

2022 YOUTH Summer READING LIST



- 1) Ain't Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Jason Griffin
- 2) Operation Sisterhood by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
- 3) A History of Me by Adrea Theodore
- 4) I'm Growing Great by Mechal Renee Roe
- 5) Me and My Mama BY Carole Boston Weatherford | Ashleigh Corrin
- 6) Why Not You? By Ciara and Russell Wilson
- 7) Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth by Alice Faye Duncan
- 8) Kicks BY Van G. Garrett | Reggie Brown
- 9) Black: The Many Wonders of My World BY Nancy Johnson James
- 10) Emile and the Field by Kevin Young | Chioma Ebinama
- 11) Show the World! BY Angela Dalton | Daria Peoples
- 12) Somewhere in the Bayou by Jarrett Pumphrey | Jerome Pumphrey
- 13) What Is Juneteenth? (What Was?) BY Kirsti Jewel
- 14) Unfadeable BY Maurice Broaddus
- 15) Shuri And T'Challa: Into the Heartlands (An Original Black Panther Graphic Novel) BY Roseanne A. Brown | Dika Araújo
- 16) Together We Ride BY Valerie Bolling | Kaylani Juanita
- 17) Abdul's Story by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow | Tiffany Rose
- 18) In the Key of Us BY Mariama Lockington
- 19) Izzy Hawthorne: Destiny Awaits BY Bethany Baptiste
- 20) Bloom BY Ruth Forman | Talia Skyles
- 21) Stella Keeps the Sun Up by Clothilde Ewing | Lynn Gaines

- 22) Ty's Travels: Lab Magic by Kelly Starling Lyons | Nina Mata
- 23) The Lucky Ones BY Linda Williams Jackson
- 24) Moonwalking BY Zetta Elliott | Lyn Miller-Lachmann
- 25) Bright Brown Baby by Andrea Davis Pinkney | Brian Pinkney
- 26) The Faith of Elijah Cummings: The North Star of Equal Justice by Carole Boston Weatherford
- 27) Daddy Speaks Love by Leah Henderson | E. B. Lewis
- 28) Because Claudette by Tracey Baptiste
- 29) And We Rise by Erica Martin
- 30) The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale by Charly Palmer
- 31) African Town by I. Latham & C. Waters
- 32) Who Are Your People? By Bakari Sellers | Reggie Brown
- 33) Vinyl Moon by Mahogany L. Browne
- 34) You Are Not Alone by Alphabet Rockers | Tommy Soulati Shepherd and Ashley Evans
- 35) When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods
- 36) Mermaid Kenzie: Protector of the Deepes by Charlotte Watson Sherman and Geneva Bowers
- 37) You Have A Voice by Vera Ahiyya | Fabiana Faiallo
- 38) Wutaryoo by Nilah Magruder
- 39) Leo Can Swim by Anna McQuinn, illustrated by Ruth Hearson
- 40) Hey Baby! by Andrea Pippins
- 41) Baby Loves Gravity! by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan
- 42) Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke, illustrated by Paul Howard
- 43) Peekaboo Bedtime by Rachel Isadora
- 44) Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- 45) The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- 46) Cool Cuts by Mechal Renee Roe
- 47) The Ring Bearer by Floyd Cooper
- 48) Mr. Scruff by Simon James
- 49) A Beach Tail by Karen Lynn Williams, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

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- 50) Max and the Tag-Along Moon by Floyd Cooper
- 51) Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
- 52) He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by Kadir Nelson
- 53) Double Bass Blues by Andrea J. Loney, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez
- 54) More-igami by Dori Kleber, illustrated by G. Brian Karas
- 55) Young Pele by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome
- 56) Dear Dragon by Josh Funk, illustrated by Rodolfo Montalvo
- 57) Octopus Stew by Eric Velasquez
- 58) Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones
- 59) Keats's Neighborhood by Ezra Jack Keats
- 60) Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis by Jabari Asim, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- 61) Waiting for Pumpsie by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by London Ladd
- 62) Before There Was Mozart: The Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome
- 63) Don't Throw It to Mo by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks
- 64) Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue and Corinne Naden, illustrated by Don Tate
- 65) Follow Chester! by Gloria Respress-Churchwell, illustrated by Laura Freeman
- 66) Jump!: From the Life of Michael Jordan by Floyd Cooper
- 67) Buzzing with Questions by Janice N. Harrington, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III
- 68) Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate
- 69) I Look Up to... Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino, illustrated by Fatti Burke
- 70) The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum, illustrated by Carly Gledhill
- 71) Corduroy by Don Freeman
- 72) Lola Gets a Cat by Anna McQuinn, illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw
- 73) I Just Want to Say Good Night by Rachel Isadora
- 74) Bedtime Bonnet by Nancy Redd, illustrated by Nneka Myers
- 75) If Your Monster Won't Go to Bed by Denise Vega, illustrated by Zachariah Ohora
- 76) Count on Me by Miguel Tanco
- 77) The Camping Trip by Jennifer Mann

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- 79) The Night Is Yours by Abdul Razak Zachariah, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo
- 80) Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Caroline Binch
- 81) Brown Sugar Babe by Charlotte Watson Sherman, illustrated by Akem
- 82) Astro Girl by Ken Wilson Max
- 83) Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley Newton
- 84) Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- 85) Mama Mable's All Gal Big Band Jazz Extravaganza by Annie Sieg
- 86) Overground Railroad by Lisa Cline Ransome, illustrated by James Ransome
- 87) Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist by Barbara Herkert, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- 88) Child of the Civil Rights Movement by Paula Young Shelton, illustrated by Raul Colon
- 89) Who Will I Be, Lord? by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by Sean Qualls
- 90) Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb by Veronica Chambers, illustrated by Rachelle Baker
- 91) Hands Up! by Breanna McDaniel, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
- 92) Violet's Music by Angela Johnson, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith
- 93) Visiting Day by Jacqueline Woodson
- 94) I am Rosa Parks by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos
- 95) A Dance Like Starlight by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- 96) Mama's Nightingale by Edwidge Danticat, illustrated by Leslie Staub
- 97) Firebird by Misty Copeland, illustrated by Christopher Myers
- 98) The Water Princess by Susan Verde and Georgie Badiel, illustrated by Peter H. Reynold
- 99) Freedom Soup by Tami Charles
- 100) Vera Vance: Comics Star by Claudia Mills, illustrated by Grace Zong
- 101) Skit Scat Raggedy Cat by Roxane Orgill
- 102) Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie Ann
- 103) Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving by John Frank
- 104) New Shoes by Susan Lynn Meyer
- 105) Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi
- 106) My Dream of Martin Luther King by Faith Ringgold
- 107) I Am Martin Luther King, Jr. by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos

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- 108) Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
- 109) All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
- 110) This Is the Rope by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James E. Ransome
- 111) Lillian's Right to Vote by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
- 112) The Oldest Student by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
- 113) A Is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara
- 114) Thurgood by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Bryan Collier
- 115) Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box by Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein, illustrated by James E. Ransome
- 116) She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton, illustrated by Alexandra Boiger
- 117) That Is My Dream! by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Daniel Miyares
- 118) Counting on Community by Innosanto Nagara
- 119) The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis
- 120) We March by Shane W. Evans
- 121) Separate Is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatui
- 122) I Am Enough by Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo
- 123) Don't You Dare Touch Me There by Suzettra L Walker
- 124) Hey Black Child by Useni Eugene Perkins and Bryan Collier
- 125) Something Happened In Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard
- 126) Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison
- 127) Daddy, There's a Noise Outside by Kenneth Braswell, Joe Dent, and Julie Anderson
- 128) Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children by Sandra L. Pinkney and Myles C. Pinkney
- 129) Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James
- 130) The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson
- 131) The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson and R. Gregory Christie
- 132) A Child's Introduction to African American History by Jabari Asim and Lynn Gaines
- 133) 28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World by Charles R. Smith Jr

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- 134) Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison
- 135) Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
- 136) Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
- 137) Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes 138) I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
Illustrated by John Jennings and Stacey Robinson
- 139) Young Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present
by Jamia Wilson
- 140) One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- 141) We've Got a Job by Cynthia Levinson
- 142) Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney,
illustrated by Stephen Alcorn
- 143) March: Book One by Congressman John Lewis, with Andrew Aydin
and Nate Powell
- 144) The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
- 145) Coming of Age in Mississippi by Anne Moody
- 146) Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
- 147) A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée
- 148) Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- 149) Say Her Name (Poems to Empower) by Zetta Elliott and Loveis Wise
- 150) The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- 151) Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles
- 152) Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March
by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, PJ Loughran
- 153) The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights
by Steve Sheinkin
- 154) The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales
by Virginia Hamilton
- 155) Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
- 156) Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

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- 157) The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
- 158) Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold
- 159) I, Too, Am America by Langston Hughes
- 160) The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake
- 161) Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- 162) Betsey Brown by Ntozake Shange
- 163) The Gold Cadillac by Mildred Taylor
- 164) On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
- 165) Training School For Negro Girls by Camille Acker

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