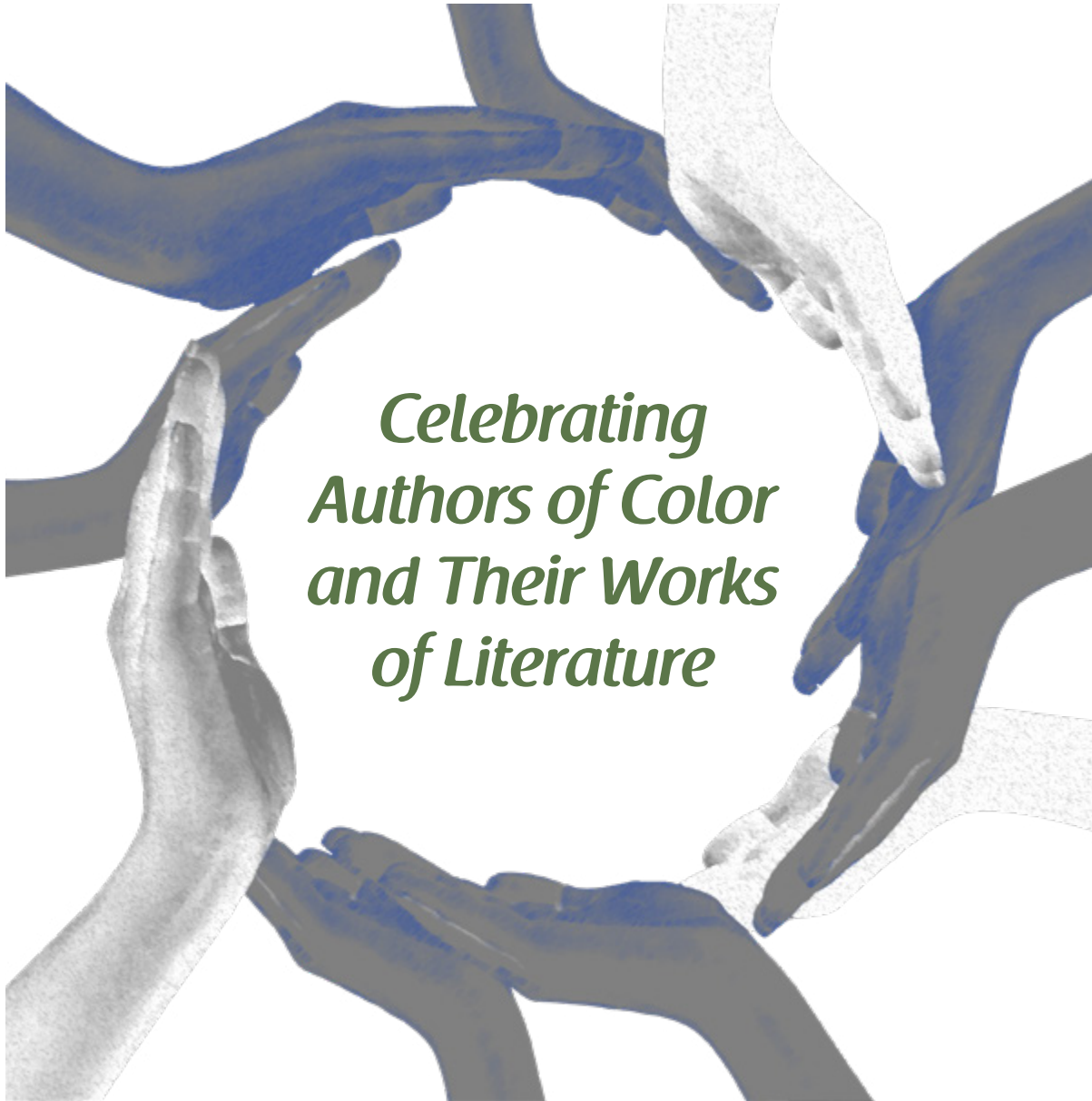


APPENDIX A:



The celebration of authors of color and their works of literature is an important way to emphasize and pay tribute to authors who have, and continue to, provide insight into the struggles, triumphs, challenges, and successes that are a part of daily living for people of color in America.

Literature provides a personal and intimate instrument by which to learn about the rich culture of people along with their major roles in the world and the history of our country. An important factor in developing and supporting a life-long love of reading is ensuring that all children see themselves in literature that reflects their lives and the world's diversity. As students read about and learn that people of color are an integral and important part of the very fiber of our country, another step toward the eradication of racism in America can be made.

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The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is committed to helping educators become aware of and familiar with literature by authors of color and literature that provides an accurate account of the experiences of people of color.

Authors of Color – A Living List of Literature

MDE's *Authors of Color – A Living List of Literature* list will grow and expand as it is updated on an ongoing basis. The authors and their selected works are categorized by the level of the reading material. In addition to the author's name a sample title of their work and a short statement about them is included. Michigan authors are noted with a Michigan map icon (like the one shown).



This list is provided only as a resource for educators to explore, and that the selection of these texts is not mandated for local curriculum use. As with all great literature, there are many different views and perceptions of pieces of work and what reaches one student may have a different effect on another.

Educators are encouraged to explore other available media resources and literary recommendations for guidance in establishing and maintaining inclusive classroom libraries including, but not limited to, those provided by:

- Michigan Association for Media in Education: [MAME MISelf in Books 2020 List](#)
- Detroit Public Library: [DPL 2020 African American Book List](#)
- Colours of Us: [500+ Multicultural Children's Books by Age and Ethnicity](#)
- Imagination Soup: [OwnVoices Books for Kids](#)

The *Authors of Color – A Living List of Literature* is offered for educator reflection and consideration as you continue to research and identify materials for possible integration into local curriculum. Works included are based upon recommendations and input from multiple professionals. We appreciate the input, guidance, and support provided by the following individuals in the development of this list:

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Authors of Color - A Living List of Literature


Preschool/Picture Books

Author	Author Highlight / Book Award(s)	Sample Title by Author / Genre
Asim, Habari J.	<p>Asim is an author, poet, playwright, and associate professor of writing, literature and publishing at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Awards he has received for his work include: Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts; US & Canada (2009) Nominations; NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work - Children's (2013).</p>	<p><i>Whose Knees Are These?</i> <i>Whose Toes Are Those?</i></p> <p>Picture books</p>
Barnes, Wiley	<p>Barnes, Chickasaw, has spent years forging a career in publishing, writing, printing, and graphic design, with the last eleven years at the Chickasaw Nation. <i>C is for Chickasaw</i> espouses Chickasaw culture using the letters of the alphabet, rhyming verse and expanded text that engages readers in cultural non-fiction.</p> <p><i>C is for Chickasaw</i>, his first children's book, received a Gold Benjamin Franklin for Best New Voice: Children's/Young Adult, a Bronze Moonbeam for Multicultural Nonfiction Picture Book, and was an Oklahoma Book Award Finalist.</p>	<p><i>C is for Chickasaw</i></p> <p>Non-fiction picture book</p>
Booker, Tomishia	<p>Booker, CEO/ Owner of Hey Carter! Incorporated, began writing her first series in 2016 called <i>Hey Carter!</i>, Children's Book Series. She is passionate about diversity and inclusion in children's entertainment. Her book <i>Brown Boy Joy</i> has been featured in Essence, NBC, and Netflix Family.</p> <p>Her background in counseling serves as a foundation for writing books focused on building self-confidence and pride among children of color.</p>	<p><i>Brown Boy Joy</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Boston Weatherford, Carole Illustrated by Eric Velasquez	<p>Boston Weatherford is a children's book author and poet who's books tell the stories of African American historical figures such as Harriet Tubman, Jesse Owens, and Billie Holiday. Other books recount historical events such as the Greensboro Sit-ins and the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.</p>	<p><i>Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library</i></p> <p>Biography</p>

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Cherry, Matthew	<p>Cherry, an American film director, writer, producer, and former American football player. He is best known for the 2019 Academy Award-winning animated short film, <i>Hair Love</i>.</p> <p>Amelia Bloomer Book List (Honor)</p>	<p><i>Hair Love</i> Fiction</p>
Child, Brenda J.	<p>Child, Red Lake Nation Ojibwe, is a Northrop Professor and former Chair of the Department of American Studies at the University of Minnesota and the Department of American Indian Studies.</p> <p>She has written several award-winning books in American Indian history. The bilingual book, <i>Bowwow Powwow</i> creatively illustrates modern-day Ojibwe culture with a combination of dreams and realism featuring dogs at a powwow.</p> <p><i>Bowwow Powwow</i> won the American Indian Youth Literature Award for Best Picture Book</p>	<p><i>Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi'idim</i> Fiction picture book</p>
Dungy, Tony	<p>Number 1 New York Times bestselling author whose books include <i>Quiet Strength</i> and children's book <i>You Can Do It!</i>. He led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowl victory on February 4, 2007, the first such win for an African American head coach. He is active with Mentors for Life, Family First, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the Boys and Girls Club of America.</p>	<p><i>You Can Do It!</i> Fiction</p>
<p>Engle, Margarita Illustrated by Rafael López</p>	<p>Engle is a Cuban American poet and author of many award-winning books for children, young adults and adults. Most of Engle's stories are written in verse and are a reflection of her Cuban heritage and her deep appreciation and knowledge of nature.</p>	<p><i>Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music</i> Picture book</p>
Farina, Matthew	<p>Farina, an American painter and writer lives and works in New York City where he is the director of admissions at the School of Visual Arts (SVA).</p> <p>Ezra Jack Keats Award Honor and Illustrator Honor</p>	<p><i>Lawrence in the Fall</i> Fiction</p>
Flett, Julie	<p>Flett, a Cree-Metis Canadian author, illustrator, and advocate for women has won multiple awards for her children's books. Her works feature modern themes and gives an authenticity to American Indians's voices.</p> <p><i>Birdsong</i> has earned the Best Book of the Year by Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and Horn Book and the American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor</p>	<p><i>Birdsong</i> <i>When We Were Alone</i> Fiction</p>

Author	Author Highlight / Book Award(s)	Sample Title by Author / Genre
<p>Gibbons, Janine</p> <p>Illustrated by Janine Gibbons</p>	<p>Gibbons a local Petersburg artist illustrated two children’s book with ancient stories from the Tlingit and Haida native tribes. The goal in her work is to connect people with symbols, shapes and patterns. This selection is based on ancient Northwest Coast Raven stories. This story was adapted for children from the works of the late Nora and Dick Dauenhauer, who transcribed it from Tlingit Elders Susie James’ and Robert Zuboff’s oral accounts.</p> <p>American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor</p>	<p><i>Raven Makes the Aleutians</i></p> <p>Oral Tradition/Picture Book</p>
<p>Hughes, Langston</p>	<p>Hughes, is an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist from Joplin, Missouri. He moved to New York City as a young man, where he made his career. One of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance.</p>	<p><i>Lullaby for a Black Mother</i></p> <p>Poetry</p>
<p>Johnson, Angela</p>	<p>Johnson, is an American writer of children’s books and poetry, with over 40 books to her credit since beginning her writing career in 1989. Her children’s picture books are simple yet poetic stories about African American families, friendships, and common childhood experiences such as moving. Her books for older children revolve around similar themes but also explore deeper issues.</p>	<p><i>Daddy Calls Me Man</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
<p>Kotb, Hoda</p>	<p>Kotb is an Egyptian American broadcast journalist, television personality, and author. She is a main co-anchor of the NBC News morning show Today.</p> <p>Arab-American Book Award</p>	<p><i>I’ve Loved You Since Forever</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
<p>Lindstrom, Carole</p>	<p>Lindstrom is tribally enrolled with the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe. She was born and raised in Nebraska and currently makes her home in Maryland. She has been a voracious reader and library geek ever since she was growing up in Nebraska. On weekends you could usually find her at the library lost in the book stacks or holed up in her bedroom with a good book. It wasn’t until she had her son, that she discovered her love of writing for children and began to work seriously on her writing.</p> <p>Her works feature courageous Native children who are not afraid to stand up to forces much bigger than themselves.</p>	<p><i>We Are Water Protectors</i></p> <p>Picture book</p>

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Mckissack, Patricia C. Illustrated by April Harrison	Mckissack is an acclaimed author writing for children today. She has written many award-winning books, including <i>Never Forgotten</i> , a Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book; <i>Porch Lies</i> , an ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book.	<i>What is Given From the Heart</i> Fiction
McLeod, Elaine Illustrated by Colleen Wood	McLeod is a teacher who has lived and worked in many parts of the world. She was born in Mayo, Yukon, and is a member of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation. The stories she writes were originally told to her children so that they would know their history and understand their roots.	<i>Lessons from Mother Earth</i> Oral Tradition
Minnema, Cheryl	Minnema (Waabaanakwadookwe) is a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. She was born in Minneapolis and raised on the Mille Lacs Reservation. Along with writing children's literature and poetry, she creates Ojibwe floral beadwork and nature photography. She is author of <i>Hungry Johnny</i> , which was a 2015 Native America Calling book club selection.	<i>Johnny's Pheasant</i> Picture book
Mora, Pat	Mora is a Mexican American poet and author of books for adults, teens and children. Her grandparents came to El Paso from northern Mexico. A graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, she received Honorary Doctorates from North Carolina State University and SUNY (Buffalo), and is an Honorary Member of the American Library Association. A literacy advocate, in 1996, she founded Children's Day, Book Day, in Spanish, El día de los niños, El día de los libros now celebrated.	<i>Sweet Dreams/Dulces Suenos: Bilingual Spanish-English Children's Book (My Family: Mi Familia)</i> Picture Book
Nyong'o, Lupita	Nyong'o is a Kenyan actress and producer. Her first feature film role was in the film <i>12 Years a Slave</i> , for which she received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress as well as multiple accolades, including the Screen Actors Guild Award, the Critics' Choice Award, the Independent Spirit Award, Coretta Scott King Award, and the NAACP Award.	<i>Sulwe</i> Fiction
Obama, Barack	Author of children's picture book <i>Of Thee I Sing</i> , a message to his daughters. Obama, the 44th President of the United States, is also the author of the New York Times bestsellers <i>Dreams from My Father</i> and <i>The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream</i> .	<i>Of Thee I Sing</i> Picture Book

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Perry, LaTasha 	Perry is a Flint, MI native and the Founder / CEO of Kids Like Mine. She is the author of the “...Like Mine” children’s picture book series. She is also committed to enriching and empowering the lives of children through positive affirmations and self-imagery.	<i>Skin Like Mine</i> Fiction
Robertson, Joanne	Robertson is Anishinaabekwe and a member of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. Her passion for clean water led her to found the Empty Glass for Water Campaign. She currently helps water protectors and water walkers through live GPS spotting to make sure the water is safe on their journeys. Joanne lives near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Her book, <i>The Water Walker</i> has won multiple awards including First Nation Communities READ Indigenous Literature Award for Children’s Book.	<i>The Water Walker</i> Picture book
Steptoe, John	Steptoe is an award winning author—recipient of several awards, including: Time AALBC.com Bestselling Book, Coretta Scott King Award Winning Book, Caldecott Medal Winner of Honor.	<i>Baby Says</i> Read along
Tallie, Mariahadessa Ekere	Tallie is a poet, writer, and educator. Her work focuses on women, race, ancestry, violence and the healing power of art. Ezra Jack Keats Award for Illustrator and Writer Honor	<i>Layla’s Happiness</i> Fiction
Tarplay, Naasha	Tarpley is the author of the best-selling picture book, <i>I Love My Hair</i> , as well as other acclaimed titles for children and adults. She is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship among other awards.	<i>I love My Haircut</i> Picture Book
Wood, Colleen (Illustrator)	Wood is a Ph.D. student at Columbia University, and children’s book Illustrator. Her research focuses on identity, migration, and the state in Central Asia. She writes about Central Asian society and politics for The Diplomat and is also a blogger for the 2019 MPSA conference in Chicago.	<i>Lessons from Mother Earth</i> (with Elaine McCleod) Oral Tradition

Elementary

Author	Author Highlight / Book Award(s)	Sample Title by Author / Genre
Alexander, Kwame Illustrated by Kadir Nelson	Alexander is an American writer of poetry and children's fiction. His verse novel <i>The Crossover</i> won the 2015 Newbery Medal recognizing the year's "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children." It was also selected as an Honor book for the Coretta Scott King Award.	<i>The Undefeated</i> Fiction
Anika Aldamuy, Denise	Anika Aldamuy writes stories that tickle her funny bone, tug her heartstrings, feed her curiosity, and celebrate her bicultural Puerto Rican-Italian heritage. Her picture book biography, <i>Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré</i> , illustrated by Paola Escobar, received a 2020 Pura Belpré Author Honor, an NCTE 2020 Orbis Pictus Honor. Américas Award Commended Title	<i>Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré</i> Oral Tradition
Argueta, Jorge	Argueta (born in El Salvador and a Pipil Nahua Indian) is a Salvadoran award-winning poet and author of many highly acclaimed bilingual children's books and short stories, covering themes related to Latino culture and traditions, nature, and the immigrant experience. He immigrated to the United States in the 1980s during the Salvadoran Civil War. Américas Award Commended Title.	<i>Fuego Fuego/ Fire, Little Fire/ Tit, Titchin</i> Oral Tradition / Poetry
Auger, Dale	Auger is a Sakaw Cree from the Bigstone Cree Nation in northern Alberta. He is a playwright, speaker, visual artist, and holds a doctorate in education. He addresses a range of topics from the modern everyday to the sacred, interpreting his culture through his artwork. He began his education as a young boy when his mother would take him to be with the elders. He used to say "Why is she leaving me with these old people?" He now realizes he was being taught traditions or "the old way".	<i>Mw,kwa Talks to the Loon: A Cree Story for Children</i> Oral Tradition

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Boston-Weatherford, Carol	<p>Boston-Weatherford holds an M.A. in publications design from University of Baltimore and an M.F.A. in creative writing from University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She is a Professor of English at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.</p> <p>Her books have received numerous awards including: Caldecott Honors, NAACP Image Awards, SCBWI Golden Kite Award, a Coretta Scott King Author Honor, and many other honors.</p>	<p><i>You Can Fly – Tuskegee Airman</i> Non-Fiction</p>
Brown-Wood, Janay	<p>Brown-Wood is a new young publisher whose first publication was the winner of the NAESP Children’s Book of the Year Award. She has many new books coming out soon, and she has sold poetry to Highlights for Children (magazine). She is a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, and is someone who truly enjoys hearing, writing, and telling stories!</p>	<p><i>Imani’s Moon</i> Fiction</p>
Charles, Tami	<p>Charles, a former teacher, is a full-time author of picture books, middle grade and young adult novels, and nonfiction works. As a teacher, she made it her mission to introduce her students to all types of literature, but especially diverse books.</p> <p>Américas Award Honorable Mention Title</p>	<p><i>Freedom Soup</i> Historical Fiction</p>
Copeland, Misty Illustrated by Christopher Myers	<p>Copeland, the first African American Female Principal Dancer with the prestigious American Ballet Theatre, is also an acclaimed author of children’s books.</p>	<p><i>Firebird</i> Non-fiction / Picture Book</p>
Duncan, Alice Faye	<p>Duncan is the author of several books, including the classic NAACP Award–nominated board book, <i>Honey Baby Sugar Child</i>, and <i>Just Like a Mama</i>. Ms. Duncan is a school librarian in Memphis, Tennessee, and conducts writing workshops for parents and educators. Her latest picture book, <i>Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop</i>, received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews.</p> <p>Amelia Bloomer Book List</p>	<p><i>A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks</i> Poetry</p>

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Gonzales, Debbie	<p>Gonzales is a freelance educational consultant, a podcaster. She is the author of six “transitional” readers for New Zealand publisher, Giltedge, and the author of a non-fiction picture book titled <i>Girls With Guts: The Road to Breaking Barriers and Bashing Records</i> (Charlesbridge, 2019). She earned her MFA in writing for children and young adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.</p> <p>Amelia Bloomer Book List</p>	<p><i>Girls with Guts! The Road to Breaking Barriers and Bashing Records</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>
Guity, Rene	<p>In this book, Mr. Guity writes a much needed message of a FATHER’S love and devotion to his children. <i>Our Daddy</i> has the potential of becoming a classic “must have” in home libraries across the nation.</p>	<p><i>Our Daddy</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Harrison, Vashti	<p>Harrison, author, Illustrator, and filmmaker is an artist originally from Onley, Virginia. She has a background in cinematography and screenwriting and a love for storytelling. She earned her BA from the University of Virginia with a double major in Media Studies and Studio Art with concentrations in Film and Cinematography. Now, utilizing both skill sets, she is passionate about crafting beautiful stories in both the film and children’s literature worlds.</p> <p>In the “Little Legends...” books, Harrison shines a bold, joyous light on black men and women through history.</p>	<p><i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black/ History</i></p> <p><i>Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>
Kamkwamba, William	<p>Kamkwamba is a Malawian inventor and author. He gained fame in his country in 2001 when he built a wind turbine to power multiple electrical appliances in his family’s house in Wimbe, 32 km (20 mi) east of Kasungu, using blue gum trees, bicycle parts, and materials collected in a local scrapyard.</p>	<p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i></p> <p>Non-fiction</p>
Kinew, Wab	<p>Wab Kinew, Onigaming First Nation, was named by Postmedia News as one of “9 Aboriginal movers and shakers you should know.” He is the Associate Vice-President for Indigenous Relations at The University of Winnipeg.</p>	<p><i>Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes</i></p> <p>Non-fiction</p>
Marable, Crystal	<p>Marable has had a love for writing since she was a young teenager writing poetry and keeping a daily journal. She also has a heart and a desire to encourage and motivate girls to succeed in their lives. She encourages the development of positive thinking, positive knowing and positive doing.</p>	<p><i>Graceful Gabby</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>


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<p>Meuse-Dallien, Theresa</p> <p>Illustrated by Arthur Stevens</p>	<p>Meuse-Dallien is a member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation community of Bear River. On December 8, 2007, she and two other females became the first all-female council in her band. She currently works as an Aboriginal student support worker for three schools.</p> <p><i>The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Culture</i> is researched and written by Meuse-Dallien, and illustrated by Arthur Stevens, Mi'kmaw. Her books explore First Nations cultural practices and teaches children about Mi'kmaq beliefs and heritage.</p>	<p><i>The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Culture</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction/ Short Stories</p>
<p>Myers, Walter Dean</p>	<p>Myers is the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults. He has won the Coretta Scott King Award five times and received two Newbery Honors. His book, <i>Monster</i>, was the first winner of the Michael L. Printz Award, a National Book Award Finalist, and a New York Times Bestseller. He delivered the 2009 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture, a distinction reserved for an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of children's literature. Most recently, he served as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, a post appointed by the Library of Congress.</p>	<p><i>We Are America: A Tribute from the Heart</i></p> <p>Poetry</p>
<p>Norwood, Arlisha</p>	<p>Norwood received her Ph.D. in history from Howard University. Her research examines the experiences of single African American women in post-Civil War Virginia. She has written several publications on the topic including, "A Father in My Affliction: African American Women and their Wartime Letters to President Lincoln", featured in Lincoln Lore magazine and "African American Widows in Post-emancipation Maryland".</p>	<p><i>Black Heroes: a Black History Book for Kids: 51 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>
<p>Obama, Barack H.</p>	<p>On November 4, 2008, Obama became the 44th President-Elect of the United States – the first African American to hold such honor. He is also the author of the New York Times bestsellers <i>Dreams from My Father</i> and <i>The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream</i>.</p> <p>NAACP Image Award</p>	<p><i>Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>

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Perkins, Mitali	Perkins has written many novels for young readers, including <i>You Bring the Distant Near</i> (nominated for the National Book Award), <i>Rickshaw Girl</i> (a NYPL best 100 Book for children in the past 100 years, film adaptation coming in 2021), <i>Bamboo People</i> (an ALA Top 10 YA novel), and <i>Tiger Boy</i> , which won the South Asia Book Award for Younger Readers. Américas Award Winner	<i>Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border</i> Fiction
Pinkney, Sandra L	Pinkney, along with her husband Myles, is the creator of the NAACP Image Award winning <i>Shades of Black</i> , along with <i>A Rainbow All Around Me</i> , and <i>Read and Rise</i> , a collaboration with the National Urban League. Each title was created in a dazzling multicultural photo essay style. They show the diversity of skin color and other characteristics of African American children, and feature appearances by their own children, Myles ("Leon"), Charnelle-Rene and Rashad.	<i>Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children</i> Non-fiction
Rendon, Marcie	Rendon, a playwright, poet, author, and community arts activist is based in Minneapolis. She is an enrolled member of the White Earth Anishinabe Nation. She is the founder of Raving Native Productions (theatre), and is the author of plays and books for audiences of all ages.	<i>Powwow Summer</i> Non-Fiction
Robinson Peete, Holly	Robinson Peete, in addition to writing, is best known for her work on <i>21 Jump Street</i> (1987), <i>For Your Love</i> (1998) and <i>21 Jump Street</i> (2012). She is married to NFL great Rodney Peete. They have four children.	<i>My Brother Charlie</i> Realistic Fiction
Wanbli Weiden, David Heska	Wanbli Weiden, an enrolled member of the Sicangu Lakota nation, received his MFA in Creative Writing from the Institute of American Indian Arts, his law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He's Professor of Native American Studies and Political Science at Metropolitan State University of Denver, and lives in Colorado with his two sons.	<i>Spotted Tail</i> Biography

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Woodson, Jacqueline Illustrated by Rafael López and Nancy Paulsen	American writer of books for children and adolescents. Woodson is best known for <i>Miracle's Boys</i> , and her Newbery Honor-winning title <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> . Some awards she has won include: Hans Christian Anderson Award, Addams Children's Book Awards for Books for Older Children, Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA).	<i>The Day You Begin</i> Fiction

Middle

Author	Author Highlight / Book Award(s)	Sample Title by Author / Genre
Adero, Malaika	Adero, of Adero's Literary Tribe, LLC, works with writers and organizations developing and promoting books. She is the coauthor of <i>The Mother of Black Hollywood</i> with Jenifer Lewis (Amistad) and <i>Speak, So You Can Speak Again: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston</i> (Doubleday).	<i>A Black Woman Did That</i> Non-fiction
Argueta, Jorge	Argueta (born in El Salvador and a Pipil Nahua Indian) is a Salvadoran award-winning poet and author of many highly acclaimed bilingual children's books and short stories, covering themes related to Latino culture and traditions, nature, and the immigrant experience. He immigrated to the United States in the 1980s during the Salvadoran Civil War. Américas Award Commended Title	<i>Caravan to the North</i> Non-Fiction
Bryan, Ashley	Bryan is a writer and illustrator of children's books. Most of his subjects are from the African American experience. He was U.S. nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2006 and he won the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for his contribution to American children's literature in 2009. His work, <i>Freedom Over Me</i> was short-listed for the 2016 Kirkus Prize and received a Newbery Honor. Coretta Scott King Award	<i>Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace</i> History
Craft, Jerry	Craft, a Connecticut-based children's book author and illustrator shows how his identity as an African American man influences his work, and how he hopes young readers are affected by his books. Coretta Scott King Award Newberry Book Award	<i>New Kid</i> Non-Fiction

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Curtis, Christopher Paul 	Curtis, is a native of Flint, MI. He is known for the Newbery Medal-winning books <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> and <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> – 1963, which was adapted into a made-for-TV movie. He is also the winner of the Coretta Scott King Award.	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> Fiction
Daud, Somaiya	Daud is a twenty-something writer and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington. A former bookseller in the children's department at Politics and Prose in Washington, DC, Somaiya is passionate about Arabic poetry and the cosmos. <i>Mirage</i> is her debut novel. Arab-American Book Award	<i>Mirage</i> Fiction Series
Hughes, Langston	James Mercer Langston Hughes was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. One of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance. <i>Selected Poems</i> is made up of Hughes' own choice of his poetry, published first in 1959. It includes all of Hughes' best-known poems including "The Negro Speaks of Rivers", "The Weary Blues", "Song for Billie Holiday", "Black Maria", "Magnolia Flowers", "Lunch in a Jim Crow Car" and "Montage of a Dream Deferred". Over the years Langston received numerous awards, scholarships, and honorary degrees including the Anisfield-Wolf Award in 1953.	<i>Selected Poems of Langston Hughes</i> Non-Fiction
Kadarusman, Michelle	Kadarusman grew up in Melbourne, Australia, and has also lived in Indonesia and Canada. Her 2019 middle-grade novel <i>Girl of the Southern Sea</i> was a Governor General's Literary Award finalist. Michelle lives in Toronto, Canada, and is looking forward to soon spending more time in Australia. Amelia Bloomer Book List.	<i>Girl of the Southern Sea</i> Fiction
Kim, Patti	Kim is a Korean American writer, a Diane Cleaver fellow and the author of the award-winning novel <i>A Cab Called Reliable</i> (St. Martin's Press), children's picture book <i>Here I Am</i> (Capstone), middle grade novel, <i>I'm Ok</i> (Simon & Schuster), and middle grade novel, <i>It's Girls Like You, Mickey</i> (Athenium). Asian/Pacific American Award for Children's Literature Honor Title.	<i>I'm OK</i> Fiction

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Mbalia, Kwame	<p>Mbalia expertly weaves a meaningful portrayal of family and community with folklore, myth, and history - including the legacy of the slave trade - creating a fast-paced, heroic series starter.</p> <p>His works have received the Coretta Scott King Award.</p>	<p><i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i></p> <p>Folklore</p>
Michener, Tara	<p>Michener, who currently resides in Novi, MI, is an author, counselor, and speaker who loves reading, writing, Twizzlers & Diet Coke. Her first series the “Who Am I Series”, was published in 2008. Her first chapter book was published in 2010, <i>Summer Camp Survival</i>. Other titles include <i>No Longer Besties</i> and <i>other assorted teenage drama and Teen Life Crisis</i>.</p>	<p>“Who I Am” series, which includes the books <i>Who I Am Not What I Am</i> and <i>100% Real</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Moore Ramee, Lisa	<p>Ramée was born and raised in Los Angeles, and she now lives in the Bay Area of California, with her husband, two kids, and two obnoxious cats. She is the author of <i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i> and <i>Something to Say</i>. Her awards and honors include: 2020 Walter Awards; Goodreads Awards; and Amelia Bloomer Book List.</p>	<p><i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Myers, Walter Dean	<p>Myers is the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults. He has won the Coretta Scott King Award five times and received two Newbery Honors. His book, <i>Monster</i>, was the first winner of the Michael L. Printz Award, a National Book Award Finalist, and a New York Times Bestseller. He delivered the 2009 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture, a distinction reserved for an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of children’s literature. Most recently, he served as the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, a post appointed by the Library of Congress.</p>	<p><i>Blues Journey</i> (2003) – the African experience in America is celebrated with a soulful, affecting blues poem that details the long journey from the Middle Passage to life today</p> <p>Poetry / Historical</p>
Parker Rhodes, Jewell	<p>Parker Rhodes is the award-winning author of <i>Magic City</i>, <i>Douglass’ Women</i>, <i>Season</i>, <i>Moon</i>, and <i>Hurricane</i>. She is also the Virginia G. Piper Endowed Chair and Founding Artistic Director of Arizona State University’s Piper Center for Creative Writing and has written many award-winning books for children.</p>	<p><i>Black Brother, Black Brother</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>


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Ramey Berry, Daina and Gross, Kali Nicole	Berry and Gross, two award-winning black historians seek both to empower African American women and to show their allies that Black women’s unique ability to make their own communities while combatting centuries of oppression is an essential component in our continued resistance to systemic racism and sexism. Daina Ramey Berry and Kali Nicole Gross offer an examination and celebration of Black womanhood, beginning with the first African women who arrived in what became the United States to African American women of today.	<i>A Black Women’s History of the United States</i> History
Robertson, Sebastian	Robertson, of Mohawk descent, is an American non-fiction children's author, musician, composer, and studio engineer. Robertson has written the biographical children’s book “Rock and Roll Highway” (2014), about his father, The Band co-founder Robbie Robertson. Influenced by his First Nation heritage, Robbie formed his first band at the age of 13. His awards include Best in the Month in Non-Fiction by Amazon.com and Rolling Stone’s 20 best Music Books of 2013	<i>Rock and Roll Highway: The Robbie Robertson Story</i> Non-fiction
Rushing, Kesha	Rushing, is a writer, wife, mother, Certified Health Coach and Family Nurse Practitioner. She writes books that bring history and travel alive to young readers. If Mrs. Rushing could travel anywhere in time, she would journey to ancient Egypt to meet Queen Nefertiti.	<i>Terrell and Keke’s Adventures Through Time: Traveling the Underground Railroad</i> Fiction
Shabazz, Ilyasah and Watson, Renee	<i>Betty Before X</i> depicts the life of Dr. Betty Shabazz before she became the wife of Malcolm X. It was penned by her daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz, and co-written by Renee Watson, the award-winning author of <i>Piecing Me Together</i> (2017). While it is a work of fiction, it was inspired by real-life events with characters that are based on real people. This fictionalized account from Shabazz’s daughter Ilyasah follows Betty through four important years of her childhood. Beginning in 1945 Detroit, where Betty starts volunteering for the Housewives League and sets out on her path toward activism.	<i>Betty Before X</i> Historical Fiction


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Shetterly, Margot Lee	Shetterly, is an American non-fiction writer who has also worked in investment banking and media startups. Her first book, <i>Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race</i> received critical acclaim, and later was made into the award-winning feature film and box-office smash <i>Hidden Figures</i> (2018).	<i>Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race</i> Historical
Takei, George	Takei, is an American actor, author, and activist. He is best known for his role as Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the USS Enterprise in the television series <i>Star Trek</i> . He also portrayed the character in six <i>Star Trek</i> feature films and one episode of <i>Star Trek: Voyager</i> . Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature	<i>They Called Us Enemy</i> Historical
Ward, Jesmyn	Ward is an American novelist and an associate professor of English at Tulane University. She won the 2011 National Book Award for Fiction for her second novel <i>Salvage the Bones</i> . She also received a 2012 Alex Award for this story which is about familial love and community displayed in facing Hurricane Katrina.	<i>The Fire This Time</i> Non-Fiction / Poetry
Williams, Alicia D.	Williams is an American teacher and author. Her debut novel, <i>Genesis Begins Again</i> , published in 2019, received wide praise by several publications, was a finalist to a William C. Morris Award, and received a Newbery Honor in 2020. Her love for education stems from conducting school residencies as a Master Teaching Artist of arts-integration. Alicia D. infuses her love for drama, movement, and storytelling to inspire students to write. Coretta Scott King Award	<i>Genesis Begins Again</i> Fiction
Williams-Garcia, Rita	Williams-Garcia, author of four award winning novels, continues to break new ground in young people's literature. Her books are known for their realistic portrayal of teens of color. She won the 2011 Newbery Honor Award, Coretta Scott King Award, and Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction for her book, <i>One Crazy Summer</i> . She has also won the PEN/Norma Klein Award. Her 2013 book, <i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> , was a Junior Literary Guild selection, a New York Times Editors Choice Book, and won the Coretta Scott King Award in 2014. In 2016 her book <i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i> won the Coretta Scott King Award.	<i>One Crazy Summer</i> Fiction

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Willing McManis, Charlene with Traci Sorrell	<p>The late Charlene Willing McManis (1953-2018) was born in Portland, Oregon and grew up in Los Angeles. She was of Umpqua tribal heritage and enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Charlene received a mentorship with award-winning poet and author Margarita Engle through We Need Diverse Books. That manuscript became <i>Indian No More</i>, which is based on her family's experiences after their tribe was terminated in 1954. She died in 2018, knowing that her friend Traci Sorell would complete the revisions Charlene was unable to finish.</p> <p>Amelia Bloomer Book List, American Indian Youth Literature Award for Best Middle Grade</p>	<p><i>Indian No More</i> Historical Fiction</p>
Zoboi, Ibi	<p>Zoboi was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her novel <i>American Street</i> was a National Book Award finalist and a New York Times Notable Book.</p>	<p><i>My Life as An Ice Cream Sandwich</i> Fiction</p>

High School

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Acevedo, Elizabeth	<p>Acevedo is a Dominican-American poet and author. She is the author of <i>The Poet X</i> and <i>With the Fire on High</i>. <i>The Poet X</i> is a New York Times Bestseller, National Book Award Winner, and Carnegie Medal winner. She is also the winner of the 2018 Michael L. Printz Award, the 2018 Pura Belpre Award, and the Boston-Globe Hornbook Award Prize for Best Children's Fiction of 2018.</p> <p>Amelia Bloomer Book List</p>	<p><i>With the Fire on High</i> Fiction</p>
Angelou, Maya	<p>African American writer known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her life experiences. <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> (1969), tells of her life up to the age of 17 and brought her international recognition and acclaim.</p>	<p><i>I know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> Non-Fiction</p>

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Baldwin, James	James Arthur Baldwin was an American novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, and activist. His essays, as collected in <i>Notes of a Native Son</i> (1955), explore intricacies of racial, sexual, and class distinctions in Western society, most notably regarding the mid-twentieth-century United States.	<i>The Fire Next Time</i> Fiction
Baraka, Amiri	Amiri Baraka, previously known as LeRoi Jones and Imamu Amear Baraka, was an American writer of poetry, drama, fiction, essays, and music criticism. He was the author of numerous books of poetry and taught at several universities, including the University at Buffalo and Stony Brook University. He received the PEN/Beyond Margins Award in 2008 for <i>Tales of the Out and the Gone</i> . <i>S O S: Poems 1961–2013</i> , is one of the New York Times Book Review’s 100 Notable Books with an appendix of never-before published work. This volume comprises the fullest spectrum of his rousing, revolutionary poems, from his first collection to unpublished pieces composed during his final years. All along, his primary focus was on how to live and love in the present moment despite the enduring difficulties of human history.	<i>S O S: Poems 1961–2013</i> Non-Fiction
Brooks, Gwendolyn	Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks was an American poet, author, and teacher. Her work often dealt with the personal celebrations and struggles of ordinary people in her community. <i>Selected Poems</i> is the classic volume by this distinguished and celebrated poet, winner of the 1950 Pulitzer Prize, and recipient of the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. This compelling collection showcases Brooks’ technical mastery, her warm humanity, and her compassionate and illuminating response to a complex world.	<i>Selected Poems</i> Non-Fiction
Buchanan, Shonda 	Buchanan’s memoir is an inspiring story that explores her family’s legacy of being African Americans with American Indian roots and how they dealt with not just society’s ostracization but the consequences of this dual inheritance. Buchanan, of Choctaw, Coharie, Cherokee and African heritage and originally from Kalamazoo, shares reflective stories of race, ethnicity, migration, gender, and landscape.	<i>Black Indian: Memoir</i> Non-Fiction

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Coates, Ta-Nehisi	Coates, a 2015 winner of the National Book Award for non-fiction and renowned journalist and writer, pens a profound letter to his son about what it means to be Black in America in the 21st century—a place in which you struggle to overcome the historical trauma of your people while trying to find your own purpose in the world.	<i>Between the World and Me</i> Non-Fiction
Courtney, Nadine Jolie	Courtney is a Circassian-American, a Muslim, and a believer that compassion and education can make the world a better place. <i>All-American Muslim Girl</i> —is designed as a tonic for other confused or curious cross-cultural kids, eager to finally embrace their own heritage. <i>All-American Muslim Girl</i> has received four starred reviews, with Kirkus Reviews honoring it as one of the Best YA Books of 2019, and Barnes & Noble Teen dubbing it “a remarkable entry into the contemporary canon.” Amelia Bloomer Book List	<i>All-American Muslim Girl</i> Fiction
Cullen, Countee	Cullen began writing poetry at the age of fourteen. Cullen entered New York University after high school. Around the same time, his poems were published in <i>The Crisis</i> , under the leadership of W. E. B. DuBois, and <i>Opportunity</i> , a magazine of the National Urban League. He was soon after published in <i>Harper’s</i> , the <i>Century Magazine</i> , and <i>Poetry</i> . Cullen was celebrated as the golden exemplar of a campaign by black political and cultural leaders who sought to engineer a new image of black people in America.	<i>On These I Stand: An Anthology of the Best Poems of Countee Cullen</i> Poetry
DeWoskin, Rachel 	DeWoskin was raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The daughter of a Sinology professor at the University of Michigan, she majored in English and studied Chinese at Columbia University in New York City. Rachel lived in Beijing in her twenties, where she became the unlikely star of a Chinese soap opera called <i>Foreign Babes in Beijing</i> . She spent the last six summers in Shanghai, where she researched and wrote <i>Someday We Will Fly</i> . Sydney Taylor Book Award	<i>Someday We Will Fly</i> Historical Fiction

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DuBois, W. E. B.	DuBois, (born February 23, 1868, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, U.S.—died August 27, 1963, Accra, Ghana). Author, editor, and activist who has been hailed as the most important Black protest leader in the United States during the first half of the 20th century.	<i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> Non-Fiction
Dungy, Tony	Number 1 New York Times bestselling author whose books include <i>Quiet Strength</i> and children’s book <i>You Can Do It!</i> . He led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowl victory on February 4, 2007, the first such win for an African American head coach. He is active with Mentors for Life, Family First, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the Boys and Girls Club of America.	<i>Quiet Strength</i> Non-Fiction
Haley, Alex	Haley (born Alexander Murray Palmer Haley), was an American writer and the author of the 1976 book <i>Roots: The Saga of an American Family</i> . ABC adapted the book as a television miniseries of the same name.	<i>Roots</i> Historical Fiction
Hansberry, Lorraine	Hansberry, noted playwright and acclaimed writer, was the first African American female author to have a play performed on Broadway. Her best-known work, the play <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> , highlights the lives of Black Americans living under racial segregation in Chicago.	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> Fiction / Play
Hovak Johnston, Angela	Hovak Johnston is an Inuk woman who was raised on the land in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut until she was sent away to school. Using her Inuinnaqtun name given to her at birth is her way of carrying on a past relative’s name and the characteristics of that ancestor. American Indian Youth Literature Young Adult Honor	<i>Reawakening Our Ancestors’ Lines: Revitalizing Inuit Traditional Tattooing</i> Oral Tradition

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Hughes, Langston	James Mercer Langston Hughes was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. One of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance. <i>Selected Poems</i> is made up of Hughes' own choice of his poetry, published first in 1959. It includes all of Hughes' best-known poems including "The Negro Speaks of Rivers", "The Weary Blues", "Song for Billie Holiday", "Black Maria", "Magnolia Flowers", "Lunch in a Jim Crow Car" and "Montage of a Dream Deferred". Over the years Langston received numerous awards, scholarships, and honorary degrees including the Anisfield-Wolf Award in 1953.	<i>Selected Poems of Langston Hughes</i> Non-Fiction
Hurston, Zora Neale	Hurston, an author, anthropologist, and filmmaker, is best known for how she depicted racial struggles in the south. She wrote more than 50 short stories, plays, and essays. She is best known for her novel, <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> .	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> Fiction
James, Marlon	James' epic fantasy honors African mythology and history - it is already being called one of the best books of the year. In it, a hunter named Tracker must find a mysterious missing boy with the help of a rag-tag group of mercenaries. The first of a planned trilogy, some are calling it the "African Game of Thrones." And Black Panther star Michael B. Jordan just earned the film rights for the book through his production company, Outlier Society.	<i>Black Leopard, Red Wolf</i> Fiction
King, Reverend Dr. Martin L.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nobel Peace Prize laureate and architect of the nonviolent civil rights movement, was among the twentieth century's most influential figures. One of the greatest orators in U.S. history, King also authored several books, including <i>Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story</i> , <i>Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?</i> , and <i>Why We Can't Wait</i> .	<i>Strength to Love</i> Non-Fiction

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Leitch Smith, Cynthia	<p>Leitch Smith, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is the New York Times bestselling, acclaimed author of books for young readers, including <i>Hearts Unbroken</i>, which won the American Indian Library Association’s Youth Literature Award. Most recently, she was named the 2021 NSK Neustadt Laureate. In addition, Cynthia is the author-curator of Heartdrum, a Native-focused imprint at HarperCollins Children’s Books, and serves as the Katherine Paterson Inaugural Endowed Chair on the faculty of the MFA program in Writing for Children and Young Adults at Vermont College of Fine Arts.</p> <p>American Indian Youth Literature Award Best Book for Young Adults</p>	<p><i>Hearts Unbroken</i></p> <p>Realistic Fiction</p>
Myers, Walter Dean	<p>Myers won the Council on Interracial Books for Children contest in 1969, which resulted in the publication of his first book, <i>Where Does the Day Go?</i>. Since then, he has won more awards than any author for young adults, and is one of the most prolific writers, with more than 110 books to his credit.</p> <p>He is the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults. He has won the Coretta Scott King Award five times and received two Newbery Honors. He served as the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature; a post appointed by the Library of Congress.</p>	<p><i>On A Clear Day</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Obama, Barack H.	<p>On November 4, 2008, Obama became the 44th President-Elect of the United States – the first African American to hold such honor. He is also the author of the New York Times bestsellers <i>Dreams from My Father</i> and <i>The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream</i>.</p> <p>NAACP Image Award</p>	<p><i>Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>

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Obama, Michelle L.	Michelle Obama is an American attorney and author who was the first lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. She is married to the 44th President of the United States, Barack H. Obama. Her book, <i>Becoming</i> has won critical acclaim for her candid and poignant reflections as a woman of color, about her personal (and professional) journey to becoming her “best self”.	<i>Becoming</i> Non-Fiction / Help Book
Quigley, Dawn	Quigley, Ph.D., is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, ND, and is an assistant professor in the Education Department at St. Catherine University. She taught English and reading for 18+ years in the K-12 schools along with being an Indian Education program co-director. In addition to her debut coming-of-age Young Adult novel, <i>Apple in the Middle</i> (NDSU Press), she has over 28 published articles, essays and poems. Dawn lives in Minnesota with her family. American Indian Youth Literature Young Adult Honor	<i>Apple in the Middle</i> Fiction
Reese, Debbie	Reese is Pueblo Indian, from Nambe Pueblo in northern New Mexico. The focus of her research is on the ways in which Native Americans are represented in children’s books. She is a book reviewer for Horn Book Inc. and Multicultural Review, and she has taught children’s literature at the University of Illinois College of Education. American Indian Youth Literature Young Adult Honor	<i>An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States for Young People</i> Non-Fiction / History
Reynolds, Jason	New York Times best-selling author of <i>All American Boys</i> , the Track series, <i>Long Way Down</i> , <i>For Everyone</i> , and <i>Miles Morales - Spiderman</i> . He is an American author who writes novels and poetry for young adult and middle-grade audiences, including <i>Ghost</i> , a National Book Award Finalist for Young People’s Literature.	<i>Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks</i> Fiction

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Spillet, Tasha	<p>Spillet draws her strength from both her Nehiyaw and Trinidadian bloodlines. She is a celebrated educator, poet, and emerging scholar. Tasha is most heart-tied to contributing to community-led work that centers on land and water defense, and the protection of Indigenous women and girls.</p> <p>American Indian Youth Literature Young Adult Honor</p>	<p><i>Surviving the City, Volume 1</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Thomas, Angie	<p>Thomas, an American young adult author, is best known for writing <i>The Hate U Give</i> (2017). Her second young adult novel is <i>Come Up</i>. Awards received include William C. Morris Award, Michael Printz Award, and the Coretta Scott King Award.</p>	<p><i>The Hate You Give</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Wright, Richard	<p>Wright was an American author of novels, short stories, poems, and non-fiction. Much of his literature concerned racial themes, especially related to the plight of African Americans during the late 19th to mid-20th centuries, who suffered discrimination and violence in the South and the North. Literary critics believe his work helped change race relations in the United States in the mid-20th century.</p>	<p><i>Native Son</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>
Yoon, David	<p>Yoon is the author of the New York Times bestseller <i>Frankly in Love</i>, a William C. Morris Award finalist and Asian/Pacific American Award for Young Adult Literature Honor book, as well as the upcoming YA novel <i>Super Fake Love Song</i> and adult thriller <i>Version Zero</i>. He also drew the illustrations for his wife Nicola Yoon's #1 New York Times bestseller <i>Everything, Everything</i>.</p> <p>Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature</p>	<p><i>Frankly in Love</i></p> <p>Fiction</p>