

Black Biographies

Hank Aaron, baseball player (J92 AARON)

Tanitoluwa Adewumi, chess player (J92 ADEWUMI)

Muhammad Ali, boxer, activist (J92 ALI, Who HQ)

Marian Anderson, singer (J92 ANDERSON)

Maya Angelou, poet, author (J92 ANGELOU, Who HQ)

Giannis Antetokounmpo, basketball player (J92 ANTETOKOUNMPO)

Louis Armstrong, musician, singer, composer
(J92 ARMSTRONG, Who HQ)

Josephine Baker, entertainer, spy, activist (J92 BAKER)



Benjamin Banneker, mathematician (J92 BANNEKER)

Saquon Barkley, football player (J92 BARKLEY)

Ernie Barnes, football player, artist (J92 BARNES)

Jean-Michel Basquiat, artist (J92 BASQUIAT)

Robert Battle, dancer (J92 BATTLE)

Melba Pattillo Beals, activist (J92 BEALS)

Cindy Bentley, athlete (J92 BENTLEY)

Beyoncé, singer, songwriter (J92 BEYONCE)

Simone Biles, gymnast (J92 BILES)

Stephen Bishop, explorer (J92 BISHOP)

Ruby Bridges, activist (J92 BRIDGES, ER 92 BRIDGES)

Gwendolyn Brooks, poet, author (J92 BROOKS)

Henry Brown, abolitionist, magician (J92 BROWN)

Kobe Bryant, basketball player (Who HQ J92 BRYANT)

Lena "Lane" Bryant, fashion designer (J92 BRYANT)

George Washington Carver, scientist, inventor
(J92 CARVER, Who HQ)

Shirley Chisholm, politician (J92 CHISHOLM)

Roberto Clemente, baseball player (Who HQ J92 CLEMENTE)

Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman, aviator (J92 COLEMAN)

Janet Collins, dancer (J92 COLLINS)

Claudette Colvin, activist (J92 COLVIN)

Misty Copeland, dancer (J92 COPELAND)

Elizabeth Cotten, musician, singer, songwriter (J92 COTTEN)

Aaron Donald, football player (J92 DONALD)

Frederick Douglass, activist, author, politician
(J92 DOUGLASS, Who HQ)

Paul Laurence Dunbar, author, poet (J92 DUNBAR)

Chuck Ealey, football player (J92 EALEY)

Duke Ellington, musician, composer (J92 ELLINGTON, Who HQ)

Ella Fitzgerald, singer (J92 FITZGERALD)



Amos Fortune, entrepreneur (J92 FORTUNE)

Aretha Franklin, singer, songwriter (J92 FRANKLIN, Who HQ)

John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, musician, singer, composer
(J92 GILLESPIE)

Fannie Lou Hamer, activist (J92 HAMER)



Kamala Harris, politician (J92 HARRIS)

Matthew Henson, explorer (J92 HENSON)

Ketanji Brown Jackson, Supreme Court Justice (J92 JACKSON)

Mahalia Jackson, singer, activist (J92 JACKSON)

Michael Jackson, singer, songwriter (Who HQ 92 JACKSON)

LeBron James, basketball player (J92 JAMES)

Blue Jenkins, activist (J92 JENKINS)

Derek Jeter, baseball player (Who HQ J92 JETER)

Katherine Johnson, mathematician (J92 JOHNSON)

Mamie Johnson, baseball player (J92 JOHNSON)

Barbara Jordan, politician (J92 JORDAN)

Michael Jordan, basketball player (J92 JORDAN, Who HQ)

Ona Judge, escaped enslavement under George Washington
(J92 JUDGE)

Colin Kaepernick, athlete, activist (Who HQ J92 KAEPERNICK)

William "Doc" Key, veterinarian (J92 KEY)

Coretta Scott King, activist (J92 KING, Who HQ)

Martin Luther King, Jr., minister, activist
(J92 KING, ER 92 KING, Who HQ)

Jacob Lawrence, artist (J92 LAWRENCE)

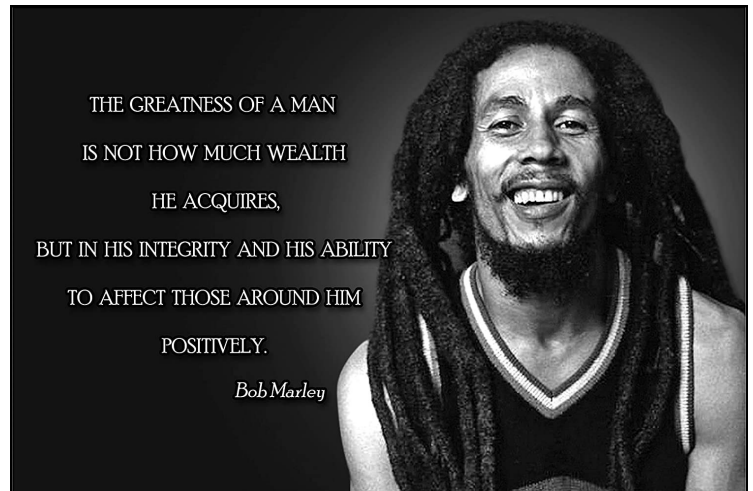
John Lewis, activist, politician (J92 LEWIS)

Ann Cole Lowe, fashion designer (J92 LOWE)

Clara Luper, activist (J92 LUPER)

John Roy Lynch, politician (J92 LYNCH)

Nelson Mandela, politician, activist
(J92 MANDELA, ER 92 MANDELA, Who HQ)



Bob Marley, musician, singer, songwriter (Who HQ J92 MARLEY)

Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice (J92 MARSHALL)

Willie Mays, baseball player (J92 MAYS)

Vanessa Nakate, environmental activist (J92 NAKATE)

Nefertiti, queen (J92 NEFERTITI)

Barack Obama, politician, U.S. president
(J92 OBAMA, ER 92 OBAMA, Who HQ)

Michelle Obama, lawyer, public servant (J92 OBAMA, Who HQ)

Naomi Osaka, tennis player (J92 OSAKA)

Jesse Owens, track and field athlete (J92 OWENS, Who HQ)

Gordon Parks, photographer (J92 PARKS)

Rosa Parks, activist (J92 PARKS, ER 92 PARKS, Who HQ)

Ethel Payne, journalist (J92 PAYNE)

Pelé, soccer player (J92 PELE, Who HQ)

Jerry Pinkney, author, artist (J92 PINKNEY)

Leontyne Price, singer (J92 PRICE)

Prince, musician, singer, songwriter (J92 PRINCE)

Caroline Quarlls, first underground railroad "passenger" in Wisconsin (J92 QUARLLS)

Sun Ra, musician, composer (J92 RA)

Bass Reeves, deputy U.S. marshal (J92 REEVES)

Jackie Robinson, baseball player
(J92 ROBINSON, ER 92 ROBINSON, Who HQ)

Sharon Robinson, activist (J92 ROBINSON)

Arturo Schomburg, historian, author, activist
(J92 SCHOMBURG)

Nina Simone, musician, singer, songwriter (J92 SIMONE)

Robert Smalls, politician (J92 SMALLS)

Juju Smith-Schuster, football player (J92 SMITH-SCHUSTER)

Sojourner Truth, activist (J92 TRUTH, Who HQ)

Harriet Tubman, activist
(J92 TUBMAN, ER 92 TUBMAN, Who HQ)

Neil deGrasse Tyson, scientist (J92 TYSON)

Madam C. J. Walker, entrepreneur, activist (J92 WALKER)

Mary Walker, centenarian student (J92 WALKER)

Booker T. Washington, educator, author
(J92 WASHINGTON, Who HQ)

Ida B. Wells, journalist, activist (J92 WELLS, Who HQ)

Raven Wilkinson, dancer (J92 WILKINSON)

Serena Williams, tennis player (J92 WILLIAMS, Who HQ)

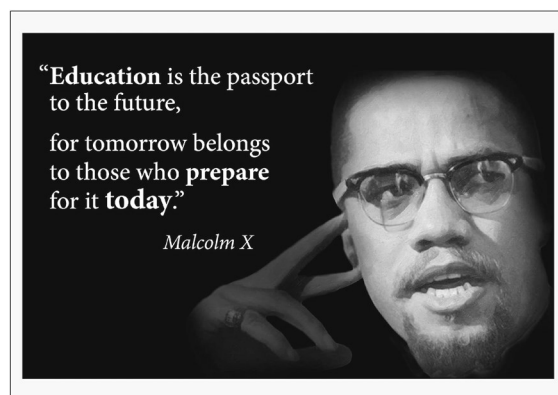
Venus Williams, tennis player (J92 WILLIAMS, Who HQ)

Oprah Winfrey, host, producer, philanthropist
(J92 WINFREY, Who HQ)

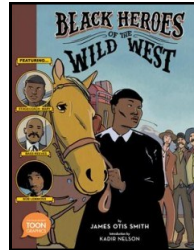
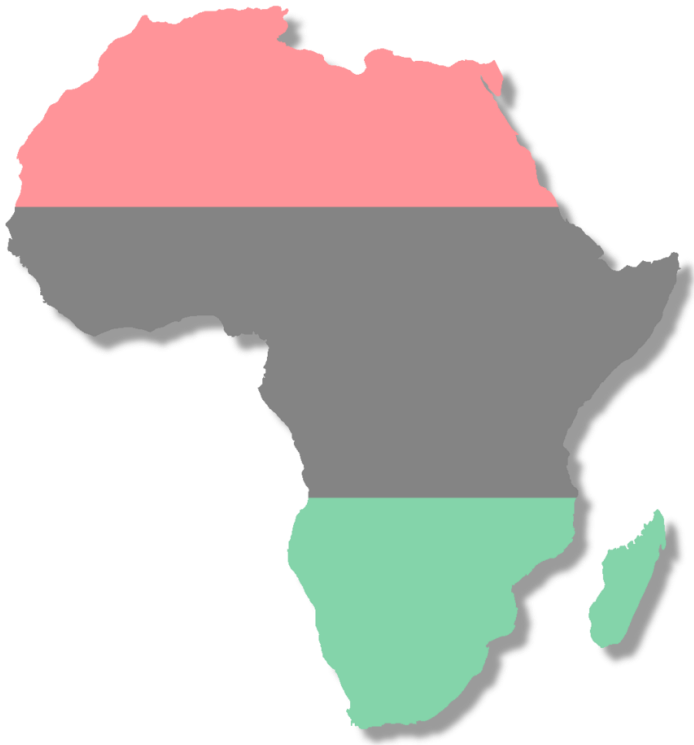
Stevie Wonder, musician, singer, songwriter
(Who HQ J92 WONDER)

Jacqueline Woodson, author, poet (J92 WOODSON)

Malcolm X, activist (J92 X)



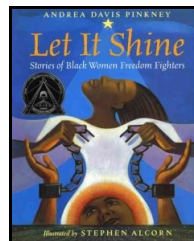
Biography Collections



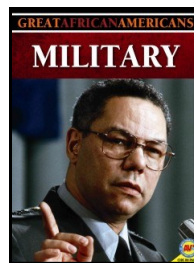
Black Heroes of the Wild West
by James Otis Smith (GF TOO)



**Lift Every Voice and Change:
A Celebration of Black Leaders and the
Words that Inspire Generations**
by Charnaie Gordon (J305.896 GOR)



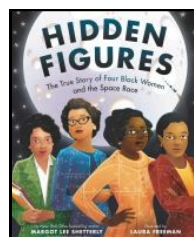
**Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women
Freedom Fighters**
by Andrea Davis Pinkney (J323.092 PIN)



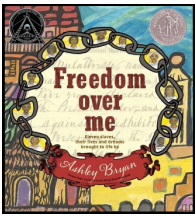
Great African Americans: Military
by Jessica Morrison (J355.009 MOR)



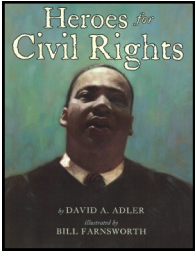
**Black Women in Science:
A Black History Book for Kids**
by Kimberly Brown Pillum (J509.22 PEL)



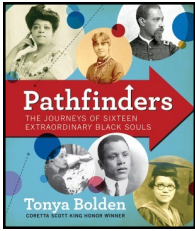
**Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four
Black Women and the Space Race**
by Margot Lee Shetterly (J629.4 SHE)



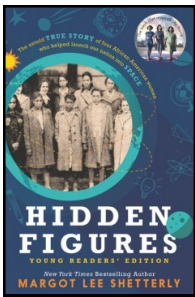
Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life
by Ashley Bryan (J811.54 BRY)



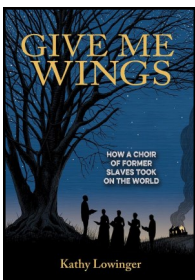
Heroes For Civil Rights
by David A. Adler (J920 ADL)



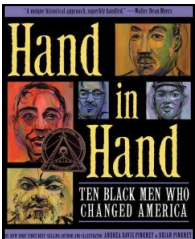
Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls
by Tonya Bolden (J920 BOL)



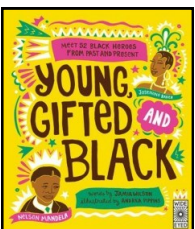
Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation Into Space
by Margot Lee Shetterly (J920 LEE)



Give Me Wings: How a Choir of Former Slaves Took On the World
by Kathy Lowinger (J920 LOW)



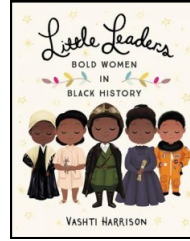
Hand In Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America
by Andrea Davis Pinkney (J920 PIN)



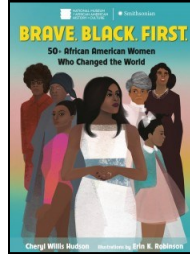
Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present
by Jamia Wilson (J920 WIL)



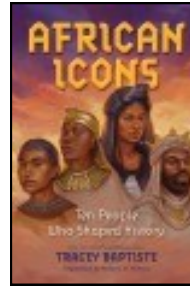
Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History
by Vashti Harrison (J920.71 HAR)



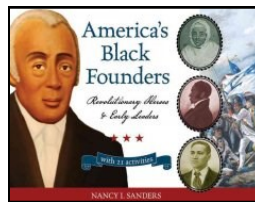
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History
by Vashti Harrison (J920.72 HAR)



Brave, Black, First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World
by Cheryl Willis Hudson (J920.72 HUD)



African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History
by Tracey Baptiste (J960.099 BAP)



America's Black Founders: Revolutionary Heroes and Early Leaders
by Nancy I. Sanders (J973.0496 SAN)

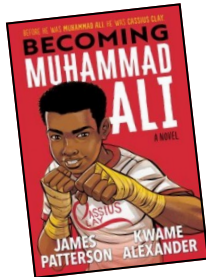
Other Biographies and biographical fiction

Stacey Abrams, politician
Stacey's Extraordinary Words
by Stacey Abrams (E ABR)



Muhammad Ali, boxer, activist
Muhammad Ali: The Greatest of All Time!
by James Buckley Jr. (GF SHO)

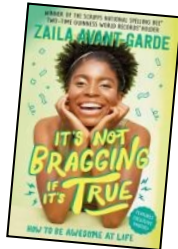
Becoming Muhammad Ali: A Novel
by James Patterson (JF PAT)



Lillian Allen, voter
(about the voting rights act of 1965)
Lillian's Right to Vote
by Jonah Winter (E WIN)

Benny Andrews, artist
Draw What You See:
The Life and Art of Benny Andrews
by Kathleen Benson (J759.13 BEN)

Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, musician
Trombone Shorty
by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews (J788.9 AND)



Zalia Avant-Garde, spelling bee champion, basketball player, juggler
It's Not Bragging if it's True
by Zalia Avant-Garde (J158.1 AVA)

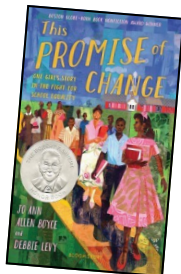
Georgie Badiel, model, philanthropist
The Water Princess
by Susan Verde (E VER)

James Banning and Thomas Allen, aviators
The Hallelujah Flight
by Phil Bildner (E BIL)

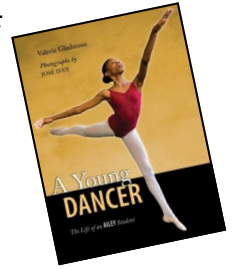


Mary Bowser, spy
Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring
by Enigma Alberti (JF ALB)

Jo Ann Allen Boyce, activist
This Promise of Change:
One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality
by Jo Ann Allen Boyce (J379.2 BOY)

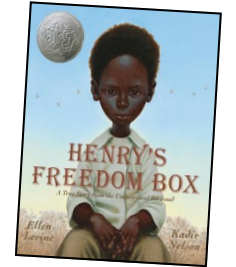


Imam Bright, dancer
A Young Dancer: The Life of an Ailey Student
by Valerie Gladstone (J792.8 GLA)



Gwendolyn Brooks, author, poet
A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks
by Alice Faye Duncan (J811.54 DUN)

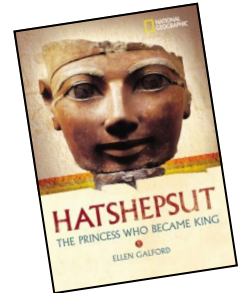
Henry Brown, abolitionist, magician
Henry's Freedom Box
by Ellen Levine (E LEV)



Misty Copeland, dancer
Bunheads
by Misty Copeland (E COP)

MacNolia Cox, activist
How Do You Spell Unfair? MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee
by Carole Boston Weatherford (J305.896 WEA)

Michaela DePrince, dancer
Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan to Dancer
by Michaela DePrince (J792.8 DEP)



David Drake, artist
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
by Laban Carrick Hill (E HIL)

Kamala Harris, politician
Ambitious Girl
by Meena Harris (E HAR)

Hatshepsut, pharaoh
Hatshepsut: The Princess Who Became King
by Ellen Galford (J932.01 GAL)



Mae Jemison, astronaut
Mae Among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed (E AHM)

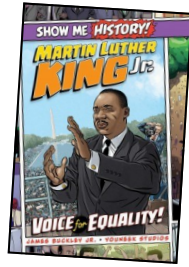
Derek Jeter, baseball player
The Contract series
by Derek Jeter (JF JET)



William Kamkwamba, inventor
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
by William Kamkwamba (J621.312 KAM)

William "Doc" Key, veterinarian
Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse
by Emily Arnold McCully (E MCC)

Martin Luther King Jr., minister, activist
Mahalia Jackson, singer, activist
Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song
 by Andrea Davis Pinkney (E PIN)

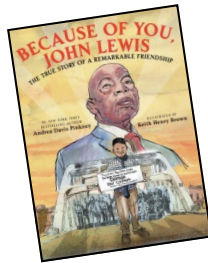


Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice for Equality!
 by James Buckley Jr. (GF SHO)

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King
 by Andrea Davis Pinkney (J811.6 PIN)

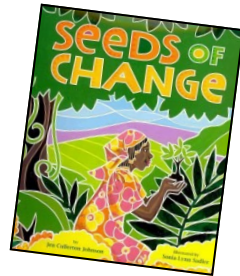
Opal Lee, historian
Opal Lee and What It Means To Be Free:
The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth
 by Alice Faye Duncan (J323.092 DUN)

John Lewis, activist, politician
Because of You, John Lewis:
The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship
 by Andrea Davis Pinkney (J323.1 PIN)



Wangari Maathai, environmentalist
Planting the Trees of Kenya:
The Story of Wangari Maathai
 by Claire A. Nivola (J333.72 NIV)

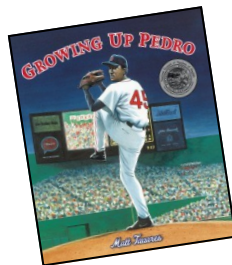
Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees
 by Franck Prévot (J333.75 PRE)



Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace
 by Jen Cullerton Johnson (E JOH)

Wangari's Trees of Peace:
A True Story from Africa
 by Jeanette Winter (E WIN)

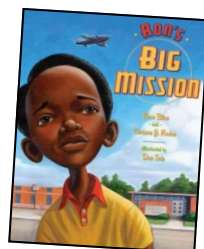
Pedro Martínez, baseball player
Growing Up Pedro
 by Matt Tavares (J796.357 TAV)



John McCline, soldier
From Slave to Soldier:
Based on a True Civil War Story
 by Deborah Hopkinson (ER HOP)

John McLendon, basketball coach
Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game
 by John Coy (J796.323 COY)

Ron McNair, astronaut
Ron's Big Mission
 by Rose Blue (J305.8 BLU)



John Berry Meachum, minister, entrepreneur, educator
Steamboat School
 by Deborah Hopkinson (E HOP)

Charlotte Nebres, dancer
Charlotte and the Nutcracker:
The True Story of a Girl Who Made Ballet History
 by Charlotte Nebres (E NEB)



Tantoh Nforba, environmentalist
I Am Farmer: Growing an Environmental Movement in Cameroon
 by Baptise & Miranda Paul (J333.72 PAU)

Satchel Paige, baseball player
Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back
 by David A. Adler (E ADL)



Rosa Parks, activist
Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation
 by Andrea Davis Pinkney (E PIN)

Port Antonio Synchro, Jamaica's Olympic synchronised swim team
The Mermaids of Jamaica
 by Claudia Bellante (J797.21 BEI)



Sarah Roberts, student
The First Step:
How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial
 by Susan E. Goodman (J344.74 GOO)

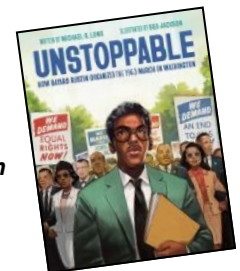
Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, dancer
Rap a Tap Tap:
Here's Bojangles - Think of That!
 by Leo and Diane Dillon (E DIL)

Jackie Robinson, baseball player
Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson
 by Sharon Robinson (E ROB)



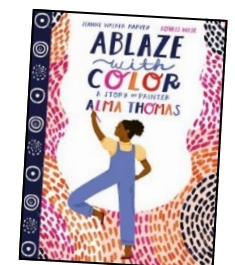
Dovey Johnson Roundtree, lawyer
We Wait for the Sun
 by Dovey Johnson Roundtree (E ROU)

Bayard Rustin, activist
Unstoppable: How Bayard Rustin Organized the 1963 March on Washington
 by Michael G. Long (J323.1196 LON)

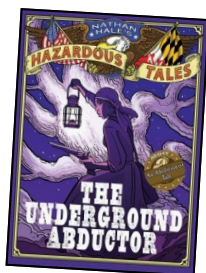


Mamie Till-Mobley, activist
Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement
 by Angela Joy (J323.092 JOY)

Alma Thomas, artist
Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas
 by Jeanne Walker Harvey (J759.13 HAR)



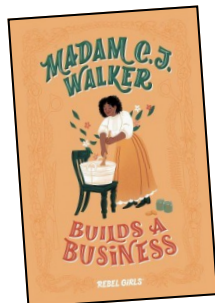
Harriet Tubman, activist
***Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad
in the Sky***
by Faith Ringgold (E RIN)



Harriet Tubman: Fighter for Freedom!
by James Buckley Jr. (GF SHO)

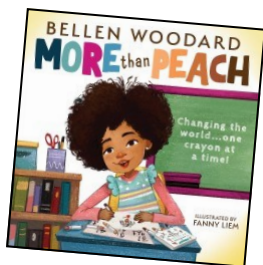
***The Underground Abductor:
An Abolitionist Tale***
by Nathan Hale (J973.7115 HAL)

Nat Turner, rebellion leader
Nat Turner's Slave Rebellion
by Michael Burgan (GF BUR)



Madam C.J. Walker, entrepreneur, activist
Madam C.J. Walker Builds a Business
by Denene Millner (JF REB)

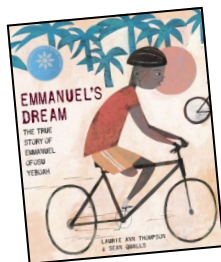
Laura Wheeler Waring, artist
***Beautiful Shades of Brown:
The Art of Laura Wheeler Waring***
by Nancy Churnin (J759.13 CHU)



Booker T. Washington, educator, author
More than Anything Else
by Marie Bradby (E BRA)

Bellen Woodard, activist
More Than Peach: Changing the World...One Crayon at a Time
by Belen Woodard (E WOO)

Carter Godwin Woodson, author, activist
Carter Reads the Newspaper
by Deborah Hopkinson (J973.0496 HOP)



Emmanuel Ofoso Yeboah, cyclist, activist
***Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of
Emmanuel Ofoso Yeboah***
by Laurie Ann Thompson (E THO)

Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, musician
***Drum Girl Dream:
How One Girl's Courage Changed Music***
by Margarita Engle (E ENG)

