African American Poetry for Young Readers

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford
One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes
The Entrance Place of Wonders: Poems of the Harlem Renaissance by Daphne Muse
Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes by David Roessel
Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou by Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson, Ph.D.
Jazz by Christopher Myers and Walter Dean Myers
Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat by Nikki Giovanni

Children’s Books about Jazz

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgill
Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters by Michael Mahin
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop by Laban Carrick Hill
Jazz ABZ: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits by Wynton Marsalis
Charlie Parker Played Be Bop by Christopher Raschka
Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Children’s Books about African American Art

Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, A Young Artist in Harlem by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts
Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America by Carole Boston Weatherford
Harlem Renaissance Party by Faith Ringgold
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe
My Hands Sing the Blues: Romare Bearden’s Childhood Journey by Jeanne Walker Harvey
Me and Uncle Rome: A Story Inspired by the Life and Art of Romare Bearden by Claire Hartfield

Children’s Books about African American History

Aunt Harriet’s Underground Railroad in the Sky by Faith Ringgold
Civil Rights for Beginners by Paul Von Blum
Muhammed Ali: A Champion is Born by Gene Barretta
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Barack by Jonah Winter
Sugar Hill: Harlem’s Historic Neighborhood by Carole Boston Weatherford
The Great Migration: An American Story by Jacob Lawrence
Harriet and the Promised Land by Jacob Lawrence

Young Adult Books by African American Authors

Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Boston Weatherford
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
When I Was Greatest by Jason Reynolds
This Side of Home by Renee Watson
Black Boy White School by Brian F. Walker
The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
The Gold Cadillac by Mildred D. Taylor
All the Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers
As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
The Underground Abductor by Nathan Hale
X: A Biography of Malcolm X by Jessica Gunderson
Celeste’s Harlem Renaissance by Eleanor E. Tate
Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Graphic Novels by African American Authors

The Blacker the Ink by Frances Gateward
Black Panther series by Ta-Nehisi Coates
World of Wakanda by Roxane Gay
Storm: Bring the Thunder by Greg Pak
March comic series by John Lewis
Aya of Yop City series by Marguerite Abouet
Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography by Andrew Helfer
The Silence of Our Friends: The Civil Rights Struggle Was Never Black and White by Mark Long, Jim Demonakos and Nate Powell