



Picture Books for Black History Month

Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed PIC AHM

When young Mae Jemison is asked by her teacher what she wants to be when she grows up, African American Mae tells her mostly white classmates that she wants to be an astronaut, a dream that her parents wholeheartedly support.

I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes - PIC BAR

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.

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty – PIC BEA

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

I Am Enough by Grace Byers - PIC BYE

A story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another.

All Because You Matter by Tami Charles - PIC CHA

A lyrical, heart-lifting love letter to Black and Brown children everywhere reminds them how much they matter, that they have always mattered and they always will.

Hair Love by Matthew Cherry – PIC CHE, e-book

It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her -- and her hair -- happy.

Overground Railroad by Lesa Cline-Ransome - PIC CLI

"A girl named Ruth Anne tells the story of her family's train journey from North Carolina to New York City as part of the Great Migration"-- Provided by publisher.

Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs PIC DIG

Relates the experiences of a dark-skinned, curly-haired child who wishes he could look more like the lighter-skinned children in his community until his mother helps him realize how wonderful he is, inside and out.

Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration by Samara Cole Doyon - PIC DOY

Joyful young narrators celebrate feeling at home in their own skin.

Skin Again by Bell Hooks PIC HOO

Children note that skin color is not as important as what is inside a person.

A Girl Like Me by Angela Johnson - PIC JOH

Empowering young readers to embrace their individuality, reject societal limitations, and follow their dreams.

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy - PIC 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"-- Provided by publisher.

Going Down Home with Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyons – PIC LYO, e-book

In this rich and moving celebration of history, culture, and ritual, Kelly Starling Lyons explores the power of family traditions.

One Love by Cedella Marley – PIC MAR

In this illustrated version of Bob Marley's song, a young girl enlists her friends, family, and community to transform their neighborhood for the better.

Princess Hair by Sharee Miller - PIC MIL

Little girls pretending to be princesses celebrate the different shapes, textures, and styles of their Black hair.

Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey – PIC RAM, e-book, e-audio

Ruth was so excited to take a trip in her family's new car! But she soon found out that Black travelers aren't treated very well in some towns. Many hotels and gas stations refused service to Black people. Daddy was upset about something called Jim Crow laws. Finally, a friendly attendant at a gas station showed Ruth's family The Green Book and its role in helping a generation of Black travelers avoid some of the indignities of Jim Crow.

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson PIC WOO

Two girls, one white and one African American, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.