

- Duncan, Alice Faye. *Everyday People*. New York: Troll Medallion, 1995.
ISBN 0-8167-3503-4 (Includes photos from the National Civil Rights Museum)
- Farris, Christine King. *My Brother Martin*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2003.
ISBN 978-0-689-64388-4
- Giovanni, Nikki. *Rosa*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2005.
ISBN 0-8050-7106-7 (Story of Rosa Parks protest)
- Haskins, Jim. *The Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Was Shot: A Photo History of the Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Scholastic, 1992. ISBN 0-590-43661-9
(An excellent book that spans from slavery to modern day)
- Haskins, Jim. *Delivering Justice: W.W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights*.
Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005. ISBN 076362592-2
(The biography of a little-known worker for Civil Rights)
- Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*. New York: Scholastic, 1991. ISBN 0-590-46009-9
(A little girl with a lot of imagination)
- Jackson, Garnet. *Martin Luther King, Jr. A Man of Peace*. New York: Scholastic,
2001. ISBN 0-439-20643-x (Biography)
- Johnson, Angela. *A Sweet Smell of Roses*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.
ISBN 0-689-83252-4 (Two young girls are caught up in a protest march)
- King, Casey and Osborne, Linda Barrett. *Oh, Freedom! Kids Talk About the Civil Rights Movement with the People Who Made It Happen*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1997. ISBN 0-679-89005-x (Great interviews)
- King, Martin Luther Jr. *I Have A Dream*. New York: Scholastic, 1963.
ISBN 0-590-20516-1 (Text of the famous speech with illustrations)
- Littlesugar, Amy. *Freedom School, Yes!* New York: Philomel Books, 2001.
ISBN 0-399-23006-8 (Story based on schools set up by the Mississippi Summer Project in 1964)
- Marzollo, Jean. *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King*. New York: Scholastic, 1993.
ISBN 0-439-09942-0 (Biography)
- McKissack, Patricia. *Goin' Someplace Special*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001. ISBN 0-689-81885-8 (A young girl's trip to the library through a segregated town)
- Miller, William. *Richard Wright and the Library Card*. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 1997. ISBN 1-880000-88-1 (Based on the true story of Richard Wright, a black man who wanted to read)
- Mitchell, Margaree King. *Granddaddy's Gift*. New York: BridgeWater Paperback, 1997. ISBN 0-8167-4011-9 (Fighting for the right to vote)
- Mitchell, Margaree King. *Uncle Jed's Barbershop*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1993 ISBN 0-671-76969-3 (Life in the South in the 1920's)
- Morrison, Toni. *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004. ISBN 0-618-39740-x (Filled with photos and the story of school integration)
- Moss, Thylia. *I Want To Be*. New York: Puffin Books, 1993. ISBN 0-14-056286-9
(A young girl dreams of possible careers)
- Myers, Walter Dean. *I've Seen the Promised Land*. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.
ISBN 0-06-027703-3 (Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- Myers, Walter Dean. *The Great Migration: An American Story*. New York: Harper Trophy, 1993. ISBN 0-06-443428-1 (Blacks leaving the South after World War II)
- Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.
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ISBN 0-439-10994-9 (Biography of Ellington, a musician)
- Rappaport, Doreen. *Martin's Big Words*. New York: Hyperion Books for Young Children, 2001. ISBN 0-7868-2591-x (MLK's biography including quotes)
- Rappaport, Doreen. *The School Is Not White! A True Story of the Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Hyperion Books for Young Children, 2005.
ISBN 0-7868-1838-7 (A true story of a black family that sent their children to the newly-integrated schools)
- Ringgold, Faith. *If A Bus Could Talk*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1999.
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- Ruffin, Frances E. *Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2001. ISBN 0-448-42421-5 (Easy to read text with good illustrations and photos)
- Vander Zee, Ruth. *Mississippi Morning*. Cambridge, UK: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2004. ISBN 0-8028-5211-4 (Powerful story about a young white boy who discovers that his father is a member of the Ku Klux Klan)
- Wiles, Deborah. *Freedom Summer*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001. ISBN 0-689-83016-5 (Two boys and their experiences after the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *Coming On Home Soon*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. ISBN 0-399-23748-8 (Women working away from home during World War II)
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- Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Other Side*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001.
ISBN 0-399-23116-1 (Story of a town racially divided by a fence)
- Wyeth, Sharon Dennis. *Something Beautiful*. New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1998. ISBN 0-385-32239-9 (A little girl beautifies her neighborhood)
- Yolen, Jane. *Miz Berlin Walks*. New York: Puffin Books, 1997. ISBN 0-698-11845-6 (Friendship between a little black girl and an old white woman)

Famous Sports Heroes:

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ISBN 0-8234-1304-7
- Golenbock, Peter. *Teammates*. New York: Harcourt, Inc., 1990. ISBN 0-15-200603-6 (The story of Jackie Robinson, the first black major league baseball player, and his Southern-born teammate, "Pee Wee" Reese)
- Haskins, Jim. *Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali*. New York: Walker & Company, 2002. ISBN 0-8027-8784-3
- Jordan, Deloris. *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000. ISBN 0-689-83371-7
- Mattern, Joanne. *Tiger Woods*. New York: Troll Books, 1998. ISBN 0-8167-4551-X

Poetry:

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- Greenfield, Eloise. *Night on a Neighborhood Street*. New York: Puffin Pied Piper Books, 1991. ISBN 0-14-055683-4
- Grimes, Nikki. *My Man Blue*. New York: Penguin Group, 1999. ISBN 0-14-230197-3

- Hudson, Wade. *Pass It On: African-American Poetry for Children*. New York: Scholastic, 1993. ISBN 0-590-45771-3
- Laskey, Kathryn. *A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phyllis Wheatley, Slave Poet*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003. ISBN 0-7636-0252-3 (Biography)
- Rochelle, Belinda. *Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art*. New York: HarperCollins, 2001. ISBN 0-688-16415-3
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