

Altman, Linda Jacobs.

The Legend of Freedom Hill.

NY, Lee & Low, 2012.

Set during the California Gold Rush, Rosabel, an African American girl, is free, but her mother is a runaway slave. When a slave catcher comes to town and captures her mother, Rosabel and her Jewish friend Sophie search for gold to buy her freedom, and have success by looking in the places that were too small for adults to search in.

P ALTMAN

Birtha, Becky. *Grandmama's pride.*

Morton Grove, Ill., A. Whitman, c2005.

A 1956 summer visit to their grandmother's home exposes two girls to segregation and prejudice unlike anything they have experienced in the North.

P BIRTHA

Bryan, Ashley. *Beautiful Blackbird.*

NY, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2003.

In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew."

P BRYAN

Campbell, Bebe Moore. *Stompin' at the Savoy.*

NY, Philomel Books, c2006.

On the night of her jazz dance recital Mindy feels nervous, until a magical drum whisks her away to the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem where she finds her "happy feet."

P CAMPBELL

Duncan, Alice Faye. *Honey baby sugar child.*

NY, Simon & Schuster, c2005

A mother expresses her everlasting love for her child in this warm, poetic picture book.

P DUNCAN

English, Karen. *The baby on the way.*

NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

When a young boy asks his grandmother if she was ever a baby, she tells him the story of how she was born.

P ENGLISH

Edmonds, Lyra. *An African princess.*

Cambridge, MA, Candlewick Press, 2004.

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.

P EDMONDS

Hooks, Bell. *Be boy buzz.*

NY, Hyperion Books for Children, 2002.

Celebrates being Bold, All Bliss Boy, All Bad Boy Beast, Boy running, Boy Jumping, Boy Sitting Down, and more.

P HOOKS

Hughes, Langston. *My people.*

NY, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2009.

"Hughes's tribute to his people has been cherished for generations. Now, photographer Charles R. Smith interprets the poem in vivid sepia photographs that capture the soul of being a black American today"

P HUGHES

Isadora, Rachel. *Yo, Jo!*

Orlando, Harcourt, c2007.

Jomar greets his neighbors using slang, but his grandfather wants to hear some more traditional words.

P ISADORA

Johnson, Angela. *Lily Brown's paintings.*

NY, Orchard Books, 2007.

When Lily Brown paints, she imagines all sorts of fantastic things in the scenes that she sees every day.

P JOHNSON

Joose, Barbara M. *Hot city.*

NY, Philomel Books, c2004.

Mimi and her little brother Joe escape the city's summer heat to read in the cool, quiet library.

P JOOSSE

Keats, Ezra Jack. *Apt. 3.*

NY, Viking, 1999.

On a rainy day two brothers try to discover who is playing the harmonica they hear in their apartment building.

P KEATS

Lee, Spike. *Please, Baby, Please.*

NY, Simon & Schuster, c2002.

A toddler's antics keep his mother busy as she tries to feed him, watch him on the playground, give him a bath, and put him to bed.

P LEWIS

Levine, Ellen. *Henry's freedom box.*

NY, Scholastic Press, c2007.

In 1849, a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

P LEVINE

McKissack, Pat.

Stitchin' and pullin', a Gee's Bend quilt.

NY, Random House, c2008.

As a young African American girl pieces her first quilt together, the history of her family, and the struggle for justice in Gee's Bend, Alabama unfolds.

P MCKISSACK

Nolen, Jerdine. *Thunder Rose.*

San Diego, Harcourt, 2003.

Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building fences, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.

P NOLEN

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Boycott blues, how Rosa Parks inspired a nation.*

NY, Greenwillow Books, c2008.

Illustrations and rhythmic text recall the December, 1955, bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.

P PINKNEY

Raven, Margot Theis.

Night boat to freedom.

NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006.

Christmas John risks his life to take runaways across a river from Kentucky to Ohio.

P RAVEN

African- American Picture Books

Reynolds, Aaron. *Back of the bus.*

Philomel Books, c2010.

From the back of the bus, an African American child watches the arrest of Rosa Parks.

P REYNOLDS

Roberts, Brenda C. *Jazzy Miz Mozetta.*

NY, Farrar Straus Giroux, 2004.

On a beautiful evening, Miz Mozetta puts on her red dress and blue shoes and dances the jitterbug just like she did many years before.

P ROBERTS

Schroeder, Alan. *Satchmo's blues.*

NY, Dell Dragonfly Books, 2002, c1996.

A fictional recreation of the youth of trumpeter Louis Armstrong in New Orleans.

P SCHROEDER

Slate, Joseph. *I want to be free.*

NY, G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2009.

Based on a sacred Buddhist tale as related in Rudyard Kipling's novel "Kim," tells of an escaped slave who rescues an abandoned baby from slave hunters.

P SLATE

Smalls-Hector, Irene. *Jonathan and his mommy.*

Boston, Little, Brown, c1992.

As a mother and son explore their neighborhood, they try various ways of walking--from giant steps and reggae steps to criss cross steps and backwards steps.

P SMALLS-HECTOR

Smothers, Ethel Footman. *The hard-times jar.*

NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.

Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers is amazed to discover a whole library in her classroom.

P SMOTHERS

Steptoe, John. *Creativity.*

NY, Clarion Books, c1997.

Charles helps Hector, a student who has just moved from Puerto Rico, adjust to his new life.

P STEPTOE

Tarpley, Natasha. *I love my hair!*

Boston, Little, Brown, 1998.

A young African American girl describes the different, wonderful ways she can wear her hair.

P TARPLEY

Thomas, Joyce Carol.

The blacker the berry, poems.

HarperCollins, 2008.

A collection of poems celebrating individuality and Afro-American identity.

P THOMAS

Weatherford, Carole Boston.

Champions on the bench, the story of the Cannon Street YMCA All Stars.

NY, Dial Books for Young Readers, c2007.

The discrimination the team faced when the white teams refused to play them in the series tournament.

P WEATHERFORD

Whelan, Gloria. *The listeners.*

Chelsea, MI, Sleeping Bear Press, 2009.

Ella May, joins her friends Bobby and Sue at their second job of listening outside the windows of their master's house for useful information.

P WHELAN

Winthrop, Elizabeth. *Squashed in the middle.*

NY, Henry Holt, 2005

When Daisy, a middle child, is invited to spend the night at her friend's house, her family finally pays attention to her

P WINTHROP

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Show way.*

NY, G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2005.

The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves

P WOODSON

Yarbrough, Camille. *Cornrows.*

NY, Putnam & Grosset Group, c1979, 1997.

The symbolism of courage in the hair style of cornrows.

P YARBROUGH



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