

Black History Month Reading List

Youth Services

Board Books

Woke Baby by Mahogany L. Browne
My Hair is Beautiful by Shauntay Grant *
Dream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison

Picture Books

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander *
Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews *
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick D. Barnes *
Aaron Slater, Illustrator by Andrea Beaty *
Soul Food Sunday by Winsome Bingham *
I Am Enough by Grace Byers *
Me and Mama by Cozbi Cabrera *
Shirley Chisholm is a Verb! by Veronica Chambers *
All Because You Matter by Tami Charles *
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry *
When We Say Black Lives Matter by Maxine Beneba Clarke
The Power of Her Pen by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Bunheads by Misty Copeland *
Parker Shines On by Parker Curry
Ruby's Reunion Day Dinner by Angela Dalton *

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Picture Books (cont.)

Boogie Boogie, Y'all by C.G. Esperanza

Not Quite Snow White by Ashley Franklin *

We Can: Portraits of Power by Tyler Gordon

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice by Nikki Grimes *

Ambitious Girl by Meena Harris

Harlem Grown by Tony Hillery

The Oldest Student by Rita L. Hubbard *

Brown: The Many Shades of Love by Nancy Johnson James *

A Girl Like Me by Angela Johnson *

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy *

Going Down Home with Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyons *

My Hair is Magic by M.L. Marroquin

Saturday by Oge Mora *#

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora *#

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad *

A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara *#

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o *

Bright Brown Baby by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Time for Kenny by Brian Pinkney

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Picture Books (cont.)

Who Will You Be? by Andrea Pippins

Bedtime Bonnet by Nancy Amanda Redd *

Michael Jordan by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara

RuPaul by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara

Runaway: The Daring Escape of Oney Judge by Ray Anthony Shepard

For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World by

Michael Walters *

RESPECT by Carole Weatherford *

The Roots of Rap by Carole Weatherford

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Weatherford *

I Affirm Me by Nyasha Williams

Your Legacy by Schele Williams *

Middle Grade

The New Kid by Jerry Craft *

The Forgotten Girl by India Hill Brown *

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson *

Jayla Jumps In by Joy Jones *

Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz *

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams *

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Tween

Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero by Kelly J. Baptist *

The Swag Is in the Socks by Kelly J. Baptist *

Turning Point by Paula Chase *

The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert *

When Life Gives You Mangos by Kereen Getten *

Take Back the Block by Chrystal D. Giles

The True Definition of Neva Beane by Christine Kendall *

For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama Lockington *

A Soft Place to Land by Janae Marks

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks *

Black Boy Joy by Kwame Mbalia *

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia *

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee *

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes *

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly *

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson *

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson *

My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zoboi *

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Graphic Novels

Class Act by Jerry Craft

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson &
Omar Mohamed *

Twins by Varian Johnson *

Stuntboy, in the Meantime by Jason Reynolds *

Miles Morales: Shock Waves by Justin A. Reynolds *

Black Heroes of the Wild West by James Otis Smith

Non-Fiction & Poetry

Black Girl Magic by Mahogany L. Browne

The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez *

Brave. Black. First. by Cheryl Hudson *

Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South by Wade Hudson

A Man Called Horse by Glennette Tilley Turner

Bee Fearless by Mikaila Ulmer *

She Persisted: Oprah Winfrey by Renee Watson *

Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic
edited by Lilly Workneh

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