PICTURE BOOKS

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson; illus. by Rafael López [9780399246531]  
Jacqueline Woodson’s lyrical text and Rafael López’s dazzling art celebrate the  
bravery it takes to go forth even when you feel like an outsider. And they remind us  
that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our story, others will be  
happy to meet us halfway.

Heart And Soul by Kadir Nelson [9780061730795]  
The recipient of multiple awards, Kadir Nelson’s Heart and Soul is an inspiring book that  
demonstrates that in striving for freedom and equal rights, African Americans help our  
country on the journey toward its promise of liberty and justice—the true heart and  
soul of our nation.

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly; illus. by Laura Freeman [9780062742469]  
Based on the New York Times bestselling book and the Academy Award–nominated  
movie, author Margot Lee Shetterly and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award  
winner Laura Freeman bring the incredibly inspiring true story of four Black women  
who helped NASA launch men into space to picture book readers.

Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield; illus. by Jan Spivey Gilchrist [9780060091255]  
To one young narrator, it’s the simple things that mean the most, like sharing  
laughter with a friend, taking family rides in the country, and kissing her mama’s  
arm. This paperback edition of the classic poem by Eloise Greenfield with  
illustrations by Jan Spivey Gilchrist is sure to delight a new generation of readers.

I Am Enough by Grace Byers; illus. by Keturah A. Bobo [9780062667120]  
This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to  
one another comes from Empire actor and activist Grace Byers and talented  
newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.

I Believe I Can by Grace Byers; illus. by Keturah A. Bobo [9780062667137]  
From the #1 New York Times bestselling creators of I Am Enough comes an  
empowering follow-up that celebrates every child’s limitless potential. I Believe I Can  
is an affirmation for boys and girls of every background to love and believe in  
themselves.
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*I Promise* by LeBron James; illus. by Nina Mata [9780062971067]  
LeBron James’ debut picture book, featuring vibrant illustrations by *New York Times* bestselling artist Nina Mata, is a lively and inspiring reminder that tomorrow’s success starts with the promises we make to ourselves and our community today.

*Last Stop On Market Street* by Matt de la Peña; illus. by Christian Robinson [9780399257742]  
A Caldecott and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book, and the winner of 2016 Newbery Medal! This energetic ride through a bustling city highlights the wonderful perspective only grandparent and grandchild can share, and comes to life through Matt de la Pena’s vibrant text and Christian Robinson’s radiant illustrations.

*Let’s Talk About Race* by Julius Lester; illus. by Karen Barbour [9780064462266]  
Julius Lester said: "I write because our lives are stories. If enough of these stories are told, then perhaps we will begin to see that our lives are the same story. The differences are merely in the details.” In this acclaimed book, the author of the Newbery Honor Book *To Be a Slave*, shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special.

*Not Quite Snow White* by Ashley Franklin; illus. by Ebony Glenn [9780062798602]  
*Not Quite Snow White* is a delightful and inspiring picture book that highlights the importance of self-confidence while taking an earnest look at what happens when that confidence is shaken or lost.

*Thank You, Omu* by Oge Mora [9780316431248]  
A Caldecott Honor Book and winner of the CSK/John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award! Debut author-illustrator Oge Mora brings to life a heartwarming story of sharing and community in colorful cut-paper designs as luscious as Omu’s stew, with an extra serving of love.

*Where Are You From?* by Yamile Saied Méndez; illus. by Jaime Kim [9780062839930]  
With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, *Where Are You From?* will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colors—especially anyone who ever felt that they don’t belong.
**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson [9780147515827]
National Book Award Winner, Newbery Honor Book, and Coretta Scott King Award Winner! Jacqueline Woodson, the acclaimed author of *Another Brooklyn*, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse.

**Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis [9780440413288]
Newbery Medalist and Coretta Scott King Award Winner! Full of laugh-out-loud humor and wonderful characters, *Bud, Not Buddy* is a beloved classic about a boy in search of his father, by Christopher Paul Curtis, the acclaimed author of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* and *The Mighty Miss Malone*.

**The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander [9780544107717]
Winner of the 2015 Newbery Medal and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book! Told in dynamic verse, this fast and furious middle grade novel by Kwame Alexander absolutely bounces with rhythm and bursts with heart.

**From The Desk Of Zoe Washington** by Janae Marks [9780062875853]
With equal parts mystery and heart, this middle grade debut follows Zoe Washington after she receives an unexpected letter on her twelfth birthday from the incarcerated father she’s never met and her courageous journey to uncover the truth about his crime.

**A Good Kind Of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Ramée [9780062836694]
From debut author Lisa Moore Ramée comes this funny and big-hearted debut middle grade novel about friendship, family, and standing up for what’s right.
**Hidden Figures: Young Readers’ Edition** by Margot Lee Shetterly [9780062662378]
This edition of Margot Lee Shetterly’s acclaimed book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.

**Indian Shoes** by Cynthia Leitich Smith [9780060295318]
What do Indian shoes look like, anyway? Like beautiful beaded moccasins... or *hightops with bright orange shoelaces*? Award-winning author Cynthia Leitich Smith writes with wit and candor about a boy and his grandfather, sharing all their love, joy, and humor.

**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai [9780061962790]
A Newbery Honor Book and winner of the National Book Award! Inspired by her childhood experience of fleeing Vietnam and immigrating to Alabama, Thanhha Lai’s coming-of-age novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching, child’s-eye view of family and immigration.

**Look Both Ways** by Jason Reynolds [9781481438285]
A 2019 National Book Award Finalist and a Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book! Award-winning author Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

**New Kid** by Jerry Craft [9780062691194]
Winner of the 2020 Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature! *New Kid* is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.
**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia [9780060760908]
A Newbery Honor book, Coretta Scott King Author Award winner, National Book Award finalist, and the recipient of the Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction! In this beloved classic, *New York Times* bestselling author Rita Williams-Garcia tells the story of three sisters who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them.

**Other Words For Home** by Jasmine Warga [9780062747808]
A 2020 Newbery Honor Book! A gorgeously written, hopeful middle grade novel in verse about a young girl who must leave Syria to move to the United States. This lyrical, life-affirming story is about losing and finding home and, most importantly, finding yourself.

**Strong Voices** by Tonya Bolden; illus. by Eric Velasquez [9780062572042]
This collection of speeches showcases the voices of those at the reins of power, and of those who are not, at flashpoints in American history. Introductions by acclaimed writer Tonya Bolden and illustrations by award-winning artist Eric Velasquez provide historical context and critical insights to the meaning and impact of every speech.
**American Street** by Ibi Zoboi [9780062473059]
A National Book Award Finalist! In her stunning debut, award-winning author Ibi Zoboi draws on her own experience as a young Haitian immigrant; unflinching yet filled with joy, *American Street* is an evocative and powerful coming of age story.

**Black Enough** edited by Ibi Zoboi; featuring stories by Justina Ireland, Varian Johnson, Rita Williams-Garcia, Dhonielle Clayton, Kekla Magoon, Leah Henderson, Tochi Onyebuchi, Jason Reynolds, Nic Stone, Liara Tamani, Renée Watson, Tracey Baptiste, Coe Booth, Brandy Colbert, Jay Coles, Ibi Zoboi, and Lamar Giles [9780062698735]
Featuring some of the most acclaimed bestselling Black authors writing for teens today, *Black Enough* is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it’s like to be young and Black in America.

**Dear Martin** by Nic Stone [9781101939512]
Raw, captivating, and undeniably real, Nic Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning #1 *New York Times* bestselling debut, a William C. Morris Award Finalist.

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas [9780062498533]
William C. Morris Award Winner, National Book Award Longlist title, Printz Honor Book, and Coretta Scott King Honor Book! Angie Thomas’s searing debut about an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty.

**Like A Love Story** by Abdi Nazemian [9780062839374]
2020 Stonewall Honor Book! A bighearted, epic love letter to the LGBTQ community about three friends falling in love and finding their voices as activists during the height of the AIDS crisis.
**MARCH** by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin; illustrated by Nate Powell [9781603093958]

National Book Award Winner! *March* is a vivid first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis’ lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis’ personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

**Monday’s Not Coming** by Tiffany D. Jackson [9780062422682]

Winner of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award! From the critically acclaimed author of *Allegedly, Let Me Hear a Rhyme*, and *Grown*, comes a gripping novel about the mystery of one teenage girl’s disappearance and the traumatic effects of the truth.

**Monster** by Walter Dean Myers [9780064407311]

Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award, a National Book Award finalist, and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book! Acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers tells the story of Steve Harmon, a teenage boy in juvenile detention and on trial. Presented as a screenplay of Steve’s own imagination, and peppered with journal entries, the book shows how one single decision can change our whole lives.

**The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo [9780062662811]

Winner of the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature, the Michael L. Printz Award, and the Pura Belpré Award! The stunning novel in verse is about a young girl in Harlem who discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother’s religion and her own relationship to the world.
**Punching The Air** by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam [9780062996480]
With spellbinding lyricism, award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam tell a moving and deeply profound story about how one boy is able to maintain his humanity and fight for the truth, in a system designed to strip him of both.