



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES
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FOR OLDER READERS

Poetry

Adoff, Arnold	I am the Darker Brother	juv. 811.08.A2391
Brooks, Gwendolyn	Bronzeville Boys and Girls	juv. 811.B873b
Bontemps, Arna	Golden Slippers	juv.811.08B722g
Dunbar, Paul	Little Brown Baby	juv.811.D889L
Feelings, Tom	I Saw Your Face	juv. 811.54.D2691 2004
	(The African Diaspora)	
Johnson, Angela	The Other Side: Shorter Poems	juv.811.54.J66o
	(poems about a Southern childhood)	
Smith, Hope Anita	The Way a Door Closes	juv. 811.6.S642w 2003
	(a father leaves his family)	

Biography and History

Alter, Alter	Extraordinary Women of the American West	juv. 920.7.A466e
Beals, Melba Pattilo	Warriors Don't Cry	juv. 371.97.B366w 2002
Bishop, Rudine Sims	Bishop Daniel Payne: Great Black Leader	juv.922.7.P346b
	(The exciting and inspiring life of the founder of Wilberforce University.)	
Blair, Margaret Whitman	Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British during the American Revolution	juv.973.3.B635L
Bolden, Tonya	Tell All the Children Our Story	juv.973.0496073.B6876t
Bolden, Tonya	Maritcha : A Nineteenth-century American girl	juv. 974.7 .B687m
Bolden, Tonya	Portraits of African-American Heroes	juv. 920.B687p 2003
Bolden, Tonya	Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists	juv.704.03.B687w 2004
Bowers, Rick	Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tries to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement	juv. 323.11.b786S
Bryan, Ashley	Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life's Song	juv. 818.54.B915w
	(Bryan, artist and children's author, illustrator, recounts his life using poetry, art, and memories of his ancestral island home of Antigua and his residence on the Cranberry Isles in Maine.)	
Burchard, Peter	Charlotte Forten: A Black Teacher in the Civil War	juv.923.7.F737b
Crowe, Chris	Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case	juv. 364.15.C953g 2003
Douty, Esther M.	Charlotte Forten: Free Black Teacher	juv. 371.1D741c
Duggleby, John	Story Painter: The Life of Jacob Lawrence	juv.759.13.T885d 1998
Flowers, Arthur and	I See the Promised Land: A Life of Martin Luther King Jr.	juv.923.273.K53fL

Chitrakar, Manu	A collaboration between an American writer/storyteller and a Bengali artist)	
Hansen, Joyce	African Princess: The Amazing Lives of Africa's Royal Women	Juv.960.09.H2449a
Hazell, Rebecca	Heroines: Great Women Through the Ages	juv.920.7.H429h
Hill, Laban Carrick	Harlem stomp! : a cultural history of the Harlem Renaissance	juv. 810.9 .H645h 2003
Green, Michelle Y.	A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson	juv. 927.96.J661g
Hunter, Clementine	Talking with Tebe: Clementine Hunter, Memory Artist	juv. 927.5.H9
Hurmenec, Belinda	My Folks Don't Want Me to Talk About Slavery: Twenty-one Oral Histories of former North Carolina Slaves	juv. 975.6.M995
June, Jordan	Dry Victories (Play which explores similarities between the Reconstruction and Civil Rights eras.)	juv.812.54.J82d
Katz, William Loren	Proudly Red and Black: Stories of African and Native Americans	juv.970.1.K19p
Kennedy, Adrienne	People Who Led to My Plays	juv. 812.54.K351p 1986
Laird, Roland	Still I Rise: A Graphic History of African Americans	juv.973.04.I188S
Lester, Julius	To Be a Slave	juv. 326.973.L642t
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Black Hands, White Sails	juv.639.2.M158b
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Days of Jubilee	juv.973.7.M158d 2003
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman	juv.920.7.T874m
Myers, Walter Dean	At Her Majesty's Request: An African	juv. 920.7.B712m
Myers, Walter Dean	Now is Your Time!: The African American Struggle for Freedom	juv. 301.451.M996n 1993
Myers, Walter Dean	One More River to Cross: An American Photograph Album (Covers African American history from slavery to the present)	Juv. 973.0496073.M9968o
Nelson, Kadir	Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Comic Book Heart and Soul:	Juv.923.268.M271 Juv.973.04.N427h
Nelson, Marilyn	The Story of America and African Americans	
Nelson, Scott Reynolds	Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem	juv.811.54.N428f 2004
with Aronson, Marc	Ain't Nothing But a Man:	juv.973.04.N431a
Peck, Ira	My Quest to Find the Real John Henry	
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. Let it shine: stories of Black women freedom fighters	juv.923.273.K53p juv.923.6.P655
Richardson, Ben and Fahey, William A.	Great Black Americans	juv. 920.073R521g 1976
Robinson, Sharon	Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America	Juv. 796.35.R658r 2004
Rockwell, Anne	Only passing through: the story of Sojourner Truth	juv. 920.7.T885r
Sanders, Nancy I.	America's Black Founders: Revolutionary Heroes & Early Leaders	juv. 973.04.S215a
Sterling, Dorothy and Quarles, Benjamin	Lift Every Voice	juv. 920.073.S838l
Sterling, Dorothy	Tear Down the Walls!: A History Of the American Civil Rights Movement	juv. 323.4S838t
Stratton, Madeline	Negroes Who Helped Build America	juv. 920.S911n

Parker, Toni Trent	Sienna's Scrapbook: Our African American Heritage Trip	juv.P2434s
Turner, Glennette Tilley	Fort Mose and the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America	juv.975.9.T946f
Winegarten, Ruthe	Brave Black women: from slavery to the space shuttle	juv. 920.9 .W767b
Wyckoff, Edwina Brit	Heart Man: Vivien Thomas, African-American Heart Surgery Pioneer	juv.926.17.T462w

Fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud Not Buddy	juv. C978b
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963	juv. C978w
Elliott, Zetta	Wish After Midnight (A Brooklyn teen is transported back to the New York City Draft Riots of 1863.)	juv.E4669w
Hamilton, Virginia	The House of Dies Drear	juv. H221H
Hansen, Joyce.	I thought my soul would rise and fly: the diary of Patsy, a freed girl	juv. H249i
Hess, Karen	Witness (Two young girls--one black and one Jewish--are caught up in the turmoil of prejudice in a small Vermont town in 1924)	juv. H587W
Johnson, Angela	Toning the Sweep (A teenage girl visits her grandmother and learns her heritage.)	juv. J65T
Lester, Julius	Old African	Juv.L642o
McKissack, Patricia C.	A friendship for Today (A teenager integrating a high school in 1954 makes a most unlikely friend.)	Juv. M1586f
Moses, Shelia P.	I, Dred Scott	Juv.M9112i
Myers, Walter Dean	Amistad : a long road to freedom	Juv. M9967a
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels	Juv. M9967f
Myers, Walter Dean	Glory Field	Juv.M9967g
Myers, Walter Dean	Harlem Summer	Juv.M9967hs
Paterson, Katherine	Jip: his story	juv. P2965JI
Porter, Connie	Imani All Mine (Fifteen-year-old Tasha raises her baby)	juv.P844I
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis	Once On This River (historical fiction about the African American community in pre-revolutionary New York through the eyes of a free African girl from Madagascar.)	juv.W979o

Folktales

Appiah, Peggy	Ananse the Spider: Tales from an Ashanti Village	juv. 398.2 A647a
Courlander, Harold	Cow-Tail Switch and Other West African Stories	juv. 392.2C861c
Courlander, Harold	Fire on the Mountain and Other Ethiopian Stories	juv. 398.21C861f
Courlander, Harold	Olode the Hunter and Other Tales from Nigeria	juv. 398.2.c861o
Courlander, Harold	Piece of Fire and Other Haitian tales	juv.398.21C861p
Courlander, Harold	Terrapin's Pot of Sense	juv.398.21.C861t
Hamilton, Virginia	People Could Fly: American Black Folktales	juv.398.2.H221p
McKissack, Pat	Dark-thirty : Southern tales of the supernatural	juv. M1585d
Sherlock, Philip M.	Anansi the Spider Man: Jamaican Folk Tales	juv.398.21.S552A

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FICTION FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA (1955-70)

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Carlson, Natalie S.	<u>Ann Aurelia and Dorothy</u> (Two ten-year old girls, one white one black form a friendship, c. 1970)	juv. C284a3.
Carlson, Natalie S.	<u>The Empty Schoolhouse</u> (Ten-year old Lullah helps to desegregate a parochial school in Louisisana, c.1965)	juv.C284e.
Stolz, Mary	A Wonderful, Terrible Time (Mady, the daughter of a slain voter's registration worker gets to attend an integrated summer camp, c.1967)	juv. S876wo