



2020 'Best of the Best' Booklist

Pre-K through 4th Grade

1. **A Girl Like Me** by Angela Johnson
2. **All Because You Matter** by Tami Charles
3. **Ana and Andrew: A Day at the Museum** by Christine Platt
4. **Another** by Christian Robinson
5. **Bedtime Bonnet** by Nancy Redd
6. **Big Papa and the Time Machine** by Daniel Bernstrom
7. **Black Girl Magic** by Mahogany L. Browne
8. **Black is a Rainbow Color** by Angela Joy
9. **Black Women in Science: A Black History Book for Kids** by Kimberly Brown Pllum
10. **Brave. Black. First.: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World** by Cheryl Hudson
11. **Brown Boy Dreams** by Clamentia Hall
12. **By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music** by Carole Boston Weatherford
13. **Carter Reads the Newspaper** by Deborah Hopkinson
14. **Early Sunday Morning** by Denene Millner
15. **Freedom, We Sing** by Amyra Leon
16. **Hair Love** by Matthew Cherry
17. **Hands Up!** by Breanna J. McDaniel
18. **Harlem Grown** by Tony Hillery
19. **I Am Every Good Thing** by Derrick Barnes
20. **Jayla Jumps In** by Joy Jones
21. **Just Like A Mama** by Alice Faye Duncan
22. **King Khalid Is PROUD** by Veronica Chapman
23. **Liam's First Cut** by Taye Jones
24. **Lift as You Climb: The Story of Ella Baker** by Patricia Hruby Powell
25. **M is for Melanin: A Celebration of the Black Child** by Tiffany Rose





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26. **Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration** by Samara Cole Doyon
27. **Me & Mama** by Cozbi A. Cabrera
28. **My Hair Is Beautiful** by Shauntay Grant
29. **My Rainy Day Rocket Ship** by Markette Sheppard
30. **Nana Akua Goes to School** by Tricia Elam Walker
31. **Our Bedtime Bonnet** by Nancy Amanda Redd
32. **Overground Railroad** by Lesa Cline-Ransome
33. **Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment** by Jessica Curry
34. **RESPECT: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul** by Carole Boston Weatherford
35. **Shiloh and Dande the Lion** by Ciara Hill
36. **Sulwe** by Lupita Nyong'o
37. **The Adventure of Joshua and Pip** by John Light, Jr.
38. **The Adventures of Buttercup and Granny** by Raquel Solomon
39. **The King of Kindergarten** by Derrick Barnes
40. **The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned To Read** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
41. **The Power of Her Pen: The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne** by Lesa Cline-Ransome
42. **The Undefeated** by Kwame Alexander
43. **The Women Who Caught The Babies** by Eloise Greenfield
44. **There Is A Girl Headed to the White House** by Dr. Jasmine Killiebrew
45. **Tiara's Hat Parade** by Kelly Starling Lyons
46. **Ways to Make Sunshine** by Renee Watson
47. **What Is Light?** by Markette Sheppard
48. **William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad** by Don Tate
49. **You Matter** by Christian Robinson
50. **Your Name is a Song** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

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Middle School

1. **A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Ramee
2. **Black Brother, Black Brother** by Jewell Parker Rhodes
3. **Blended** by Sharon Draper
4. **Class Act** by Jerry Craft *Graphic Novel
5. **Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone
6. **Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow** by Henry Louis Gates, Jr and Tonya Bolden
7. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington** by Janae Marks
8. **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams
9. **Harbor Me** by Jacqueline Woodson
10. **Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero** by Kelly J. Baptist
11. **Look Both Ways: A Tale Told In Ten Blocks** by Jason Reynolds
12. **My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich** by Ibi Zoboi
13. **New Kid** by Jerry Craft *Graphic Novel
14. **Only Black Girls in Town** by Brandy Colbert
15. **PET** by Akwaeke Emezi
16. **Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson** by Katherine Johnson
17. **Shuri** by Nic Stone
18. **The Usual Suspects** by Maurice Broaddus
19. **This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality** by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debby Levy
20. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia
21. **Tristan Strong Destroys the World** by Kwame Mbalia
22. **Twins** by Varian Johnson *Graphic Novel
23. **What Lane?** by Torrey Maldonado
24. **When Life Gives You Mangos** by Kereen Getten
25. **Woke: A Young Poet's Call To Justice** by Mahogany L. Browne





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1. **A Phoenix First Must Burn** by Patrice Caldwell
2. **All Boys Aren't Blue** by George M. Johnson
3. **All The Days Past, All The Days To Come** by Mildred D. Taylor
4. **Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America** Edited by Ibi Zoboi
5. **Black Girl Unlimited** by Echo Brown
6. **Children of Virtue and Vengeance** Tomi Adeyemi
7. **Daughters of Jubilation** Kara Lee Corthron
8. **Dear Justyce** by Nic Stone
9. **Early Departures** by Justin Reynolds
10. **For Black Girls Like Me** by Mariama J. Lockington
11. **Grown** by Tiffany D. Jackson
12. **Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box** by Dionne Evette
13. **Not So Pure and Simple** by Lamar Giles
14. **Punching the Air** by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salam
15. **Say Her Name** by Zetta Elliott
16. **Slay** by Brittney Morris
17. **Smash It** by Francina Simone
18. **Stamped: Racism, Anti Racism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning** by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
19. **Summer of Everything** by Julian Winters
20. **The Everlasting Rose** by Dhonielle Clayton
21. **The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love, and Truth** Edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Ellis Hudson
22. **The Voting Booth** by Brandy Colbert
23. **This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work** by Tiffany Jewell
24. **This is My America** by Kim Johnson
25. **You Should See Me in a Crown** by Leah Johnson

Young Adult





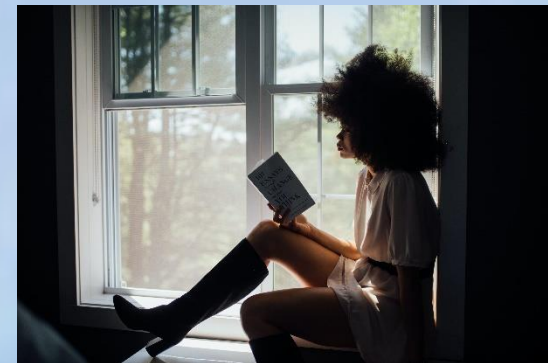
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Adult Books for High School Reader

1. **Fights: One Boy's Triumph Over Violence** by Joel Christian Gill
2. **Make Change: How to Fight Injustice, Dismantle Systemic Oppression, and Own Our Future** by Shaun King
3. **A Promised Land** by Barack Obama
4. **The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart** by Alicia Garza
5. **The Girl with the Louding Voice: A Novel** by Abi Daré

Know Your Reader:

Some titles may include mature content. Parents, caregivers and educators are encouraged to discuss these experiences with their children.



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