



THE SCHOMBURG CENTER'S BLACK LIBERATION LIST FOR YOUNG READERS

For 95 years, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture has preserved, protected, and fostered a greater understanding of the Black experience. These books celebrate the Black experience, help foster understanding and empathy, teach important history, educate on current events, and will spark important discussions and conversations.

PICTURE BOOKS

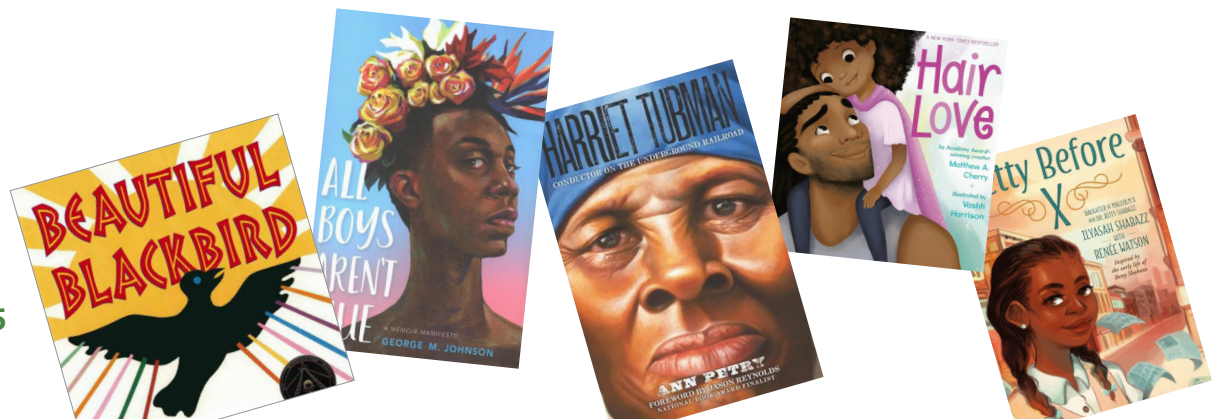
- A Is for Activist**
Innosanto Nagara
- Antiracist Baby**
Ibram X. Kendi, illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky
- Beautiful Blackbird**
Ashley Bryan
- Black Is a Rainbow Color**
Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekoa Holmes
- Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation**
Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney
- Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut**
Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James
- The Day You Begin**
Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López
- Everett Anderson's Goodbye**
Lucille Clifton, illustrated by Ann Grifalconi
- Hair Love**
Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans**
Kadir Nelson

- Hey Black Child**
Useni Eugene Perkins, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- I Am Enough**
Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo
- Juneteenth for Mazie**
Floyd Cooper
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History**
Vashti Harrison
- Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History**
Vashti Harrison
- Little Man, Little Man: A Story of Childhood**
James Baldwin, illustrated by Yoran Cazac
- Miss Crandall's School for Young Ladies & Little Misses of Color**
Elizabeth Alexander & Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- My Hair Is a Garden**
Cozbi A. Cabrera
- Ruth and the Green Book**
Calvin Alexander Ramsey with Gwen Strauss, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

- Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library**
Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Eric Velasquez
- Some of the Days of Everett Anderson**
Lucille Clifton, illustrated by Evaline Ness
- Sulwe**
Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- Tar Beach**
Faith Ringgold
- The Undeclared**
Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- Who Will You Be?**
Andrea Pippins
- Wings**
Christopher Myers
- A Wreath for Emmett Till**
Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Philippe Lardy
- You Matter**
Christian Robinson
- Young, Gifted, and Black**
Jamia Wilson, illustrated by Andrea Pippins

MIDDLE GRADES

- Betty Before X**
Ilyasah Shabazz with Renée Watson
- Blended**
Sharon M. Draper
- Brown Girl Dreaming**
Jacqueline Woodson
- Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem**
Marilyn Nelson
- Genesis Begins Again**
Alicia D. Williams
- Ghost**
Jason Reynolds
- Ghost Boys**
Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad**
Ann Petry
- Hurricane Child**
Kacen Callender
- I Am Alfonso Jones**
Tony Medina, illustrated by Stacey Robinson & John Jennings
- My Life As an Ice Cream Sandwich**
Ibi Zoboi
- New Kid**
Jerry Craft



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- The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales**
Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**
Mildred D. Taylor
- This Is What I Know About Art**
Kimberly Drew, illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky
- Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice**
Mahogany L. Browne with Elizabeth Acevedo & Olivia Gatwood, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III

TEEN

- All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto**
George M. Johnson
- Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America**
Ibi Zoboi (ed.)
- Children of Blood and Bone**
Tomi Adeyemi
- The Crossover**
Kwame Alexander
- Dear Martin**
Nic Stone
- The Hate U Give**
Angie Thomas
- Just Mercy, Adapted for Young Adults: A True Story of the Fight for Justice**
Bryan Stevenson
- March (Books One, Two, and Three)**
John Lewis & Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell
- Pet**
Akwaeke Emezi
- Piecing Me Together**
Renée Watson
- The Poet X**
Elizabeth Acevedo
- Riot**
Walter Dean Myers
- Slay**
Brittney Morris
- A Song Below Water**
Bethany C. Morrow
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You**
Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

- The Stars and the Blackness Between Them**
Junauda Petrus
- This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work**
Tiffany Jewell, illustrated by Aurélia Durand
- The Voting Booth**
Brandy Colbert
- We Are Not Equal Yet: Understanding Our Racial Divide**
Carol Anderson with Tonya Bolden
- Who Put This Song On?**
Morgan Parker

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