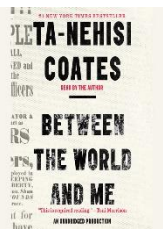


Black History Month Reading List

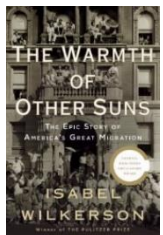
Black History Month runs from February 1st to March 1st. The theme for 2021 is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity. Check out these educational books about Black History!

Adult Nonfiction



[Between The World And Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis.



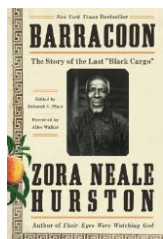
[The Warmth Of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.



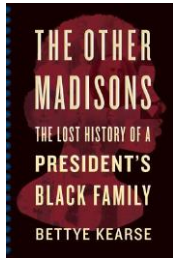
[Hidden Figures](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly

Set amid the civil rights movement, the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program.



[Barracoon: The Story Of The Last "Black Cargo"](#) by Zora Neale Hurston

In 1927, Zora Neale Hurston went to Plateau, Alabama, just outside Mobile, to interview eighty-six-year-old Cudjo Lewis. Of the millions of men, women, and children transported from Africa to America as slaves, Cudjo was then the only person alive to tell the story of this integral part of the nation's history.



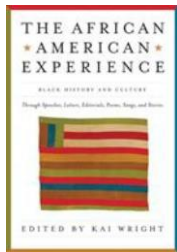
[The Other Madisons: The Lost History Of A President's Black Family](#) by Bettye Kearsse

A descendant of a slave named Coreen, and-according to oral tradition-her owner, President James Madison, finally shares her family's story.



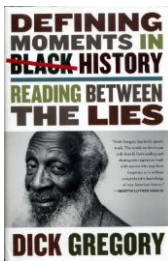
[Black Against Empire: The History And Politics Of The Black Panther Party](#) by Joshua Bloom

Black against Empire is the first comprehensive overview and analysis of the history and politics of the Black Panther Party. The authors analyze key political questions, such as why so many young black people across the country risked their lives for the revolution, why the Party grew most rapidly during the height of repression, and why allies abandoned the Party at its peak of influence.



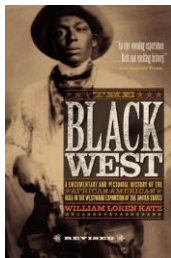
[The African American Experience: Black History And Culture Through Speeches, Letters, Editorials, Poems, Songs, and Stories](#) by Kai Wright

This wide-ranging archive, capturing more than four centuries of African American history and culture in one essential volume, is at once poignant, painful, celebratory, and inspiring.



[Defining Moments In Black History: Reading Between The Lies](#) by Dick Gregory

The activist and comedian examines key events in black history, from the beginnings of the slave trade in Africa and the Middle Passage to the Harlem Renaissance and the Black Lives Matter movement.



[The Black West: A Documentary And Pictorial History Of The African American Role In the Westward Expansion Of The United States](#) by William Loren Katz

From slave runaways during the colonial era, to the journeys of Lewis and Clark, to the charge at San Juan Hill, Katz vividly recounts the crucial contributions African Americans made during scores of frontier encounters.

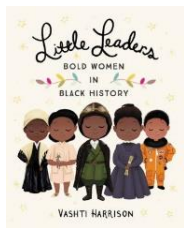


Children's Non-Fiction



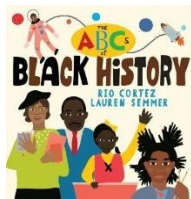
[Martin's Big Words](#) by Doreen Rappaport

Rappaport's spare, gripping text and Collier's distinctive collage-and-watercolor illustrations depict King's life journey with reverence and dignity -- beginning with his childhood experience of seeing "White Only" signs throughout his hometown, presenting his efforts as a civil rights crusader, and ending abruptly with his assassination.



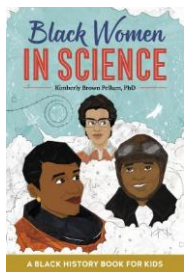
[Little Leaders: Bold Women In Black History](#) by Vashti Harrison

Featuring forty trailblazing black women in American history, *Little Leaders* educates and inspires as it relates true stories of breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations.



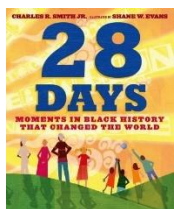
[The ABCs Of Black History](#) by Rio Cortez

B is for Beautiful, Brave, and Bright! And for a Book that takes a Bold journey through the alphabet of Black history and culture. Letter by letter, *The ABCs of Black History* celebrates a story that spans continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy.



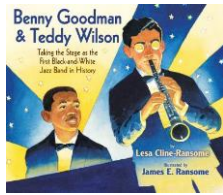
[Black Women In Science: A Black History Book For Kids](#) by Kimberly Brown Pellum

Throughout history, black women have blazed trails across the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. *Black Women in Science* brings something special to black history books for kids, celebrating incredible black women in STEM who have used their brains, bravery, and ambition to beat the odds.



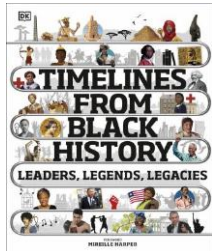
[28 Days: Moments In Black History That Changed The World](#) by Charles R. Smith Jr

A picture book look at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history.



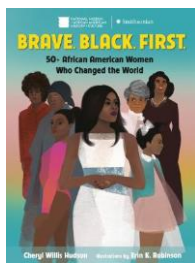
[Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson: Taking The Stage As The First Black-And-White Jazz Band In History](#) by James E. Ransome

Celebrates the 1936 debut of the Benny Goodman quartet with Teddy Wilson in Chicago, considered to be the first widely seen integrated jazz performance.



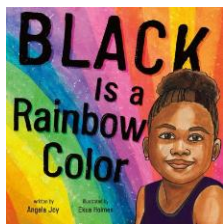
[Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies](#) by DK Publishing

From Frederick Douglass to Oprah Winfrey, and the achievements of ancient African kingdoms to those of the US Civil Rights Movement, *Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies* takes kids on an exceptional journey from prehistory to modern times.



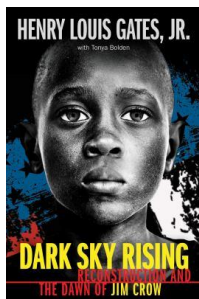
[Brave, Black, First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed The World](#) by Cheryl Willis Hudson

Published in partnership with curators from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, this illustrated biography compilation captures the iconic moments of fifty African American women whose heroism and bravery rewrote the American story for the better.



[Black Is A Rainbow Color](#) by Angela Joy

From the wheels of a bicycle to the robe on Thurgood Marshall's back, Black surrounds our lives. It is a color to simply describe some of our favorite things, but it also evokes a deeper sentiment about the incredible people who helped change the world and a community that continues to grow and thrive.



[Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow](#) by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

In this stirring account of the Civil War, emancipation, and the struggle for rights and reunion that followed, one of the premier US scholars delivers a book that is as illuminating as it is timely. Real-life accounts of heroism, grit, betrayal, and bravery drive this book's narrative, spanning America's history from 1861 to 1915 and drawing parallels with today.