

**The Sixteenth National
African American Read-In
Sponsored by the Black Caucus NCTE/4Cs**

Sunday, February 6, 2005

Monday, February 7, 2005 -- 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
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<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Barnwell, Ysaye M.	<u>No Mirrors in My Nana’s House</u> , Harcourt Brace & Co., 1998.
Belton, Sandra	<u>McKendree</u> , Greenwillow Books, 2000. Fiction
Bontemps, Arna W.	<u>Bubber Goes to Heaven</u> , Oxford University Press, 1998. [Ages 9-12]
Bontemps, Arna W. & Langston Hughes	<u>Popo & Fifina</u> , Oxford University Press, 1932. Reissued 1993. Fiction
Boyd, Candy Dawson	<u>Breadsticks and Blessing Places</u> , Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1985. (Children’s author. Plus any of her other works.)**
Bradby, Marie	<u>More Than Anything Else</u> , Orchard Books, 1996. Fiction [Ages 5-8]
Bray, Rosemary L.	<u>Martin Luther King</u> , Greenwillow Books, 1995. Biography
Bridges, Ruby	<u>Through My Eyes</u> , Scholastic Press, 1999. Autobiography
Bryan, Ashley	<u>Ashley Bryan’s ABC of African American Poetry</u> , Simon & Schuster, 1997. Poetry
	<u>Beautiful Blackbird</u> , Atheneum Books, 2003.
	<u>Sing to the Sun</u> , HarperCollins Children’s Books, 1992. Poetry (Children’s author. Plus any of his other works.) [Ages 4-up]
	<u>Turtle Knows Your Name</u> , Macmillan Children’s Book Group, 1989. Folktale
Burrowes, Adjoa J.	<u>Grandma’s Purple Flowers</u> , Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2000.

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

- 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 To Be A Drum, Albert Whitman & Co., 1998. Folktale [Ages 4-8]
- White Socks Only, Albert Whitman & Co., 1996. Fiction [Ages 8-up]
- Crews, Donald Cloudy Day, Sunny Day, Harcourt Brace & Company, 1999.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul Bud, Not Buddy, Delacorte Press, 1999.
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. Fiction [Ages 5-up]
- De Veaux, 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. [12 & up]
- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Lost in the Tunnel of Time, Just Us Books, Inc., 1996. Fiction [Ages 12-up]
- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs, Just Us Books, Inc., 1994. Fiction [Ages 12-up]
- English, Karen Neeny Coming, Neeny Going, Troll 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 and up]
- Flournoy, Vanessa &
Valerie
- 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
- I Can Draw A Weeposaur and Other Dinosaurs,
Greenwillow Press, 2001. [Ages 4 and up]
- Angels, Hyperion Books, 1998.
- Easter Parade, Hyperion Books, 1998. Fiction
- Nathaniel Talking, Writers & Readers Publishing, 1988.
Poetry [Ages 7-12] (Plus any of her other works)
- Honey, I Love & Other Love Poems, HarperCollins
Childrens Books, 1986. [Ages 6-10]
- 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 Co., 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 (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 & 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 -up]
- 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]

- Johnson-Feelings, Dianne (Ed.) What Will Mommy Do When I'm at School, Macmillan Publishing, 1990. [Ages 3-5]
- Lee, Spike
& Tonya Lewis Lee The Best of the Brownies Book, Oxford University Press, 1996. (Original stories from *The Brownies Book*, a 1920's magazine for African American children.)
- Lester, Julius Please, Baby, Please, Simon & Schuster, 2002.
- Lester, Julius The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World, Hyperion Books, 2001. [Ages 10 and up]
- Mathis, Sharon Bell What A Truly Cool World, Scholastic, Inc., 1999.
- Mathis, Sharon Bell 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.
- Medearis, Angela Shelf Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, , the Great Migration North, Scholastic, Inc., 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, Inc., 2002
- Mendez, Phil The Black Snowman, Scholastic Inc., 1989. [Ages 5-8]
- Mitchell, Margaree King Uncle Jed's Barbershop, Simon & Schuster, 1993.
- Morrison, Toni The Big Box, Hyperion Books, 1999.
- Morrison, Toni
& Slade Morrison Book of Mean People, Disney Press, 2002. Fiction
- Myers, Christopher Black Cat, Scholastic Press, 1999.
- Myers, Walter Dean At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England, Scholastic, Inc., 1999. History
- Myers, Walter Dean 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, Inc., 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 Group, 1995.
- Dinner at Aunt Connie's House, Hyperion Books, 1993.
- Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky, Crown Publishers, Inc., 1992. Children (Plus any of her other works.)
- Tar Beach, Crown Publishers, 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, Melodye Benson Minnie Saves the Day, Little, Brown & Company, 2000.
- Leola and the HoneyBears, Scholastic, Inc., 1999.
- 'Twas the Night Before Christmas: An African-American Version, Scholastic, Inc., 1996.
- St. James, Synthia The Gifts of Kwanzaa, Albert Whitman & Co., 1994.
- Samuels, Allison Christmas Soul: African American Holiday Stories, Hyperion Books, 2001.
- Sims-Bishop, Rudine Wonders: The Best Children's Poems of Effie Lee Newsome, Boyds Mills Press, 1999. [Ages 4-8]
- 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
- Stephoe, Javaka In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers, Lee & Low Books, 1997.
- Stephoe, John Stevie, HarperCollins Publishers, 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, Inc., 1996. Fiction [Ages 12-up]
- Williams-Garcia, Rita Like Sisters on the Homefront, Puffin Books, 1995. Young Adult (Plus any of her other works.)
- Woodson, Jacqueline The Other Side, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001.
- Sweet, Sweet Memory, Hyperion Books, 2000. [Ages 5-9]
- Lena, Random House, 1999. Fiction (Young Adult)
- Wyeth, Sharon Dennis Something Beautiful, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1998.
- Yarbrough, Camille The Little Tree Growin' in the Shade, Putnam Publishing Group, 1996. Fiction [Ages 7-10]
- Cornrows, Putnam Publishing Group, 1992. Fiction (Children's author)