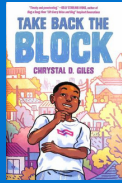


J
GILE, C

Take Back the Block
Chrystal D. Giles

Sixth-grader Wes Henderson sets out to save the Oaks, the neighborhood where he's lived his whole life, from being sold to a real estate developer.



J
RHUD, O

Operation Sisterhood
Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Eleven-year-old Bo is used to it being just her and her mom in their cozy New York apartment, but when her mom gets married, Bo must adjust to her new sisters and a music-minded blended family that is much larger, louder, and more complex than she ever imagined.



J
STON, N

Fast Pitch
Nic Stone

Shenice Lockwood dreams of leading the Fulton Firebirds to the U12 softball regional championship. But Shenice's focus gets shaken when her great-uncle Jack reveals that a career-ending-and family-name-ruining-crime may have been a setup. It's up to Shenice to discover the truth about her family's past-and fast-before secrets take the Firebirds out of the game forever.

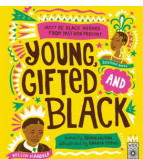


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WILS, J

Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes From Past and Present

Jamia Wilson

Join us on a journey across borders, through time and even through space to meet 52 icons of color from the past and present in a celebration of achievement.



BB Version: Baby Young, Gifted, and Black

MORE "OWN VOICES"

BOOKS:

All Because You Matter | P Charles
Magnificent Homespun Brown | P Doyon
Bedtime for Sweet Creatures | P Grimes
I Promise | P James

Black is a Rainbow Color | POR Joy
Dragons in a Bag | YF Elliot
Jada Jones | YF Lyons

Black Boy Joy | J BLA
The Parker Inheritance | J Johnson
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
| J Mbalia

New Kid | JGN Craft
Twins | JGN Johnson

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Recommended Reads African American "Own Voices" Books

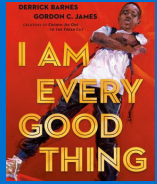


"Own Voices" is a phrase used to indicate that the author shares the same marginalized/under-represented identity as the book's character(s).

**P
BARN, D**

I Am Every Good Thing
Derrick Barnes

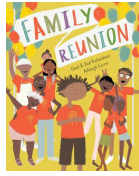
Illustrations and easy-to-read text pay homage to the strength, character, and worth of a child.



**P
RICH, C**

Family Reunion
Chad & Dad Richardson

This modern kid's-eye view depiction of a Black American extended family celebrates the importance of kinship and intergenerational ties.



**YF
SMIT, N**

The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane
Nikki Shannon Smith

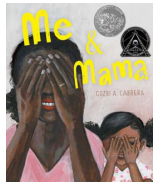
Azaleah can't wait for her class field trip to the National Zoo in Washington D.C., especially when her teacher announces the chance to earn extra credit. But when Azaleah gets home, she quickly realizes extra credit isn't as easy as she thought. Azaleah's younger sister Tiana can't find Greenie, her stuffed animal, and she's sure he's been stolen.



**P
CABR, C**

Me & Mama
Cozbi A. Cabrera

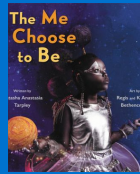
For a little girl on a rainy day, the best place to be is with Mama.



**P
TARP, N**

The Me I Choose to Be
Natasha Tarpley

An uplifting story about self-confidence and a child's limitless potential.



**J
ALST, B**

Amari and the Night Brothers
B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.



**P
CHER, M**

Hair Love
Matthew A. Cherry

A little girl's daddy steps in to help her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.



**POR
JONE, N**

Born on the Water
Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renée Watson

Stymied by her unfinished family tree assignment for school, a young girl seeks Grandma's counsel and learns about her ancestors, the consequences of slavery, and the history of Black resistance in the United States.



**J
BAPT, K**

The Swag is in the Socks
Kelly J. Baptist

Twelve-year-old Xavier Moon gets the courage to step out of the shadows when his great-uncle gives him some outlandish socks and some even stranger requests.



**P
REDD, N**

Bedtime Bonnet
Nancy Redd

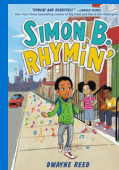
As family members braid, brush, twirl, roll, and tighten their hair before bedtime, putting on kerchiefs, wave caps, and other protective items, the little sister cannot find her bonnet.



**YF
REED, D**

Simon B. Rhymin'
Dwayne Reed

Chicago fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, uses his rhymes to help bring his community together.



**J
DAVI, T**

Partly Cloudy
Tanita S. Davis

In desperate need of clear skies as she starts a new school, Madalyn has days filled with clouds that lead to serious storms until she learns the power of community and family after disaster strikes.

