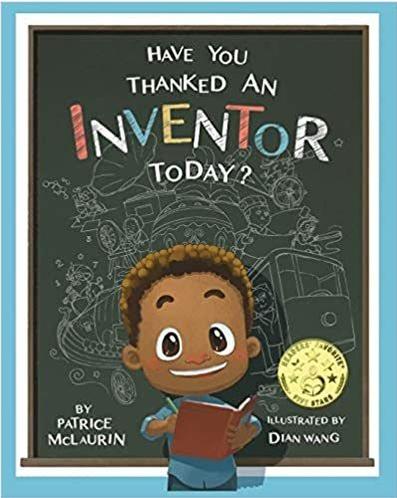
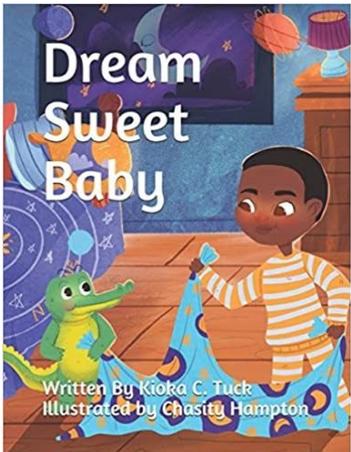
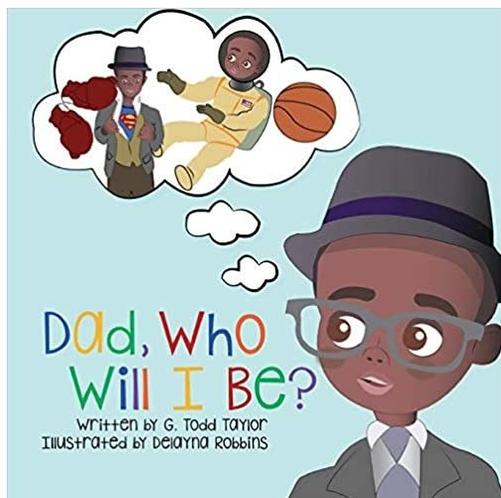


# 50 BOOKS CELEBRATING BLACK BOYS

In 1990, scholar Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop wrote that books are mirrors, reflecting our own lives back at us, and that reading is therefore a means of self-affirmation. This is why it's important for black boys to see themselves in books and for the world to see them too. Here are 50 books in no particular order, that celebrate black boy joy.

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<p>1</p> 	<p><a href="#"><u>Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?</u></a></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Patrice McLaurin <b>Illustrator:</b> Dian Wang <b>Age:</b> 5 - 12 years</p> <p><b>Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?</b> is a journey into the often forgotten contributions of African-American inventors, that contributed to the American landscape. It chronicles the school day of a little boy, highlighting different inventions that he uses throughout the day, all of which were invented by African-Americans. The book comes complete with brief biographies about each inventor as well as fun activities to promote and encourage reading comprehension.</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p><a href="#"><u>Dream Sweet Baby</u></a></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Kioka Tuck, <b>Illustrator:</b> Chasity Hampton <b>Age:</b> 0-6 years</p> <p><b>Dream Sweet Baby</b> is a wonderful bedtime story to help children having a hard time falling asleep. Dream Baby and plush alligator are having a hard time falling asleep. They don't count sheep they count fun things from their imagination to fall asleep.</p>

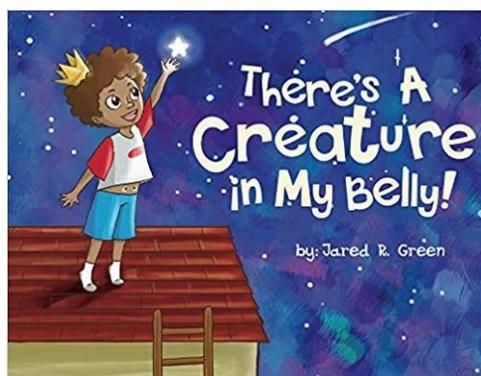


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### [Dad, Who Will I Be?](#)

**Author: G. Todd Taylor**  
**Illustrator: Delayna Robbins**  
 Kindergarten - 2

Dad, Who Will I Be? is written by G. Todd Taylor, a former educator and child mental health expert with over 20 years of experience. This book inspires, encourages and educates young readers to be great by introducing to them heroes of color from a number of different professions on an elementary level. Some real-life heroes in the book include Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammed Ali, Mansa Musa, Guion Bluford and Garrett Morgan, W.E.B. Dubois, Tiger Woods and many more.

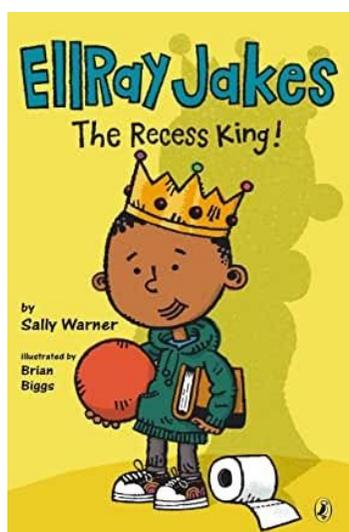


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### [There's A Creature in My Belly](#)

**Author: Jared R. Green**

This incredible book details a father explaining the "creature" inside of his son may feel scary, but can actually be harnessed to reach his greatest aspirations. The father does not silence his child's imagination; instead, he affirms his feelings and strengthens his resolve! The GREATNESS within you is as limitless as the UNIVERSE around you!



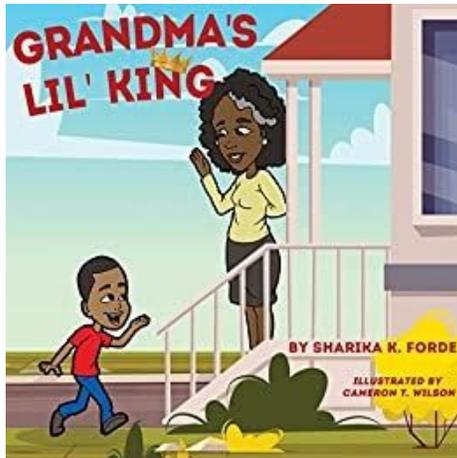
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### [EllRay Jakes the Recess King!](#)

**Author: Sally Warner**  
**Illustrator: Brian Biggs**  
 6-8 Years

Eight-year-old EllRay is down to one-and-a-half best friends, and his little sister points out the obvious: he needs more! So EllRay decides to audition other boys for the part, the way his sister is auditioning for the lead role in her day care's spring play. Now, EllRay has to come up with fun things to do at recess, because when he's the Recess King, everyone will want to be his friend!

(This is a Series)

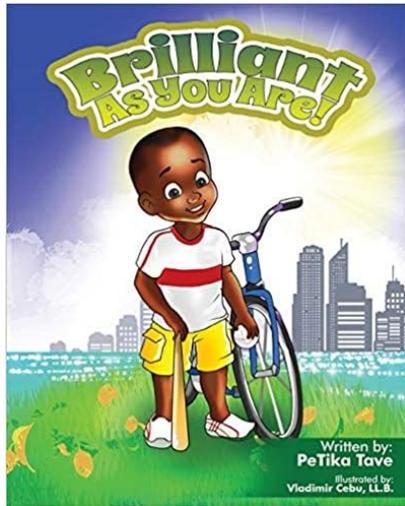


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### Grandma's Lil King

**Author:** Sharika K Forde  
**Illustrator:** Cameron T Wilson  
**Age Range:** 3-8

Grandma's Lil' King is a sweet and inspiring story about the loving relationship between an African American grandmother and her grandson. The story provides young readers with a gentle introduction to African heritage and explains how you can still be a King even without a crown.

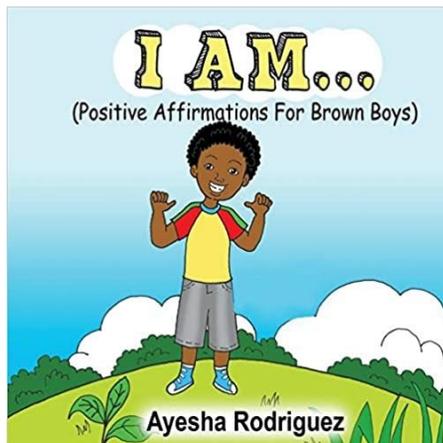


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### Brilliant As You Are

**Author:** PeTika Tave  
**Illustrator:** Vladimir Cebu  
**Age range:** 2-10

Birthered out of a mother's desire to give her children the confidence they need to stand tall and walk proud in their journey through life, this book aims to help boys learn self-acceptance, self-love, and self-worth. It provides inspiration for all boys to be happy with who they are, just the way they are.

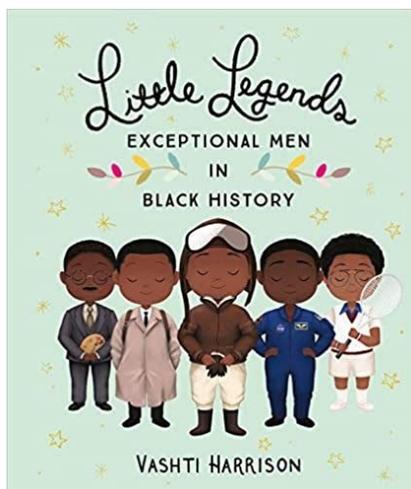


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### I AM... Positive Affirmations for Brown Boys

**Author:** Ayesha Rodriguez

In this book for boys, author Ayesha Rodriguez uses rhyming verses, followed by a positive affirmation. *I am* and the words that follow are powerful. Repeated affirmations will build up your child's self-esteem and transform his sense of self!

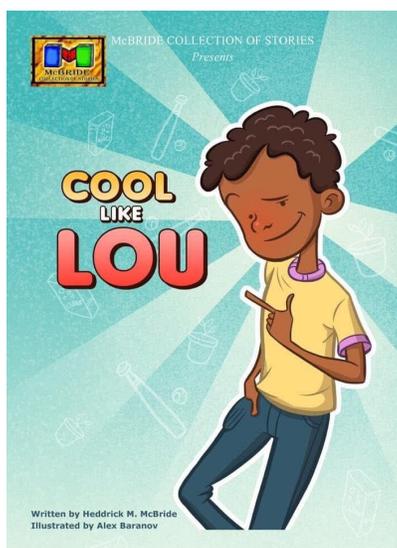


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### [Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History](#)

**Author/Illustrator: Vashti Harrison**

An important book for readers of all ages, this beautifully illustrated and engagingly written volume brings to life true stories of black men in history. Among these biographies, readers will find aviators and artists, politicians and pop stars, athletes and activists. The exceptional men featured include writer James Baldwin, artist Aaron Douglas, filmmaker Oscar Devereaux Micheaux, lawman Bass



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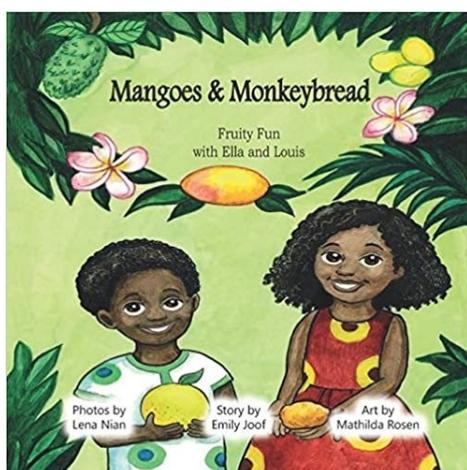
### [Cool like Lou](#)

**Author: Heddrick McBride**

**Illustrator: Alex Baranov**

**Age Range 7-10**

Cool like Lou is a fun book about a 7th grade boy who loves sports, having fun, and making money! Every day is an adventure when you are cool like Lou. Five stories are featured in this book: A Gift for Mommy, Be My Valentine, Can I Borrow a Dollar, Laundry Day, and Team Player.



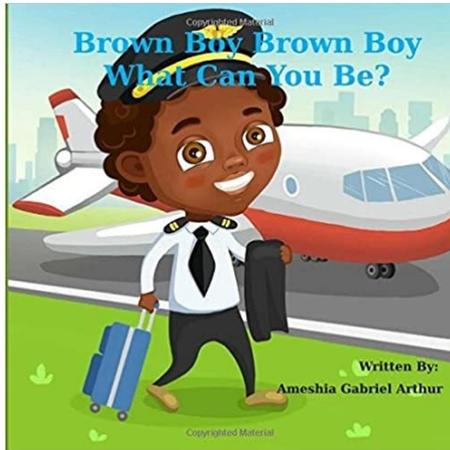
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### [Mangoes & Monkeybread; Fruity Fun with Ella and Louis.](#)

**Author Emily Joof**

**Illustrator mathilda Rosen**

Ella & Louis have just arrived in The Gambia for their winter holidays. Settling at home, Louis is already missing sweet strawberries from Stockholm. Join Ella as she takes her brother on a yummy fruit tasting tour and discover fruits native to West Africa that you might have never seen before! A light-hearted journey of discovery with beautiful illustrations and photographs, this charming book shares some of the charm found in the smallest country in Africa.



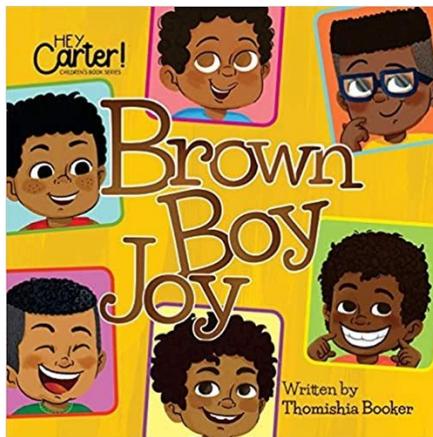
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### [Brown Boy Brown Boy What Can You Be?](#)

**Author: Meshia Arthur**

**Age: 5-6 Years**

Join Matthew as he considers all the things he can accomplish and the careers he can do.



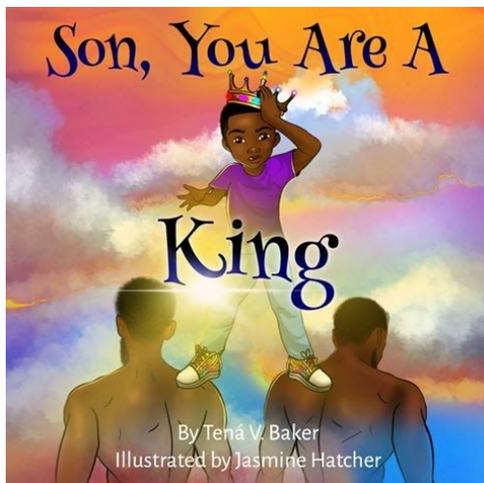
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### [Brown Boy Joy](#)

**Author: Dr. Thomishia Booker**

**4-8 Years**

This book is filled with all the things little brown boys love. The messages are simple, the themes relatable to boys (superheroes, astronauts, etc)



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### [Son, You Are A King](#)

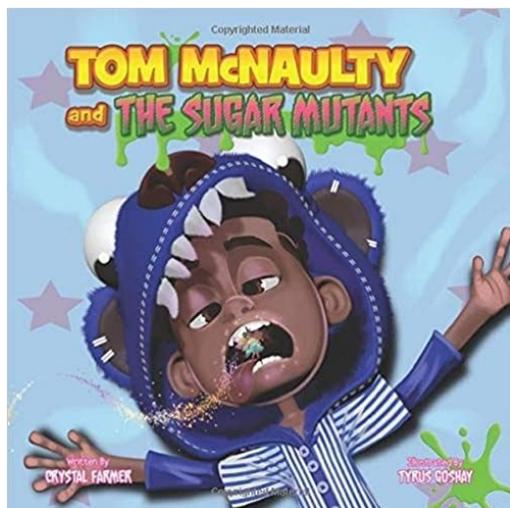
**Author: Tená V. Baker and**

**Illustrations: Jasmine Hatcher**

**Ages 6-12**

"Dear black boy, you can be anything because you were born with everything you need."

When faced with bullying, low self-esteem, and self-doubt, how can little Black boys push through to find success in today's society? This is an affirmation to the boy losing his innocence and finding his power.



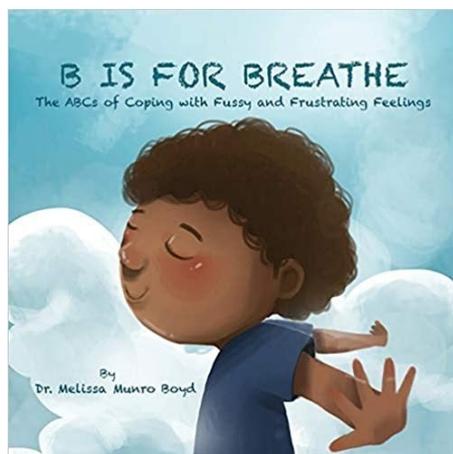
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### Tom McNulty and the Sugar Mutants

**Author** Crystal Farmer  
**Illustrator:** Tyrus Goshay  
**Ages** 3-10

What kid wants to brush their teeth, or worse, eat vegetables? Not Tom! He loves eating pizza and chips and washing it down with pop. When the dentist shows him the hole in his tooth from all the bad food, Tom is horrified. Making matters worse, the dentist tells him that the Streptococcus Mutants will soon come to eat away the rest of his teeth with their deadly bacteria that turns to acid!

Tom goes to bed depressed until the Tooth Fairy appears to give him a dire warning. Mr. Cane, the wicked leader of the Streptococcus Mutants, is looking for him. She offers to help and the two set off on an adventure to defeat Mr. Cane and save Tom's teeth.

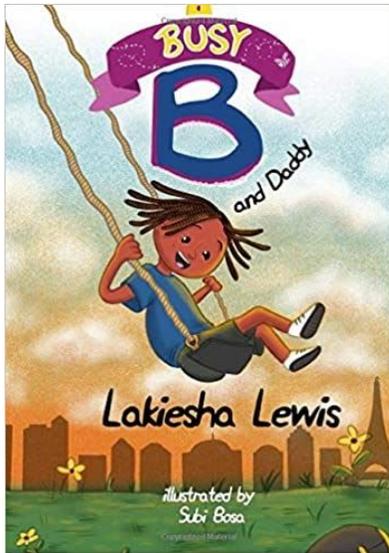


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### B is for Breathe: The ABCs of Coping with Fussy and Frustrating Feelings

**Author:** Melissa Munro Boyd  
**Illustrator:** Lesta Ginting  
**Age:** 4-10

B is for Breathe celebrates children's emotions and learning healthy coping skills at an early age. The book provides examples of different ways children can express their feelings, cope with fussy and frustrating emotions and practice calm down strategies.

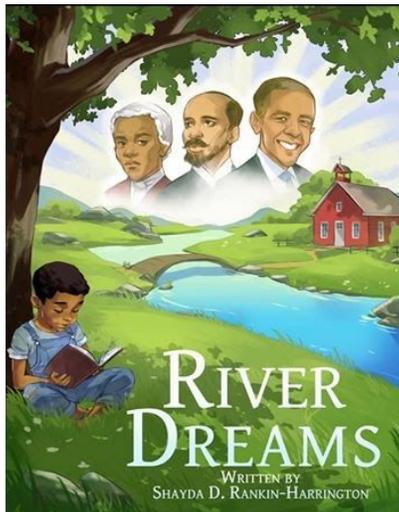


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### [The Busy B and Daddy](#)

**Author:** Lakiesha Lewis  
**Illustrator:** Subi Bosa  
**Kindergarten - 5**

The Busy B series addresses different lessons and mannerisms every man should be taught. Through Busy B we began to teach these to our young boys at an early age so that it can be instilled in them as they grow. Busy B will cover topics such as experiencing and expressing emotions, chivalry, respecting boundaries and accountability. There are not many books that show the positive presence of fathers or men as a whole. Busy B and Daddy shows the importance of father and son relationships and the value of presence over presents.

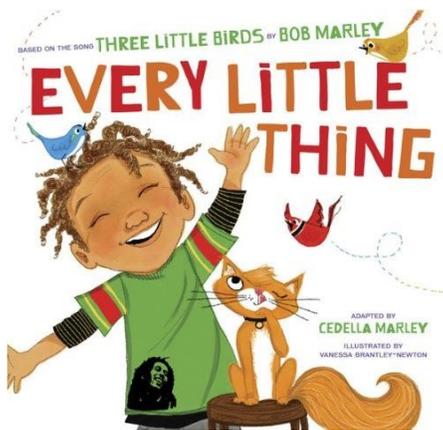


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### [River Dreams](#)

**Author:** Shayda Rankin Harrington

It is important that every effort is made to preserve our rich African-American history. Thus, readers get lost in a book filled with snapshots of indelible marks of history while seeing a glimpse into the sketchy lives and racial struggles of our courageous forefathers. Perhaps racial healing can take place as this book candidly calls out the racial tension that unapologetically existed during a space in our nation's history.



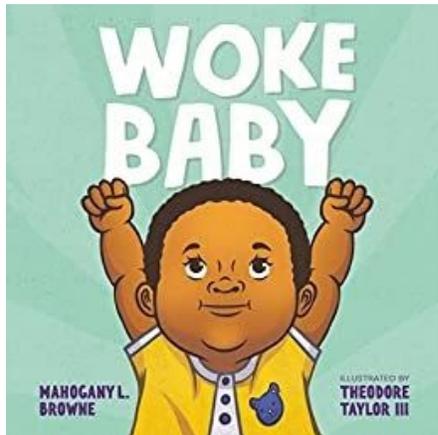
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### [Every Little Thing: Based on the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley](#)

**Author:** Cedella Marley  
**Illustrator:** Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Bob Marley's songs are known the world over for their powerful message of love, peace, and harmony. Now a whole new generation can discover one of his most joyous songs in this reassuring picture book adaptation written by his daughter Cedella and exuberantly illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. This upbeat story reminds children that the sun will always come out after the rain and mistakes are easily forgiven with

a hug. Every family will relate to this universal story of one boy who won't let anything get him down, as long as he has the help of three very special little birds. Including all the lyrics of the original song plus new verses, this cheerful book will bring a smile to faces of all ages—because every little thing's gonna be all right!

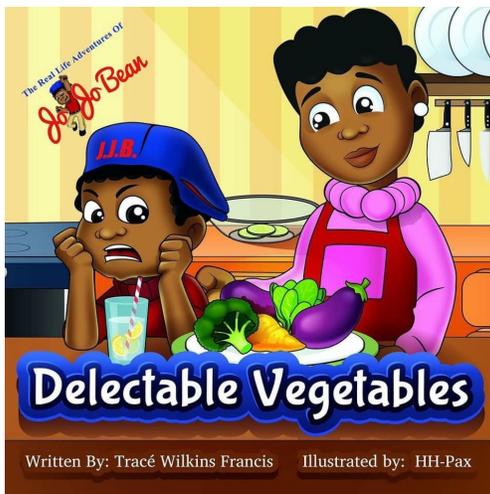


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### Woke Baby

**Author: Mahogany L. Browne**  
**Illustrator: Theodore Taylor, III**  
**Age: Baby - 3 years**

For all the littlest progressives, waking up to seize a new day of justice and activism. Woke babies are up early. Woke babies raise their fists in the air. Woke babies cry out for justice. Woke babies grow up to change the world. This lyrical and empowering book is both a celebration of what it means to be a baby and what it means to be woke. With bright playful art, *Woke Baby* is an anthem of hope in a world where the only limit to a skyscraper is more blue.

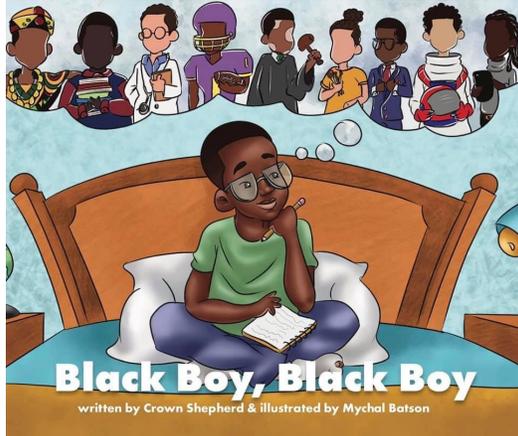


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### Delectable Vegetables

**Author: Teace Wilkins Frances**  
**Illustrator: HH-PAX**

Delectable Vegetables will help your child to understand the importance of eating vegetables. As adults, you know that eating them is crucial to your health, but children may not understand. Written in an entertaining and kid-friendly way, your child will be able to relate to Jo Jo Bean as he comes up with a funny way to avoid eating them. Through this book, your child along with Jo Jo Bean will learn why eating vegetables are so critical for your body. Children from the ages of 4 to 8 will love this book.



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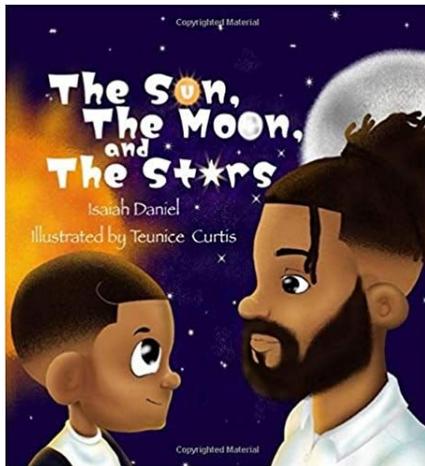
### [Black Boy, Black Boy](#)

**Author:** Crown Shepherd  
**Illustrator:** Mychal Batson  
**Ages:** 0-10

Black Boy, Black Boy, what do you see?

I see a bright future ahead of me!

A melodic mantra with a powerful message: Black boys can be a doctor, a judge, the president . . . anything they want to be!

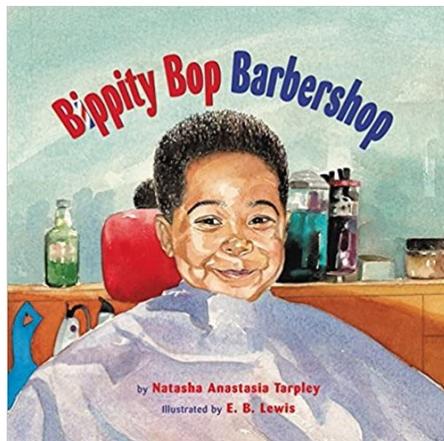


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### [The Sun, The Moon and The Stars](#)

**Author:** Isaiah Daniel  
**Illustrator:** Teunice Curtis

In this captivating narrative, join a father and son as they rediscover the sun, the moon, and the stars together for the first time. Through the eyes of Ochieng, receive the light and love of his fathers message of triumph, growth and understanding. Addressing the issues on the importance of mental and emotional stability, this story shares a tale of a fathers unwavering love for his son and his will for him to discover his own perspective on life.

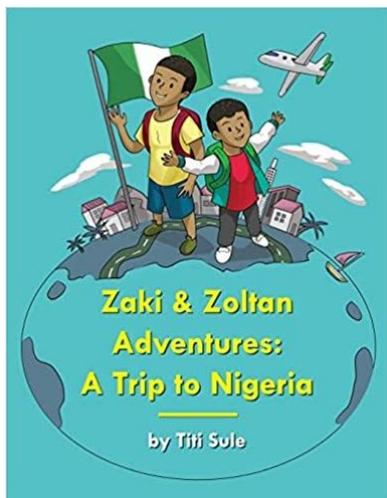


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### [Bippity Bop Barbershop](#)

**Author:** Natasha Anastasia Tarpley  
**Illustrator:** E. B. Lewis  
**4-8 Years Old**

In this companion book to the bestselling *I Love My Hair*, a young boy, Miles, makes his first trip to the barbershop with his father. Like most little boys, he is afraid of the sharp scissors, the buzzing razor, and the prospect of picking a new hairstyle. But with the support of his dad, the barber, and the other men in the barbershop, Miles bravely sits through his first haircut. Written in a reassuring tone with a jazzy beat and illustrated with graceful, realistic watercolors, this book captures an important rite of passage for boys and celebrates African-American identity.

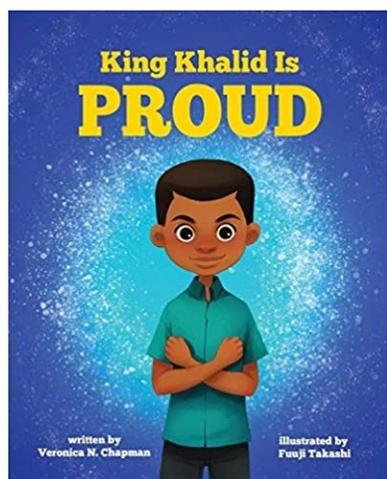


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### [Zaki and Zoltan Adventures: A Trip to Nigeria](#)

**Author:** Titi Sule  
**Age:** 3-10 years old.

Zaki and Zoltan are brothers that love exploring. Their first visit is to Nigeria, a country in Africa. The boys explore Nigerian food, clothes, language, and other fun activities.

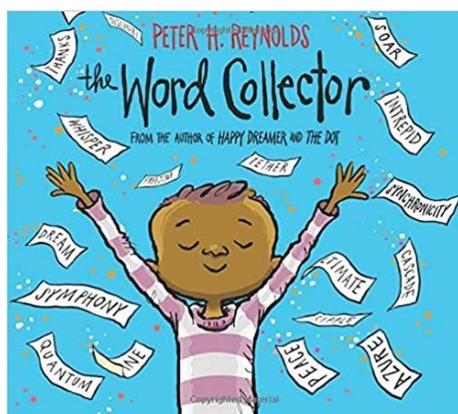


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### [King Khalid is PROUD](#)

**Author:** Veronica N Chapman  
**Illustrator:** Fuuji Takashi  
**Age:** Kindergarten - 6

King Khalid has a favorite pastime that keeps him up past his bedtime. After King Khalid's father reinforces the rules and makes him go to bed on time, King finds a creative way around the rules that ultimately makes everyone proud.



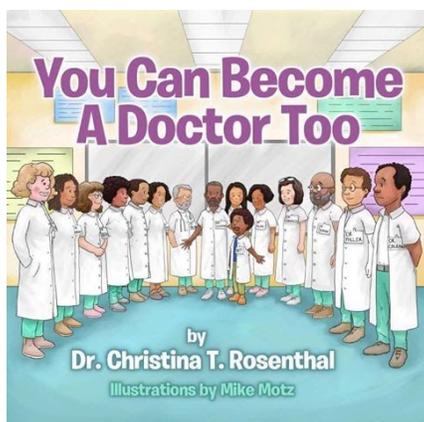
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### [The Word Collector](#)

**Author and Illustrator:** Peter H. Reynolds

*Some people collect stamps. Some people collect coins. Some people collect art. And Jerome? Jerome collected words . . .*

In this extraordinary new tale from Peter H. Reynolds, Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him -- short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower.



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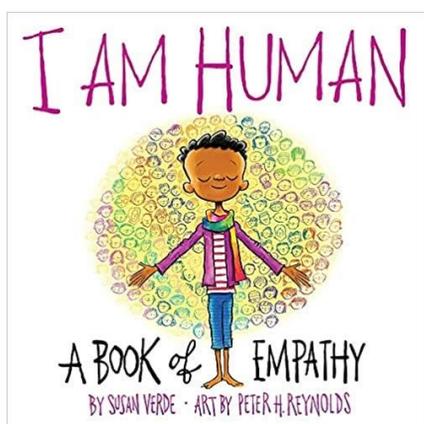
### [You Can Become A Doctor Too](#)

**Author:** Dr. Christina T. Rosenthal

**Illustrator:** Mike Motz

**Age Range:** 5-9

Before Career Day at his school, Art and his classmates believe becoming a doctor is impossible. After listening to the doctors, this all changes.



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### [I AM HUMAN : A Book of Empathy](#)

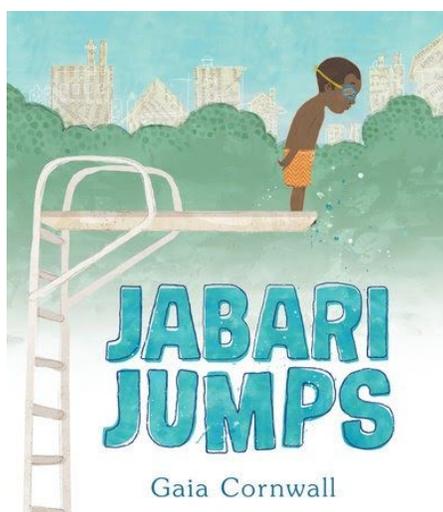
**Author:** Susan Verde

**Illustrator:** Peter H. Reynolds

**Ages 4-8**

Embrace empathy with the instant #1 *New York Times* bestselling companion to *I Am Love* and *I Am Peace!*

Being human means we are full of possibility. We learn, we dream, we wonder at the world around us. But we also make mistakes and can feel fearful or sad.



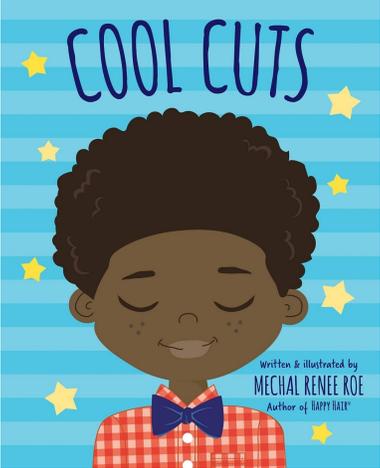
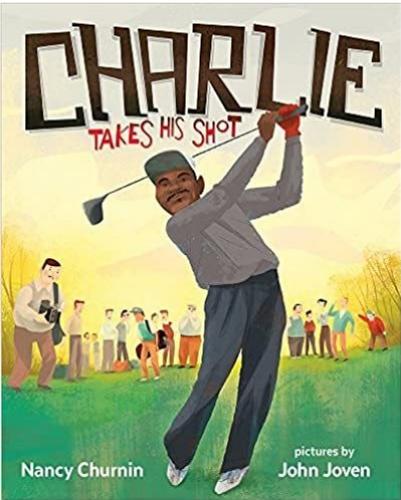
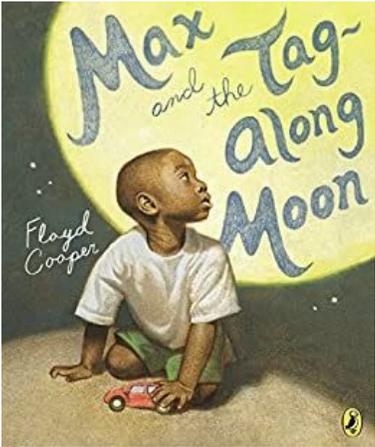
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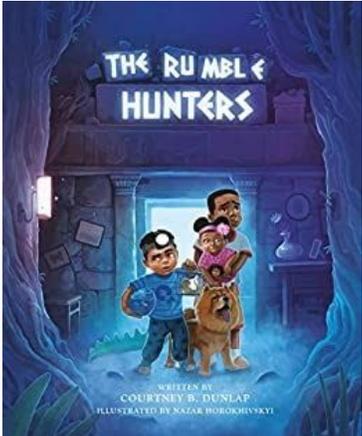
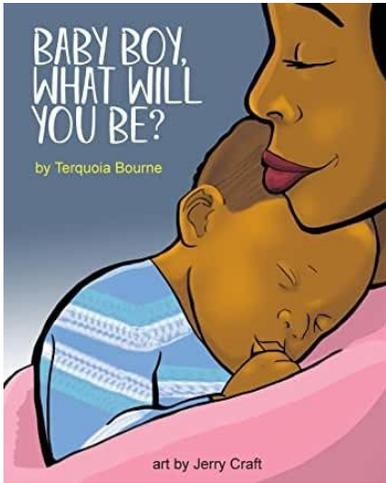
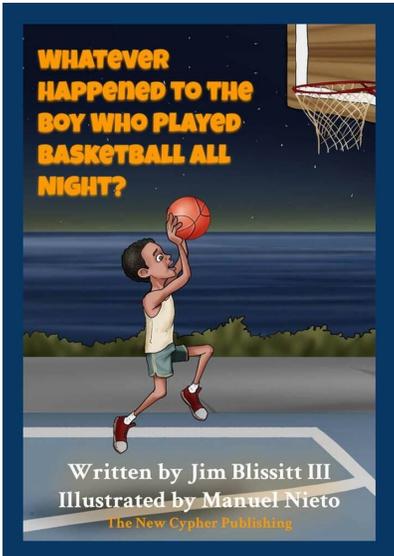
### [JABARI JUMPS](#)

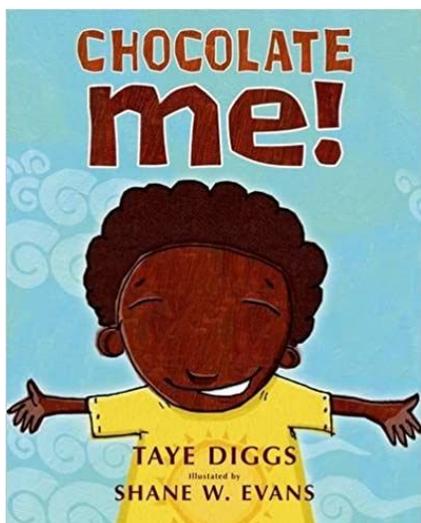
**BY:** Gaia Cornwall

**(Ages 4 - 8)**

Little Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board, at least he thinks he is. He passed his swim test and completed his swimming lessons. So jumping off the diving board should be easy, right? With a little encouragement and a pep talk from his dad, Jabari overcomes his fear and works up the courage to make a big splash. I love the fact that this book features a father with the kids instead of a mother. Perfect for the summer season or Father's Day!

<p>31</p> 	<p><b><u>Cool Cuts</u></b></p> <p><b>Author and Illustrator: Mechal Renee Roe</b> <b>Ages 3 – 7</b></p> <p>African-American boys will love seeing strong, happy reflections of themselves in this vibrant, rhythmic picture book celebrating a diversity of hip black hairstyles. From a ‘fro-hawk to mini-twists and crisp cornrows, adorable illustrations of boys with cool curls, waves, and afros grace each page, accompanied by a positive call-and-response affirmation that will make boys cheer. It’s a great read-aloud to promote positive self-esteem to boys of all ages, building and growing the foundation of self-love (and hair love!) and let every boy know that “You are born to be awesome!”</p>
<p>32</p> 	<p><b><u>Charlie Takes His Shot</u></b></p> <p><b>Author: Nancy Churnin</b> <b>Illustrator: John Joven</b></p> <p>Charlie Sifford loved golf, but in the 1930’s only white people were allowed to play in the Professional Golf Association. Sifford had won plenty of black tournaments, but he was determined to break the color barrier in the PGA. In 1960 he did, only to face discrimination from hotels that wouldn’t rent him rooms and clubs that wouldn’t let him use the same locker as the white players. But Sifford kept playing, becoming the first black golfer to win a PGA tournament and eventually ranking among the greats in golf</p>
<p>33</p> 	<p><b><u>Max and the Tag-Along Moon</u></b></p> <p><b>Author: Floyd Cooper</b> <b>(Ages 3-7)</b></p> <p>Max loves his grandpa. When they must say good-bye after a visit, Grandpa reminds Max that the moon above them at Grandpa’s house is the same moon that will follow him all the way home. And on that swervy-curvy car ride back home Max smiles as the moon tags along, thinking of Grandpa. But when the sky darkens and the moon disappears behind clouds, Max worries that it did not follow him home after all. Yet when the clouds part and light streams through his window, he realizes that Grandpa was right—the moon was with him all along.</p>

<p>34</p> 	<p><b><u>The Rumble Hunters</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Courtney Dunlap, <b>Illustrator:</b> Nazar Horokhivskiy <b>4-8 Years</b></p> <p>Join James, and his heroic band, better known as the Rumble Hunters, on a rhyming adventure to hunt a mysterious rumble in the middle of the night!</p> <p>Fondly reminiscent of many other classic Dr. Seuss books, <i>The Rumble Hunters</i> will quickly join the ranks amongst your family's beloved kids' book classics!</p>
<p>35</p> 	<p><b><u>Baby Boy, What Will You Be?</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Terquoia Bourne <b>Illustrator:</b> Jerry Craft <b>Age:</b> 2-6 years</p> <p>On a cold winter day, a new mom snuggles with her baby boy and warms her heart with the thoughts of all the limitless possibilities that her baby can achieve in his lifetime. "When I gaze upon your face, there's so much hope I see. As I gaze, I begin to wonder, just what you'll grow up and be."</p>
<p>36</p> 	<p><b><u>Whatever Happened To The Boy Who Played Basketball All nNight?</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Jim Blissitt III <b>Illustrator:</b> Manuel Nieto</p> <p>This is an awesome children's book that allows your child to learn how a young Barack Obama used basketball to develop character and make friendships. The boy became one of the most influential leaders we have ever known! Equipped with a Basketball, his favorite sneakers and a will to succeed, this young boy uses his favorite sport to prepare himself to be a great leader.</p>



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### [Chocolate Me!](#)

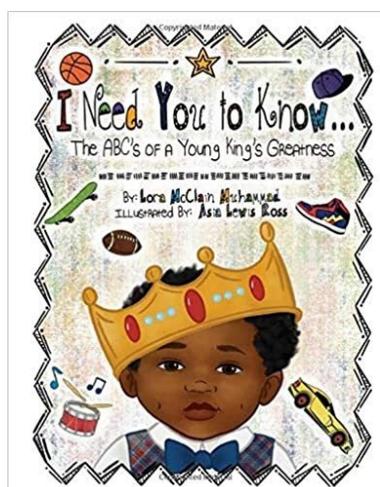
**Author:** Taye Diggs

**Illustrator:** Shane W. Evans

**4-8 years**

A timely book about how it feels to be teased and taunted, and how each of us is sweet and lovely and delicious on the inside, no matter how we look.

The boy is teased for looking different than the other kids. His skin is darker, his hair curlier. He tells his mother he wishes he could be more like everyone else. And she helps him to see how beautiful he really, truly is.



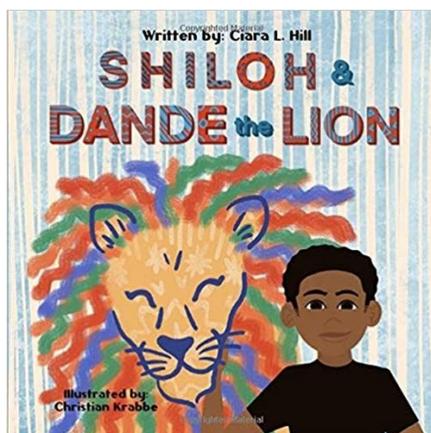
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### [I Need You to Know...: The ABC's of a Young King's Greatness](#)

**Author:** Lora McClain-Muhammad

**Illustrator:** Asia Lewis-Ross

The much-anticipated coloring book filled with all things about a Young Kings Greatness from A-Z! Each page has encouraging words to intrigue young minds! Let's learn, color, and have hours of fun! Get one for your boys and yourself! Our boys are great and should be reminded daily! They too are MAGIC!



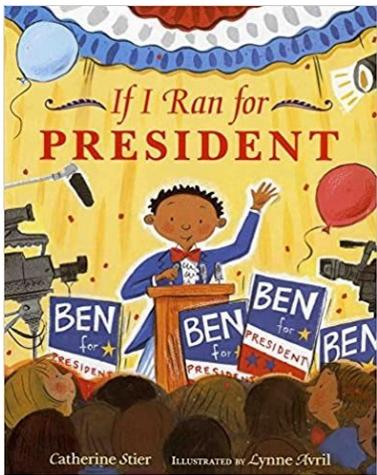
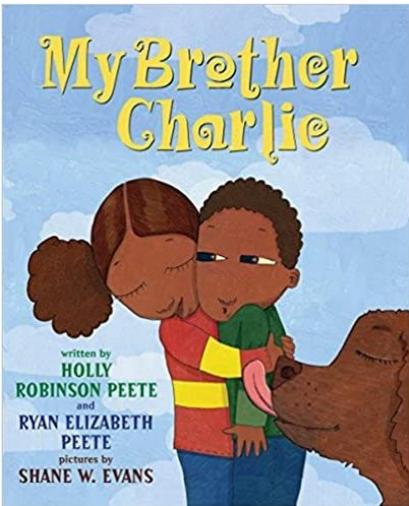
### [Shiloh and Dande the Lion](#)

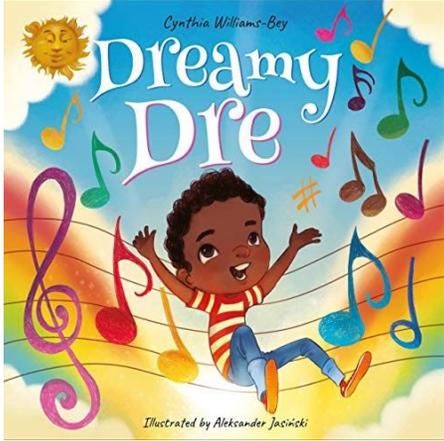
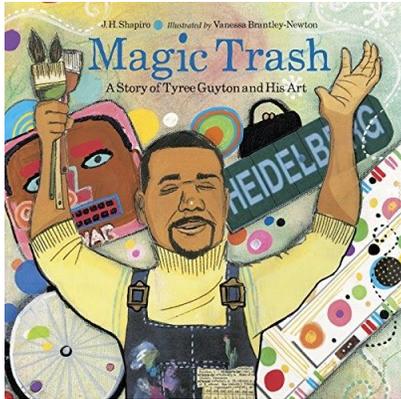
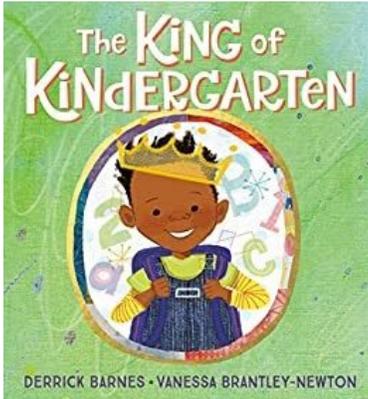
**Author:** Ciara L. Hill

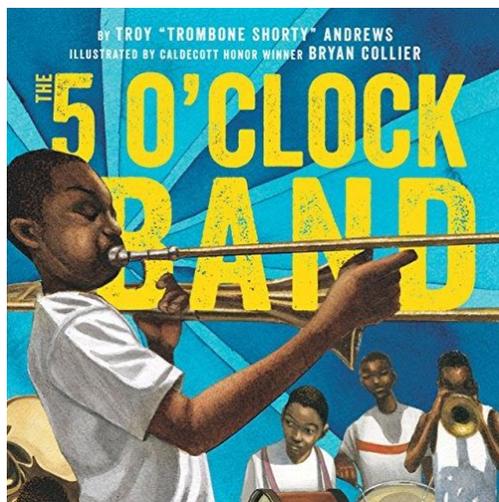
**Illustrator:** Christian Krabbe

**Age 5-8 years old**

Shiloh and Dande the Lion is an imaginative story that explores **diversity**, **tolerance**, and **empowerment** through the fantastic dream of a young boy. Shiloh, whose name means **peace**, is bullied at a new school for the color of his skin. After talking to his mom about it, Shiloh discovers a dandelion in his backyard. He makes a wish, goes to sleep, and Dande the Lion comes to life! Unexpected adventures await Shiloh, as he meets

39	unlikely creatures that share their magical experiences, to help him <b>gain courage, confidence</b> and <b>overcome adversity</b> .
<p data-bbox="201 814 233 848">40</p> 	<p data-bbox="824 331 1130 365"><b><u>If I Ran For President</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="824 394 1110 428"><b>Author: Catherine Stier</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 432 1110 466"><b>Illustrator: Lynne Avril</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 470 935 504"><b>4-8 Years</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 533 1403 701">If you ran for president, you would have to do a lot of hard work. You would study the nation's problems, tell the American people about your platform, select a running mate, and debate your opponents on live television.</p>
<p data-bbox="201 1428 233 1461">41</p> 	<p data-bbox="824 913 1097 947"><b><u>My Brother Charlie</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="824 976 1357 1035"><b>Author: Holly Robinson Peete, Ryan Elizabeth Peete</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 1039 1146 1073"><b>Illustrator: Shane W. Evans</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 1077 948 1110"><b>7-10 Years</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 1140 1419 1400">"Charlie has autism. His brain works in a special way. It's harder for him to make friends. Or show his true feelings. Or stay safe." But as his big sister tells us, for everything that Charlie can't do well, there are plenty more things that he's good at. He knows the names of all the American presidents. He knows stuff about airplanes. And he can even play the piano better than anyone he knows.</p>

<p>42</p> 	<p><b><u>Dreamy Dre</u></b></p> <p><b>Author: Cynthia Williams-Bey</b>  <b>Author: Aleksander Jasinski</b></p> <p>In this boldly illustrated, easy read book, Dreamy Dre the main character, Dre is an aspiring musician. He plans to change the way the world hears music, but there's one problem Dre is a kid and he cannot even afford an instrument. It makes him very sad.</p>
<p>43</p> 	<p><b><u>Magic Trash: A Story of Tyree Guyton and His Art</u></b></p> <p><b>Author: J. H. Shapiro</b>  <b>Illustrator: Vanessa Brantley Newton</b>  <b>5-8 Years</b></p> <p>This picture book biography of Tyree Guyton, an urban environmental artist, shows how he transformed his decaying, crime-ridden neighborhood into the Heidelberg Project, an interactive sculpture park. The story spans from Tyree's childhood in 1950s Detroit to his early efforts to heal his community through art in the 1980s. Tyree's awards include Michigan Artist of the Year and International Artist.</p>
<p>44</p> 	<p><b><u>The King of Kindergarten</u></b></p> <p><b>Author: Derrick Barnes</b>  <b>Illustrator: Vanessa Brantley-Newton</b>  <b>3-6 Years</b></p> <p>A confident little boy takes pride in his first day of kindergarten, by the Newbery Honor-winning author of <i>Crown</i>.</p>



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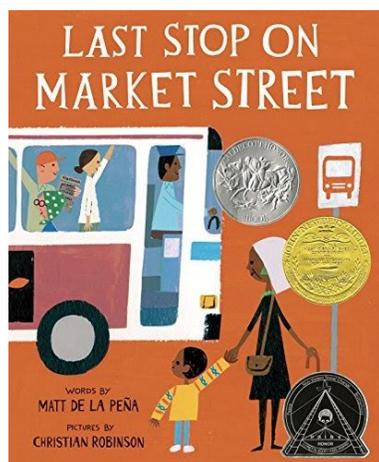
### [The 5 O'Clock Band](#)

**Author:** Troy Andrews

**Illustrator:** Bryan Collier

**4-8 Years**

Join a scrappy young musician named Shorty on a tour of his beloved New Orleans. After letting his band down by missing rehearsal, Shorty has some serious questions about what it means to be a leader. He hits the streets of New Orleans to find some answers and soak up inspiration. Along the way he'll meet street musicians, a favorite restaurant owner, and the famous Mardi Gras Indians. Each has some NOLA-bred wisdom to share with Shorty about being an artist, a leader, and a friend.



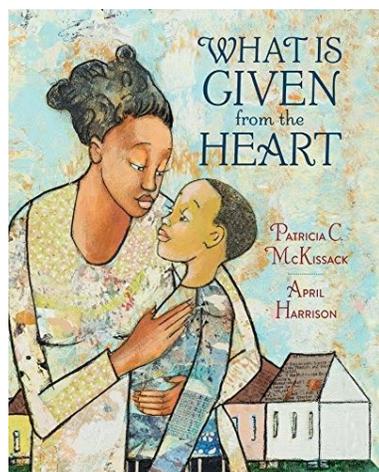
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### [Last Stop on Market Street](#)

**Author:** Matt de la Peña

**Illustrator:** Christian Robinson

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty-and fun-in their routine and the world around them



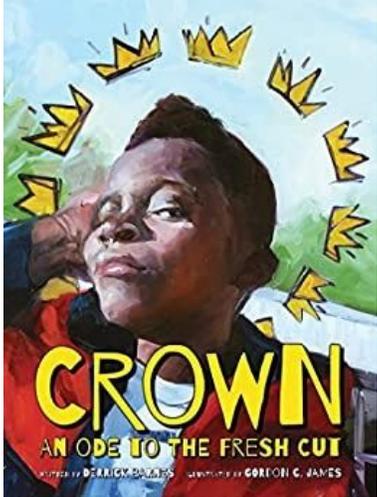
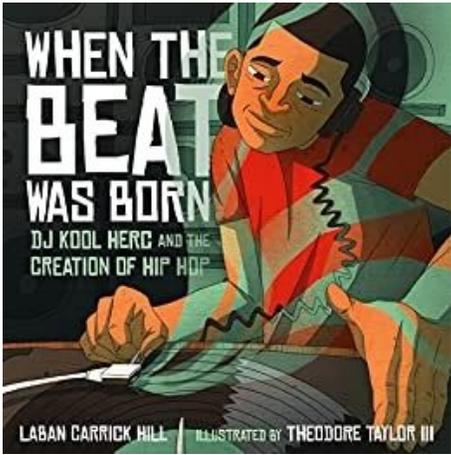
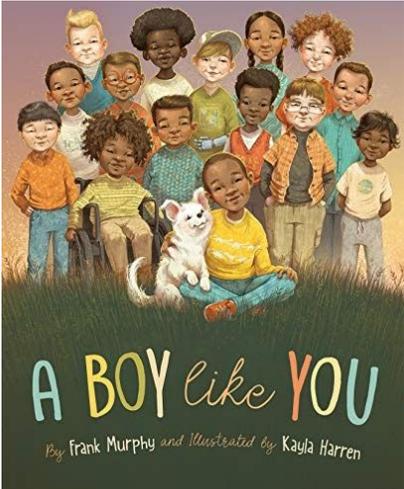
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### [What Is Given from the Heart](#)

**Author:** Patricia C. McKissack

**Illustrator:** April Harrison

This final, magnificent picture book from three-time Coretta Scott King Award winner and Newbery Honor author Patricia McKissack is a poignant and uplifting celebration of the joy of giving.

<p>48</p> 	<p><b><u>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Derrick Barnes  <b>Illustrator:</b> Gordon C. James  <b>3-8 Years</b></p> <p>This rhythmic, read-aloud title is an unbridled celebration of the self-esteem, confidence, and swagger boys feel when they leave the barber’s chair—a tradition that places on their heads a figurative crown, beaming with jewels, that confirms their brilliance and worth and helps them not only love and accept themselves but also take a giant step toward caring how they present themselves to the world. The fresh cuts. That’s where it all begins.</p>
<p>49</p> 	<p><b><u>When The Beat Was Born</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Laban Carrick Hill  <b>Illustrator:</b> Theodore Taylor, III  <b>6-10 Years</b></p> <p>Before there was hip hop, there was DJ Kool Herc. On a hot day at the end of summer in 1973 Cindy Campbell threw a back-to-school party at a park in the South Bronx. Her brother, Clive Campbell, spun the records. He had a new way of playing the music to make the breaks—the musical interludes between verses—longer for dancing. He called himself DJ Kool Herc and this is <i>When the Beat Was Born</i>.</p>
<p>50</p> 	<p><b><u>A Boy Like You</u></b></p> <p><b>Author:</b> Frank Murphy  <b>Illustrator:</b> Kayla Harren  <b>4-7 Years</b></p> <p>There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. <i>A Boy Like You</i> encourages every boy to embrace all the things that make him unique, to be brave and ask for help, to tell his own story and listen to the stories of those around him. In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mold, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.</p>