

Black Heroes of the Wild West

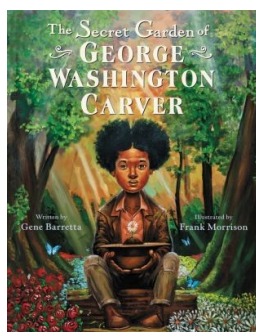
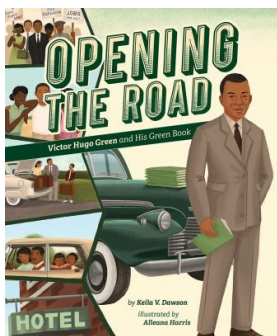
James Otis Smith, author and illustrator

A celebration of the extraordinary true tales of three black historical figures in the Old West. Mary “Stagecoach” Fields was a cardplaying coach driver, Bass Reeves was the first black Deputy Marshall west of the Mississippi, and Bob Lemmons was a cowboy famous for his ability to tame and ride mustangs.

Opening the Road: Victor Hugo Green and His Green Book

Keila V. Dawson

In the late 1930s, when segregation was legal and Black Americans couldn’t travel everywhere safely, a New Yorker named Victor Hugo Green wrote and published a travel guide for his fellow Black Americans. The guide sold like “hot cakes” and allowed millions of African Americans to enjoy travelling safely across the U.S.



The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver

Gene Barretta, illustrated by Frank Morrison

A biographical account of George Washington Carver’s secret childhood garden that describes how his experiences with growing things helped him discover a love of nature that shaped and influenced his adult achievements as an African American botanist, scientist and inventor.

DVDs

“One Night in Miami...,” R, 2021,

Starring Leslie Odom Jr., Aldis Hodge, Kingsley Ben-Adir and Beau Bridges

“Queen and Slim,” R, 2020

Starring Chloe Sevigny, Daniel Kaluuya and Bokeem Woodbine

“Waves,” R, 2020

Starring Taylor Russell, Kelvin Harrison Jr., Sterling K. Brown and Alexa Demie

“Hell on the Border,” R., 2020

Starring David Gyasi, Ron Perlman, Jacqueline Fleming and Rudy Youngblood

“John Henry,” R, 2020

Starring Terry Crews, Chris ‘Ludacris’ Bridges, and Jamila Velazquez

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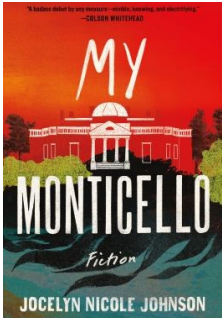


BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fiction

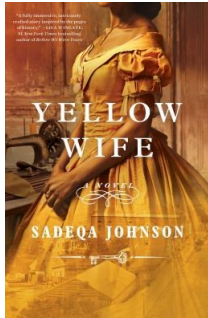
My Monticello

Jocelyn Nicole Johnson
Inspired by Black Lives in America, comes an irresistible, yet startling book of short stories and the gripping novella "My Monticello." Some of the short stories include "Control Negro," and "Something Sweet on Their Tongues."



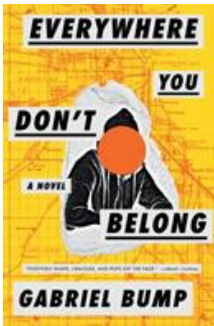
Yellow Wife

Sadeqa Johnson
Born on a plantation, but set apart from others because her mother is a medicine woman, a young slave is forced to leave home at 18 and finds herself in a cruel jail.



Everywhere You Don't Belong

Gabriel Bump
A darkly funny and heartfelt story about what it means to grow up young and black on the south side of Chicago when your choices are slim to none.



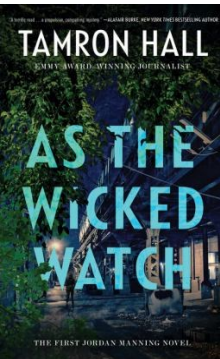
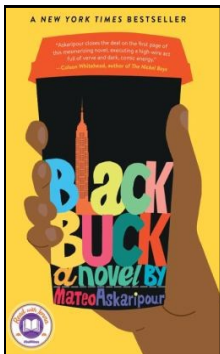
Wild Women and the Blues

Denny S. Bryce
In 1925, a sharecropper's daughter becomes a famous nightclub dancer and navigates celebrities, bootlegging, and gangsters in Jazz Age Chicago.



Black Buck

Mateo Askaripour
A young black man impresses a CEO at Starbucks and is launched into a career as the lone black salesman at an eccentric and successful startup company.



As the Wicked Watch

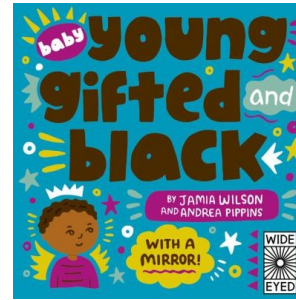
Tamron Hall
A reporter must unravel the disturbing mystery around the deaths of two young black girls in Chicago as a serial killer is on the loose.

Other Fiction - Dating Playbook Farrah Rochon, **Wild Rain** Beverly Jenkins, **Large and in Charge** La Jill Hunt, **Butterfly 3** Ashley Antoinette, **The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois** Honoree Fanonne Jeffers, **The Fugitivities** Jesse McCarthy, **Soul's Temptation** Navi Robins and **The Reluctant King** K'wan.

Children's Non-Fiction

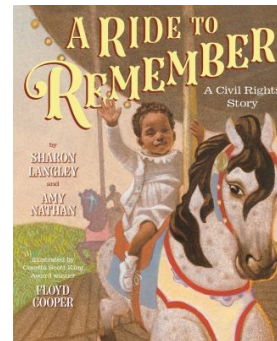
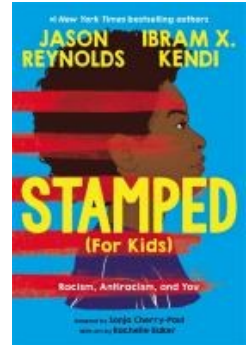
Baby Young, Gifted and Black

Jamia Wilson
Introduce your baby to Black excellence in this lyrical board book. Meet icons of color from past and present and learn positive, yet simple affirmations to encourage the next generation. Young readers will develop confidence, self-assurance, and self-belief as they learn about such black pioneers as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Zadie Smith, Serena Williams, Nina Simone, and many more.



Stamped (for kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You

Sonja Cherry-Paul with art by **Rachelle Baker**
In this chapter book adaptation, kids will discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism. Along the way, they will learn how to identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their own lives.



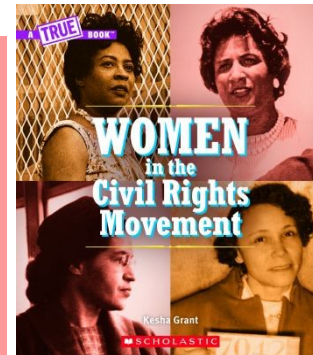
A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story

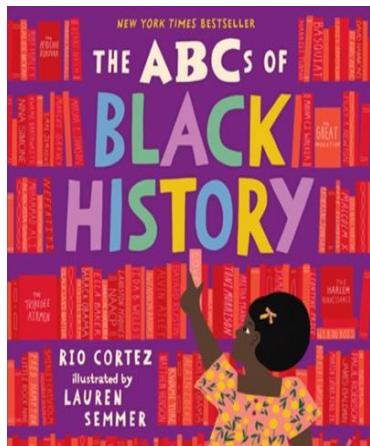
Sharon Langley and Amy Nathan
This picture book tells how a community, both black and white, came together to desegregate amusement parks. In the summer of 1963, due to demonstrations and protests, Gwynn Oak Amusement Park in MD became desegregated and opened to all for the first time. The author and her parents were the first African American family to walk into the park and she was the first black child to ride the merry-go-round.

Women in the Civil Rights Movement

Kesha Grant

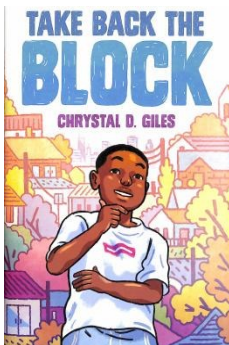
This educational and informative book introduces children ages 8-10 to prominent African American women who made significant contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. Some of the leaders in the movement's forefront were: Alice Walker, Ida B. Wells, Rosa Parks, Josephine Baker, Bernice Robinson, Septima Clark, and Ella Baker.



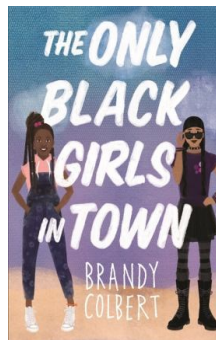


The ABCs of Black History *Rio Cortez*
 “B is for Beautiful, Brave and Bright!” An amazing instructional picture book that takes a bold journey through the alphabet of Black history and culture. It celebrates a story that spans continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy. It’s a story of big ideas such as P is for Power, S is for Science and Soul, and G is for the Great Migration. An ABC book like no other with rhyming text and information on the events, places and such iconic people in Black history as Malcolm X, Zora Neale Hurston, Fannie Lou Hamer, W.E.B. Du Bois and Sam Cooke.

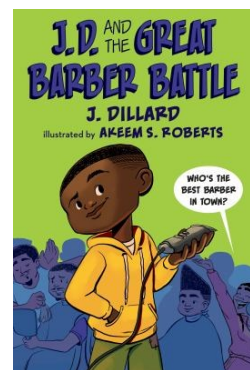
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Take Back the Block
Chrystal D. Giles
 Wes Henderson is a black 6th grader who sets out to save the Oaks, the neighborhood where he's lived his whole life, from being sold to a real estate developer.



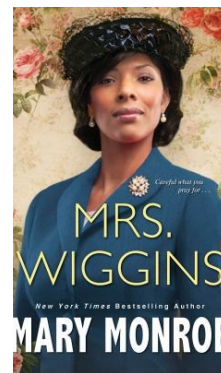
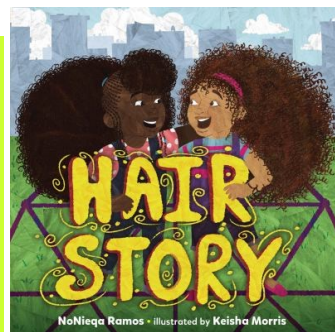
The Only Black Girls in Town
Brandy Colbert
 In a predominately white CA beach town, the only two black 7th graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.



J.D. and the Great Barber Battle
J. Dillard
 Eight-year-old J.D. turns a tragic home haircut into a thriving barber business in book 1 of this hilarious new illustrated chapter book series. It focuses on a fun haircutting competition for African Americans in Mississippi. Book 2 in this delightful chapter book series is **J.D. and the Family Business** by *J. Dillard* and illustrated by *Akeem S. Roberts*.

Hair Story

NoNieqa Ramos, illustrated by *Keisha Morris*
 This beautifully illustrated and rhyming picture book follow a Boricua girl and a Black girl from birth through early childhood, culminating in a playdate where they celebrate their natural hair. A charming story about friendship between two young girls from different ethnic cultures who form a lifelong bond.



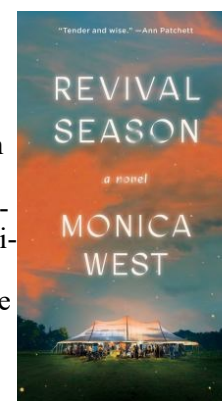
Mrs. Wiggins
Mary Monroe
 Maggie is the daughter of a prostitute and alcoholic father, so she marries an upstanding, church-going man to escape her past. Her husband is the son of a revered southern preacher, but he has secrets in his past.



Summer on the Bluffs
Sunny Hostin
 Oak Bluffs is an exclusive black beach community on Martha's Vineyard, where 3 goddaughters gather for one last summer before their godmother moves to France and leaves her home to one of them.

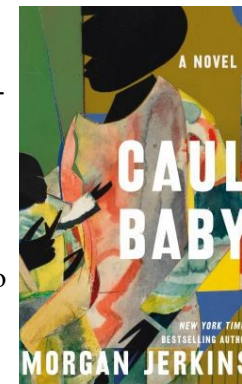
Revival Season

Monica West
 A haunting story of spiritual awakening and disillusionment in a southern, black, Evangelical community. Complicated familial love, a young girl's coming of age, and the price of being among the faithful are the focus.



Caul Baby

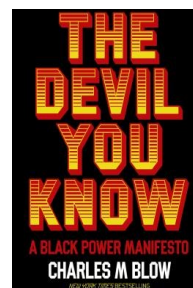
Morgan Jerkins
 A young black woman wants desperately to become a mother, but her previous pregnancies have ended in heartbreak. She turns to a powerful Harlem family with healing powers.



Non - Fiction

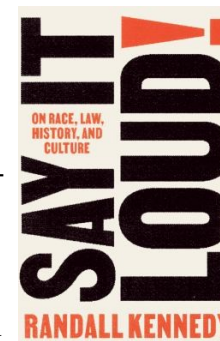
On Juneteenth

Annette Gordon-Read
 A sweeping story of Juneteenth's integral importance to American history. Interweaving dramatic family chronicle and searing episodes of memoir, it recounts the origins of Juneteenth and the end of slavery.



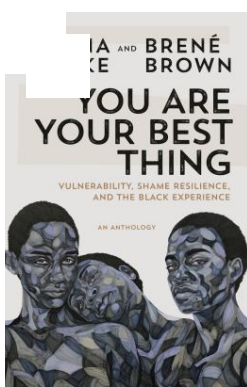
The Devil You Know: A Black Power Manifesto

Charles Blow
 New York Times columnist presents a rallying call to action that challenges popular myths about race and urges Black Americans to unite against white supremacy.



Say it Loud!: On Race, Law, History and Culture

Randall Kennedy
 A collection of essays exploring all the relevant cultural and historical issues of the past quarter of a century dealing with race and race relations in America.

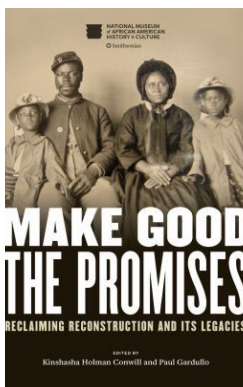


You Are Your Best Thing
Tarana Burke
 A stark, potent collection of essays on Black shame and healing. Coping with the trauma of white supremacy, vulnerability, and affirming the fullness of Black love & Black life.

Make Good the Promises

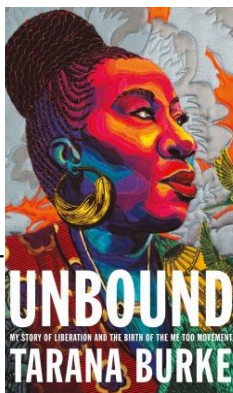
Kinshasha Holman Conwill

An illuminating analysis of Black Americans' struggle for human rights and dignity and the failure of the nation to fulfill promises of freedom, citizenship, and justice.



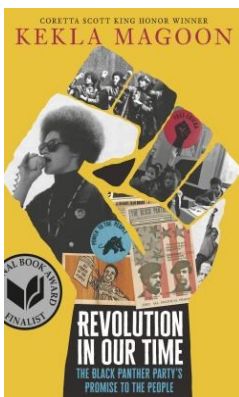
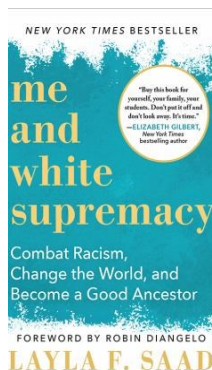
Unbound: My Story of Liberation and the Birth of the Me Too Movement

Tarana Burke
 From the founder of the #Me Too Movement, comes a powerful memoir about her own journey of healing, empathy, power, and the leader in all of us to help others on their journey.



Me and White Supremacy

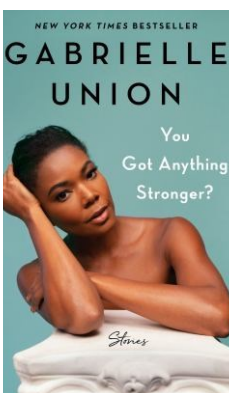
Layla Saad
 An Instagram challenge that sparked a cultural movement encouraging people to own up and share their racist behaviors. It teaches how to combat racism, change the world, and become a good ancestor.



Revolution in Our Time

Kekla Magoon
 An inspiring history of the Black Panther Party and how they taught Black Americans to protect and support themselves in a country that treated them like second-class citizens.

Other Non-Fiction - With Her Fist Raised: Dorothy Pitman Hughes and the Transformative Power of Black Community Activism *Laura Lovett*, Dispatches from the Race War *Tim Wise*, This is the Fire: What I Say to my Friends About Racism *Don Lemon*, Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature *Farah Jasmine Griffin*, and The Three Mothers *Anna Malaika Tubbs*.



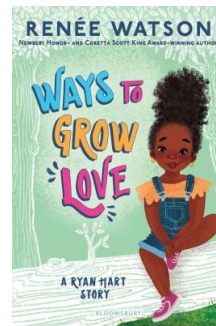
You Got Anything Stronger?
Gabrielle Union
 In this collection of essays, activist and actress Gabrielle Union shares powerful stories about her surrogacy journey and takes on racial institutions and practices in the entertainment industry.

Children's Fiction

Ways to Grow Love

Renée Watson

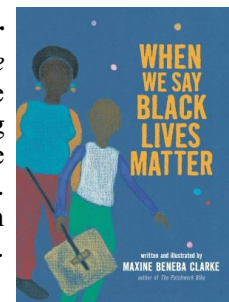
In the summer before fifth grade, Ryan Hart continues to grow through changes and challenges, such as waiting for a new baby sister to be born, a summer camp trip, and more.



When We Say Black Lives Matter

Maxine Beneba Clarke

In this exuberant exploration of the Black Lives Matter motto, a loving narrator relays to a young black child the strength and resonance behind the words. Helps to build self esteem, motivation and inspire achievement..



The Proudest Color

Sheila Modir

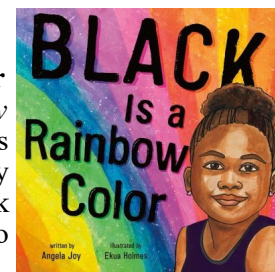
Zahra, a young black girl, sees the world in vivid colors. When kids at school tell her she's different because of the color of her skin, she doesn't know how to feel, but her mother tells her to feel proud. A delightful picture book about race, racism, identity, and emotions.



Black is a Rainbow Color

Angela Joy

A child reflects on the meaning of being black in this anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on. This educational rhyming picture book includes historical and cultural notes, song list, and two poems.



Your Name is a Song

Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Saddened by her classmates' and teacher's mispronunciations of her name, a girl is empowered by her discovery that names are like songs when she and her mom celebrate the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names. A charming picture book focusing on mothers and daughters, multiculturalism and building self-confidence.

