

# ***We Recommend...[Black History Month – Junior Picture books]***

## **Amazing Grace**

Hoffman, Mary / JP Hoffm

*Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.*

## **An African Princess**

Edmonds, Lyra / BH JP Edmon

*Lyra and her parents go to the Caribbean to visit Taunte May who reminds her that her family tree is full of princesses from Africa and around the world.*

## **Black All Around**

Hubbell, Patricia / JP Hubbe

*An African American girl contemplates the many wonderful black things around her, from the inside of a pocket where surprises hide, to the cozy night where there is no light.*

## **The Black Snowman**

Mendez, Phil / BH JP Mende

*Jacob is a young inner city boy who dislikes being black and poor. A black snowman challenges Jacob's outlook by telling him all the wonderful things that are black and by exhorting the boy to believe in himself.*

## **Catching the Wild Waiyuuzee**

Garcia, Rita Williams / BH JP Willi / JP Willi

*As she tries to escape her mother's efforts to "plait-a-plait" and "string-a-bead" her hair, a young girl imagines herself running away into a jungle.*

## **Chocolate Me**

Diggs, Taye / BH JP Diggs

*The boy is teased for looking different than the other kids. His skin is darker, his hair curlier. He tells his mother he wishes he could be more like everyone else. And she helps him to see how beautiful he really, truly is.*

## **Circle Unbroken: The Story of a Basket and its People**

Raven, Margot Theis / BH JP Raven

*A grandmother tells the tale of Gullahs and their beautiful sweetgrass baskets that keep their African heritage alive.*

## **Hop, Hop, Jump!**

Thompson, Lauren / BH JP Thomp / JP Thomp

*Moving around can be so much fun. Wiggling, waggling, stomping, and clomping—there are so many different ways to do it! Go ahead—try them all.*

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## **Hope Springs**

Walter, Eric

BH JP Walte / JP Walte

*A drought has settled in the area around the orphanage in Kenya where Boniface lives. There are long line-ups at the tiny spring where all the local people get their water, and suddenly the orphans are pushed to the back of the line, unwelcome. Boniface's houseparent, Henry, tells him that the people were mean out of fear--they feared there would not be enough water for their families. When the building of the orphanage's well is completed, Boniface has an idea to help the villagers. A lovely story of kindness and heart, this story shows that, through compassion and understanding, true generosity can spring from unexpected places.*

## **New Shoes for Helen**

Onyefula, Ifeoma / Black Heritage JP First Series

*Helen and her mom visits a market to buy a special shoes for a special occasion.*

## **Old Mikamba Had A Farm**

Isadora, Rachel / BH JP Isado

*Old Mikamba lives on an African game farm in this version of the classic nursery song "Old MacDonald". Children are introduced to a menagerie of African animals and their sounds.*

## **One Love**

Marley, Cedella and Vanessa Newton / BH JP Marle / JP Marle

*The story is based on the song by Bob Marley and tells of one girl's effort to transform her community.*

## **The Other Side**

Woodson, Jacqueline / BH JP Woods / JP Woods

*Two girls, one black and one white, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.*

## **Together For Kwanzaa**

Ford, Juwanda G. / BH JP Ford / JP Ford

*While celebrating Kwanzaa and its many traditions with her parents, Kayla hopes that her big brother Khari will get home from college before the holiday is over.*

## **Words With Wings: A Treasury Of African American Poetry and Art**

Rochell, Belinda / JP Words / ABL 811.0080928208996073 Words

*Pairs twenty works of art by African-American artists with twenty poems by African-American poets.*