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STON, N

Clean Getaway  
Nic Stone



Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included.

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TARP, N

The Harlem Charade  
Natasha Tarpley



Seventh-graders Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin come from very different backgrounds and circumstances, but they all live in Harlem, and when Elvin's grandfather is attacked they band together to find out who is responsible--and the search leads them to an enigmatic artist, and into conflict with an ambitious politician.

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WATS, R

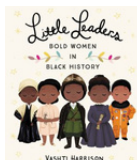
Ways to Make Sunshine  
Renée Watson



The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

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HARR, V

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History  
Vashti Harrison



Based on her popular Instagram posts, debut author/illustrator Vashti Harrison shares the stories of 40 bold African American women who shaped history.

Also available: Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History

# MORE AFRICAN AMERICAN "OWN VOICES" BOOKS:

How to Read a Book | P Alexander  
Grandma's Purse | P Brantley  
Princess Hair | P Miller

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut  
| POR Barnes  
Sulwe | POR Nyong'o

Dragons in a Bag | YF Elliot  
Jada Jones | YF Lyons

The Parker Inheritance | J Johnson  
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole  
in the Sky | J Mbalia  
Something to Say | J Ramée  
Harbor Me | J Woodson

New Kid | JGN Craft  
Twins | JGN Johnson

# 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).

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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.



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CURR, P

Parker Looks Up  
Parker Curry & Jessica Curry

This book is based on the viral photograph of African American toddler Parker Curry, who, during a visit to the National Portrait Gallery, became mesmerized by Amy Sherald's portrait of Michelle Obama, who she thought was a queen.



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COLB, B

The Only Black Girls in Town  
Brandy Colbert

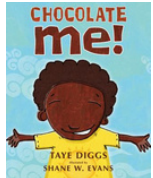
In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.



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DIGG, T

Chocolate Me!  
Taye Diggs

Relates the experiences of a dark-skinned, curly-haired child who wishes he could look more like the lighter-skinned children in his community until his mother helps him realize how wonderful he is inside and out.



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JOY, A

Black is a Rainbow Color  
Angela Joy

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.



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GILE, L

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer  
Lamar Giles

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected.



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REDD, N

Bedtime Bonnet  
Nancy Amanda 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  
SMIT, N

The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane  
Nikki Shannon Smith

Azaleah can't wait for her class field trip to the National Zoo especially when her teacher announces the chance to earn extra credit. Azaleah's younger sister Tiana can't find Greenie, her stuffed animal, and she's sure he's been stolen. Can Azaleah get to the bottom of the mystery in time to finish her extra credit?



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MALD, T

What Lane?  
Torrey Maldonado

Biracial sixth-grader Stephen questions the limitations society puts on him after he notices the way strangers treat him when he hangs out with his white friends and learns about the Black Lives Matter movement.



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SCHO, C

I Got the Rhythm  
Connie Schofield-Morrison

On a trip to the park with her mother, a young girl hears a rhythm coming from the world around her and begins to move to the beat, finally beginning an impromptu dance in which other children join her.



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BARR, R

Maya and the Rising Dark  
Rena Barron

A twelve-year-old girl discovers her father is the keeper of the gateway between our world and The Dark, and when he goes missing she'll need to unlock her own powers and fight a horde of spooky creatures set on starting a war.



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MARK, J

From the Desk of Zoe Washington  
Janae Marks

Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime.

