



Children's J Non-Fiction for Black History Month

Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison – J 305.38 HAR

Profiles thirty-five prominent men in African American history, including James Armistead Lafayette, Thurgood Marshall, Alvin Ailey, and Leland Melvin.

Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford – J 306.3 WEA, e-book

In stanzas of six lines each, each line representing one side of a box, celebrated poet Carole Boston Weatherford powerfully narrates Henry Brown's story of how he came to send himself in a box from slavery to freedom.

Woke- A Young Poet's Call to Justice by Mahogany L. Browne – J 323 WOK, e-book

Woke: A Young Poet's Guide to Justice is a collection of poems by women that reflects the joy and passion in the fight for social justice, tackling topics from discrimination to empathy, and acceptance to speaking out.

A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation by Barry Wittenstein - J 323.09 WIT

"The true story behind the writing of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech."--Provided by publisher.

The Women Who Caught the Babies- A Story of African American Midwives By Eloise Greenfield – J 618.2 GRE

Through historical information, poems, illustrations, and photographs, the author shows the ways in which African American midwives have helped families over the course of hundreds of years.

New Kid by Jerry Craft – J 741.5 CRA, e-book

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

Twins by Varian Johnson – J 741.5 JOH

Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson – J 796.35 NEL

Explores the history of Negro League baseball teams, discussing owners, players, hardships, wins, and losses; and including illustrations.

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander - J 811 ALE, e-book

The Undefeated, this poem is a love letter to Black life in the United States.

A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson – J 811 NEL

This illustrated poetry collection eulogizes Emmett Till, an African American man who was killed in a brutal, racially motivated lynching in 1955.

5,000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery by Judith Bloom Fradin - J 920 FRA

Ellen and William Craft were two of the few slaves to ever escape from the Deep South. Their first escape took them to Philadelphia, then on to Boston pursued by slave hunters, and finally 5000 miles across the ocean to England, where they were able to settle peacefully.

Brave, Black, First: 50+ African American Women who Changed the World by Cheryl Willis Hudson – J 920 HUD

An illustrated biographical compilation of over fifty African American women from the 1700s through to the present day.

What Color Is My Word? The Lost History of African American Inventors by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar - J 920 ABD

While twins Ella and Herbie help the handyman Mr. Midal work on their new home, he tells them about such inventors as Granville Woods, Dr. Henry T. Sampson, and James West, giving them a new view of their heritage as African Americans.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly – J 510.92 SHE LVUSD

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.

Young Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present by Jamia Wilson - J 920 WIL

Join us on a journey across borders, through time and even through space to meet 52 Black icons from the past and present in a celebration of achievement.

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson - J 973 NEL

Examines the history of the United States, focusing on events that influenced African Americans and how they advanced liberty and justice in America.

28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World by Charles Smith - J 973.04 SMI

"A picture book look at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history"-- Provided by publisher.

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Boston Weatherford – J 976.6 WEA, e-book

A powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history.