

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Chains*.

NY Simon & Schuster, c2008.

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

**J ANDERSON**

Armstrong, William Howard. *Souder*.

NY ; Harper & Row, [1969]

Angry when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food, a boy grows in understanding learning to read and with his relationship with his dog

**J ARMSTRONG**

Belton, Sandra. *The tallest tree*.

NY Amistad/Greenwillow Books, c2008

When a group of young African-American children learn about Paul Robeson from one of the neighborhood "elders," they decide to reclaim the town theater in order to celebrate Robeson's life.

**J BELTON**

Bond, Victoria. *Zora and me*.

Candlewick Press, 2010.

A story of Zora Neale Hurston's childhood with her best friend Carrie, in Eatonville, Florida, as they learn about life, death, and the differences between truth, lies, and pretending..

**J BOND**

Burg, Shana. *A thousand never evers*.

NY Delacorte Press, c2008.

As the civil rights movement in the South gains momentum in 1963, 7th-grader Addie begins her own struggle for racial justice.

**J BURG**

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bucking the Sarge*.

NY Wendy Lamb Books, c2004.

Fifteen-year-old Luther dreams of winning the science fair, going to college and escaping "The Sarge" his domineering, slum-lord mother, who takes advantage of everyone, including Luther.

**J CURTIS**

Flake, Sharon. *Money Hungry*

NY Jump at the Sun, [2001], 2007.

All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.

**J FLAKE**

Fusco, Kimberly Newton.

*The wonder of Charlie Anne*.

Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

In a 1930s Massachusetts farm town torn by the Depression, racial tension, and other hardships, Charlie Anne and her black next-door neighbor Phoebe form a friendship that begins to transform their community.

**J FUSCO**

Grimes, Nikki. *Dark Sons*.

NY Jump at the Sun, c2005.

Ishmael, the son of Abraham, and Sam, a Brooklyn teen whose father just married a white woman, both deal with rejection and jealousy as their fathers' new sons are born.

**J GRIMES**

Gutman, Dan.

*Satch & me: a baseball card adventure*.

HarperTrophy/HarperCollinsPublishers, 2009, c2006.

With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.

**J GUTMAN**

Hamilton, Virginia. *The House of Dies Drear*.

NY Simon & Schuster, c1968.

13-year-old Thomas and his family find a mystery that may endanger their lives when they move to a new home.

**JM HAMILTON**

Johnson, Angela. *Heaven*.

NY Simon & Schuster, c1998.

14-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.

**J JOHNSON**

Lyons, Mary E. *Letters from a slave boy: the story of Joseph Jacobs*.

NY Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. Letters tells the story of Joseph's life in pre-Civil War North Carolina, on a whaling expedition, in NY, and finally in California during the Gold Rush.

**J LYONS**

Magoon, Kekla. *Camo girl*.

Aladdin, [2011], 2012. Ella, a biracial girl with uneven skin tone, and her friend Z, have been on the bottom of the social order at Caldera Middle School. When the only other African-American student enters their 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, Ella longs to be friends with him and join the popular group, but does not want to leave Z all alone.

**J MAGOON**

McDonald, Janet. *Chill wind*.

NY: Farrar Straus and Giroux, c2002. Afraid that she will have no where to go when her welfare checks are stopped, 19-year-old Aisha tries to figure out how she can support herself and her two young children in NY City.

**J MCDONALD**

McKissack, Pat. *Never forgotten*.

Schwartz & Wade Books, c2011.

In 18<sup>th</sup> century West Africa, a boy raised by his blacksmith father and the Mother Elements--Wind, Fire, Water, and Earth--is captured and taken to America as a slave.

**J MCKISSACK**

Moses, Shelia P. *The baptism*.

NY Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2007.

In 20<sup>th</sup>C Oconeechee Neck, North Carolina--an area still affected its history of slavery--twelve-year-old Leon Curry reflects about whether he wants to give up sinning to be baptized alongside his twin brother.

**P MOSES**

Myers, Walter Dean. *The Cruisers*.

NY, Scholastic Press, 2010.

Four friends caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at DaVinci Academy, learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their newspaper to try to make peace.

**J MYERS**

# African-American Reads

Paratore, Coleen Murtagh. *Sunny Holiday*.

NY Scholastic Press, 2009.

Spunky 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Sunny Holiday tries to make the best out of every situation even though her father is in prison.

**J PARATORE**

Patrick, Denise Lewis. *Cecile's gift*.

American Girl Pub., c2011.

Encouraged by her friend Marie-Grace, Cecile finds a way to help her beloved city, New Orleans, in the aftermath of the 1853 yellow fever epidemic.

**J AMERICAN GIRL**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *With the might of angels the diary of Dawnie Rae Johnson*.

Scholastic, 2011. In 1955 Virginia, 12-year-old Dawnie Rae Johnson becomes the first African American student to attend the all-white Prettyman Coburn School, turning her world upside down. "Dear America" series.

**J DEAR**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Bird in a box*.

Little, Brown, 2011. In 1936, 3 children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in NY State. Their grief is helped by kind staff and the boxing matches of Joe Louis.

**J PINKNEY**

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Ninth Ward*.

Little, Brown and Co., 2010. In New Orleans, 12-year-old Lanesha, and her adopted grandmother weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

**J RHODES**

Tate, Eleanora E. *Celeste's Harlem Renaissance*.

Little, Brown and Company c2007. Celeste leaves NC to stay with her glamorous Aunt Valentina in Harlem, NY, where she discovers the Harlem Renaissance in full swing.

**J TATE**

Taylor, Mildred D. *The Land*.

NY Phyllis Fogelman Books, 2001. A bi-racial son must leave his family behind and gain acceptance from the black community if he hopes to have land of his own.

**J TAYLOR**

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth. *My name is York*.

Flagstaff, AZ Rising Moon, 1999, c1997.

The only African American on the Lewis & Clark Expedition describes the journey to the Pacific Ocean.

**J VAN STEENWYK**

Wilson, Diane, *Black Storm Comin'*

NY Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2005.

After a gun accident, Cody's father abandons his family. To support them, 12-year-old bi-racial Cody, rides for the Pony Express, but he has to lie about his age and race

**J WILSON**

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Peace, Locomotion*.

G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2009. 6th-grader Lonnie, also known as "Locomotion," is living in a different foster home than his little sister. His letters describe his foster family, including his foster brother, home after losing a leg in Iraq.

**J WOODSON**

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One crazy summer*.

Amistad, c2010. In 1968, 11-year-old Delphine and her sisters travel from Brooklyn to Oakland, CA. They arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

**J WILLIAMS-GARCIA**

Woods, Brenda. *My name is Sally Little Song*.

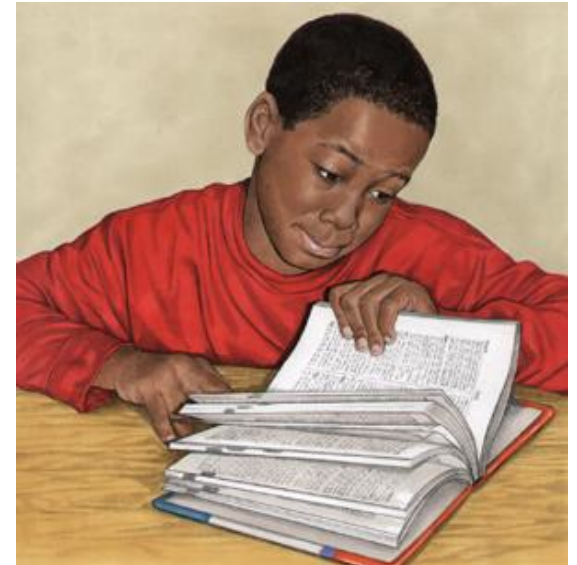
When their owner plans to sell one of them in 1802, twelve-year-old Sally and her family run away from their Georgia plantation to look for both freedom from slavery and a home in Florida with the Seminole Indians.

**J WOODS**

Wright, Barbara. *Crow*.

NY, Random House, c2012. In 1898, Moses contends with family problems and changing friends as he is exposed to escalating tensions of Wilmington, North Carolina.

**J WRIGHT**



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