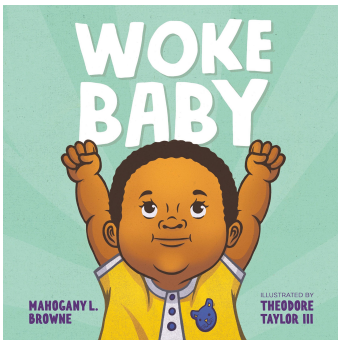


Black History Month Children's Books

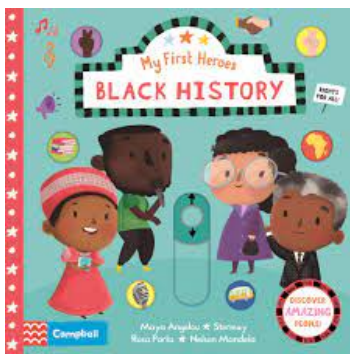
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Woke Baby

By Mahogany L. Browne
Illustrated by Theodore Taylor III

A lyrical and empowering book for all the littlest progressives, waking up to seize a new day of justice and activism.



My First Heros Black History

Illustrated by Jayri Gomez

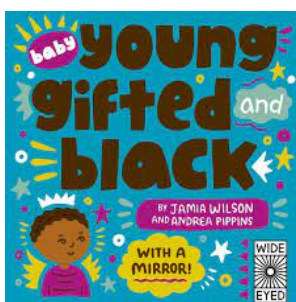
A novelty board book for preschoolers, introducing inspiring black men and women from around the world.



My Hair is Beautiful

By Shauntay Grant

A celebration of natural hair, from afros to cornrows and everything in between with a powerful message of self-love.



Young, Gifted, and Black

By Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins

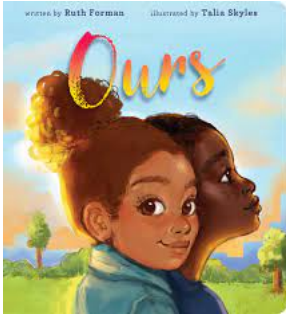
Meet icons of color from past and present in this baby board book celebration of inspirational achievement.



Glow

By Ruth Forman
Illustrated by Geneva Bowers

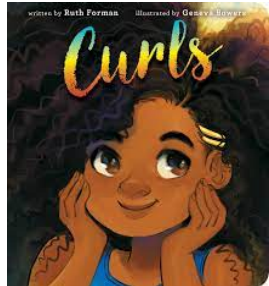
This simple, playful, and elegant board book stars a young boy who joyfully celebrates his dark skin with a bright moon at the end of a perfect day.



Ours

By Ruth Forman
Illustrated by Talia Skyles

Show young readers how to see themselves and others with confidence and love with this beautiful rhyming board book toddlers and parents alike will love.

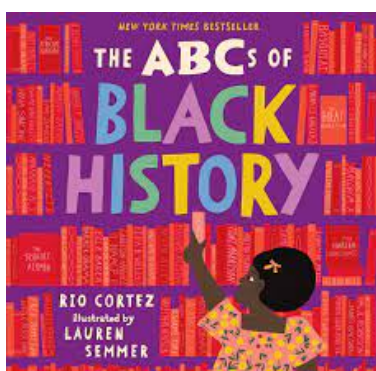


Curls

By Ruth Forman
Illustrated by Geneva Bowers

A joyfully poetic board book that delivers an ode to African American girls and the beauty of their curls.

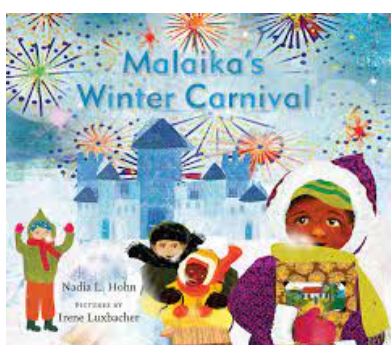
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The ABCs of Black History

By Rio Cortez
Illustrated by Lauren Semmer

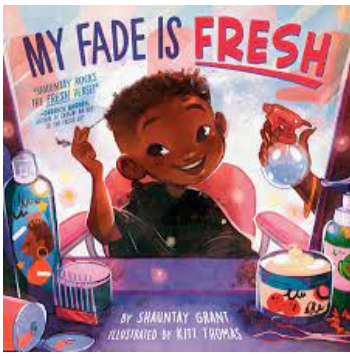
A unique celebration of Black culture in an alphabet format



Malaika's Winter Carnival

By Nadia L. Hohn
Illustrated by Irene Luxbacher

When Malaika moves to Canada, there's a lot to get used to, especially Carnival in the wintertime!

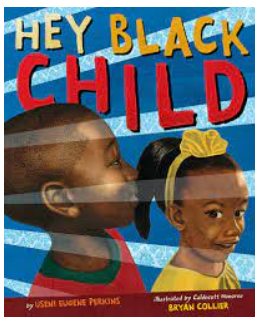


My Fade is Fresh

By Shauntay Grant
Illustrated by Kitt Thomas

When a little girl walks into her local barbershop, she knows she wants the flyest, freshest fade on the block!

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Hey Black Child

By Useni Eugene Perkins
Illustrated by Brian Collier

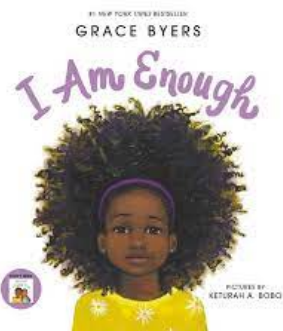
A lyrical, empowering poem that celebrates black children and seeks to inspire all young ones to dream big and achieve their goals.



Mae Among the Stars

By Roda Ahmed
Illustrated by Stacia Burrington

Little Mae's curiosity, intelligence, and determination, matched with her parents' encouraging words, paved the way for her incredible success at NASA as the first African American woman to travel in space.



I Am Enough

By Grace Byers
Illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo

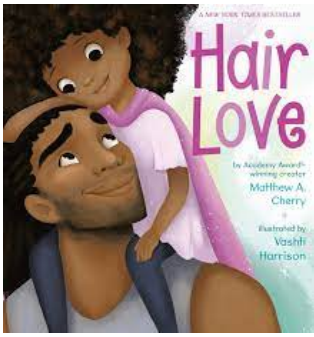
A gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another.



I am Smart, I am Blessed, I Can do Anything

By Alissa Holder and Zulekha Holder-Young
Illustrated by Nneka Myers

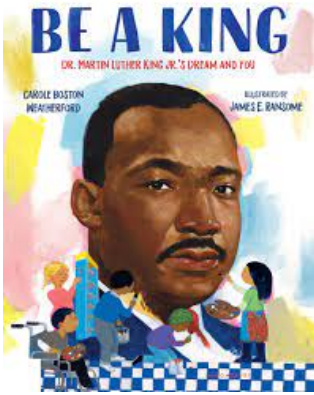
It's a new day and Ayaan has woken up on the wrong side of the bed, where nothing feels quite right. What if he doesn't know the answer at school?



Hair Love

By Matthew A. Cherry
Illustrated by Vashti Harrison

Tender and empowering, *Hair Love* is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.



Be A King

By Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by James E. Ransome

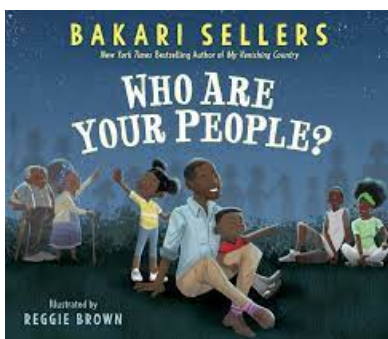
"You can be a King. Stamp out hatred. Put your foot down and walk tall. You can be a King."



Nelson Mandela

By Kadir Nelson
Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

In this lush, acclaimed book, award-winning author-illustrator Kadir Nelson tells the story of global icon and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela in poignant free verse and glorious illustrations.



Who Are Your People?

By Bakari Sellers
Illustrated by Reggie Brown

When you meet someone for the first time, they might ask, "Who are your people?" and "Where are you from?"

Children are shaped by their ancestors, and this book celebrates the village it takes to raise a child.

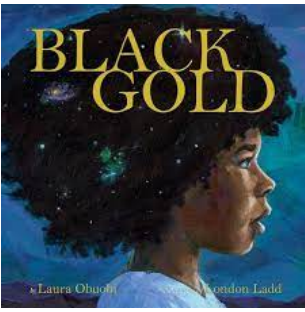


Your Name is a Song

By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illustrated by Luisa Uribe

Your Name is a Song is a celebration to remind all of us about the beauty, history, and magic behind names.

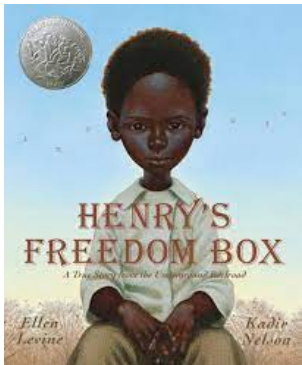
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Black Gold

By Laura Obuobi
Illustrated by London Ladd

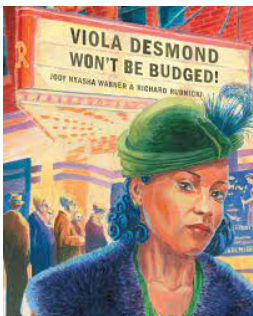
When the Universe decides to create a child, she draws from the earth—rich, dark, and full of everything that gives life, including eyes like black star sapphires and full lips to speak the truth.



Henry's Freedom Box

By Ellen Levine
Illustrated by Kadie Nelson

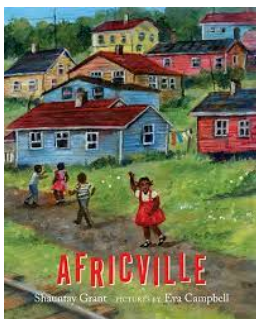
A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist.



Viola Desmond Won't be Budged

By Jody Nyasha Warner
Illustrated by Richard Rudnicki

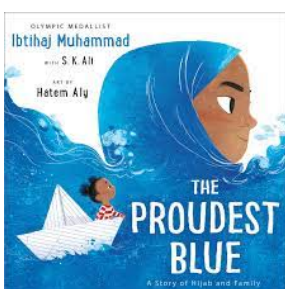
Viola's determination gave strength and inspiration to her community at the time. She is an unsung hero of the North American struggle against injustice and racial discrimination whose story deserves to be widely known.



Africville

By Shauntay Grant
Illustrated by Eva Campbell

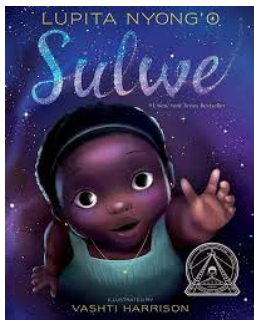
When a young girl visits the site of Africville, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the stories she's heard from her family come to mind.



The Proudest Blue

By Ibtihaj Muhammad
Illustrated by Hatem Aly

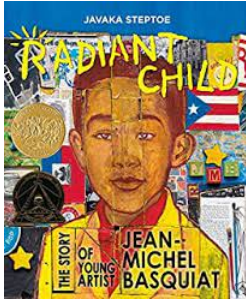
With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.



Sulwe

By Lupita Nyong'o
Illustrated by Vashti Harrison

In this stunning debut picture book, actress Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.

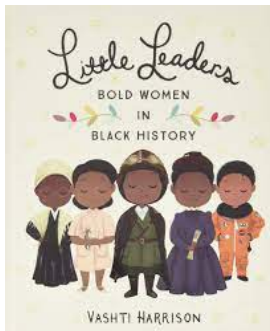


Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat

By Javaka Steptoe
Illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

Art doesn't always have to be neat or clean--and definitely not inside the lines--to be beautiful.

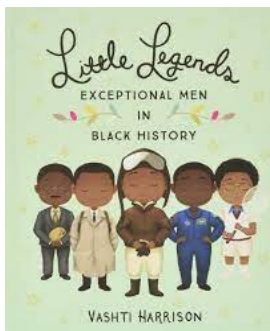
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Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History

By Vashti Harrison
Illustrated by Vashti Harrison

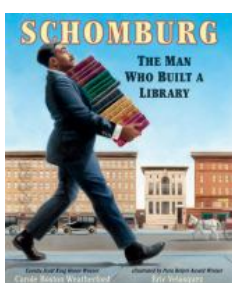
Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.



Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History

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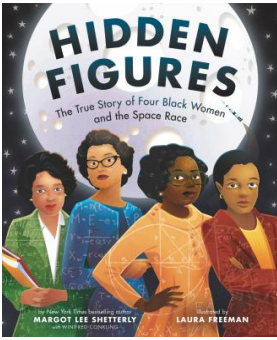
An important book for readers of all ages, this beautifully illustrated and engagingly written volume brings to life true stories of black men in history.



Schomburg: The Man who Built a Library

By Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by Eric Velasquez

When Schomburg's collection became so big it began to overflow his house (and his wife threatened to mutiny), he turned to the New York Public Library, where he created and curated a collection that was the cornerstone of a new Negro Division.



Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race

By Margaret Lee Shetterly

Illustrated by Laura Freeman

Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them despite their groundbreaking successes.



Let the Children March

By Monica Clark-Robinson

Illustrated by Frank Morrison

In 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, thousands of African American children volunteered to march for their 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.

Online Resource



Sankofa Read aloud – Online African American Children's Stories

<https://www.youtube.com/@SankofaReadAloud>