



Celebrating Black and Latino Boys

Grades K–5 Title List

This expertly curated collection of fiction and informational texts celebrates Black and Latino boys and men as role models, thinkers, and leaders. These texts help foster a more comprehensive understanding of the world we live in while developing critical thinking skills and supporting purposeful literacy instruction.

Each grade-level library comprises 50 books in total, with two copies of each of the 25 titles.

Kindergarten Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Looking for Bongo	Eric Velasquez*	Eric Velasquez*
Pablo's Tree	Pat Mora*	Cecily Lang
Pedro and the Shark	Fran Manuskin	Tammie Lyon
Tortillas Are Round/Las tortillas son redondas (poetry)	Cynthia Well	John Parra*
¡Vámonos! Let's Go!	René Colato Laínez*	Joe Cepeda*
Green is a Chile Pepper/El Chile es verde (poetry)	Roseanne Greenfield Thong	John Parra*
ABeCedarios: Mexican Folk Art: ABCs in English and Spanish	Cynthia Well	Moisés and Armando Jiménez*
¡Fiesta!	Ginger Foglesong Guy	René King Moreno
Island Counting 1 2 3	Frané Lessac	Frané Lessac
Opuestos: Mexican Folk Art: Opposites in English and Spanish	Cynthia Well	Quirino and Martín Santiago*
Bippity Bop Barbershop	Natasha Anastasia Tarpley*	E.B. Lewis*
Charlie Parker Played Be Bop	Chris Raschka	Chris Raschka
Jackie Robinson and the Big Game	Dan Gutman	Elaine Garvin
The King of Kindergarten	Derrick Barnes*	Vanessa Brantley Newton*
Sing, Don't Cry	Angela Dominguez*	Angela Dominguez*
Fire! ¡Fuego! Brave Bomberos	Susan Middleton Elya*	Dan Santat*
The Field	Baptiste Paul*	Jacqueline Alcántara*
I Hate to Be Sick!	Aamir Lee Bermiss*	Ken Wilson-Max*
Niño Wrestles the World	Yuyi Morales*	Yuyi Morales*
Pass the Ball, Mo!	David A. Adler	Sam Ricks

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We March	Shane W. Evans*	Shane W. Evans*
Draw!	Raúl Colón*	Raúl Colón*
Every Little Thing	Cedella Marley*	Vanessa Brantley Newton*
Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King	Jean Marzollo	J. Brian Pinkney*
Hey Black Child (poetry)	Useni Eugene Perkins*	Bryan Collier*
Grade 1 Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
All the Way to Havana	Margarita Engle*	Mike Curato*
Brave/Valiente	Stacy McAnulty	Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
Get a Hit, Mo!	David A. Adler	Sam Ricks
I Can't Take a Bath!	Irene Smalls*	Aaron Boyd*
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Peña*	Christian Robinson*
My Cold Plum Lemon: Pie Bluesy Mood (poetry)	Tameka Fryer Brown*	Shane W. Evans*
Baseball on Mars/Béisbol en Marte	Rafael Rivera, Jr.* and Tim Hoppey	Christina Rodriguez*
My People	Langston Hughes*	Charles R. Smith Jr.*
A Team Stays Together!	Tony and Lauren Dungy* Newton*	Vanessa Brantley
Wiggling Pockets/Los bolsillos saltarines	Pat Mora*	Maribel Suárez Jiménez*
Martin's Big Words	Doreen Rappaport	Bryan Collier*
The Adventures of Sparrowboy	Brian Pinkney*	Brian Pinkney*
Barack Obama	Jodie Shepherd	(photos)
Basketball Superstar Stephen Curry	Jon M. Fishman	(photos)
Pelé, King of Soccer/Pelé, El rey de fútbol	Monica Brown*	Rudy Gutiérrez*
One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree	Daniel Bernstrom*	Brendan Wenzel
A Beach Tail	Karen Lynn Williams	Floyd Cooper*
First Grade Hero	Fran Manuskin	Tammie Lyon
Jabari Jumps	Gaia Cornwall	Gaia Cornwall
The One Day House	Julia Durango	Bianca Diaz*
Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You	Carole Boston Weatherford*	James E. Ransome*
Book Fiesta!	Pat Mora*	Rafael López*
Brown Boy, Brown Boy, What Can You Be?	Ameshia Arthur*	Ameshia Arthur*
Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box	Michael S. Bandy* and Eric Stein	James E. Ransome*
Salam Alaikum: A Message of Peace	Harris J*	Ward Jenkins

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Grade 2 Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Looking Like Me	Walter Dean Myers*	Christopher Myers*
Butterfly Boy	Virginia Kroll	Gerardo Suzán*
Freddie Ramos Springs Into Action	Jacqueline Jules	Michael Benítez*
The Haunted House Next Door	Andres Miedoso	Victor Rivas
Where's Rodney?	Carmen Bogan*	Floyd Cooper*
Tito Puente: Mambo King/Rey del Mambo	Monica Brown*	Rafael López*
Freedom in Congo Square	Carole Boston Weatherford*	R. Gregory Christie*
Playing Lotería/El juego de la Lotería	René Colato Laínez*	Jill Arena
Salsa: Un poema para cocinar/A Cooking Poem (poetry)	Jorge Argueta*	Duncan Tonatuih*
Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts	Noah Z. Jones
Martin's Big Words	Doreen Rappaport	Bryan Collier*
Coquí in the City	Nomar Perez*	Nomar Perez*
Grandpa Stops a War: A Paul Robeson Story	Susan Robeson*	Rod Brown*
Look Up with Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson	Jennifer Berne	Lorraine Nam
Meet the New Spider-Man	Rory Keane	Rory Keane
My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Martin Luther King III*	A.G. Ford*
The Word Collector	Peter H. Reynolds	Peter H. Reynolds
Cosmo and the Robot	Brian Pinkney*	Brian Pinkney*
More Than Anything Else	Marie Bradby*	Chris K. Soentpiet
Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson	Sharon Robinson*	Kadir Nelson*
Imagine (poetry)	Juan Felipe Herrera*	Lauren Castillo*
Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community	Susan Verde	John Parra*
Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans	Phil Bildner	John Parra*
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat	Javaka Steptoe*	Javaka Steptoe*
Tick Tock Banneker's Clock	Shana Keller*	David C. Gardner
Grade 3 Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
El Ray Jakes is Magic!	Sally Warner	Brian Biggs
Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash	Jacqueline Jules	Miguel Benítez*
Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life	Jerdine Nolen*	Kadir Nelson*
Surf's Up, Creepy Stuff	Andres Miedoso	Victor Rivas

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Luis Paints the World	Terry Farish	Oliver Dominguez*
Belle, the Last Mule at Gee's Bend	Calvin Alexander Ramsey* and Bettye Stroud*	John Holyfield*
If the Shoe Fits	Gary Soto*	Terri Widener
Juneteenth	Vaunda Micheaux Nelson* and Drew Nelson*	Mark Schroder
Clemente!	Willie Perdomo*	Bryan Collier*
Grandma's Gift	Eric Velasquez*	Eric Velasquez*
Big Papi David Ortiz	Joe Bubar	(photos)
Carter Reads the Newspaper	Deborah Hopkinson	Don Tate*
The Lifesaving Adventure of Sam Deal, Shipwreck Rescuer	Candice Ransom	Zachary Trover
Nelson Mandela	Barbara Kramer	(photos)
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down	Andrea Davis Pinkney*	Brian Pinkney*
Digging for Words	Angela Burke Kunkel	Paola Escobar*
Don't Disturb the Dinosaurs	Ada Hopper	Sam Ricks
Float Like a Butterfly (poetry)	Ntozake Shange*	Edel Rodriguez*
The Hallelujah Flight	Phil Bildner	John Holyfield*
I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005	Lauren Tarshis	
Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson	Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer	Frank Morrison*
Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big	Chris Paul*	Frank Morrison*
Play Ball!	Jorge Posada*	Raúl Colón*
Seeing Into Tomorrow (poetry)	Richard Wright*	Nina Crews* (photos)
The Boy Who Touched the Stars/El niño que alcanzó las estrellas	José M. Hernandez*	Steven James Petruccio
Grade 4 Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut	Derrick Barnes*	Gordon C. James*
Donovan's Double Trouble	Monalisa DeGross*	Amy Bates
Dragons in a Bag	Zetta Elliot*	Geneva B*
Earthquake Shock	Marlane Kennedy	Erwin Madrid
Long Shot	Mike Lupica	
The Zero Degree Zombie Zone	Patrik Henry Bass*	Jerry Craft*
The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, And Harlem's Greatest Bookstore	Vaunda Micheaux Nelson*	R. Gregory Christie*
The Banana-Leaf Ball	Katie Smith Milway	Shane W. Evans*

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Finding Langston	Lesia Cline-Ransome*	
Forest World (poetry)	Margarita Engle*	
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop	Laban Carrick Hill*	Theodore Taylor III*
Nelson Mandela	Kadir Nelson*	Kadir Nelson*
Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist	Susan Wood	Duncan Tonatiuh*
Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table	Jacqueline Briggs Martin	Eric-Shabazz Larkin*
Stephen Curry	Eric Braun	(photos)
Titanosaur	Dr. José Luis Carballido* and Dr. Diego Pol*	Florencia Gigena*
La Frontera: El viaje con papa/My Journey with Papa	Deborah Mills and Alfredo Alva*	Claudia Navarro*
Black Panther: Battle for Wakanda	Brandon T. Snider	Caravan Studios
Delivering Justice	Jim Haskins*	Benny Andrews*
March On!: The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World	Christine King Farris*	London Ladd*
Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy (poetry)	Tony Medina*	Javaka Steptoe*, R. Gregory Christie*, Ekua Holmes*, Floyd Cooper* et al*
Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School	Kim Baker*	Tim Probert
The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch	Chris Barton	Don Tate*
Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali	Jim Haskins*	Eric Velasquez*
What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar* and Raymond Obstfeld	Ben Boos* and A.G. Ford*
Grade 5 Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Pablo Cartaya*	
Charlie Hernández & The League of Shadows	Ryan Calejo*	
Nothing Up My Sleeve	Diana López*	
The Season of Styx Malone	Kekla Magoon*	
Slam Dunk	Amar'e Stoudemire*	Tim Jessel
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground	Rita Williams-Garcia*	Frank Morrison*
Ghost	Jason Reynolds*	
Maximilian & The Mystery of the Guardian Angel	Xavier Garza*	Xavier Garza*
Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library (poetry)	Carole Boston Weatherford*	Eric Velasquez*
Yes! We Are Latinos (poetry)	Alma Flor Ada* and F. Isabel Campoy*	David Diaz*

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The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just	Mélina Mangal*	Luisa Uribe*
Building an Orchestra of Hope	Carmen Oliver	Luisa Uribe*
Jose Altuve	Jon M. Fishman	(photos)
Saint Louis Armstrong Beach	Brenda Woods*	
The Civil Rights Movement	Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich*	(photos)
Carlos Santana: Sound of the Heart, Song of the World	Gary Golio*	Rudy Gutierrez*
The Journey of Little Charlie	Christopher Paul Curtis*	
New Kid	Jerry Craft*	Jerry Craft*
They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems (poetry)	David Bowles*	
Tuskegee Airmen	Matt Doedon	(photos)
The Great Migration: An American Story	Jacob Lawrence*	Jacob Lawrence*
Ambassador	William Alexander	
Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America	Carole Boston Weatherford*	Jamey Christoph
John Lewis: Courage in Action	Matt Doedon	(photos)
Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior	Ed Clayton*	Donald Bermudez*

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