

J 323.092 Ki

King, Martin Luther Jr. **I Have A Dream.** An illustrated edition of Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Includes an audio CD of the original speech. Gr. K-6

J 398.2 Ha

Hamilton, Virginia. **The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales.** Retells 24 black American folktales that convey humor, mystery, and most powerfully, the human need for freedom. Gr. 4-7

J 796.35764 Ne

Nelson, Kadir. **We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball.** Kadir's gorgeous paintings accompany this tribute to the history of Negro League baseball, which offered African Americans an opportunity to play ball and earn a decent living when opportunities to do so were scarce. Gr. 3+

J 920.00929 Bo

Bolden, Tonya. **Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls.** This collective biography shares the stories of 16 diverse American men and women of African descent who made their mark on American history in the 18th to 20th centuries. Gr. 5+

J 811.54 Br

Bryan, Ashley. **Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life.** Original slave auction and plantation estate documents contrast the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away. Gr. 3-6

J 940.54497 Ba

Baker, Brynn. **The Tuskegee Airmen: Freedom Flyers of World War II.** Read about the U.S. Army's Tuskegee Airmen – African Americans who, through determination and persistence, became WWII fighter pilots. Gr. 4+

J 973.0496 Sm

Smith, Charles R. **28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World.** Includes tributes to many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history, from Crispus Attucks to Barack Obama. Gr. 2-4

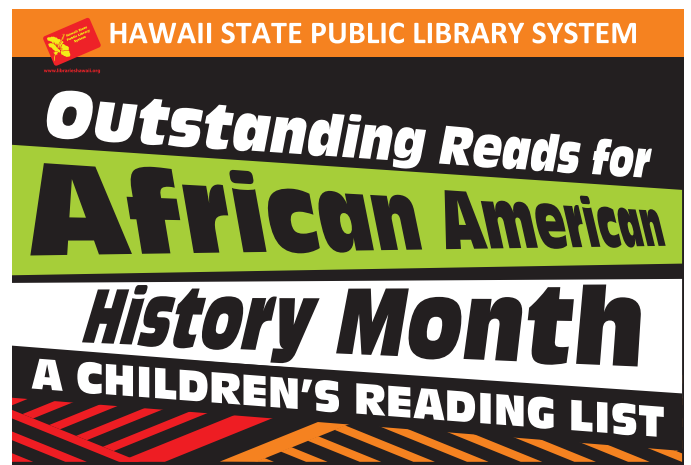
323.1196 Ba

Bass, Hester. **Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama.** This book explores a little-known story of the Civil Rights movement, when black and white citizens in one Alabama city worked together nonviolently to end segregation. Gr. 1-5

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## PICTURE BOOKS

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Copeland, Misty. **Firebird.** In her debut picture book, Misty Copeland tells the story of a young girl whose confidence is fragile and who is questioning her own ability to reach the heights that Misty has reached. Misty encourages this young girl's faith in herself and shows her exactly how, through hard work and dedication, she too can become Firebird. Gr. 1-5.

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de la Pena, Matt. **Last Stop On Market Street.** A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. K-Gr. 2

E Jo

Johnson, Angela. **All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom.** Tells the story of the first Juneteenth in 1865, the day freedom came to the last of the slaves in the South. Gr. 1-3

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Levine, Ellen. **Henry's Freedom Box.** Based on a true story, this picture book recounts how in 1849, a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. Gr. 2+

E Me

Meyer, Susan. **New Shoes.** Ella Mae and her cousin Charlotte, both African American, start their own shoe store when they learn they cannot try on shoes at Johnson's Shoes. Gr. 1-3

E Ne

Nelson, Vaunda M. **The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore.** Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Louis Micheaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there. Gr. 2-4



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Winter, Jonah. **Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.** 100-year-old Lillian climbs a hill to cast her vote at the courthouse in this moving tribute to the struggle for civil rights and voting rights. Gr. 1-4

## FICTION

J Fic Alexander (Newbery)

Alexander, Kwame. **The Crossover.** Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. Gr. 4+

J Fic Curtis

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963.** The Watson family heads south to Birmingham, Alabama to visit Grandma and happen to be there when a church is bombed. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Draper

Draper, Sharon M. **Stella by Starlight.** With the knowledge that the Ku Klux Klan is active in their community, Stella, her family, and other members of their community band together to stand strong against the injustices of racism in Depression-era North Carolina. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Philbrick

Philbrick, W.R. **Zane And The Hurricane : A Story Of Katrina.** Zane is a charismatic 12-year-old boy visiting a relative in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hits. Unexpectedly separated from his family, Zane and his dog face the terror of Katrina's wind, rain, and horrific flooding. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Reynolds

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost.** Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle-school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Gr. 5-9

## BIOGRAPHY

J B Basquiat St (Caldecott)

Stephoe, Javaka. **Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michael Basquiat.** Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon, unlike anything the art world had ever seen. Gr. 1-5

J B Bridges Br

Bridges, Ruby. **Through My Eyes.** In this memoir, Ruby Bridges recalls the events of 1960-61, when at age six she became the first African American child to integrate an elementary school in New Orleans. Gr. 4-8

J B Carver Bo

Bolden, Tonya. **George Washington Carver.** Tells the fascinating story of the slave-born scientist whose affectionate nicknames included the Wizard of the Goober and the Yam. From Carver's early, tragic separation from his mother to tracing themes of his career and his future devotion to finding new uses for farm by-products. An absorbing look at the Peanut Man. Gr. 4-7

J B Coleman Gr

Grimes, Nikki. **Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman.** Bessie Coleman, the first African American female pilot, overcame obstacles of poverty, racism, and gender discrimination to achieve her goal. Gr. 2-6

J B Douglass My

Myers, Walter Dean. **Frederick Douglass: The Lion who Wrote History.** A picture book biography of Frederick Douglass, a leader of the abolitionist movement, writer, speaker, and social reformer. Gr. 2-5

J B Parks Gi

Giovanni, Nikki. **Rosa.** Powerful words and illustrations offer a moving interpretation of Rosa Parks's momentous refusal to give up her bus seat, a courageous act of civil disobedience. Gr. 3-5

J B Truth Tu

Turner, Ann Warren. **My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth.** The woman who would claim the name Sojourner Truth narrates her personal journey from slave, to runaway, to abolitionist speaker. Gr. 1-4

J B Tubman We

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom.** This book describes Harriet Tubman's spiritual journey as she hears the voice of God guiding her north to freedom on her very first trip to escape the brutal practice of slavery. Gr. 2-5

J B Johnson Ba

Barton, Chris. **Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream Of Inventions.** This book is a biography of the Tuskegee-educated inventor and NASA engineer whose knowledge of fluid dynamics led to the invention of the Super Soaker. Gr. 2-5

## NON-FICTION

J 306.846 Al

Alko, Selina. **The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage.** The story of interracial couple Mildred and Richard Perry, who got married in Washington, D.C. and were arrested after they returned to Virginia, and took their legal case all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Gr. 2-5

