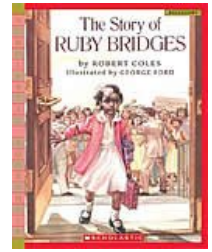
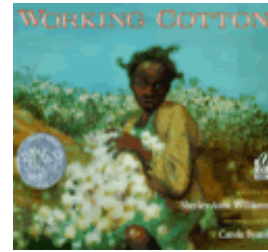
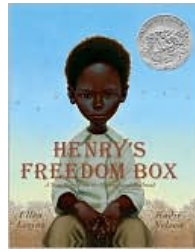
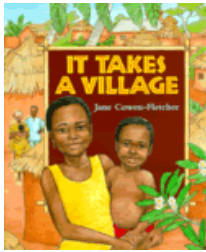


## February is Black History Month



### Stories for Younger Readers

**The story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles  
E COL

**The Grandad tree** by Trish Cooke  
Leigh and Vin seems to change, they realize that some things - like the love they have for Grandad - do last forever. E COO

**It takes a village** by Jane Cowen-Fletcher  
On market day in a small village in Benin, Yemi tries to watch her little brother Kokou and finds that the entire village is watching out for him too. E COW

**For you are a Kenyan Child** by Kelly Cunnane  
Imagine you live in a small Kenyan village, where the sun rises over tall trees filled with doves... E CUN

**Once upon a time** by Niki Daly  
Sarie doesn't like going to school. E DAL

**Just right stew** by Karen English  
Mama arrives for dinner, her daughters are desperate to make oxtail stew, her favorite dish, and make it right now. E ENG

**The patchwork quilt** by Valerie Flournoy  
Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life. E FLO

**Courage to fly** by Troon Harrison  
Courage to fly captures the anxiety of a child who is alone in a new and strange world but whose imagination and courage are nourished by unexpected friendships. E HAR

**Come on, rain** by Karen Hess  
A young girl eagerly waits for a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat. E HES

**Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman  
Although a class mate 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. E HOF

**Grace and family** by Mary Hoffman  
E HOF

**God bless the child** by Billie Holiday & Arthur Herzog Jr.  
The song "God Bless the Child" was first performed by legendary jazz vocalist Billie Holiday in 1939 and remains one of her enduring masterpieces. In this picture book interpretation, renowned illustrator Jerry Pinkney has created images of a family moving from the rural South to the urban North during the Great Migration. This extraordinary book stands as a tribute to all those men and women who dared so much to get their own. E HOL

**Ben's trumpet** by Rachel Isadora  
Ben wants to be a trumpeter, but plays only an imaginary instrument until one of the musicians in a neighborhood night club discovers his ambition. E ISA

**Papa, Do You Love Me?** By Barbara M. Joosse  
Set in Africa, amidst the Maasai culture, the comforting story, complemented by a detailed glossary, introduces young readers to a distinctively different culture and awe-inspiring land. E JOO

**Grandpa's visit** by Richardo Keens-Douglas  
Grandpa is visiting, but everyone is too busy for much besides TV and video games. But one night the power fails, and it turns out that Grandpa's gift to Jeremy (a simple ball) is just what the family needed, after all. (SP) E KEE

**Henry's freedom box**, by Ellen Levine  
Henry dreams of a world where his life belongs to him. But when his family is sold, he risks everything for what he knows is right. E LEV

**Please, Malese!** by Amy MacDonald  
E MAC

**My rows and piles of coins** by Tololwa M. Mollel  
A Tanzanian boy saves his coins to buy a bicycle so that he can help his parents carry goods to market, but then he discovers that in spite of all he has saved, he still does not have enough money. E MOL

**Kele's secret** by Tololwa M. Mollel  
In order to have his reward from Grandmother, Yoanes must first gather enough eggs to take to market. E MOL

**Family** by Isabell Monk  
E MON

**Back home** by Gloria Jean Pinkney  
Eight-year-old Ernestine returns to visit relatives on the North Carolina farm where she was born. E PIN

**Circle unbroken, the story of a basket and its people** by Margot Thies  
Raven  
A grandmother tells the tale of Gullahs and their beautiful sweetgrass baskets that keep their African heritage alive. E RAV

**Tar beach** by Faith Ringgold

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. A Caldecott Honor. E RIN

**Crowning Glory** by Joyce Carol Thomas

A collection of poems, including "First Braids", "Great-Grandma's Way" and "Mama Glory" in which an Afro-American girl celebrates herself, her family, and her heritage. E THO

**Dad, Jackie, and me,** by Myron Uhlberg

It is the summer of 1947 in New York City and history is in the making. Jackie Robinson is the new first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers... E UHL

**Working cotton** by Sherley Anne Williams

A young black girl relates the daily events of her family's migrant life in the cotton fields of central California. A Caldecott Honor Book. E WIL

**Dounia** by Natacha Karvoskaia

E ZID

**Stories for Older Readers**

**Julian, dream doctor** by Ann Cameron

JFIC MINI C182j

**Bud, not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis

It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and 10 years old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few things going for him... JFIC C978b

**Elijah of Buxton** by Christopher Paul Curtis

Eleven-year-old Elijah is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Ontario, a settlement of runaway slaves near the American border. JFIC C978e

**The Watsons go to Birmingham, 1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. JFIC C978w

**Plain city** by Virginia Hamilton

Twelve-year-old Buhlaire, a "mixed" child who feels out of place in her community, struggles to unearth her past and her family history as she gradually discovers more and more about her long-missing father. JFIC H221p

**Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush** by Virginia Hamilton

Fourteen-year-old Teresa, better known as Tree, is the sole caretaker of her retarded older brother, Dabney, while her mother works. Sometimes it seems to Tree that her mother just uses work as an excuse to get away from the problems of her fatherless family. When she meets a handsome young stranger who calls himself Brother Rush, Tree feels her life is about to be changed by him - but she could not have dreamed in what way... JFIC H221s

**Darnell Rock reporting** by Walter Dean Myers

Darnell Rock is not the kind of kid who volunteers to write for the school newspaper - it sounds too much like homework. But this is Darnell's last chance to pull himself together and make a positive contribution to his school. JFIC M996d

**Scorpions** by Walter Dean Myers

After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem Gang the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun until a tragedy occurs. A Newberry Honor Book. JFIC M996s

**Uncle Tom's cabin** by Harriet Beecher Stowe

JFIC S892u

**Kai: a mission for her Village** by Dawn C. Gill Thomas

Kai is a determined young girl on an important journey for her Yoruba tribe in southwestern Nigeria in 1440. JFIC T455k

**Your move** by Eve Bunting

When ten-year-old James' gang initiation endangers his six-year-old brother Isaac, they find the courage to say "Thanks, but no thanks." J364.2 B942y

## **Folk and Fairy Tales**

**Sense Pass King, a story from Cameroon** retold by Katrin Tchana

E TCH

**African myths & legends** by Philip Ardagh

J398.2 A676w v.1

**John Henry, an American legend** by Ezra Jack Keats

Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain. J398.2 K25j

**Fire on the Mountain** by Jane Kurtz

In Ethiopia, Alemayu and his sister live as servants in the house of a bed-tempered and boastful rich man. Challenged by his master, the boy wagers that he can survive a night alone in the bitter cold of the mountains. J398.2 K96f

**The orphan boy** by Tololwa M. Mollel

Though delighted that an orphan boy has come into his life, an old man becomes insatiably curious about the boy mysterious powers. J398.2 M726o

**The Faithful friend** by Robert D. SanSouci

J398.2 S197f

## **Biography and History**

**The Value of helping: the story of Harriet Tubman** by Ann Donegan Johnson

Describes the helpful work of Harriet Tubman in aiding slaves to flee the South, in assisting the Union army during the Civil War, and in establishing homes for the old and needy after the war J301.44 T885j

**Leading the way: Black women in Canada**

J305.48 S126L

**5,000 miles to freedom** by Judith Bloom Fradin & Dennis Brindell Fradin

"A desperate leap for liberty!" That's what William Craft called it when he and his wife, Ellen, both slaves, walked out of their plantation cabin and down to the railway station... J306.3 C885f

**Free at last! : the story of Martin Luther King, Jr.** by Angela Bull

J323.092 K54b

**Martin's big words** by Doreen Rappaport

The life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. J323.092 R221m

**Through my eyes** by Ruby Bridges

The story of Ruby and her involvement in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960. J379.2 B851

**The Blues singers, ten who rocked the world** by Julius Lester

Celebrating ten of the most beloved black blues singers: Billie Holiday, B.B. King, James Brown, Aretha Franklin... J781.643 L642b

**Duke Ellington the piano prince and his orchestra** by Andrea Davis

Pinkney

His name was Edward Kennedy Ellington, but people just called him "Duke". Born in 1899, he was the forerunner in the evolution of jazz. J781.65 E46p

**A horn for Louis** by Eric A. Kimmel

The crowd was cheering for a trumpet player at the back of the club. Louis pretended that the crowd was cheering for him. Only Louis Armstrong was too poor to buy a real horn. Every day he rode a junk wagon through the streets of New Orleans, playing his tin horn and collecting stuff people didn't want... J781.65 K49h

**Becoming Billie Holiday** by Carole Boston Weatherford

J782.42165 H732w

**Ella Fitzgerald: the tale of a vocal virtuosa** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

The story of a small town girl whose talent and courage made her the First Lady of Song. J782.42165 P655e

**The value of courage: the story of Jackie Robinson** by Spencer Johnson

A biography, stressing the courage, of the first black player in professional baseball. J796.357 R662j

**Roberto Clemente: pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates** by Jonah Winter

J796.357 W785r

**Muhammad Ali champion of the world** by Jonah Winter

J796.83 W785m

**Champion: the story of Muhammad Ali** by Jim Haskins

A brief biography of the Olympic gold medal winner who went on to become heavyweight champion of the world Boxers. J796.83092 H351c

**The kids book of Black Canadian history** by Rosemary Sadlier

From the first Black person who came to Canada about 400 years ago to the most recent wave of African immigrants, Black Canadians have played an important role in the country's history and have helped make Canada what it is today. J971.00496 S126k

**Days of slavery** by Stuart Kallen

J973.0496 K14d

**A slave family** by Bobbie Kalman & Amanda Bishop

J973.0496 K14s

**DVD**

**Kirikou and the sorceress**

Based on a popular folk tale from West Africa  
DVD J1003 & J394

**Talking books**

**Anansi** as told by Denzel Washington

Here are two hilarious Jamaican folktales about the original story spinner himself. Anansi the spider is teeny-teeny, but his boasts are as tall as tales get. AV JFIC G555a

**The story of Koi and the Kola nuts** as told by Whoopi Goldberg

In this humorous African folktale, Koi wants the villagers to honor him as befits the son of a chief. But unless he can accomplish three impossible tasks, he will end up in the cooking pot instead. AV JFIC G555k

**Tales from Africa and Elsewhere** told by Catherine Kentridge

AV JFIC K37t

