

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**

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Barnwell, Ysaye M.	<i>No Mirrors in My Nana’s House</i> , Harcourt Brace & Co., 1998.
Belton, Sandra	<i>McKendree</i> , Greenwillow Books, 2000. Fiction
Bishop, Rudine Sims	<i>Wonders: The Best Children’s Poems of Effie Lee Newsome</i> , Boyds Mills Press, 1999. [Ages 4-8]
Bontemps, Arna W.	<i>Bubber Goes to Heaven</i> , Oxford University Press, 1998. [Ages 9-12]
Bontemps, Arna W. & Langston Hughes	<i>Popo & Fifina</i> , Oxford University Press, 1932. Reissued 1993. Fiction
Boyd, Candy Dawson	<i>Breadsticks and Blessing Places</i> , Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1985. (Children’s author. Plus any of her other works.)**
Bradby, Marie	<i>More Than Anything Else</i> , Orchard Books, 1996. Fiction [Ages 5-8]
Bray, Rosemary L.	<i>Martin Luther King</i> , Greenwillow Books, 1995. Biography
Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes</i> , Scholastic Press, 1999. Autobiography
Bryan, Ashley	<i>Beautiful Blackbird</i> , Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.
	<i>Ashley Bryan’s ABC of African American Poetry</i> , Simon & Schuster, 1997. Poetry
	<i>Sing to the Sun</i> , HarperCollins Children’s Books, 1992. Poetry (Children’s author. Plus any of his other works. [Ages 4+]

- Turtle Knows Your Name*, Macmillan Children's Book Group, 1989. Folklore
- Burrowes, Adjoa J. *Grandma's Purple Flowers*, Lee & Low Books, Inc. 2000.
- Caines, Jeannette *Just Us Women*, Harper & Row Publishers, 1982. Fiction [Ages 6-10]
- Campbell, Bebe Moore *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003.
- 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 *Born in Sin*, Atheneum Books, 2004.
- To Be A Drum*, Albert Whiteman & Co., 1998. Folktale [Ages 4-8]
- White Socks Only*, Albert Whitman & Co., 1995. Fiction [Ages 8+]
- Crews, Donald *Cloudy Day, Sunny Day*, Harcourt Brace & Company, 1999.
- Curtis Christopher Paul *Bucking the Sarge*, Random House. 2004.
- Bud, Not Buddy*, Delacorte Press, 1999.
- The Watson Go To Birmingham—1963*, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. Fiction [Ages 5+]
- DeVeaux, Alexis *An Enchanted Hair Tale*, Harper & Row Publishers, 1987. [Ages 5-8]
- Draper, Sharon M. *Romiette and Julio*, Simon & Schuster, 1999.
- Forged By Fire*, Atheneum Books, 1997. [Ages 12+]
- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Lost in the Tunnel of Time*, Just Us Books, Inc., 1996. Fiction [Ages 12+]

- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs*, Just Us Books, Inc., 1994.
[Ages 12+]
- English, Karen
Neeny Coming, Neeny Going, Toll Communications, 1996.
- Farris, Christine King
*My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up:
With the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Simon &
Schuster, 2003.
- Feelings, Tom
& Muriel Feelings
Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book, Dial, 1987.
Non-Fiction [Ages 4-8]
- Flake, Sharon G.
The Skin I'm In, Hyperion Books, 1998. [Ages 10+]
- Flournoy, Vanessa
& Valerie Flournoy
Celie and the Harvest Fiddler, Tambourine Books, 1995.
Fiction [Ages 8-10]
- Giovanni, Nikki
The Genie In The Jar, Henry Holt & Company, 1996.
Poetry [Ages 3-7]
- The Sun Is So Quiet*, Henry Holt & Company, 1996.
Poetry [Ages 5-9]
- GrandMothers Poems, Reminiscences, & Short Stories
about the Keepers of Our Traditions*, Henry Holt &
Company, 1996.
- Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at
the Harlem Renaissance through Poems*, Henry Holt &
Company, 1996.
- Spin a Soft Black Song*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1987.
Fiction [Ages 4-10]
- Greenfield, Eloise
In The Land of Words: New and Selected Poems,
HarperCollins, 2004 [Ages 4-8]
- I Draw a Weeposaur and Other Dinosaurs*, Greenwillow
Press, 2001 [Ages 4+]
- Angels*, Hyperion Books, 1998.
- Easter Parade*, Hyperion Books, 1998. Fiction
- Nathaniel Talking*, Writers & Readers Publishing, 1988.
Poetry [Ages 7-12]

- Honey, I Love & Other Love Poems*, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1986. [Ages 6-10] (Plus any of her other works.)
- Grimes, Nikki
- Danitra Brown Leaves Town*, HarperCollins, 2002.
- Stepping Out With Grandma Mae*, Orchard Books, 2001.
- Hopscotch Love: A Family Treasury of Love Poems*, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1999. Poetry
- Come Sunday*, William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1996. [Ages 5-8]
- From A Child's Heart*, Just Us Books, 1993. [Ages 3-5]
- Hamilton, Virginia
- Bluish*, Scholastic, Inc., 1999.
- Zeely*, Macmillan Publishing, 1987. Fiction [Ages 8-14]
- Hardrick, Jackie
- Imani in Never Say Goodbye*, Enlighten Publications, 2003.
- Imani in Young Love & Deception*, Enlighten Publications, 1999.
- Holman, Sandy Lynne
- We All Have a Heritage*, The Cultural C.O.O.P., 2002.
- Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad?*, The Cultural C.O.O.P., 2000.
- Hudson, Cheryl
& Wade Hudson (eds.)
- In Praise of Our Fathers and Our Mothers: A Black Family Treasury by Outstanding Authors and Artists*, Just Us Books, 1997.
- Hughes, Langston
- The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*, Alfred Knopf. Inc., 1994.
- Humphrey, Margo
- The River That Gave Gifts*, Children's Book Press, 1987. [Ages 5-8]
- Hunter, Kristin
- The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou*, The Women's Press, 1997.
- Johnson, Angela
- Looking for Red*, Simon Pulse, 2002.

- The Wedding*, Orchard Books, 1999.
- Toning the Sweep*, Scholastic, 1994. Fiction [Ages 12+]
- When I Am Old With You*, Orchard Books, 1990.
[Ages 4-8]
- Johnson, Dolores
- What Kind Of Baby-Sitter Is This?*, Macmillan Publishing, 1991. [Ages 3-5]
- What Will Mommy Do When I'm at School*, Macmillan Publishing, 1990. [Ages 3-5]
- Johnson-Feelings, Dianne (ed.)
- The Best of the Brownies Book*, Oxford University Press, 1996. (Original stories from *The Brownies Book*, a 1920's magazine for African American children.)
- Lee, Spike
& Tonya Lewis Lee
- Please, Baby, Please*, Simon & Schuster, 2002.
- Lester, Julius
- The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked The World*, Hyperion Books, 2001. [Ages 10+]
- What A Truly Cool World*, Scholastic, 1999.
- John Henry*, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1994. Folktale
- Mathis, Sharon Bell
- Ray Charles*, Lee & Low Books, 2001.
- McKissack, Patricia C.
- Goin' Someplace Special*, Atheneum Books, 2001.
- Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, the Great Migration North*, Scholastic, 2000.
- Medearis, Angela Shelf
- Poppa's New Pants*, Holiday House, 1995. (Plus any of her other works.)
- Medina, Tony
- Love to Langston*, Lee & Low Books, 2002.
- Mendez, Phil
- The Black Snowman*, Scholastic, 1989. [Ages 5-8]
- Mitchell, Margaree King
- Uncle Jed's Barbershop*, Simon & Schuster, 1993.
- Morrison, Toni
- Remember: The Journey to School Integration*, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

- The Big Box*, Hyperion Books, 1999.
- Morrison, Toni
& Slade Morrison *Book of Mean People*, Disney Press, 2002. Fiction
- Moses, Shelia P. *The Legend of Buddy Bush*, McElderry Books, 2004.
- Myers, Christopher *Black Cat*, Scholastic, 1999.
- Myers, Walter Dean *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England*, Scholastic, 1999. History
- Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures & Verse*, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1993. (Plus any of his other works.)
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis *Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters*, Harcourt, 2000.
- Duke Ellington, The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*, Hyperion Books, 1998. [Ages 5-9]
- Hold Fast to Dreams*, Morrow Junior Books, 1995. Fiction [Ages 10-12]
- Ringgold, Faith *My Dream of Martin Luther King*, Crown Publishing, 1995.
- Dinner at Aunt Connie's House*, Hyperion Books, 1993.
- Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky*, Crown Publishing, 1992. Children (Plus any of her other works.)
- Tar Beach*, Crown Publishing, 1991. [Ages 4-9]
- Rollins, Charlemae Hill (ed.) *Christmas Gift: An Anthology of Christmas Poems, Songs, & Stories, by and about African Americans*, William Morrow & Co., 1993.
- Rosales, Melody Benson *Minnie Saves the Day*, Little, Brown & Company, 2000.
- Leola and the HoneyBears*, Scholastic, 1999.
- 'Twas the Night B'fore Christmas: An African-American Version*, Scholastic, 1996.

- Samuels, Allison *Christmas Soul: African American Holiday Stories*, Hyperion Books, 2001.
- Shange, Ntozake *Ellington Was Not A Street*, Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- Smalls, Irene *Don't Say Ain't*, Talewinds Books, 2003.
- Kevin and His Dad*, Little, Brown & Company, 1999.
- Irene Jennie & the Christmas Masquerade: The Johnkankus*, Little, Brown & Company, 1996. (Plus any of her other works.)
- Ebony Seas*, Longmeadow Press, 1995.
- St. James, Synthia *The Gifts of Kwanzaa*, Albert Whitman & Co., 1994.
- Step toe, James *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers*, Lee & Low Books, 1997.
- Step toe, John *Stevie*, HarperCollins, 1986. [Ages 4-9]
- Tarpley, Natasha *I Love My Hair!*, Little, Brown & Company, 1998. [Ages 3-8]
- Taylor, Mildred D. *The Well: David's Story*, Dial Publishers, 1995. [Ages 8-12] (Plus any of her other works.)
- Thomas, Joyce Carol *The Angel's Lullaby*, Hyperion Books, 2000. [Ages 1-3]
- Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea*, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1993. Poetry
- Turner, Glennette Tilley *Follow in Their Footsteps: Biographies of Ten Outstanding African Americans*, Cobblehill Books, 1997. Biography and Dramatic Skits
- Walter, Mildred Pitts *Second Daughter: The Story of a Slave Girl*, Scholastic, 1996. Fiction [Ages 12+]
- Williams-Garcia, Rita *Like Sisters on the Homefront*, Puffin Books, 1995. [Young Adult] (Plus any of her other works.)
- Woodson, Jacqueline *Show Way*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2005. [Ages 5+]
- The Other Side*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001.

- Wyeth, Sharon Dennis
- Sweet, Sweet Memory*, Hyperion Books, 2000. [Ages 5-9]
- Lena*, Random House, 1999. Fiction [Young Adult]
- A Piece of Heaven*, Random House, 2001.
- Something Beautiful*, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1998.
- Yarbrough, Camille
- The Little Tree Growin' in the Shade*, Putnam Publishing, 1996. Fiction [Ages 7-10]
- Cornrows*, Putnam Publishing, 1992. Fiction (Children's author)