

BLACK HISTORY

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Focus on Canadian Resources:

Songs

Granfield, Linda. Illus. by Janet Wilson. *Amazing Grace: The Story of the Hymn*. Tundra, 1997.
Juv BX5199.N55G72 1997+

Ontario author Linda Granfield tells the history of the song.

A Teacher's Guide for this title is available from the Tundra Books website at

http://www.tundrabooks.com/teacher_resources/teacher_guides/tg_amazing.html Last viewed 4
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Children's Stories

Picture Books

Keens-Douglas, R. *Freedom Child of the Sea*. Annick, 1995. Juv PS8571.E36f74 1995

Junior Novels

Schwartz, Virginia Frances. *If I Just Had Two Wings*. Stoddart Kids, 2001. Juv PS8587.C5868 I34 2001

Smucker, Barbara. *Underground to Canada*. Clarke Irwin, 1977. Juv PS8537.M94U53

Senior Novels & Picture Books for Senior Readers

Bell, William. *Stones*. Doubleday Canada, 2001. Juv PS8553.E53S86 2001

Lester, Julius. Ill. by Rod Brown. *From Slave Ship to Freedom Road*. Dial, 1998. ND237.B8744 A4 1998

Information Books for Children

Greenwood, Barbara. *The Last Safe House: A Story of the Underground Railroad*. Kids Can, 1998.
Juv E450.G74 1998+

Legends & Folklore for Children

Mollel, Tololwa M. *Kitoto the Mighty*. Stoddart, 1998. Juv PS8576.O62K57 1998

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Information Books for Young Adults & Older Readers

Alexander, Ken and Avis Glaze. *Towards Freedom: The African-Canadian Experience*. Umbrella, 1996.
Juv FC106.B6A54

Braithwaite, Rella. *Solme Black Women: Profiles of Black Women in Canada*. Sister Vision, 1993.
FC106.B6B73 1993

Bramble, Linda. *Black Fugitive Slaves in Early Canada*. Vanwell, 1987. Juv E450.B73 1987

Carter, Velma. *The Black Canadians: Their History and Contributions*. Reidmore, 1993. FC106.B6C37 1993

Gorrell, Gena K. *North Star to Freedom: The Story of the Underground Railway*. Stoddart, 1996.
Juv E450.G68 1996

Prince, Bryan. *I Came as a Stranger: The Underground Railroad*. Tundra, 2004. Juv FC106.B6P76 2004
 Sadlier, Rosemary. *The Kids Book of Black Canadian History*. Kids Can, 2003. Juv FC106 B6 S22 2003
 Williams, Dawn P. *Who's Who in Black Canada*. d.p. williams & associates, 2002. REF FC106.B6W54 2002
 Winks, Robin W. *The Blacks in Canada: A History*. McGill-Queen's, 1997. FC106.B6W55 1997

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Ayanna, Black. *Voices: Canadian Writers of African Descent*. 1992. PS8235.B58V6 1992

Videos

Breaking the Ice: The Story of Mary Ann Shadd. White Pine, 1998. [Video. 24 min.]. Video 100.5.S33 no.5
Carol's Mirror. National Film Board, 1991. [Video. 14 min.] Video 302.P53 no. 001
Domino. National Film Board, 1994. [Video. 45 min.] Video 147.D65
Fields of Endless Day. National Film Board, 1978. [Video. 58 min.] Video 150.8.F54
Freedom's Land: Canada and the Underground Railroad. CBC, 2004. Video E450.F65 2004 VHS
Home Feeling: Struggle for a Community. National Film Board, 1983. [Video. 58 min.] Video 147.H65
In the Key of Oscar. National Film Board, 1992. [Video. 94 min.] Video 068.I56
Land of Hope. Vols. 1 & 2. National Film Board, 1997. [Video.] Video 147.L35
Remember Africville. National Film Board, 1991. [Video. 35 min.] Video 147.R45
Speakers for the Dead. National Film Board, 2000. [Video. 50 min.] Video 147.S643
Taking Charge. National Film Board, 1996. [Video. 26 min.] Video 760.T35
Voice of the Fugitive. National Film Board, 1978. [Video. 29 min.] Video 150.8.V65

Focus on American Resources:

Children's Poetry

Adedjouma, Davida. Ed. *The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children*. Lee & Low Books, 1996. Juv PS591.N4P25 1996
 Bryan, Ashley. Ed. *Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry*. Atheneum, 1997. Juv PS591.N4A84 1997
 Hall, Donald. Ed. *The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems*. Oxford University, 1998. Juv PS586.3.O95 1998
 Igus, Toyomi. Illus. by Michele Wood. *I See the Rhythm*. Children's Book Press, 1998. Juv ML3556.I48 1998
 Ladwig, Tim. Illus. *Psalm Twenty-Three*. Eerdmans Books, 1997. Juv BS1450.O23rdL25 1997
 Lewis, J. Patrick. and John Thompson. *Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans*. Creative Editions, 2000. Juv PS3562.E9465F74 2000
 Myers, Walter Dean. *Blues Journey*. Holiday House, 2003. Juv PS3563.Y48 B58 2001
 Perdomo, Willie. Illus. by Bryan Collier. *Visiting Langston*. Henry Holt, 2002. Juv PS3566.E691216V5 2002
 A child's poem about the poet Langston Hughes. Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2003 for illustration.
 Rochelle, Belinda. Ed. *Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art*. HarperCollins, 2001. Juv PS591.N4W67 2001
 Steptoe, Javaka. Illus. *In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers*. Lee & Low, 1997. Juv PS591.N4I5 1997+
 Thomas, Joyce Carol. *Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea*. HarperCollins, 1993. Juv PS3570.H565B7 1993

Songs

Granfield, Linda. *Amazing Grace: The Story of the Hymn*. Tundra, 1997. Juv BX5199.N55G72 1997+

Hudson, Wade and Cheryl Hudson. Eds. *How Sweet the Sound: African-American Songs for Children*. Scholastic, 1995. Juv PS591.N4H69 1995

Children's Stories

- Hansen, Joyce. *I Thought my Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl*. Scholastic, 1997. Juv PS3558.A51313I18 1997+
- Hanson, Regina. *The Tangerine Tree*. Clarion, 1994. Juv PS3558.A5413T36 1995+
- Hopkinson, Deborah. *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*. Knopf, 1993. Juv PS3558.O6364S93 1993+
- Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*. Simon & Schuster, 1999. Juv PS3558.O8812V57 1999+
- Johnston, Tony. *The Wagon*. Tambourine Books, 1996. Juv PS3560.O393W33 1996+
- Inspired by the James E. Ransome painting "Carolina Morning".
- Lester, Julius. Illus. by David Shannon. *How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have? And Other Tales*. Scholastic, 1989. Juv PS3562.E853H68
- Twelve folktales. Ten African, two Jewish.
- Lester, Julius. Illus. Jerry Pinkney. *John Henry*. Dial, 1994. Juv PS3562.E853J63 1994
- Lester, Julius. *Long Journey Home: Stories from Black History*. Dial, 1972. Juv PS3562.E853L6
- Lester, Julius. Illus. by Jerry Pinkney. *Sam and the Tigers*. Dial, 1996. Juv PS3562.E853S25 1996
- "A new telling of *Little Black Sambo*."
- Monjo, F.N. *The Drinking Gourd*. Harper & Row, 1970. Juv PS3563.O525D75 1970+
- Riggio, Anita. *Secret Signs: Along the Underground Railroad*. Boyd Mills, 1997. Juv PS3568 .I369 S43 1997+
- Ringgold, Faith. *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky*. Crown, 1992. Juv PS3568 .I571 A93 1992+
- Smalls, Irene. *Jenny Reen and the Jack Muh Lantern*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1996. Juv PS3569.M33J46 1996
- Thomas, Joyce Carol. *I Have Heard of a Land*. HarperCollins, c1998. Juv PS3570.H565 I12 1998
- Vaughan, Marcia K. *The Secret to Freedom*. Lee & Low Books, 2001. Juv PS3572.A885 S42 2001+
- Whelan, Gloria. *Friend on Freedom River*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2004. Juv PS3573.H442F75
- 2004
- Winter, Jeanette. *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. Knopf, 1988. Juv PS3573.I536F6 1988+

Children's Stories Connected to Music

- Dillon, Leo & Diane. *Jazz on a Saturday Night*. Blue Sky, 2007. Juv ML3929.D55 2007
- Igus, Toyomi. Illus. by Michele Wood. *I See the Rhythm*. Children's Book Press, 1998. Juv ML3556.I48 1998
- Lewis, J. Patrick. and John Thompson. *Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans*. Creative Editions, 2000. Juv PS3562.E9465F74 2000
- Parker, Robert A. *Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum*. Schwartz & Wade, 2008. Juv ML3930.T2P37 2008
- Based on the life of Art Tatum.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis & Brian Pinkney. *Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa*. Hyperion Books for Children, 2002. Juv ML3930.F5P56 2002
- Winter, Jonah. *Dizzy*. Scholastic, 2006. Juv ML3930.G47W56 2006
- Picture book biography of Dizzy Gillespie.

Fiction for Young Adults

- Ayres, Katherine. *North By Night: A Story of the Underground Railroad*. Dell Yearling, 1998. Juv PS3551.Y734N67 2000+

- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963*. Delacorte, 1995. Juv PS3553.U715W37 1995
- Fox, Paula. *The Slave Dancer*. Bradbury, 1973. Juv PS3556.O94S5
- Hesse, Karen. *Witness*. Scholastic, 2001. Juv PS3558
- Lester, Julius. *Othello: A Novel*. Scholastic, 1995. Juv PR2878.O8L47 1995
- Pearsall, Shelley. *Trouble Don't Last*. Knopf, 2002. Juv PS3616.E258 T76 2002+

Information Books for Children

- Cook, Michelle. *Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change*. Bloomsbury, 2009. Juv E185.96 .C67 2009

Information Books for Children: Slavery & the Underground Railroad

- Bains, Rae. *Harriet Tubman, The Road to Freedom*. Troll, 1982. Juv E444.T82B34 1982
- Bial, Raymond. *The Underground Railroad*. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. Juv E450.B53 1995
- Ferris, Jeri. *Go Free or Die: A Story about Harriet Tubman*. Lerner, 1988. Juv E444.T82F47 1988
- . *Walking the Road to Freedom: A Story About Sojourner Truth*. Carolrhoda, 1988. Juv E185.97T8F47 1988
- Ford, Carin T. *Slavery and the Underground Railroad: Bound for Freedom*. Enslow, 2004. Juv E449.F67 2004
- Green, Jen. *The Africans. (We Came to North America series)*. Crabtree, 2000. Juv E185.G755 2000
- Hansen, Joyce and Gary McGowan. *Freedom Roads: Searching for the Underground Railroad*. Cricket, 2003. Juv E450.H26 2003
- Kallen, Stuart A. *Life on the Underground Railroad*. Lucent, 2000. Juv E450.K26 2000
- McGovern, Ann. *"Wanted Dead or Alive": The True Story of Harriet Tubman*. Scholastic, 1965. Juv E444.T898 1965a
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang*. Scholastic, 2002. Juv ML3930.A5R93 2002

Information Books for Children: Art

- Butler, Jerry. *A Drawing in the Sand: A Story of African American Art*. Zino Press, 1998. Juv N6537.B89A2 1998

Information Books for Children: Civil Rights Movement

- King, Martin Luther. *I Have a Dream*. Scholastic, 1997. Juv E185.61.K53 1997
- Includes a forward by Coretta Scott King, and illustrations by fifteen Coretta Scott King Award and Honor Book Artists. A beautiful book.
- Mayer, Robert H. *When the Children Marched*. Enslow, 2008. Juv F334.B69N4485 2008
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters*. Harcourt, 2000. Juv E185.96.P5 2000
- Rappaport, Doreen. *Free at Last! Stories and Songs of Emancipation*. Candlewick, 2004. Juv E185.2.R27 2004
- . *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*. Hyperion, 2001. Juv E185.97.K5R36 2001

Information Books for Children: Ruby Bridges

- Bridges, Ruby. *Through My Eyes*. Scholastic, 1999. Juv F379.N59N435 1999
- Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*. Scholastic, 2004. Juv F379.N59N436 2004+

Information Books for Children: Rosa Parks & the Montgomery Bus Boycott

- Freedman, Russell. *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*. Holiday House, 2006. Juv F334.M79N43 2006

- Giovanni, Nikki. *Rosa*. Henry Holt, 2005. Juv F334.M753P38427 2005
- Ringgold, Faith. *If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks*. Simon & Schuster, 1999. Juv F334.M753R56 1999
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation*. Greenwillow, 2008. Juv F334.M753P386 2008
- Schroeder, Alan. *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman*. Dial, 1996. Juv E444.T82S37 1996
- Shone, Rob. *Rosa Parks: The Life of a Civil Rights Heroine. Graphic Biographies series*. Rosen, 2007. Juv F334.M753P3867 2007

Information Books for Young Adults and Older Readers

- Awmiller, Craig. *This House on Fire: The Story of the Blues*. Franklin Watts, 1996. ML3521.A96 1996
- Blockson, Charles. *The Underground Railroad*. Prentice-Hall, 1987. Juv E450.B66 1987
- Feelings, Tom. *Middle Passage: White Ships/Black Cargo*. Dial, 1995. Juv ND237.F32A4 1995
- Fradin, Judith B. & Dennis B. Fradin. *The Power of One: Daisy Bates & the Little Rock Nine*. Clarion, 2004. Juv F419.L7F73 2004
- Freedman, Russell. *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. Juv ML3930.A5F73 2004
- Hill, Laban Carrick. *Harlem Stomp! A Cultural History of the Harlem Renaissance*. Little, Brown, 2003. Juv E185.6.H515 2003
- Hull, Mary. *Rosa Parks, Civil Rights Leader*. Chelsea House, 2007. Juv F334.M753P374 2007
- Lester, Julius and Rod Brown. *From Slave Ship to Freedom Road*. Dial, 1998. ND237.B8744A4 1998
- Lester, Julius. *To Be a Slave*. Dial, 1968. Stauffer E444.L47
- Narrative accounts from ex-slaves. Difficult reading.
- Nelson, Scott R. *Ain't Nothing But a Man*. National Geographic, 2008. Juv E185.97.H455N445 2008
- Thomas, Velma Maia. *Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery and Emancipation*. Crown, 1997. Juv E441.T49 1997
- Weidt, Maryann N. *Harriet Tubman*. Lerner, 2003. Juv E444.T82 W45 2003

Legends & Folklore for Children

- Diakit , Baba Wagu . *The Hunterman and the Crocodile*. Scholastic, 1997. Juv PS3554.I18H86 1997+
- Hamilton, Virginia. *A Ring of Tricksters: Animal Tales from America, the West Indies, and Africa*. 1997. Juv PS3558.A444R55 1997
- Hamilton, Virginia. Teller. *Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales*. Blue Sky, 1995. Juv GR111.A47H35 1995
- Lester, Julius. Teller. *The Man who Knew Too Much: A Moral Tale from the Bails of Zambia*. Clarion, 1994. Juv PS3562.E853M35 1994

Kwanzaa

See our *Clues to December Holidays: Kwanzaa edition*.

Poetry

- Clinton, Catherine. Comp. *I, Too, Sing America: Three Centuries of African American Poetry*. Houghton Mifflin, 1998. Juv PS591.N4I35 1998
- Hughes, Langston. *The Negro Speaks of Rivers*. Disney/Jump at the Sun, 2009. Juv PS3515.U274 N35 2009
- Igus, Toyomi. Illus. by Michele Wood. *I See the Rhythm*. Children's Book Press, 1998. Juv ML3556.I48 1998

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 Thomas, Joyce Carol. Illus. by Tom Feelings. *Black Child*. Zamani Productions, 1981. PS3570.H565B57

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Curry, Barbara K. and James Michael Brodie. *Sweet Words so Brave: The Story of African American Literature*. Zino, 1996. Juv PS153.N5C87 1996

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### Classroom Ideas for the Primary/Elementary Grades:

"February 1999 Calendar: Black History Month, Journal Writing." *Teacher's Helper* 14.1 (Feb.March 1999): 13-14. This calendar may be useful beyond 1999, for ideas.  
 Finnen, Wanda Cobb. *Talking Drums: Reading and Writing with African American Stories, Spirituals and Multimedia Resources*. Teacher Ideas Press, 2004. GR111.A47F564 2004  
 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. *Antiracism Education: Getting Started: A Practical Guide for Educators*. Educational Services Committee, OSSTF, 1995. HT1506.C63 1995†  
 Polette, Nancy. *Literature Lures: Using Picture Books and Novels to Motivate Middle School Readers*. Teacher Ideas Press, 2002. LB1575.P65 2002

### Web Sites for Students

Google search strategy suggestions:

"black history month" -site:com  
 "black history" site:edu  
 "black history" site:org

Historica. *Black History Canada*. <http://blackhistorycanada.ca/>

### Web Sites for Teachers

A T & T Knowledge Network Explorer. *Patchwork of African American Life*.  
<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

A T & T Knowledge Network Explorer. *Sampling African America*.  
[http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/bh\\_sampler.html](http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/bh_sampler.html)

*The African-American Mosaic: A Library of Congress Resource Guide for the Study of Black History and Culture*. <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

*National Geographic Online: The Underground Railroad*  
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/>

*Ontario Black History Society*. <http://www.blackhistorysociety.ca/>