

Black Authors for Middle Graders

Realistic Fiction

Akissi: Tales of Mischief by Marguerite Aboutet (2018)
So Done by Paula Chase (2018)
Blended by Sharon M. Draper (2018) **(available through READS)**
Bird by Zetta Elliott (2008)
The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson (2014) **(available through READS)**
For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (2019)
Tight by Torrey Maldonado (2018)
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore (2017) **(available through READS)**
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée (2019) **(available through READS)**
As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds (2016) **(available through READS)**
Ghost by Jason Reynolds (2016) **(available through READS)**
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds (2019) **(available through READS)**
Lu by Jason Reynolds (2018) **(available through READS)**
Patina by Jason Reynolds (2017) **(available through READS)**
Sunny by Jason Reynolds (2018) **(available through READS)**
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2018) **(available through READS)**
Two Naomis by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich (2016)
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone (2020)
What Momma Left Me by Karen Strong (2010)
Some Places More Than Others by Renée Watson (2019)
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams (2019) **(available through READS)**
The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods (2014) **(available through READS)**
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson (2018) **(available through READS)**
Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson (2009)

Poetry

Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes (2016) **(available through READS)**
Planet Middle School by Nikki Grimes (2011)
Poems in the Attic by Nikki Grimes (2015)
Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes (2013) **(available through READS – audio only)**
Catching a Storyfish by Janice N. Harrington (2016)

Historical Fiction (Ask for our Black History Month fiction list for more titles.)

Like Vanessa by Tami Charles (2018)
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (1999) **(available through READS)**
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper (2015) **(available through READS)**
It All Comes Down to This by Karen English (2017)
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson (2017) **(available through READS)**

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson (2018) **(available through READS)**
Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome (2018) **(available through READS)**
Leaving Lymon by Lesa Cline-Ransome (2020)
Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2010) **(available through READS)**
Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2013) **(available through READS)**
Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz (2018)
The Red Rose Box by Brenda Woods (2002)
The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA by Brenda Woods (2019)
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson (2007) **(available through READS)**

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott (2018) **(available through READS)**
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by Lamar Giles (2019)
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia (2019) **(available through READS)**
Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes (2015)
Black Panther: The Young Prince by Ronald L. Smith (2018) **(available through READS only)**
Hoodoo by Ronald L. Smith (2010) **(available through READS)**
Just South of Home by Karen Strong (2019)

Non-Fiction (Ask for our Black History Month non-fiction list for more titles.)

The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander (2019) **(available through READS)**
Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stagecoach Driver by Tami Charles (2019)
Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome (2017) **(available through READS)**
Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You! by Marley Dias (2018)
Hammering for Freedom: The William Lewis Story by Rita Lorraine Hubbard (2018)
The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita Lorraine Hubbard & Oge Mora (2020)
Chasing Space: Young Readers' Edition by Leland Melvin (2017) **(available through READS)**
Someday Is Now: Clara Luper and the 1958 Oklahoma City Sit-Ins by Olugbemisola Rhoday-Perkovich (2018)

Books Featuring Black Characters for Middle Graders

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Best Babysitters Ever by Caroline Cala (2019)
The Lottery Plus One by Emma Donoghue (2017) **(available through READS)**
You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P! by Alex Gino (2018)
Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers by Celia Pérez (2019)
Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard (2018)

Graphic Novels

Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks (2018)
The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson (2019)
Sci-Fu by Yehudi Mercado (2018)
Princess Princess Ever After by Katie O’Neill (2014)
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O’Neill (2017)

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Twinchantment by Elise Allen (2019)
Oddity by Sarah Cannon (2017)
The Unicorn Rescue Society by Adam Gidwitz (2018) **(available through READS)**
Star Wars: Lando’s Luck by Justina Ireland (2018)
Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older (2018) **(available through READS)**
City of Islands by Kali Wallace (2018)
Mia Mayhem is a Superhero! By Kara West (2018)

Historical Fiction

Armstrong & Charlie by Steven B. Frank (2017)
Night on Fire by Ronald Kidd (2015) **(available through READS)**

Non-Fiction

The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague by Julia Finley Mosca (2018)
Pies from Nowhere: How Georgia Gilmore Sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Dee Romito (2018)



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