

- Pinkney, A. J
Abraham Lincoln: Letters from a Slave Girl
 A fictional correspondence between President Lincoln and a 12 year-old slave girl that discusses his decision to write the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Porter, C. J
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- Robinet, H. J
Walking to the Bus-rider Blues
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- Walter, M. J
Suitcase
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- Woods, B. J
The Red Rose Box
 Though Leah dreams of leaving Louisiana, where the Jim Crow laws continue to keep Southern African-Americans down, she finds that leaving home is a hard choice.
- Woodson, J. J
Maizon at Blue Hill
 After winning a scholarship to an academically challenging boarding school, Maizon finds herself one of only five blacks there and wonders if she will ever fit in.

- African American Authors:**
 Baker, Augusta
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 Graham, Lorenz
 Greenfield, Eloise
 Grimes, Nikki
 Guy, Rosa
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Hansen, Joyce
 Haskins, James
 Hudson, Wade
 Hughes, Langston
 Johnson, Angela
 Johnson, Dinah (Dianne)
 Lester, Julius
 Mathis, Sharon Bell
 McKissack, Fredrick
 McKissack, Patricia
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Petry, Ann
 Pinkney, Andrea
 Pinkney, Brian
 Porter, Connie
 Ringgold, Faith
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- Myers, W. J/Y
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- Fenner, C. J
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 Yolonda and her brother struggle to adjust to the move from Chicago to a smaller town.
- Fox, P. J
The Slave Dancer
 Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship in 1840, 13 year-old Jessie discovers that his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.
- Greene, B. J
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- Hamilton, V. J/Y
The House of Dies Drear
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- Hamilton, V. J
Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush
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- Hansen, J. J
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The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl
 Twelve year-old Patsy keeps a diary at the end of the Civil War when freedom was granted to former slaves. Dear America Series.
- Holt, K. J
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 A young African American boy grows in courage and understanding through his relationship with his devoted dog Sounder.
- Bridges, R. JB
Through My Eyes
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- Brooks, B. J/Y
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 A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.
- Cameron, A. J
Gloria's Way
 Gloria and her friends Huey, Julian and Latisha have lots of stories to tell and special times to share.
- Cameron, A. J
The Stories Julian Tells
 Julian tells his best stories including how he got into trouble with his little brother Huey and what happened when Huey lost his tooth.
- Carbone, E. J
Storm Warriors
 Driven from home by the Ku Klux Klan, Nathan moves with his family to the desolate Pea Island on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.
- Clifton, L. J
The Times They Used to Be
 A young black girl relates the adventures of the summer her Uncle Sunny died and her best friend broke out in sin because she wasn't saved.
- Collier, J. J/Y
With Every Drop of Blood
 While trying to transport food to Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, fourteen year-old Johnny is captured by a black Union soldier.
- Curtis, C. J/Y
Bud, Not Buddy
 Bud, a boy living in Michigan during the Great Depression, leaves a bad foster home to try to find the man he believes to be his father.