The Eighteenth
National African American Read-In

Sponsored by the Black Caucus of NCTE/4Cs

Sunday, February 4, 2007

Monday, February 5, 2007
(For Schools)

Supplemental List for Young Children and Young Adults

The following list contains selected works for young children recommended by Black Caucus members. This is a starter list and not intended to be all inclusive. In addition to this list, we recommend the following resource for a list of books: Black Issues Book Review.

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Selected “Must Read” Books
by African American Authors
for Young Children

Recommended by Black Caucus Members
Compiled by Sandra E. Gibbs

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<td>Boyd, Candy Dawson</td>
<td><em>Breadsticks and Blessing Places</em>, Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1985. (Children’s author. Plus any of her other works.)**</td>
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**Out of print. Check at your local library.**
Burrowes, Adjoa J.  
*Turtle Knows Your Name*, Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1989. Folklore

Caines, Jeannette  

Campbell, Bebe Moore  

Chocolate, Debbi  
*On The Day I Was Born*, Scholastic, 1995. Fiction [Ages 5-9]

Clifton, Lucille  
*Three Wishes*, Doubleday, 1992. Fiction (Children’s author. Plus any of her other works which include poetry for secondary and adult.)

Coleman, Evelyn  
*To Be A Drum*, Albert Whiteman & Co., 1998. Folktale [Ages 4-8]  

Crews, Donald  

Curtis Christopher Paul  

DeVeaux, Alexis  

Draper, Sharon M.  

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<td><strong>English, Karen</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Neeny Coming, Neeny Going</strong>, Toll Communications, 1996.</td>
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<td><strong>Farris, Christine King</strong></td>
<td><strong>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up: With the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Simon &amp; Schuster, 2003.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Feelings, Tom &amp; Muriel Feelings</strong></td>
<td><strong>Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book</strong>, Dial, 1987.</td>
<td><strong>Non-Fiction [Ages 4-8]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Flake, Sharon G.</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Skin I’m In</strong>, Hyperion Books, 1998. [Ages 10+]</td>
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<td><strong>Flournoy, Vanessa &amp; Valerie Flournoy</strong></td>
<td><strong>Celie and the Harvest Fiddler</strong>, Tambourine Books, 1995.</td>
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<td><strong>Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Poems</strong>, Henry Holt &amp; Company, 1996.</td>
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<td><strong>Spin a Soft Black Song</strong>, Farrar, Straus &amp; Giroux, 1987.</td>
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<td><strong>Greenfield, Eloise</strong></td>
<td><strong>In The Land of Words: New and Selected Poems</strong>, HarperCollins, 2004 [Ages 4-8]</td>
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<td><strong>I Draw a Weeposaur and Other Dinosaurs</strong>, Greenwillow Press, 2001 [Ages 4+]</td>
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<td><strong>Poetry [Ages 7-12]</strong></td>
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Grimes, Nikki


Hamilton, Virginia


Hardrick, Jackie


Holman, Sandy Lynne


Hudson, Cheryl & Wade Hudson (eds.)


Hughes, Langston


Humphrey, Margo


Hunter, Kristin


Johnson, Angela


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<td><em>What Kind Of Baby-Sitter Is This?</em></td>
<td>Macmillan Publishing</td>
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<td>Lee, Spike &amp; Tonya Lewis Lee</td>
<td><em>Please, Baby, Please</em></td>
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<td>Mathis, Sharon Bell</td>
<td><em>Ray Charles</em></td>
<td>Lee &amp; Low Books</td>
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<td>McKissack, Patricia C.</td>
<td><em>Goin’ Someplace Special</em></td>
<td>Atheneum Books</td>
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<td>Medearis, Angela Shelf</td>
<td><em>Poppa’s New Pants</em></td>
<td>Holiday House</td>
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<td>Medina, Tony</td>
<td><em>Love to Langston</em></td>
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<td>Mendez, Phil</td>
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<td>Scholastic</td>
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<td>Mitchell, Margaree King</td>
<td><em>Uncle Jed’s Barbershop</em></td>
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<td>Morrison, Toni</td>
<td><em>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</em></td>
<td>Houghton Mifflin</td>
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Morrison, Toni
& Slade Morrison

The Big Box, Hyperion Books, 1999.

Morrison, Toni

Book of Mean People, Disney Press, 2002. Fiction

Moses, Shelia P.


Myers, Christopher

Black Cat, Scholastic, 1999.

Myers, Walter Dean


Pinkney, Andrea Davis


Ringgold, Faith


Rollins, Charlemayl Hill (ed.)


Rosales, Melodye Benson


Leola and the HoneyBears, Scholastic, 1999.

‘Twas the Night B’fore Christmas: An African-American Version, Scholastic, 1996.

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Samuels, Allison  

Shange, Ntozake  

Smalls, Irene  


St. James, Synthia  

Steptoe, James  

Steptoe, John  

Tarpley, Natasha  

Taylor, Mildred D.  

Thomas, Joyce Carol  


Turner, Glennette Tilley  

Walter, Mildred Pitts  

Williams-Garcia, Rita  
*Like Sisters on the Homefront*, Puffin Books, 1995. [Young Adult] (Plus any of her other works.)

Woodson, Jacqueline  


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**Out of print. Check at your local library.**

Lena, Random House, 1999. Fiction [Young Adult]

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis


Yarbrough, Camille


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