



Young Adult Non Fiction Titles for Black History Month

To the Mountaintop! by Charlayne Hunter-Gault YA B HUN

The author describes her involvement in the civil rights movement and the way she felt at the inauguration of Barack Obama, featuring black-and-white photographs, articles from the "New York Times," and more.

The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks by Jeanne Theoharis YA B PAR

"This definitive biography of Rosa Parks accessibly examines her six decades of activism, challenging young readers' perceptions of her as an accidental actor in the civil rights movement."-- Provided by publisher.

Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of my Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me by Condoleezza Rice YA B RIC

Condoleezza Rice, who served as National Security Advisor and as Secretary of State during the George W. Bush administrations, looks back over her life, discussing her childhood in Birmingham, Alabama in the 1950s, her career in education, and her service in the government, and sharing stories of her family.

The Self-Love Revolution: Radical Body Positivity for Girls of Color by Virgie Tovar 306.4 TOV YA non-fiction

Truth is, that many teens feel self-conscious about their bodies and being a Black teen girl is hard in unique ways. So, how can you start feeling good about yourself when you're surrounded by these unrealistic -- and problematic -- images of what bodies are "supposed" to look like?

The March Against Fear by Ann Bausum 323.11 BAU YA non-fiction, e-book, e-audiobook

James Meredith's 1966 march in Mississippi began as one man's peaceful protest for voter registration and became one of the South's most important demonstrations of the civil rights movement.

Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box by Evette Dionne 323.3 DIO YA non-fiction, e-book

"For African American women, the fight for the right to vote was only one battle. An eye-opening book that tells the important, overlooked story of Black women as a force in the suffrage movement when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle."--Publisher's description.

March by John Lewis YA 741.5 LEW

This graphic novel is a first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

For Everyone by Jason Reynolds 811 REY YA non-fiction

Originally performed at the Kennedy Center for the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and later as a tribute to Walter Dean Myers, this stirring and inspirational poem is “New York Times” bestselling author and National Book Award finalist Jason Reynolds's rallying cry to the dreamers of the world.

Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow by Henry Louis Gates Jr. 973 GAT YA non-fiction

This is a story about America and the shaping of its democratic values during the Reconstruction era, one of our country's most pivotal and misunderstood chapters. In this stirring account of the Civil War, emancipation, and the struggle for rights and reunion that followed, one of the premier US scholars delivers a book that is as illuminating as it is timely.

Across the Tracks by Alverne Ball – 976.6 BAL YA non-fiction

The book introduces the reader to the businesses and townfolk who flourished in this unprecedented time of prosperity for Black Americans, and the tragedy that nearly erased it.

The Burning: Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 by Hilary Beard – 976.6 BEA YA non-fiction , e-book, e-audiobook

One of the worst acts of racist violence in American history took place in 1921, when a White mob numbering in the thousands decimated the thriving Black community of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert – 976.6 COL YA non-fiction

In the early morning of June 1, 1921, a White mob marched across the train tracks in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They brought with them firearms, gasoline, and explosives. In a few short hours, they'd razed thirty-five square blocks to the ground, leaving hundreds dead.