

We Recommend...[Black History Month – Junior Fiction]

42: The True Story Of Jackie Robinson

Rosenberg, Aaron / J-PB Forty

Based on the movie 42, this is the story of how Jackie Robinson became the first African American Major League baseball player.

A Mighty Big Imagining

(Our Canadian Girl, Rachel #1)

Kositsky, Lynne / J-PB Kosit, J-PB Our Series, J-PB Our Historical Fiction Series

Rachel's new freedom in Nova Scotia is marred by the cold weather and barren land.

Bud, Not Buddy

Curtis, Christopher Paul / J-PB Curti / J FIC Curti Historical Fiction

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Burn My Heart

Naidoo, Beverly / BH J FIC Naido

Mathew and Mugo are friends despite growing racial tension in Kenya in the 1950s.

Chains

Anderson, Laurie Halse / J-PB Seeds Seiries

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Elijah Of Buxton

Curtis, Christopher Paul / BH J FIC Curti / J FIC Curti

Eleven year old Elijah is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Ontario, a settlement of runaway slaves near the American border.

Have A Happy – A Novel

Walter, Mildred Pitts / J FIC Walte

Upset because his birthday falls on Christmas and will therefore be eclipsed as usual, and worried that there is less money because his father is out of work, eleven-year-old Chris takes solace in the carvings he is preparing for Kwanzaa, the Afro-American celebration of their cultural heritage.

The House of Dies Drear

Hamilton, Virginia / J-PB Hamil

A black family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

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If I Just Had Two Wings

Schwartz, Virginia Frances / BH J FIC Schwa /J FIC Schwa

Phoebe, Liney, and two children escape their plantation and set out on the secret passage north to freedom.

The Mighty Miss Malone

Curtis, Christopher Paul / J Fic Curti

With love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," twelve-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie, and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression.

Nzingha, Warrior Queen of Matamba

McKissack, Patricia C. / J FIC Royal Historical Fiction Series

The diary of thirteen year old Nzingha, a sixteenth century West African princess who loves to hunt and hopes to lead her kingdom one day against the invasion of the Portuguese slave traders.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Taylor, Mildred Taylor / BH YA FIC Taylo/YA-PB Taylo Classic

Newbery Award winning story about a Black girl growing up in the Depression era rural south.

Run Away Home

McKissack, Patricia C / J FIC McKis

In 1886 in Alabama an eleven year old African American girl and her family befriend and give refuge to a runaway Apache boy.

Still I Rise: A Graphic History Of African Americans

Laird, Roland / BH Graphic Novels YA –PB Laird 2009 / Graphic Novels YA-PB Laird 2009

A graphic novel showing how throughout history African Americans have persevered despite overwhelming odds.

Underground to Canada

Smucker, Barbara / J-PB Smuck

Two slave girls escape from a plantation near Vicksburg, Mississippi, and steal toward Canada on the Underground Railroad.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963: A Novel

Curtis, Christopher Paul / J-PB Curti

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.