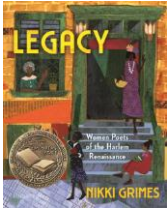


# Celebrate Black History Month!

## Middle Grade Books

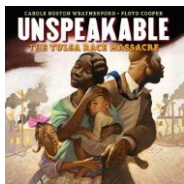


### [Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance](#) by Nikki Grimes

In this poetry collection, bestselling author Nikki Grimes uses "The Golden Shovel" poetic method to create wholly original poems based on the works of these groundbreaking women-and to introduce readers to their work.

Each poem is paired with one-of-a-kind art from today's most exciting female African-American illustrators: Vanessa Brantley-Newton, Cozbi A. Cabrera, Nina Crews, Pat Cummings, Laura Freeman, Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Ebony Glenn, April Harrison, Vashti Harrison, Ekuia Holmes, Cathy Ann Johnson, Keisha Morris, Daria Peoples-Riley, Andrea Pippins, Erin Robinson, Shadra Strickland, Nicole Tadgell, and Elizabeth Zunon.

\*A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor winner \* A New York Public Library Best Kids Book of the Year \* A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year, Middle Grade \* A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year, Nonfiction\*



### [Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre](#) by Carol 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.

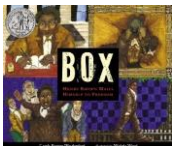
News of what happened was largely suppressed, and no official investigation occurred for seventy-five years.

This picture book sensitively introduces young readers to this tragedy and concludes with a call for a better future. \* Longlisted for the National Book Award \* A Kirkus Prize Finalist \* A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book \* "A must-have"--Booklist (starred review) \*



### [Making Our Way Home: The Great Migration and the Black American Dream](#) by Blair Imani

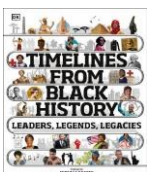
A powerful illustrated history of the Great Migration and its sweeping impact on Black and American culture, from Reconstruction to the rise and fall of the Black Panther Party.



### [Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom](#) by Carol Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Michele Wood

In a moving, lyrical tale about the cost and fragility of freedom, a New York Times best-selling author and an acclaimed artist follow the life of a man who courageously shipped himself out of slavery.

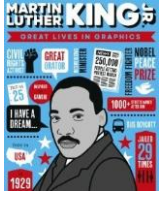
In stanzas of six lines each, each line representing one side of a box, celebrated poet Carole Boston Weatherford powerfully narrates Henry Brown's story of how he came to send himself in a box from slavery to freedom. \* A 2021 Newbery Honor Book \*



### [Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies](#) edited by Mirielle Harper

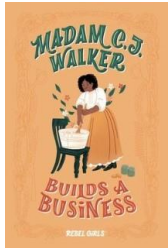
From Mansa Musa to Barack Obama; learn about more than 100 Black leaders and historical individuals, and discover the 30 timelines from throughout world history in this compelling children's Black history book. Learn about Lewis Latimer and his integral contributions to the lightbulb, of how Ethiopia avoided colonisation thanks to its brave queen, and many more important moments in world and Black history.

Pages of visual representations take children, adolescents, and adults on a trip through history. Stacked with facts and visually vibrant, Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legacies, Legends is an unforgettable and accessible hive of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.



### [Great Lives in Graphics: Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

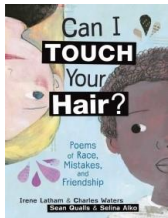
Using colorful infographics, this book presents over 250 facts about Martin Luther King Jr, a minister who campaigned for the rights of African Americans during America's Civil Rights Movement. This graphic retelling of his story gives children a visual snapshot of his life and the world he grew up in, while educating them on everything from civil rights to the power of words. It includes an overview of his life, a timeline spread, a family outline, and a geographical summary of important places. It also features 'Did You Know' facts and inspiring quotes.



### [Madam C.J. Walker Builds a Business](#) by [Rebel Girls](#) and [Salini Perera](#)

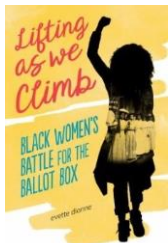
Sarah is the first person in her family who wasn't born into slavery in Delta, Louisiana. But being free doesn't mean that Sarah doesn't have to work. She cooks, she cleans, she picks cotton, she does laundry, and she babysits. And when she works, she wraps up her hair.

One day, Sarah's hair starts to fall out! It's itchy, crunchy, patchy, and won't grow. Instead of giving up, Sarah searches for the right products. And then she invents something better than any shampoo or hair oil she's used before. Her hair grows and grows! That's when she decides to rebrand herself as "Madam C. J. Walker," and begins her business empire.



### [Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship](#) by [Irene Latham](#) and [Charles Waters](#)

Irene Latham, who is white, and Charles Waters, who is black, present paired poems about topics including family dinners, sports, recess, and much more. This relatable collection explores different experiences of race in America.

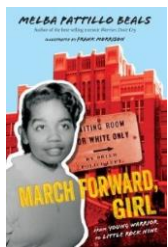


### [Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box](#) by [Evette Dion](#)

This Coretta Scott King Author Honor book tells the important, overlooked story of black women as a force in the suffrage movement--when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle.

Lifting as We Climb is the empowering story of African American women who refused to accept all this.

Women who formed their own black suffrage associations when white-dominated national suffrage groups rejected them. Women like Mary Church Terrell, a founder of the National Association of Colored Women and of the NAACP; or educator-activist Anna Julia Cooper who championed women getting the vote and a college education; or the crusading journalist Ida B. Wells, a leader in both the suffrage and anti-lynching movements.



### [March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine](#) by [Melba Beals](#)

Long before she was one of the Little Rock Nine, Melba Pattillo Beals was a warrior. Frustrated by the laws that kept African-Americans separate but very much unequal to whites, she had questions. Why couldn't she drink from a "whites only" fountain? Why couldn't she feel safe beyond home--or even within the walls of church? Adults all told her: Hold your tongue. Be patient. Know your place. But Beals had the heart of a fighter--and the knowledge that her true place was a free one.

Combined with emotive drawings and photos, this memoir paints a vivid picture of Beals' powerful early journey on the road to becoming a champion for equal rights, an acclaimed journalist, a best-selling author, and the recipient of this country's highest recognition, the Congressional Gold Medal.