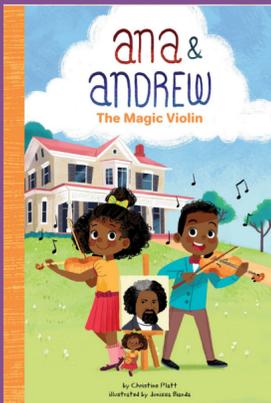


AFRICAN-AMERICAN FICTION

10 best books that feature African-American protagonists, to read with children ages 4 and up.



THE MAGIC VIOLIN

Platt, Christine A.

J PLATT R 3

Ana & Andrew are learning to play the violin! They learn from an important African American about the importance of practicing.

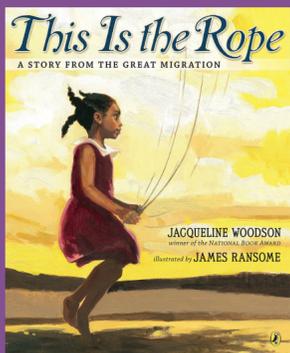


DRAGONS IN A BAG

Elliott, Zetta.

J ELLIOTT

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

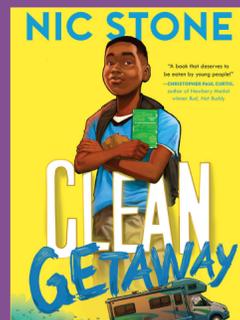


THIS IS THE ROPE : A STORY FROM THE GREAT MIGRATION

Woodson, Jacqueline.

JPB WOOD

A rope passed down through the generations frames an African American family's story as they journey north during the time of the Great Migration.

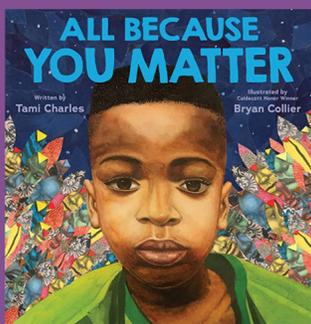


CLEAN GETAWAY

Stone, Nic.

JB WALKER

An 11-year-old boy confronts the realities of race relations, past and present, and the mysterious agenda of his unconventional grandmother during an unplanned spring break road trip through the once-segregated American South.

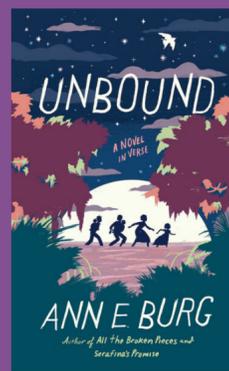


ALL BECAUSE YOU MATTER

Charles, Tami.

JPB CHARLES

A lyrical, heart-lifting love letter to Black and Brown children everywhere reminds them how much they matter, that they have always mattered and they always will.

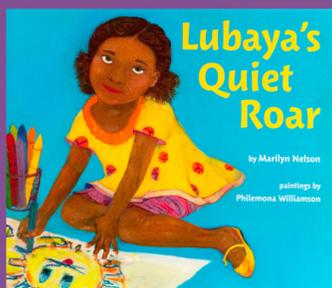


UNBOUND : A NOVEL IN VERSE

Burg, Ann E.

J BURG

When nine-year-old Grace needs to avoid being separated she and her family flee into the Dismal Swamp, to join the other escaped slaves who live there.



LUBAYA'S QUIET ROAR

Nelson, Marilyn.

JPB NELSON

The drawings of an introverted young girl make a powerful impression at a peaceful protest her family engages in.

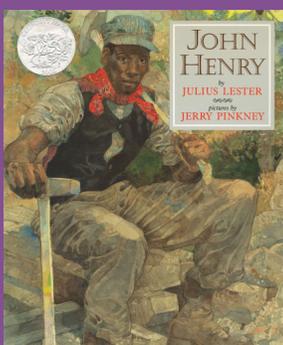


SO DONE

Chase, Paula.

J CHASE

When best friends Metai and Jamila are reunited after a summer apart, their friendship threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and looming auditions for a potentially life-changing new talented-and-gifted program.

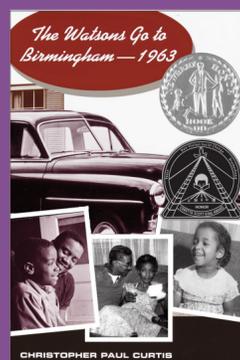


JOHN HENRY

Lester, Julius.

j398.220973 LESTER

Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.



THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM--1963

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

J CURTIS

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.



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