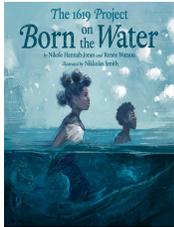


Black History in America: Black History is America's History

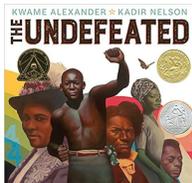
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The 1619 Project: Born on the Water - by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson; Illustrated by Nikkolas Smith

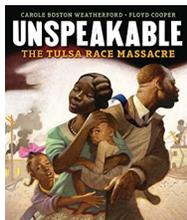
A young student receives a family tree assignment in school, but she can only trace back three generations. Grandma gathers the whole family, and the student learns that 400 years ago, in 1619, their ancestors were stolen and brought to America by white slave traders. But before that, they had a home, a land, a language. She learns how the people said to be born on the water

survived.



The Undefeated- by Kwame Alexander; Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

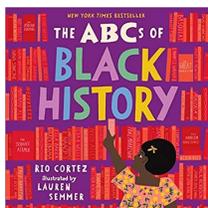
This poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.



Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Boston Weatherford; Illustrated by Floyd Cooper

The book traces the history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district and chronicles the devastation that occurred in 1921 when a white mob attacked the Black community. The book traces the history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district and chronicles the devastation that

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The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez; Illustrated by Lauren Semmer

It's an ABC book like no other, and a story of hope and love.

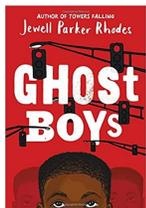
In addition to rhyming text, the book includes back matter with information on the events, places, and people mentioned in the poem

Youth Fiction



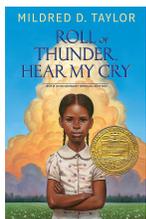
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

When the Ku Klux Klan makes an unwelcome reappearance in Stella's segregated southern town, bravery battles prejudice in this Depression-era tour de force from Sharon Draper, the New York Times bestselling author of *Out of My Mind*.



Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

A heartbreaking and powerful story about a black boy killed by a police officer, drawing connections through history.



Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

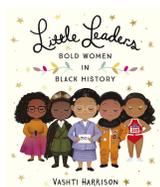
Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice.



Betty Before X by Ilyasa Shabazz

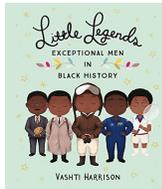
Betty Before X is a powerful middle-grade fictionalized account of the childhood activism of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter Ilyasah Shabazz.

Youth Non Fiction:



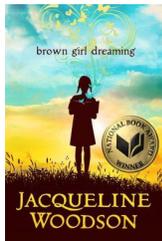
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Featuring forty trailblazing black women in American history, *Little Leaders* educates and inspires as it relates true stories of breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations.



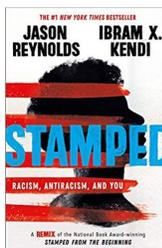
Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison

This beautifully illustrated and engagingly written volume brings to life true stories of black men in history.



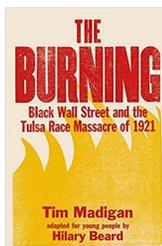
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.



Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

This remarkable reimaging of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future.



The Burning (Young Readers Edition): Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 by Tim Madigan and Hilary Beard

The Burning recreates Greenwood at the height of its prosperity, explores the currents of hatred, racism, and mistrust between its Black residents and Tulsa's White population, narrates events leading up to and including Greenwood's devastation, and documents the subsequent silence that surrounded this tragedy.

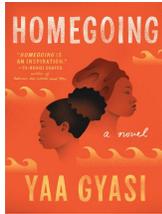


Loving vs. Virginia by Patricia Hruby Powell; Illustrated by Shadra Strickland

In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it. Richard and Mildred Loving were at the heart of a Supreme Court case that legalized marriage between races, and a story of the devoted couple who faced discrimination, fought it, and won.

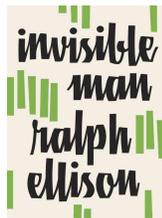
Adult

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Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Homegoing follows the parallel paths of sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem.



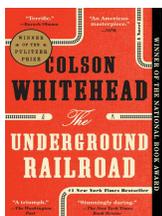
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Originally published in 1952, a nameless narrator tells his story. He describes growing up in a Black community in the South, attending a Negro college from which he is expelled, moving to New York and becoming the chief spokesman of the Harlem branch of "the Brotherhood," before retreating amid violence and confusion.



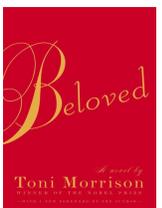
Sing, Unburied, Sing - Jesmyn Ward

Ward gives us an epochal story, a journey through Mississippi's past and present that is both an intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle.



The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

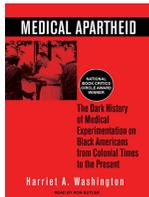
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, this #1 *New York Times* bestseller chronicles a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.



Beloved by Toni Morrison

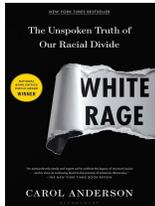
Sethe, was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened.

Adult Non-Fiction



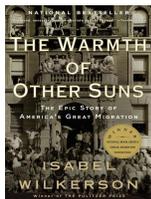
Medical Apartheid by Harriet A. Washington

The first full history of Black America's shocking mistreatment as unwilling and unwitting experimental subjects at the hands of the medical establishment.



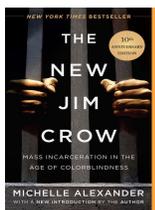
White Rage by Carol Anderson

From the Civil War to our combustible present, acclaimed historian Carol Anderson reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America.



The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

In this beautifully written masterwork, the Pulitzer Prize–winner and bestselling author of *Caste* chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.



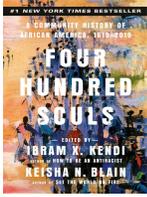
The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

A stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement.



The 1619 Project by Nikole Hannah-Jones

The New York Times Magazine's award-winning “1619 Project” issue reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. This new book substantially expands on that work, weaving together eighteen essays that explore the legacy of slavery in present-day America with thirty-six poems and works of fiction that illuminate key moments of oppression, struggle, and resistance.



Four Hundred Souls, edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

A chorus of extraordinary voices tells the epic story of the four-hundred-year journey of African Americans from 1619 to the present.

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