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A biography of LeBron James, discussing his early days playing basketball in Akron, Ohio, his standout performance with the Cleveland Cavaliers, and his reputation as a team player.
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- 921 TOM Gigliotti, Jim. LaDainian Tomlinson. Mankato, MN : Child's World, c2008.
A brief biography of San Diego Chargers All Pro running back, LaDainian Tomlinson, that chronicles his childhood, football career, and life achievements.
- 921 TOM Sandler, Michael, 1965-. LaDainian Tomlinson. New York : Bearport Pub., c2009.
Text and photographs describe the life of LaDainian Tomlinson, his professional football career, and his charitable work.
- 921 TOW Lyon, Lea. Ready to fly : how Sylvia Townsend became the bookmobile ballerina. First edition. New York, NY : HarperCollins Publishers, 2020.

Ready to Fly is a true story about Sylvia Townsend, an African American girl who falls in love with ballet after seeing Swan Lake on her family's secondhand television set. But opportunities to learn ballet are limited, and Sylvia can't find a school that will teach her. That's when the local bookmobile provides another possibility. A librarian helps Sylvia find books about ballet, and the determined seven-year-old, with the help of her new books, starts teaching herself the basics of classical ballet.

- 921 TRU Adler, David A. A picture book of Sojourner Truth. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c1994.
An introduction to the life of the woman born into slavery who became a well-known abolitionist and crusader for the rights of African-Americans in the United States.
- 921 TRU Jaffe, Elizabeth D. Sojourner Truth. Minneapolis, Minn. : Compass Point Books, c2001.
Examines the life of Sojourner Truth, a woman born into slavery who escaped to freedom and went on to become a prominent speaker on behalf of women's rights.
- 921 TRU McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Sojourner Truth : ain't I a woman? New York : Scholastic, c1992.
A biography of the former slave who became well-known as an abolitionist and advocate of women's rights.
- 921 TUB Adler, David A. A picture book of Harriet Tubman. New York : Holiday House, c1992.
Biography of the African-American woman who escaped from slavery to become famous as a conductor on the Underground Railroad.
- 921 TUB Benjamin, Anne. Young Harriet Tubman : freedom fighter. [Mahwah, N.J.] : Troll Associates, c1992.
A biography of the African-American woman who helped over 300 slaves escape through the Underground Railroad and was never caught herself.
- 921 TUB McLoone, Margo. Harriet Tubman : a photo-illustrated biography. Mankato, Minn. : Bridgestone Press, c1997.
A brief biography of the woman who escaped life as a slave and then rescued hundreds of other slaves as a conductor in the underground railroad.
- 921 TUB Schroeder, Alan. Minty : a story of young Harriet Tubman. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1996.
Young Harriet Tubman, whose childhood name was Minty, dreams of escaping slavery on the Brodas plantation in the late 1820s.
- 921 TUB Turner, Glennette Tilley. An apple for Harriet Tubman. Morton Grove, Ill. : Albert Whitman, 2006.
After living on a plantation and picking apples without being able to eat them, Harriet Tubman achieves her dream of having her own apple trees.
- 921 TUR Ross, Michael Elsohn, 1952-. Bug watching with Charles Henry Turner. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c1997.
Bug watching -- Homemaking -- Home finding -- Sensible studies -- Bug clubhouse. Chronicles the life and career of naturalist Charles Henry Turner whose curiosity about bugs and their environment established him as a pioneer in the field of ecology.
- 921 Vic Savage, Jeff. Michael Vick. Minneapolis, MN : Lerner, 2006.
Profiles the life and accomplishments of NFL quarterback Michael Vick.
- 921 WAD Keith, Ted. Dwyane Wade. Mankato, MN : Child's World, c2008.
Making things happen -- Growing up in Wade's world -- Dwyane heats up -- Flash forward to stardom. A biography of basketball player Dwyane Wade that discusses his childhood, the 2003 NBA draft, and professional career.
- 921 WAS McLoone, Margo. Booker T. Washington : a photo-illustrated biography. Mankato, Minn. : Bridgestone Books, c1997.
A brief biography of the man who was born a slave and worked in salt mines as a youth but went on

to become a national leader for the education of African-Americans and founder of Tuskegee Institute.

- 921 WEL Freedman, Suzanne, 1932-. Ida B. Wells-Barnett and the antilynching crusade. Brookfield, CT : Millbrook Press, c1994.
Traces the life of the journalist, focusing on her lifelong fight to stop lynching and to bring the nation's attention to the injustices suffered by blacks. Illustrated with black and white period photographs.
- 921 WIL Wetzel, Dan. Serena Williams. 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt and Co., 2019.
A look at the life of tennis player Serena Williams, covering her childhood, career success, and more.
- 973 DON Donovan, Sandra, 1967-. The African American experience. Minneapolis : Twenty-First Century Books, c2011.
Introduction: From Africa to America -- Learning a new language -- African Americans in the arts -- On the playing field -- Religion -- Celebrating African American culture -- Food.
- 973 PAT Patrick-Wexler, Diane. The New York Public Library amazing African American history : a book of answers for kids. New York : Wiley, c1998.
Presents questions and answers relating to important periods in African-American history including the American Revolution, Civil War, Reconstruction, migration, and the Civil Rights movement.
- 973.7 MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Days of Jubilee : the end of slavery in the United States. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2003.
Uses slave narratives, letters, diaries, military orders, and other documents to chronicle the various stages leading to the emancipation of slaves in the United States.
- 975 BIA Bial, Raymond. The strength of these arms : life in the slave quarters. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1997.
Describes how slaves were able to preserve some elements of their African heritage despite the often brutal treatment they experienced on Southern plantations.
- 978 SCH Schlissel, Lillian. Black frontiers : a history of African American heroes in the old west. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1995.
Focuses on the experiences of blacks as mountain men, soldiers, homesteaders, and scouts on the frontiers of the American West.
- 978.0082 Alt Alter, Judy, 1938-. Great women of the Old West. Minneapolis, MN : Compass Point Books, c2001.
Examines the lives of some of the great women of the Old West, including Native Americans, African-Americans, Spanish settlers, and pioneers; and includes photographs and engravings, a glossary, listings of important dates and people, and an index.
- FIC ARM Armstrong, Robb. Drew and the homeboy question. 1st ed. New York : HarperTrophy, c1997.
Drew's oldest friends accuse him of snobbery when he wins a scholarship to the Deerwood Academy for Boys, an exclusive all-white school.
- FIC ARM Armstrong, William Howard, 1914-. Sounder. Large print ed. Santa Barbara, CA : ABC-CLIO, 1987.
Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young African American boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of the devoted dog Sounder.
- FIC AST Aston, Dianna Hutts. The moon over Star. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2008.
On her family's farm in the town of Star, eight-year-old Mae eagerly follows the progress of the 1969 Apollo 11 flight and moon landing and dreams that she might one day be an astronaut, too.
- FIC BAR Barnes, Derrick D. Brand-new school, brave new Ruby. New York : Scholastic, c2008.
Eight-year-old Ruby Booker is headed to a new school where her older brothers rule; however, Ruby has big plans to change that.
- FIC BAR Barnes, Derrick D. The low-down, bad-day blues. New York : Scholastic, c2004.

A little boy lists several things going wrong and then finds a day can change for the better very quickly. Includes activity suggestions.

- FIC BAR Barnes, Derrick D. Trivia queen, 3rd grade supreme. New York : Scholastic, c2008.
When the Hope Road Academy holds its annual animal trivia contest, Ruby represents the third grade and competes against two of her older brothers.
- FIC BAR Barnes, Joyce Annette. Promise me the moon. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1997.
Thirteen-year-old Annie wonders about her dream of becoming an astronaut as she faces various challenges and self-doubts, including changes in her relationship with her best friend, fights with her parents, and problems at school.
- FIC BAT Battle-Lavert, Gwendolyn. Papa's mark. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c2003.
After his son helps him learn to write his name, Samuel T. Blow goes to the courthouse in his Southern town to cast his ballot on the first election day ever on which African-Americans were allowed to vote.
- FIC BLE Bledsoe, Lucy Jane. The big bike race. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c1995.
Ernest Peterson's hopes of winning the Washington, D.C., Citywide Cup bicycle race are shattered when his grandmother gives him a huge, clunky, yellow bike for his tenth birthday.
- FIC Blu Blume, Judy. Iggie's house. Rev. format ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001, c1970.
When an African-American family with three children moves into the white neighborhood, eleven-year-old Winnie learns the difference between being a good neighbor and being a good friend.
- FIC BRA Bradby, Marie. More than anything else. New York : Orchard Books, [1995].
Nine-year-old Booker works with his father and brother at the saltworks but dreams of the day when he'll be able to read.
- FIC BUN Bunting, Eve, 1928-. The blue and the gray. New York : Scholastic, c1996.
As an African-American boy and his white friend watch the construction of a house which will make them neighbors on the site of a Civil War battlefield, they agree that their homes are monuments to that war.
- FIC CAR Carr, Jan. Dark day, light night. 1st Hyperion pbk. ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 1997, c1995.
Manda's Aunt Ruby helps her to deal with some angry feelings by making lists of all the things that they like in the world.
- FIC Chr Mantell, Paul. Fairway phenom. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, c2003.
Malik Edwards, a young African American living in Brooklyn, decides to learn how to play golf in spite of many obstacles in his path, especially the ridicule of his friends.
- FIC Cle Clements, Andrew, 1949-. The jacket. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Scholastic, c2002.
Sixth-grader Phil comes to an awareness of his own racial prejudice after he sees Daniel, an African-American boy, wearing his brother's one-of-a-kind jacket and leaps to the conclusion that Daniel has stolen the coat.
- FIC COD Codell, Esmé Raji, 1968-. Sahara special. 1st Hyperion Paperback ed. New York : Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 2004, c2003.
Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.
- FIC COL Coleman, Evelyn, 1948-. The glass bottle tree. New York : Orchard Books, c1995.
Living together way out in the country, an African American girl and her grandmother have such a close relationship that they communicate without words.

- FIC COL Coleman, Evelyn, 1948-. Shadows on Society Hill : an Addy mystery. Middleton, WI : Pleasant, c2007. When her family moves to Philadelphia's Society Hill neighborhood in 1866, Addy, a former slave, discovers that her new home holds dangerous secrets--including one connected to the North Carolina plantation she escaped from only two years earlier. Includes an educational section on Reconstruction.
- FIC COL Coleman, Evelyn, 1948-. White socks only. Morton Grove, Ill. : A. Whitman, 1996. Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.
- FIC Cur Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, not Buddy. New York : Delacorte Press, [1999]. 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.
- FIC CUR Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963 : a novel. New York : Delacorte Press, [1995]. 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.
- FIC CUR Curtis, Gavin. The bat boy & his violin. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1998. Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.
- FIC DUN Duncan, Alice Faye. Willie Jerome. 1st ed. New York : Macmillan Books for Young Readers, c1995. Nobody appreciates Willie Jerome's jazz trumpet-playing except his sister, who finally makes Mama listen to the music speak.
- FIC EDW Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Barefoot : escape on the underground railroad. [New York] : HarperCollins Publishers, [1997]. In the forest, a group of animals help a runaway slave escape his pursuers.
- FIC ENG English, Karen. Hot day on Abbott Avenue. New York : Clarion Books, c2004. After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad.
- FIC EVA Evans, Freddi Williams. A bus of our own. Morton Grove, Ill. : Albert Whitman & Company, 2001. Although she really wants to go to school, walking the five miles is very difficult for Mabel Jean and the other black children, so she tries to find a way to get a bus for them the same as the white children have. Based on real events in Mississippi.
- FIC FLA Flake, Sharon. The skin I'm in. 1st Jump at the Sun pbk. ed. New York : Jump at the Sun, 2000, c1998. Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, insecure about her very dark skin, rejects the support of a new teacher, Miss Saunders, whose skin looks blotched because of a rare medical condition--but soon Maleeka begins to see that Miss Saunders could be a role model, and that she must learn to love herself and accept love from others.
- FIC FLO Flournoy, Valerie, 1952-. The patchwork quilt. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1985. 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.
- FIC FOR Forrester, Sandra. My home is over Jordan. 1st ed. New York : Lodestar Books/Dutton, c1997. No longer a slave now that the Civil War is over, fifteen-year-old Maddie dreams of getting an education and becoming a teacher, but she finds the reality of freedom harsh.
- FIC FRA Frame, Jeron Ashford. Yesterday I had the blues. Berkley, CA : Tricycle Press, c2003.

A young boy ponders a variety of emotions and how different members of his family experience them, from his own blues to his father's grays and his grandmother's yellows.

- FIC GIL Giles, L. R. (Lamar R.). The last last-day-of-summer. Boston : Versify, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2019].
"When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected"--Provided by publisher.
- FIC GRE Greenawalt, Kelly. I can build it! 1st ed. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2020.
In rhyming text Princess Truly, super girl, uses her magic curls to build things, including a bike for her brother, who has outgrown his old one, and a super snack machine.
- FIC GRE Greenfield, Monica. Waiting for Christmas. New York : Scholastic, c1996.
Highlights various activities done in anticipation of Christmas.
- FIC GUT Gutman, Dan. Satch & me : a baseball card adventure. New York : HarperCollins/HarperTrophy/Amistad, 2007, c2006.
With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.
- FIC HAR Harrington, Janice N. The chicken-chasing queen of Lamar County. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007.
A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.
- FIC HED Heder, Thyra. Alfie : (the turtle that disappeared). New York : Abrams, 2017.
Nia loves Alfie, her pet turtle. But he s not very soft, he doesn t do tricks, and he s pretty quiet. Sometimes she forgets he s even there! That is until the night before Nia s seventh birthday, when Alfie disappears! Then, in an innovative switch in point of view, we hear Alfie s side of the story.
- FIC HER Herlong, M. H. Buddy. New York : Viking, 2012.
Twelve-year-old Li'l T and his family face great losses caused by Hurricane Katrina, including leaving Buddy, their very special, three-legged dog, behind when they must evacuate.
- FIC HES Hest, Amy. Mr. George Baker. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2004.
Harry sits on the porch with Mr. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old but can still dance and play the drums, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.
- FIC HOF Hoffman, Mary, 1945-. An angel just like me. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 1997.
An African-American child wonders why all Christmas tree angels look alike and sets out to find an angel that looks just like him.
- FIC HOF Hoffman, Mary, 1945-. Princess Grace. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008.
Grace wants to participate in her community festival's princess float, but first she must decide what sort of a princess she wants to be--from an African princess in kente cloth robes to a floaty pink fairy tale princess.
- FIC HOW Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. Papa tells Chita a story. 1st Aladdin Paperbacks ed. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 1998, c1995.
A young African American girl shares a special time with her father as he tells her about when he was a soldier in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.
- FIC HOW Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. Virgie goes to school with us boys. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2000.
In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers.

- FIC ISA Isadora, Rachel. Yo, Jo! 1st ed. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2007.
Jomar greets his neighbors using slang, but his grandfather wants to hear some more traditional words.
- FIC JOO Joosse, Barbara M. Hot city. New York : Philomel Books, c2004.
Mimi and her little brother Joe escape from home and the city's summer heat to read and dream about princesses and dinosaurs in the cool, quiet library.
- FIC KEA Keats, Ezra Jack. The snowy day. New York : Puffin Books, 1976.
Relates the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.
- FIC LEV Levine, Ellen. Henry's freedom box. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2007.
A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.
- FIC LON Loney, Andrea J. Double bass blues. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, [2019].
"After school orchestra practice, young Nic carries his double bass through rough neighborhoods to his grandfather's home, where he and Granddaddy Nic play jazz music with friends, delighting the neighbors"--Provided by publisher.
- FIC LUP Lupica, Mike. True legend. New York : Philomel Books, c2012.
Fifteen-year-old Drew "True" Robinson loves being the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball, but learns the consequences of fame through a former player, as well as through the man who expects to be his manager when True reaches the NBA.
- FIC LYO Lyons, Kelly Starling. Going down home with daddy. Atlanta, GA : Peachtree Publishers, 2019.
Down home is Granny s house. Down home is where Lil Alan and his parents and sister will join great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Down home is where Lil Alan will hear stories of the ancestors and visit the land that has meant so much to all of them.
- FIC MAS Mason, Margaret H., 1954-. These hands. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children :, c2010.
An African American man tells his grandson about a time when, despite all the wonderful things his hands could do, they could not touch bread at the Wonder Bread factory. Based on stories of bakery union workers; includes historical note.
- FIC McC McCully, Emily Arnold. Wonder horse : [the true story of the world's smartest horse]. 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt, 2010.
A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country, and moved the nation toward a belief in treating animals humanely. Includes an author's note.
- FIC MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. A friendship for today. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2007.
Twelve-year-old Rosemary Patterson learns that she will be attending an all-white school in the fall; but when her best friend is diagnosed with polio, she must face the first day of school alone.
- FIC MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Goin' someplace special. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2001].
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.
- FIC MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Mirandy and Brother Wind. 1st Dragonfly Books ed. New York : Knopf :, 1996, c1988.
To win first prize in the junior cakewalk, Mirandy tries to capture the wind for her partner.
- FIC McK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. A picture of freedom : the diary of Clotee, a slave girl. New York : Scholastic, c1997.
In 1859 twelve-year-old Clotee, a house slave who must conceal the fact that she can read and write, records in her diary her experiences and her struggle to decide whether to escape to freedom.

- FIC MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Run away home. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic, 1997.
In 1886 in Alabama, an eleven-year-old African-American girl and her family befriend and give refuge to a runaway Apache boy.
- FIC MCK McKissack, Pat, 1944-. Stitchin' and pullin' : a Gee's Bend quilt. 1st ed. New York : Random House, c2008.
Baby Girl joins her family to assemble pieces of her quilt together, just like her grandmother and other women in her family have done for hundreds of years, telling the story of Gee's Bend and her ancestor's struggle for freedom.
- FIC MES Messner, Kate, author. Long road to freedom. First edition, January 2016.
This time the mysterious box that Ranger the Golden retriever found transports him to a Maryland plantation before the Civil War, where he must help a young house slave named Sarah and her younger brother Jesse find their way to the underground railroad and North to freedom, before Jesse is sold to a plantation further South.
- FIC MIC Michelson, Richard. Across the alley. New York : Putnam's, c2006.
Jewish Abe's grandfather wants him to be a violinist while African-American Wille's father plans for him to be a great baseball pitcher, but it turns out that the two boys are more talented when they switch hobbies.
- FIC MIL Miller, William, 1959-. Richard Wright and the library card. 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low Books, [1997].
Based on a scene from Wright's autobiography, "Black Boy", in which the seventeen-year-old African-American borrows a white man's library card and devours every book as a ticket to freedom.
- FIC MIT Mitchell, Margaree King. Granddaddy's gift. 1st pbk. ed. [Mahwah, N.J.] : BridgeWater Paperbacks, 1998.
When her grandfather registers to vote while living in segregated Mississippi, an Afro-American girl begins to understand why he insists that she attend school.
- FIC MOW Mowry, Jess, 1960-. Ghost train. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, 1996.
Thirteen-year-old Remi, who has just moved to California from Haiti, and his neighbor Niya travel back in time to solve the mystery of the night train.
- FIC MYE Myers, Walter Dean, 1937-. The Cruisers. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2010.
Friends Zander, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi, caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at DaVinci Academy, learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative newspaper, The Cruiser, to try to make peace.
- FIC Mye Myers, Walter Dean, 1937-. The journal of Biddy Owens : the Negro leagues. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic, 2001.
Teenager Biddy Owens' 1948 journal about working for the Birmingham Black Barons includes the games and the players, racism the team faces from New Orleans to Chicago, and his family's resistance to his becoming a professional baseball player. Includes a historical note about the evolution of the Negro Leagues.
- FIC OSB Osborne, Mary Pope. A good night for ghosts. New York : Random House, [2009].
Jack and Annie must travel back in time to New Orleans in 1915 to help a teenaged Louis Armstrong fulfill his destiny and become the "King of Jazz."
- FIC PAT Paterson, Katherine. Jip : his story. New York : Puffin Books, 1998, c1996.
While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.
- FIC PIN Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Mim's Christmas jam. 1st ed. San Diego, CA : Harcourt, c2001.
When Pap goes away to build the New York City subway in 1915, his family sends him Mother's special jam which works magic in returning him home to celebrate Christmas.
- FIC POL Polacco, Patricia. Holes in the sky. New York, NY : G.P. Putnam's Sons, [2018].
Soon after her beloved grandmother's death, Trisha's family moves to a diverse California

neighborhood where she meets Stewart and his grandmother, Miss Eula, who brings people together to help a grieving neighbor.

- FIC POL Polacco, Patricia. Mrs. Katz and Tush. New York : Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, c1992.
A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely Jewish widow, when Larnel presents Mrs. Katz with a scrawny kitten without a tail.
- FIC POR Porter, Connie Rose, 1959-. Addy learns a lesson : a school story. Middleton, WI : Pleasant Co., c1993.
After escaping from a plantation in North Carolina, Addy and her mother arrive in Philadelphia, where Addy goes to school and learns a lesson in true friendship.
- FIC POR Porter, Connie Rose, 1959-. Meet Addy : an American girl. Middleton, Wis. : Pleasant Co., c1993.
Nine-year-old Addy Walker escapes from a cruel life of slavery to freedom during the Civil War.
- FIC RIN Ringgold, Faith. Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the sky. 1st Dragonfly Bks. ed. New York : Crown, 1995.
With Harriet Tubman as her guide, Cassie retraces the steps escaping slaves took on the Underground Railroad in order to reunite with her younger brother.
- FIC Rin Ringgold, Faith. Cassie's word quilt. 1st ed. New York : Knopf :, c2002.
Contains labeled illustrations that name the people and places that make Cassie's New York City apartment, school, and neighborhood so special.
- FIC RIN Ringgold, Faith. Dinner at Aunt Connie's house. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1993.
Dinner at Aunt Connie's is even more special than usual when Melody meets not only her new adopted cousin but twelve inspiring African-American women, who step out of their portraits and join the family for dinner.
- FIC RIN Ringgold, Faith. The Invisible Princess. 1st ed. New York : Crown, c1999.
Mama and Papa Love have a child, the Invisible Princess, who saves them and the other plantation slaves from their cruel master so that they can all find happiness in the Invisible Village of Peace, Freedom, and Love.
- FIC ROB Robinet, Harriette. If you please, President Lincoln. 1st ed. New York, N.Y. : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1995.
Shortly after the Christmas of 1863, fourteen-year-old Moses thinks he is beginning a new free life when he becomes part of a group of other former slaves headed for a small island off the coast of Haiti.
- FIC ROB Robinson, Craig, 1971-. Jake the Fake goes for laughs. 1st ed. New York : Crown Books for Young Readers, [2019].
"Having discovered his natural talent for comedy at his school's end-of-semester talent show, Jake decides to pursue 'his art,' but can his comedian-mentor teach Jake humility as well as humor?"-- Provided by publisher.
- FIC SAY Sayre, April Pulley. It's my city! : a singing map. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2001.
As a brother and sister head for the market for birthday party supplies, they sing a song describing the city sights, sounds, and smells they pass along the way.
- FIC SCH Schotter, Roni. F is for freedom. 1st ed. New York : Dorling Kindersley Pub., 2000.
When ten-year-old Manda interrupts a midnight delivery, she discovers her parents' involvement in the Underground Railroad and makes her own contribution to a fugitive slave's freedom.
- FIC SHA Shange, Ntozake. Whitewash. New York : Walker & Co., 1997.
A young African-American girl is traumatized when a gang attacks her and her brother on their way home from school and spray-paints her face white. Based on a series of true incidents.

- FIC SMA Smalls-Hector, Irene. Irene Jennie and the Christmas masquerade : the Johnkankus. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1996.
On a North Carolina plantation, a young slave girl's Christmas is brightened by the Johnkankus parade she witnesses as she waits for her parents to come home.
- FIC SMO Smothers, Ethel Footman. The hard-times jar. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.
Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers, longs to own a real book, and when she turns eight and must attend school for the first time, she is amazed to discover a whole library in her classroom.
- FIC STE Steptoe, John, 1950-. Creativity. New York : Clarion Books, c1997.
Charles helps Hector, a student who has just moved from Puerto Rico, adjust to his new life.
- FIC STR Stroud, Bettye, 1938-. The patchwork path : a quilt map to freedom. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2005.
While her father leads her toward Canada and away from the plantation where they have been slaves, a young girl thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code that will help guide them to freedom.
- FIC TAR Tarshis, Lauren. I survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005. New York : Scholastic, c2011.
Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when Barry's little sister gets terribly sick, they're forced to stay home and wait out the storm. At first, Katrina doesn't seem to be as bad as predicted. But overnight the levees break, and Barry's world is literally torn apart. He's swept away by the floodwaters, away from his family. Can he survive the storm of the century -- alone?.
- FIC TAU Taulbert, Clifton L. Little Cliff's first day of school. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2001.
Little Cliff is terrified of starting school, but with Mama Pearl's encouragement, he is able to overcome his fears.
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- FIC VAU Vaughan, Marcia K. The secret to freedom. 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low Books, c2001.
Great Aunt Lucy tells a story of her days as a slave, when she and her brother, Albert, learned the quilt code to help direct other slaves and, eventually, Albert himself, to freedom in the north.
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Freeze! -- A secret -- Shared reading -- Like a wasp at a picnic table -- Pretty little Princess -- Great advice -- Miffed, hurt, irked, and furious -- Uh-oh -- "Meet your neighbors!" -- A pickle -- The yips -- In a state -- Don't sweat the small stuff -- The worst best sleepover ever -- Ready for a party -- Upside-down heads -- Even -- The Saturday morning jammie breakfast party!. After seven-year-old Alfie discovers that her best friend may not be inviting her or several other girls to her sleepover, arguments break out in the class, until Alfie's mother comes up with an idea to help everyone feel better.
- FIC WAR Warner, Sally, 1946-. EilRay Jakes and the beanstalk.
When EilRay's best friend starts hanging out with skateboarders, EilRay tries to learn how to skateboard to win him back.
- FIC WAR Warner, Sally, 1946-. EilRay Jakes is a rock star! New York : Viking, 2011.
Third grader EilRay is faced with a problem when his plan to bring his dad's crystals to school in order to impress his classmates does not go accordingly.
- FIC WAR Warner, Sally, 1946-. EilRay Jakes the dragon slayer!
A mischievous eight-year-old boy helps his sister with a bully problem, while facing a bully of his own at school.

- FIC WAR Warner, Sally, 1946-. EllRay Jakes walks the plank! New York : Viking, 2012.
Third-grader EllRay is becoming famous for messing up, and when his little sister accidentally kills EllRay's class goldfish, and then he forgets his teacher's read-aloud book at home, it only makes matters worse.
- FIC WAT Watts, Jeri Hanel, 1957-. Keepers. 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low Books, [1997].
After Kenyon squanders the money he has saved for his grandmother's birthday present, he searches for another special gift.
- FIC WEI Weik, Mary Hays, 1898-. The jazz man. 2nd Aladdin Paperbacks ed. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 1993, c1966.
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A young African-American girl relates the daily events of her family's migrant life in the cotton fields of central California.
- FIC WIN Winter, Jonah. Lillian's right to vote : a celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. New York, NY : Random House Children's Books, 2015.
A 50th anniversary tribute to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 finds an elderly woman reflecting on her family's history, from the passage of the 15th Amendment through her participation in the protest march from Selma to Montgomery. As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.
- FIC WOO Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2008.
In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.
- FIC Woo Woodson, Jacqueline. Coming on home soon. New York : Putnam's, c2004.
After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow.
- FIC WOO Woodson, Jacqueline. Feathers. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2007.
When a new, white student nicknamed "The Jesus Boy" joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light.
- FIC WOO Woodson, Jacqueline. The other side. New York : Putnam's, [2001].
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A nine-year-old slave keeps a diary of his journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad in 1857.
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- LEV 788.7 Raschka, Christopher. Charlie Parker played be bop. New York : Orchard Books, c1992.
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Ruby Bridges was born during the time of segregation in the South. In 1960, she made history when she attended an all-white school. Follow her story and learn why we still celebrate her courage today.
- LEV 921 Davidson, Margaret, 1936-. I have a dream : the story of Martin Luther King. New York : Scholastic, c1986.
A brief biography detailing the major achievements of the black leader who worked for equal rights for black people.
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