

African-American Authors

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<p>Picture Books (Children's) featuring African Americans</p>	
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<p>Adler, David A. A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman (Juvenile Biography). JUV 92 Tubman, H</p>	<p>A brief biography of the woman who escaped slaery and went on to become the conductor of the Underground Railroad.</p>
<p>Carlstrom, Nancy White Wild, Wild, Sunflower Child Anna JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Anna retells the joy of her day spent outdoors with the sun, sky grass, flowers, and berries.</p>

<p>Cooke, Trish Mr. Pam Pam and the Hullabazoo JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Mr. Pam Pam is an imaginative fellow who pays frequent visits to a young African American boy and his mother.</p>
<p>Edwards, Pamela Duncan Barefoot : Escape on the Underground Railroad (picture book) JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>A group of animals help a runaway slave escape his pursuers.</p>
<p>Fields, Julia The Green Lion of Zion Street JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>While waiting at the bus stop one foggy morning, a group of children imagine that a stone lion has come to life. The stone lion on Zion Street, proud and fierce, instills fear and admiration in those who see it in the cold city fog.</p>
<p>Flournoy, Valerie The Patchwork Quilt JUV FICTION Young Readers</p>	<p>Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.</p>
<p>Fox, Mem Sophie (Picture Book) JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>As Sophie grows bigger and her grandfather gets smaller, they continue to love each other very much.</p>
<p>Greenfield, Eloise Night on Neighborhood Street JUV 811 G</p>	<p>A collection of poems exploring the sounds, sights, and emotions enlivening a black neighborhood during the course of one evening.</p>
<p>Hale, Sarah Josepha Buell Mary Had a Little Lamb JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>The familiar rhyme featuring a contemporary black Mary.</p>
<p>Hoffman, Mary Amazing Grace JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>With a marvelous imagination and a flair for the dramatic, Grace acts out the stories she loves. When she wants the lead part in a classroom production of Peter Pan, one classmate says she can't because she's a girl and another says she can't because she's black. Inspired by her family's support, Grace shines during her audition.</p>
<p>Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Sara and Susan share tea, cookies, crab cakes, and stories about hats when they visit their</p>

<p>Aunt Flossie's Hats and Crab Cakes Later JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>favorite relative, Aunt Flossie.</p>
<p>Isadora, Rachel Ben's Trumpet JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Ben wants to be a trumpeter, but plays only an imaginary instrument until one of the musicians in a neighborhood night club discovers his ambition.</p>
<p>Johnson, Angela When I am Old With You JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>A child imagines being old with Granddaddy and joining him in such activities as playing cards all day, visiting the ocean, and eating bacon on the porch.</p>
<p>Johnson, Dolores Papa's Stories JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Kari loves to have her father read to her, until she discovers that he cannot read and is making the stories up.</p>
<p>Keats, Ezra Jack Peter's Chair JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.</p>
<p>McKissack, Patricia Flossie & the Fox JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Flossie is a young black girl who lives with her grandmother in the rural south. A wily fox, notorious for frightening children and stealing eggs, meets his match when he encounters the bold little girl in the woods who insists upon proof that he is a fox before she will be frightened. The frustrated fox fails every attempt and Flossie proves herself to be more cunning than the fox.</p>
<p>Medearis, Angela Shelf Our People JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>A little girl and her father discuss their African American heritage. Many other titles are also available by this author.</p>
<p>Mitchell, Margaree King Uncle Jed's Barbershop JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Despite serious obstacles and setbacks Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.</p>
<p>Ringgold, Faith Cassie's Word Quilt JUV FICTION Picture Book</p>	<p>Faith Ringgold returns to Tar Beach as the heroine takes readers on a tour of her home, neighborhood and school.</p>
<p>Rochelle, Belinda When Jo Louis Won the Title</p>	<p>Jo's grandfather helps her feel better about herself when he tells her the story about why she is named for the heavyweight boxing champion, Joe</p>

JUV FICTION Picture Book	Louis.
San Souci, Robert D. The hired hand : an African-American folktale 398.2 S	Old Sam hires a man to help out at his saw mill and the hired hand also teaches Sam's lazy son a lesson about how to treat people.
San Souci, Robert D. The talking eggs : a folktale from the American South JUV 398.2 S	A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.
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