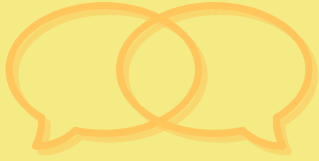


# African-American Boys/Men as Main Characters



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## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL READING LISTS

### Circa 1745-1850s

- The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano by Anne Cameron
- To Be a Slave by Julius Lester
- Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
- 47 by Walter Mosley
- Chains (Trilogy) by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Day of Tears by Julius Lester
- The Legend of Bass Reeves by Gary Paulsen

### 1950s-Present

- The Cay by Theodore Taylor
- Stealing Home- The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg
- Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall
- Leon's Story by Leon Walter Tillage
- Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary by Walter Dean Myers
- M.C. Higgins the Great by Virginia Hamilton
- Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories by Ellen S. Levine

### Late 1850s-1940s

- Walking to the Bus Rider Blues by Harriette Gillem Robinet
- The Well by Mildred D. Taylor
- Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson
- Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Souder by William H. Armstrong
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Story of Jonas by Maurine F. Dahlberg
- Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes edited by David Rossell and Arnold Rampersad

### Remember

Make sure to tell your learner why you're suggesting they read a particular book and/or why you are reading a particular book with/to them.

Use text sets as a simple and easy way to facilitate your learner putting ideas together independently.



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## PICTURE BOOK LIST

Freedom Over Me by Ashley Bryan

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales by Virginia Hamilton

Jazz by Walter Dean Myers and Christopher Myers

Jump Back Honey: The Poems of Paul Lawrence Dunbar by Paul Dunbar and Brian Pinkney

Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles - Think of That! by Diane Dillon and Leo Dillon

Ellington Was Not a Street by Ntozake Shange and Kadir Nelson

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport and Bryan Collier

Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope by Nikki Grimes and Bryan Collier

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave by Laban Carrick Hill and Bryan Collier

Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson and Loren Long

Dear Benjamin Banneker by Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney

From Slave Ship to Freedom Road by Julius Lester

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine and Kadir Nelson

John Henry by Julius Lester and Jerry Pinkney

The Middle Passage: White Ships / Black Cargo by Tom Feelings