

## Contemporary

**Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes (2017)  
**The King of Kindergarten** by Derrick Barnes (2017)  
**Knock Knock: My Father's Dream for Me** by Daniel Beaty (2013)  
**Where's Rodney?** By Carmen Bogan (2017)  
**Grandma's Purse** by Vanessa Brantley-Newton (2018)  
**I am Perfectly Designed** by Karamo Brown (2019)  
**Brown Baby Lullaby** by Tameka Fryer Brown (2020)  
**Grandma's Tiny House** by JaNay Brown-Wood (2017)  
**Imani's Moon** by JaNay Brown-Wood (2014) *also available through READS*  
**Rocket Says, Look Up!** by Nathan Bryon (2019)  
**Hair Love** by Matthew A. Cherry (2019) *also available through READS*  
**The Ring Bearer** by Floyd Cooper (2017)  
**Firebird** by Misty Copeland (2014) *also available through READS*  
**I Love You More Than...** by Taye Diggs (2018)  
**Mixed Me** by Taye Diggs (2015)  
**Just Like a Mama** by Alice Faye Duncan (2020)  
**Not Quite Snow White** by Ashley Franklin (2019)  
**Bedtime for Sweet Creatures** by Nikki Grimes (2020)  
**A Girl Like Me** by Angela Johnson (2020)  
**Black is a Rainbow Color** by Angela Joy (2020)  
**How to Find a Fox** by Nilah Magruder (2016)  
**Every Little Thing** by Bob & Cedlla Marley (2012) *also available through READS*  
**One Love** by Bob & Cedlla Marley (2011) *also available through READS*  
**Squeak! Rumble! Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!: A Sonic Adventure** by Wynton Marsalis (2012)  
**Saturday** by Oge Mora (2019)  
**Thank You, Omu!** by Oge Mora (2017) *also available through READS*  
**Peeny Butter Fudge** by Toni & Slade Morrison (2009) *also available through READS*  
**The Proudest Blue** by Ibtihaj Muhammad (2019) *also available through READS*  
**Sulwe** by Lupita Nyong'o (2019) *also available through READS*  
**Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big** by Chris Paul (2009)  
**My Brother Charlie** by Holly Robinson Peete (2010)  
**On the Ball** by Brian J. Pinkney (2015)  
**Puppy Truck** by Brian J. Pinkney (2019)  
**The Old Truck** by Jerrett & Jerome Pumphrey (2020) *also available through READS*  
**Cool Cuts** by Mechal Renee Roe (2020)  
**Happy Hair** by Mechal Renee Roe (2019)  
**M is for Melanin** by Tiffany Rose (2019)  
**I Got the Rhythm** by Connie Schofield-Morrison (2014) *also available through READS*  
**Mommy's Khimar** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow (2018) *also available through READS*  
**Octopus Stew** by Eric Velasquez (2019)  
**A Beach Tail** by Karen Lynn Williams (2010)  
**Pecan Pie Baby** by Jacqueline Woodson (2010)

### Inspirational

**Beautiful Moon: A Child's Prayer** by Tonya Bolden (2014)  
**I Am Enough** by Grace Byers (2018) *also available through READS*  
**Skin Again** by Bell Hooks (2004)  
**A Girl Like Me** by Angela Johnson (2020)  
**Hands Up!** By Breanna J. McDaniel (2019) *also available through READS*  
**Blue Sky White Stars** by Sarvinder Naberhaus (2017) *also available through READS*  
**Baby Bear** by Kadir Nelson (2014)  
**If You Plant a Seed** by Kadir Nelson (2015)  
**Hey Black Child** by Useni Eugene Perkins (2017)  
**In Your Hands** by Carole Boston Weatherford (2017)  
**The Day You Began** by Jacqueline Woodson (2018) *also available through READS*

### Historical

**Big Papa and the Time Machine** by Daniel Bernstrom (2020)  
**Overground Railroad** by Lesa Cline-Ransome (2020)  
**Juneteenth for Mazie** by Floyd Cooper (2015)  
**We March** by Shane Evans (2012)  
**The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County** by Janice N. Harrington (2007)  
**A Sweet Smell of Roses** by Angela Johnson (2005)  
**Going Down Home with Daddy** by Kelly Starling Lyons (2019)  
**Sing a Song: How "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Inspired Generations** by Kelly Starling Lyons (2019)  
**Goin' Somewhere Special** by Pat McKissack (2001)  
**Ruth and the Green Book** by Calvin A. Ramsey (2010) *also available through READS*  
**Ellington was Not a Street** by Ntozake Shange (2004) *also available through READS*  
**A Place Where Hurricanes Happen** by Renée Watson (2010)  
**The Sound that Jazz Makes** by Carole Boston Weatherford (2000)  
**This is the Rope** by Jacqueline Woodson (2013)

### Biographical

**Mae Among the Stars** by Roda Ahmed (2018)  
**Pictures for Miss Josie** by Sandra Belton (2003)  
**Trombone Shorty** by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews (2015) *also available through READS*  
**Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins** by Michelle Meadows (2019) *also available through READS*  
**Coretta Scott** by Ntozake Shange (2009) *also available through READS*  
**How Sweet the Sound** by Carole Boston Weatherford (2018)  
**Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope** by Nikki Grimes (2008)

\*This list is a small sampling of the picture books available by black authors. Most titles on this list have been published in the last decade and their intended audience is preschool-aged readers. Particularly in the Biographical section, there are many more picture books by black authors that would be wonderful for school-aged readers as well. Any Youth Services staff member would be glad to assist you in locating these materials.