

*Diverse Books for Kids 2020*

# Race & Ethnicity: Black



## FOR CHILDREN (AGE 0-12)

### Picture Books

Ashman, Linda	<a href="#"><u>When the Storm Comes</u></a>
*Atinuke	<a href="#"><u>Catch That Chicken!</u></a>
Averbeck, Jim	<a href="#"><u>Love by Sophia</u></a>
*Barnes, Derrick	<a href="#"><u>I Am Every Good Thing</u></a>
*Barrier, Eric	<a href="#"><u>Move the Crowd</u></a>
*Berry, James	<a href="#"><u>A Story about Afiya</u></a>
*Bryon, Nathan	<a href="#"><u>Rocket Says Clean Up!</u></a>
Byers, Grace	<a href="#"><u>I Believe I Can</u></a>
*Cabrera, Cozbi	<a href="#"><u>Me &amp; Mama</u></a>
Caruthers, Terry Lee	<a href="#"><u>The Big Day</u></a>
*Charles, Tami	<a href="#"><u>All Because You Matter</u></a>
Colleen, Marcie	<a href="#"><u>The Bear's Garden</u></a>
*Copeland, Misty	<a href="#"><u>Bunheads</u></a>
Cornwall, Gaia	<a href="#"><u>Jabari Tries</u></a>
*Durant, Alan	<a href="#"><u>Quill Soup</u></a>
*Grimes, Nikki	<a href="#"><u>Bedtime for Sweet Creatures</u></a>
Johnson, Janet Sumner	<a href="#"><u>Help Wanted, Must Love Books</u></a>
Lin, Grace	<a href="#"><u>What Will Fit?</u></a>
Loring-Fisher, Jo	<a href="#"><u>Taking Time</u></a>
Love, Jessica	<a href="#"><u>Julián at the Wedding</u></a>
*Nelson, Marilyn	<a href="#"><u>Lubaya's Quiet Roar</u></a>
*Pinkney, Jerry	<a href="#"><u>The Little Mermaid</u></a>

\*Pumphrey, Jerome [The Old Truck](#)  
\*Schofield-Morrison, Connie [I Got the School Spirit](#)  
\*Thomson-Bigelow, Jamilah [Your Name Is a Song](#)  
\*Walker, Tricia Elam [Nana Akua Goes to School](#)

### **Easy Readers**

Adler, David [Run, Mo, Run!](#)  
Adler, David [Swim, Mo, Swim!](#)  
Budzi, Brandon [Nick and Nack Build a Birdhouse](#)  
Budzi, Brandon [Nick and Nack Fly a Kite](#)  
Budzi, Brandon [Nick and Nack Put on a Puppet Show](#)  
Budzi, Brandon [Nick and Nack See the Stars](#)  
Derting, Kimberly [Cece Loves Science: Push and Pull](#)  
Greenawalt, Kelly [Princess Truly: I Can Build It](#)  
\*Griffith, Theanne [How to Test a Friendship](#)  
\*Lyons, Kelly Starling [Ty's Travels: Zip Zoom](#)  
\*Lyons, Kelly Starling [Ty's Travels: All Aboard](#)  
Ransome, Candice [Beach Day](#)  
\*Roe, Mechal Renee [I Love Being Me!](#)

### **Bridging Fiction**

Calmenson, Stephanie [Adventures of Allie & Amy: The Best Friend Plan](#)  
Mills, Claudia [Vera Vance, Comics Star](#)  
West, Kara [Mia Mayhem Gets X-Ray Specs](#)

### **Children's Fiction**

Allen, Elise [Untwisted](#)  
\*Baptist, Kelly J. [Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero](#)  
\*Davis, Tanita S. [Serena Says](#)  
\*Elliott, Zetta [The Dragon Thief](#)  
\*Giles, Lamar [Last Mirror On the Left](#)

Heidicker, Christian McKay	<a href="#">Thieves of Weirdwood</a>
*Henderson, Leah	<a href="#">The Magic In Changing Your Stars</a>
*Jones, Joy	<a href="#">Jayla Jumps In</a>
*Ortega, Claribel	<a href="#">Ghost Squad</a>
*Watson, Renée	<a href="#">Ways to Make Sunshine</a>

### **Young Teen Fiction**

*Alexander, Kwame	<a href="#">Becoming Ali</a>
*Barron, Rena	<a href="#">Maya and the Rising Dark</a>
*Callender, Kacen	<a href="#">King and the Dragonflies</a>
*Chase, Paula	<a href="#">Turning Point</a>
*Colbert, Brandy	<a href="#">The Only Black Girls in Town</a>
*Marks, Janae	<a href="#">From the Desk of Zoe Washington</a>
*Mbalia, Kwame	<a href="#">Tristan Strong Destroys the World</a>
*Okorafo, Nnedi	<a href="#">Ikenga</a>
*Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<a href="#">Loretta Little Looks Back</a>
*Ramee, Lisa Moore	<a href="#">Something to Say</a>
*Rhodes, Jewell Parker	<a href="#">Black Brother, Black Brother</a>
Rivera, Lilliam	<a href="#">Goldie Vance: The Hotel Whodunit</a>
*Smith, Ronald	<a href="#">Gloom Town</a>
*Stone, Nic	<a href="#">Clean Getaway</a>
*Stone, Nic	<a href="#">Shuri: A Black Panther Novel</a>
*Woodson, Jaqueline	<a href="#">Before the Ever After</a>
Zaczek, Alyssa	<a href="#">Martin McLean, Middle School Queen</a>

### **Graphic Novels**

*Craft, Jerry	<a href="#">Class Act</a>
Hale, Nathan	<a href="#">Blades of Freedom</a>
*Johnson, Varian	<a href="#">Twins</a>
*Smith, James Otis	<a href="#">Black Heroes of the Wild West</a>

Whitley, Jeremy

[Princess Vol. 9: Love Yourself](#)

**Nonfiction**

Anderson, Beth

[Lizzie Demands a Seat](#)

Barretta, Gene

[The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver](#)

\*Brown, Carol Weatherford

[Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom](#)

\*Browne, Mahogany L.

[Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice](#)

Bryant, Jen

[Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball](#)

Calkhoven, Laurie

[Shirley Chisolm](#)

\*Chambers, Veronica

[Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb](#)

Cline-Ransome, Lesa

[Overground Railroad](#)

\*Dionne, Evette

[Lifting As We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box](#)

Ellison, Joy

[Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution](#)

Golio, Gary

[Dark Was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars](#)

\*Grimes, Nikki

[Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice](#)

\*Harris, Meena

[Kamala and Maya's Big Idea](#)

\*Hubbard, Rita Lorraine

[The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read](#)

\*Meadows, Michelle

[Flying High: The Story of Gymnastics Champion Simone Biles](#)

Powell, Patricia Hruby

[Lift As You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker](#)

Slade, Suzanne

[Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks](#)

Slade, Suzanne

[Swish! The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High-Flying Harlem Globetrotters](#)

\*Tate, Don

[William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad](#)

\*Weatherford, Carole Boston

[R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul](#)

**FOR TEENS (AGE 13-18)**

**Teen Fiction**

Bayron, Kalynn

[Cinderella is Dead](#)

Caldwell, Patrice

[A Phoenix First Must Burn: Sixteen Stories of Black Girl Magic, Resistance, and Hope](#)

*Johnson, Leah	<a href="#">You Should See Me In a Crown</a>
Myers, Walter Dean	<a href="#">145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories</a>
Reed, Christina Hammonds	<a href="#">The Black Kids</a>
Simone, Francina	<a href="#">Smash It!</a>
Wheatle, Alex	<a href="#">Cane Warriors</a>
Zoboi, Ibi and Yusef Salaam	<a href="#">Punching the Air</a>

**Teen Nonfiction**

Khan-Cullors, Patrisse and Asha Bandele	<a href="#">When They Call You a Terrorist</a>
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