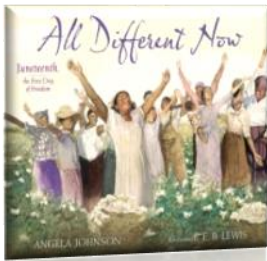


90 Picture Books for 90 Years of Black History Celebrations

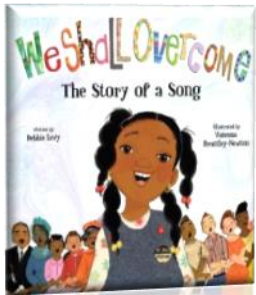


**Grades**  
**2-3**

**All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom** by Angela Johnson

**288**  
**Words**

In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**1-3**

**We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song** by Debbie Levy

**1,850**  
**Words**

Traces the history of the inspiring anthem and explains how it has come to represent the right for equality and freedom around the world. -Novel

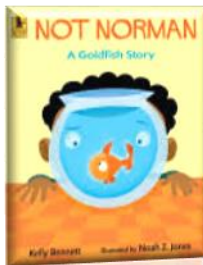


**Grades**  
**K-2**

**Rain!** by Linda Ashman

**80**  
**Words**

One rainy day in the city, an eager little boy exclaims, “Rain!” Across town a grumpy man grumbles, “Rain.” Can the boy’s natural exuberance (and perhaps a cookie) cheer up the grouchy gentleman and turn the day around? A short book that has great emotion! -Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



**Grades**  
**K-3**

**Not Norman: A Goldfish Story** by Kelly Bennett

**592**  
**Words**

This is a sweet story that could be used as a springboard to discussion of the dangers of making snap judgments about pets... or people. -Candlewick Press



**Grades**  
**K-2**

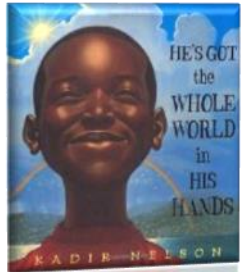
**Please, Puppy, Please** by Spike Lee

**114**  
**Words**

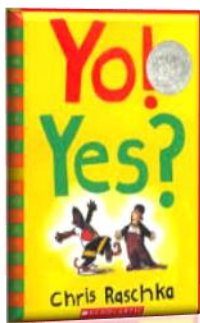
Wonderful rhythm, repetition and rhyme in this book about a child’s day with their dog. Kids will be able to relate to and have fun with this book, as will adults. -Simon & Shuster



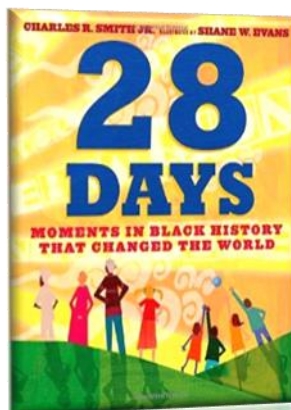
**Grades** **Every Little Thing** adapted by Cedella Marley  
**K-2** Rainy weather, a lonely child in need of comfort, and a baking project gone awry are opportunities for the boy to remind himself and to reassure those around him that "Every little thing/is gonna be/all right."  
**226**  
**Words** -School Library Journal



**Grades** **He's got the Whole World in His Hands** by Kadir Nelson  
**K-3** Through sublime landscapes and warm images of a boy and his family, Kadir has created a dazzling, intimate interpretation, one that rejoices in the connectedness of people and nature. -Quaker Books  
**175**  
**Words**



**Grades** **Yo! Yes?** by Chris Raschka  
**K-2** An effective, unusual 34-word story of the beginnings of a friendship, accompanied by wild and wonderful illustrations. Against pastel backgrounds, in vibrant, colorful images, an African-American boy and a white boy meet on the street. -School Library Journal  
**34**  
**Words**



**Grades** **28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World**  
**K-3** by Charles R. Smith Jr.  
**6,777** This picture book looks at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history. Let the child pick a few of his favorite people to learn about! -Browns Books  
**Words**

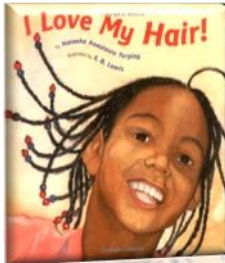


**Grades  
K-3**

**689  
Words**

**Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out her favorite stories, taking every part from Joan of Arc to Mowgli. When her class learns that they will be doing Peter Pan, the other kids tell Grace she can't have the lead; Peter's neither black nor a girl. However, Grace knows that as you have dreams and are willing to follow through with them then ANYTHING is possible! -Kirkus Review



**Grades  
K-3**

**469  
Words**

**I Love My Hair** by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley

This whimsical, evocative story about a girl named Keyana encourages African-American children to feel good about their special hair and be proud of their heritage. -Hackett Book Group



**Grades  
K-3**

**733  
Words**

**Follow the Drinking Gourd** by Meister Cari

In this retelling, Peg Leg Joe travels from plantation to plantation singing the "Drinking Gourd" song that will guide slaves to freedom in the North. -AR BookFinder

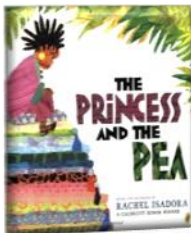


**Grade 3**

**1,939  
Words**

**Dad, Jackie, and Me** by Myron Uhlberg

A young boy shares the excitement of Robinson's rookie season with his deaf father. Each day he listens eagerly to the Brooklyn Dodgers games on the radio. When his father arrives home from work, the boy uses sign language to tell him about the Dodgers. -Scholastic



**Grades  
K-3**

**307  
Words**

**Princess and the Pea** by Rachel Isadora

This book is a simplified version of the tale in which a girl proves that she is a real princess by feeling a pea through twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds. -AR BookFinder



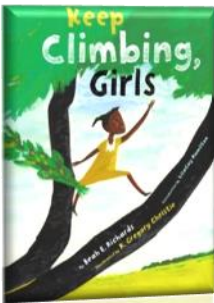
**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**222**  
**Words**

**Goodnight Football** by Michael Dahl  
From the opening kickoff to the final whistle, Goodnight Football will bring the excitement of a football game to the youngest fan. The rhyming text, vibrant illustrations, and gentle ending will capture the love of the game through a child's eyes. -Capstone



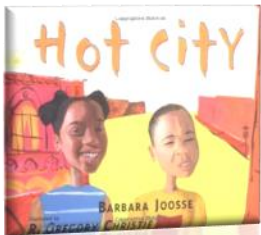
**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**510**  
**Words**

**Something Beautiful** by Sharon Dennis Wyeth  
When she goes looking for "something beautiful" in her city neighborhood, a young girl finds beauty in many different forms. -Colorado Mountain



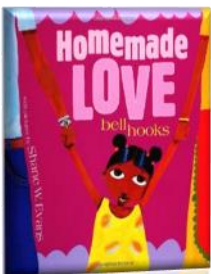
**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**359**  
**Words**

**Keep Climbing, Girls** by Beah E. Richards  
An African American girl climbs a tall tree, while at ground level, a worried Miss Nettie frets, postures, admonishes, disdains, and issues orders for her to come back down. But as the poem has it, "The only way to make a bid / for a girl's equality / is to climb right up to the toppermost bough / of the very tallest tree." -Amazon



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**367**  
**Words**

**Hot City** by Barbara M. Joose  
Mimi and Joe escape from home and the city's summer heat to read and dream about princesses and dinosaurs in the cool, quiet library. -AR BookFinder



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**96**  
**Words**

**Homemade Love** by Bell Hooks  
Her Mama calls her Girlpie-a sweet treat, homemade with love. And when Girlpie makes a mistake, the lover of her mother and father lets her pick up the pieces and make everything right again. -Jump at the Sun

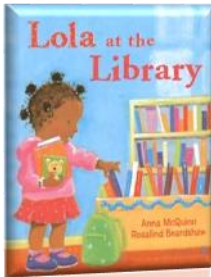


**Grades  
K-3**

**Big Hair, Don't Care** by Crystal Swain-Bates

Lola has really, really, REALLY big hair, much bigger than the other kids at her school, but that doesn't stop her from telling anyone who will listen just how much she LOVES her hair! –Goldest Karat Publishing

**219  
Words**

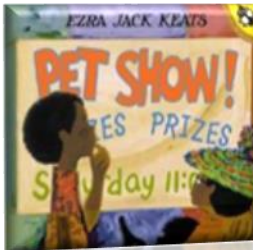


**Grades  
K-1**

**Lola at the Library** by Anna McQuinn

Lola has a big smile on her face. Why? Because it's Tuesday--and on Tuesdays, Lola and her mommy go to the library. Join Lola in this cozy celebration of books and the people who love them. -Random House

**256  
Words**

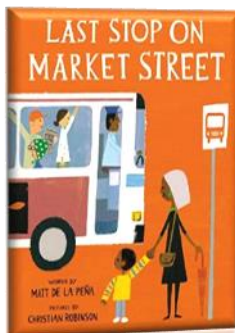


**Grades  
K-3**

**Pet Show** by Ezra Keats

Archie wants to enter his cat in the neighborhood pet show — but the cat has vanished! Though all the kids look for him, he's nowhere to be found. But Archie keeps looking. However, the pet he finally brings isn't the cat, but one of the most surprising ever! -Scholastic

**461  
Words**



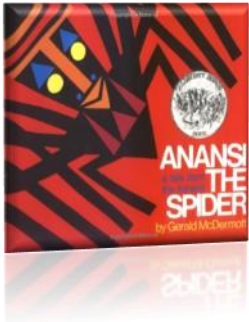
**Grades  
K-3**

**Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt De La Peña

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.

**757  
Words**

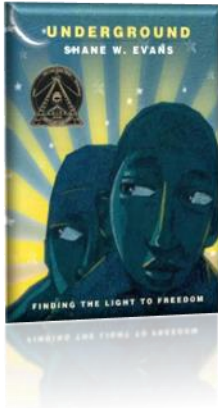
-Penguin Random House



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**591**  
**Words**

**Anansi the Spider** by Gerald McDermott

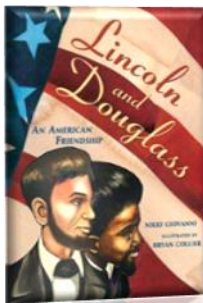
In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? -Amazon



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**49**  
**Words**

**Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom** by Shane Evans

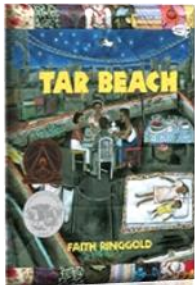
A pivotal moment in American history is shared with young readers by following a slave family's escape to the North by crawling on the ground, running barefoot through the woods, sleeping beneath bushes, and eventually reaching freedom. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**1-3**  
**1,020**  
**Words**

**Lincoln and Douglass** by Nikki Giovanni

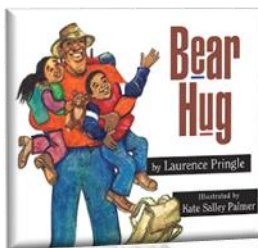
In an account of the friendship between Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, readers get a glimpse into the shared bond between two great American leaders during a turbulent time in history. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**503**  
**Words**

**Tar Beach** by Faith Ringgold

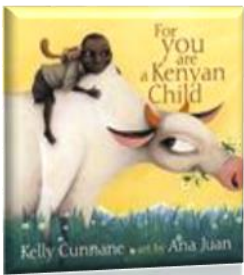
A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. -Google Books



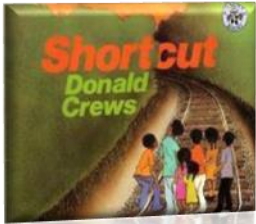
**Grades**  
**1-3**  
**1,138**  
**Words**

**Bear Hug** by Laurence Pringle

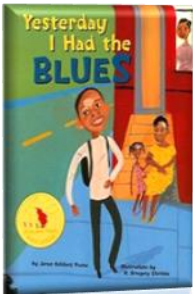
When Mom needs a day to herself, Dad takes the children on a camping trip. -AR BookFinder



**For You Are a Kenyan Child** by Kelly Cunnane  
**Grades K-3**  
**710 Words**  
Imagine you live in a small Kenyan village, where the sun rises over tall trees filled with doves. You wake to the sound of a rooster's crow, instead of an alarm clock and the school bus. Your afternoon snack is a tasty bug plucked from the sky, instead of an apple. But despite this, things aren't that different for a Kenyan child than they would be for an American kid, are they? -Simon & Schuster



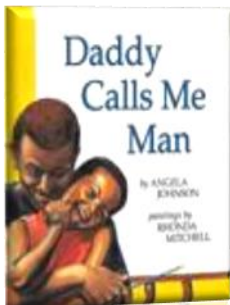
**Shortcut** by Donald Crews  
**Grades K-3**  
**230 Words**  
**Shortcut** by Donald Crews  
Children taking a shortcut by walking along a railroad track find excitement and danger when a train approaches. -Scholastic



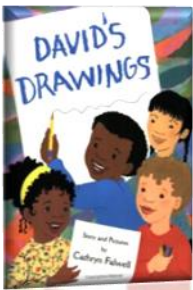
**Yesterday I Had the Blues** by Jeron Ashford Frame  
**Grades K-3**  
**313 Words**  
**Yesterday I Had the Blues** by Jeron Ashford Frame  
Ever had the blues? Yesterday one boy had them bad--not just the ordinary blues, the "deep down in my shoes" blues, the "go away Mr. Sun quit smilin' at me" blues. But today he's traded in those blues for greens, the "runnin' my hands along the hedges" greens, the kind of greens that make him want to be somebody. -Random House



**Marvelous Me: Inside and Out** by Lisa Bullard  
**Grades K-2**  
**356 Words**  
**Marvelous Me: Inside and Out** by Lisa Bullard  
Alex is a marvelous little boy who is just like other people in some ways, such as getting angry sometimes, but also unique because of his special laugh, his grizzly hugs, and his own interesting thoughts. -Capstone



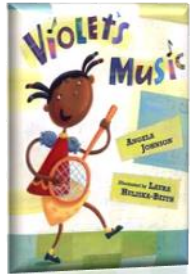
**Daddy Calls Me Man** by Angela Johnson  
**Grades K-2**  
**117 Words**  
**Daddy Calls Me Man** by Angela Johnson  
Inspired by his family experiences and his father's paintings, a young boy creates four poems. -Scholastic



**Grades**  
**K-2**  
**384**  
**Words**

**David's Drawings** by Cathryn Falwell

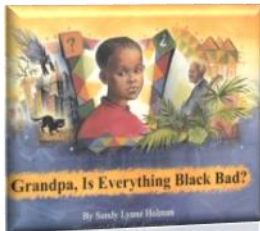
An African American boy at a new school makes friends as his classmates add details to his drawing of a tree. -Scholastic



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**429**  
**Words**

**Violet's Music** by Angela Johnson

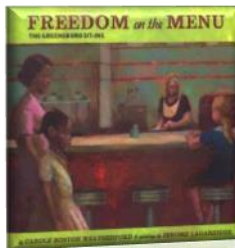
There's nothing Violet loves more than music, and she plays or sings every chance she gets. But where are the other kids like her-kids who think and dream music all day long? As a baby, in kindergarten, at the beach and the zoo, she never gives up looking for companions. -Goodreads



**Grades**  
**1-3**  
**1,576**  
**Words**

**Grandpa, is Everything Black Bad?** by Sandy Lynne Holman

An illustrated story of an African American boy who comes to appreciate his dark skin by learning about his African heritage from his grandfather. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**1-3**  
**1,460**  
**Words**

**Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins** by Carole Boston Weatherford

The 1960 civil rights sit-ins at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, are seen through the eyes of a young Southern black girl. -Novelist

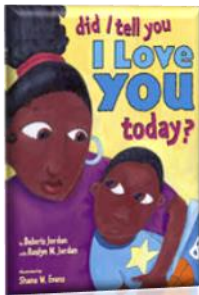


**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**204**  
**Words**

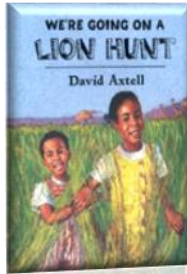
**Superhero** by Marc Tauss

Maleek may be a small boy in a big city, but he's no ordinary kid. He's a scientist and a superhero! So when his beloved city's parks and playgrounds mysteriously disappear, it's up to Maleek and his robot Marvyn to save the day. -Scholastic

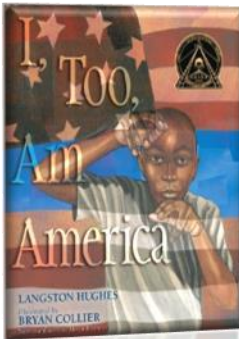




**Grades** **Did I Tell You I Love You Today?** by Deloris Jordan  
**K-2** Apart or together, near or far, day or night, from childhood to adulthood -- the never-ending reach and power of a mother's love touches every moment of every day, even when you least expect it. All you need to do is make sure to notice. -Simon & Shuster  
**439**  
**Words**



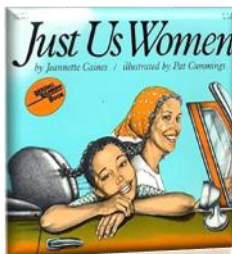
**Grades** **We're going on a Lion Hunt** by David Axtell  
**K-2** In this beautifully illustrated rendition of a well-known children's chant, two sisters are looking not for a bear but for a lion--a lion that lives on the African savanna, where the girls go through swishy-swashy long grass, a splishy-splashy lake, and a Big Dark Cave. -Scholastic  
**266**  
**Words**



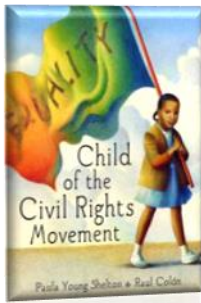
**Grades** **I, Too, Am America** by Langston Hughes  
**K-3** Langston Hughes was a courageous voice of his time, and his authentic call for equality still rings true today. -Simon & Shuster  
**62**  
**Words**



**Grades** **I Got the Rhythm** by Connie Schofield-Morrison  
**K-3** On a simple trip to the park, the joy of music overtakes a mother and daughter. The little girl hears a rhythm coming from the world around her-- from butterflies, to street performers, to ice cream sellers everything is musical! She sniffs, snaps, and shakes her way into the heart of the beat, finally busting out in an impromptu dance, which all the kids join in on! -Bloomsbury Publishing  
**150**  
**Words**



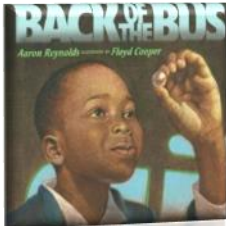
**Grades** **Just Us Women** by Jeannette Caines  
**K-3** "No boys and no men--just us women," Aunt Martha tells her niece. And together they plan their trip to North Carolina in Aunt Martha's brand-new car. This is to be a very special outing--with no one to hurry them along, the two travelers can do exactly as they please. -Goodreads  
**331**  
**Words**



**Grades**  
**2-3**

**1,796**  
**Words**

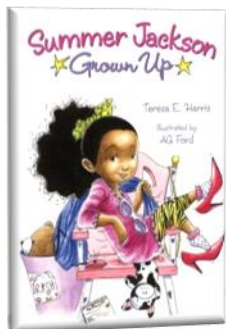
**Child of the Civil Rights Movement** by Paula Young Shelton  
The author, the daughter of Andrew Young, describes the participation of Martin Luther King, Jr., along with her father and others, in the civil rights movement and in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965 -Novelist



**Grades**  
**K-3**

**744**  
**Words**

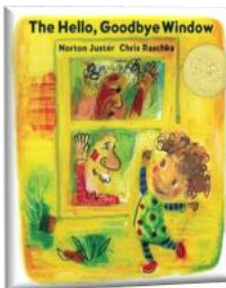
**Back of the Bus** by Aaron Reynolds  
From the back of the bus, an African American child watches the arrest of Rosa Parks. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**1-3**

**794**  
**Words**

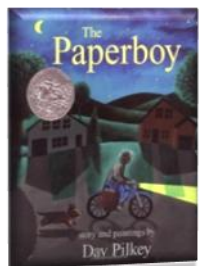
**Summer Jackson Grown Up** by Teresa E. Harris  
Seven-year-old Summer Jackson wants to be a grownup, starting right now. -Amazon



**Grades**  
**K-3**

**873**  
**Words**

**The Hello, Goodbye Window** by Norton Juster  
An exuberant, imaginative little girl explains how she spends her time with her grandparents while her parents are at work. -Scholastic



**Grades**  
**K-3**

**372**  
**Words**

**The Paperboy** by Dav Pilkey  
A boy and his dog savor the silence of the early morning as they deliver papers. -Amazon

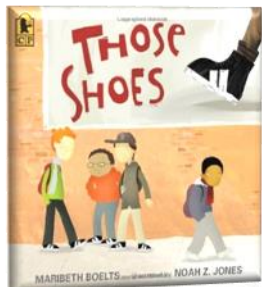


**Grades**  
**K-3**

**Wind Flyers** by Angela Johnson

Three-time Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Angela Johnson and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Loren Long invite readers to ponder a band of under celebrated World War II heroes; the Tuskegee Airmen. -Simon & Shuster

**411**  
**Words**

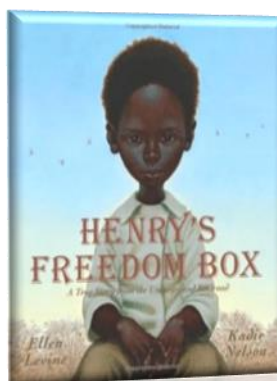


**Grades**  
**1-3**

**Those Shoes** by Maribeth Boelts

All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. Though Jeremy's grandma says they don't have room for "want," just "need," when his old shoes fall apart at school, he is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small. But sore feet aren't much fun, and Jeremy soon sees that the things he has — warm boots, a loving grandma, and the chance to help a friend — are worth more than the things he wants. -Candlewick Press

**941**  
**Words**

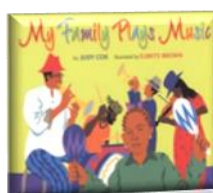


**Grades**  
**2-3**

**Henry's Freedom Box** by Ellen Levine

Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom. -Scholastic

**1,260**  
**Words**

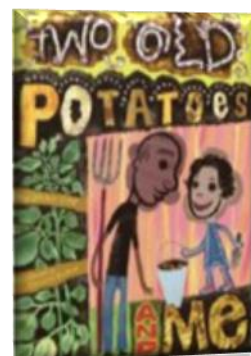


**Grades**  
**1-3**

**My Family Plays Music** by Judy Cox

A musical family with talents for playing a variety of instruments enjoys getting together to celebrate. -Goodreads

**482**  
**Words**

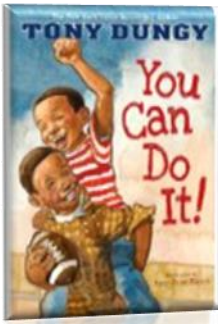


**Grades**  
**1-3**

**Two Old Potatoes** by John Coy

One day at her dad's house, a young girl finds two old potatoes in the cupboard. "Gross." But before she can throw them away, her dad suggests they try to grow new potatoes from the old ones, which have sprouted eyes. Told from May to September, the potato-growing season, the story includes all the basic steps for growing potatoes while subtly dealing with the parents' recent divorce. -Random House

**558**  
**Words**

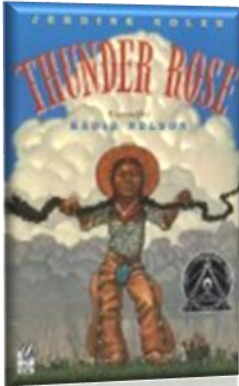


**Grades**  
1-3

**1,388**  
**Words**

**You Can Do It!** by Tony Dungy

Tony Dungy's little brother, Linden, is a third grader who is having a bad day at school. Linden is the youngest of the Dungy family and the least motivated because he hasn't found "it." In a family where everyone seems to have found their special talent, all Linden knows is that he wants to make people happy. -Simon & Schuster

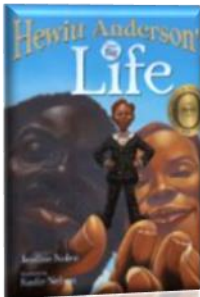


**Grades**  
2-3

**1,991**  
**Words**

**Thunder Rose** by Jerdine Nolen

Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building fences, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado. -Amazon

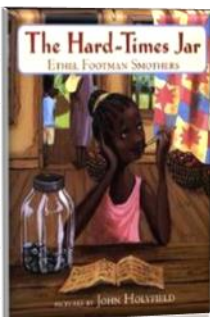


**Grades**  
2-3

**1,747**  
**Words**

**Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life** by Jerdine Nolen

Descended from a long line of giants, the J. Carver Worthington Andersons take their height very seriously indeed. You see, without exception all of the many J. Carver Worthington Andersons have been giants until now. And poor Hewitt—hidden in the floorboards, trapped in the flour vat, lost in the bedsheets—has his struggles being tiny. -Simon & Schuster

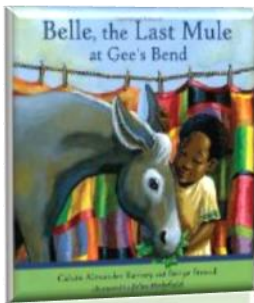


**Grades**  
2-3

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**Words**

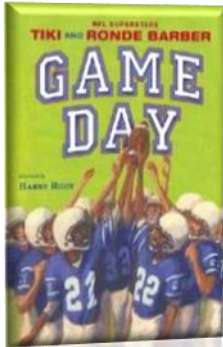
**The Hard-Times Jar** by Ethel Footman Smothers

Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers, longs to own a real book. When she turns 8 and must attend school for the first time, she is amazed to discover an entire library in her classroom! -AR BookFinder



**Grades** 2-3  
**Words** 1,891

**Belle, the Last Mule at Gee's Bend** by Calvin A. Ramsey  
Sitting on a bench waiting for his mother, Alex spies a mule chomping on greens in someone's garden, and he can't help but ask about it. "Ol Belle?" says Miz Pettway next to him. "She can have all the collards she wants. She's earned it." And so begins the tale of a simple mule in Gee's Bend, Alabama, who played a singular part in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. -Candlewick Press



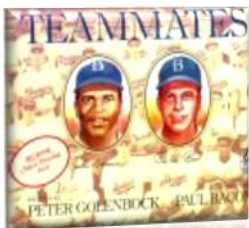
**Grades** 1-3  
**Words** 1,841

**Game Day** by Tiki and Ronde Barber  
Written by two NFL superstars, this story of perseverance and teamwork will inspire. Barry Root's glowing illustrations bring to life all the excitement and energy of a great game and a team working together. -Simon & Schuster



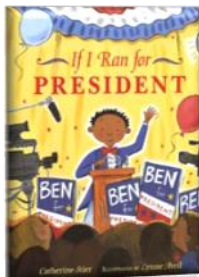
**Grades** 1-3  
**Words** 1,601

**Fishing Day** by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Reenie and her mama love to go fishing down by the river. But the peace of their idyllic fishing spot is often marred by the appearance of Peter Troop and his daddy. Peter is up-jumpy and loud, scaring the fish away. -Hyperion Books



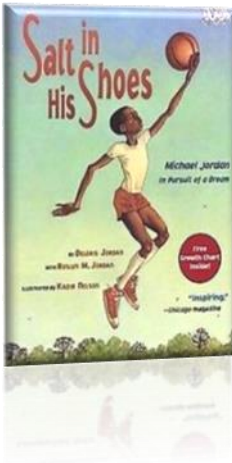
**Grades** 1-3  
**Words** 1,172

**Teammates** by Peter Golenbok  
Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese. -Google Books



**Grades** 2-3  
**Words** 1,316

**If I Ran for President** by Catherine Stier  
This is a story from a kid's point-of-view imagining what it would be like to run for the President of the United States of America. The book includes many facts about the rules to run for the presidency and the steps presidential candidates follow to campaign. -Scribd

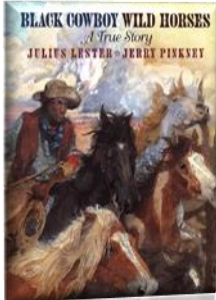


**Grades**  
**1-3**

**Salt in His Shoes** by Dolores Jordan

Young Michael feared he'd never be tall enough to play the game that would eventually make him famous. To lift his spirits, his mother told him that salt in his shoes would help him grow. -Scholastic

**1,474**  
**Words**

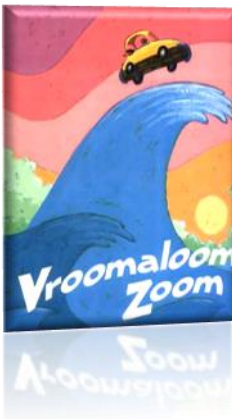


**Grades**  
**1-3**

**Black Cowboys, Wild Horse** by Julius Lester

Bob Lemmons is famous for his ability to track wild horses. He rides his horse, Warrior, picks up the trail of mustangs, and then runs with them day and night until they accept his presence. Bob and Warrior must then challenge the stallion for leadership of the wild herd. -Scholastic

**1,743**  
**Words**

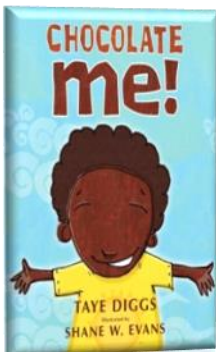


**Grades**  
**K-3**

**Vroomaloom Zoom** by John Coy

Daddy takes Carmela on an imaginary car ride, lulling her to sleep with various sounds, from the wurgle lurgle of swamps to the hoopty doopty swoopty loopty of driving in circles. -AR BookFinder

**119**  
**Words**



**Grades**  
**K-3**

**Chocolate Me!** by Taye Diggs

A young boy, teased by the other kids because of his darker skin and curlier hair, comes to see himself as beautiful with the help of his mother. -AR BookFinder

**328**  
**Words**



**Grades  
1-3**

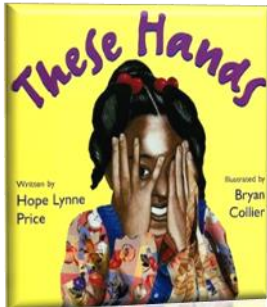
**681  
Words**

**I Had a Favorite Dress** by Boni Ashburn

Assisted by her patient and crafty mama, the narrator finds that when disaster strikes her favorite things, she doesn't need to make mountains out of molehills - she "makes molehills out of mountains" instead!

Structured around the days of the week, the story is also illustrated to show the passing of the seasons, a perfect complement to the themes of growing older and keeping hold (and letting go) of special mementos.

-Amazon

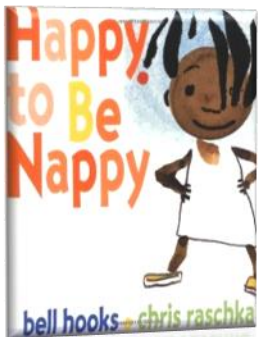


**Grades  
K-3**

**80  
Words**

**These Hands** by Hope Lynne Price

A simply written rhyming text follows a young girl from the moment she is gently wakened by her mother until she kneels beside her bed to give thanks for the day. With the reverence of a modest prayer, brief sentences reveal the complexities of everyday activities. -Amazon

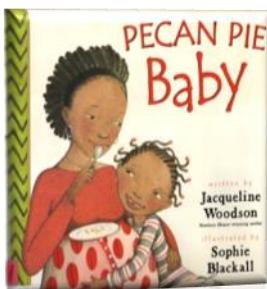


**Grades  
K-3**

**140  
Words**

**Happy to be Nappy** by Bell Hooks

This book celebrates the joy and beauty of nappy hair. -Amazon



**Grades  
K-3**

**956  
Words**

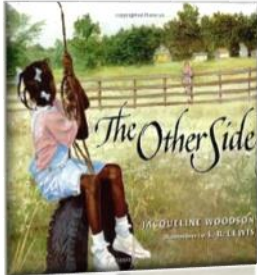
**Pecan Pie Baby** by Jacqueline Woodson

When Mama's pregnancy draws attention away from Gia, she worries that the special bond they share will disappear forever once the baby is born. -AR BookFinder



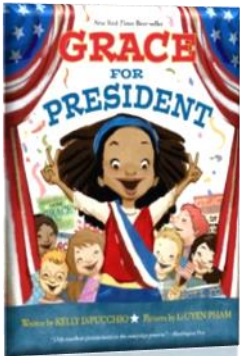
**Grades** 1-3  
**267**  
**Words**

**Firebird** by Misty Copeland  
In her debut picture book, Misty Copeland tells the story of a young girl--an every girl--whose confidence is fragile and who is questioning her own ability to reach the heights that Misty has reached. Misty encourages this young girl's faith in herself and shows her exactly how, through hard work and dedication, she too can become Firebird.  
-Scholastic



**Grades** K-3  
**629**  
**Words**

**The Other Side** by Jacqueline Woodson  
This summer when Annie, a white girl from the other side, begins to sit on the fence, Clover grows more curious about the reason why the fence is there and about the daring girl who sits on it, rain or shine. And one day, feeling very brave, Clover approaches Annie. After all, why should a fence stand in the way of friendship? -Scholastic



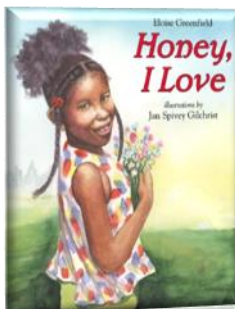
**Grades** 2-3  
**1,367**  
**Words**

**Grace for President** by Kelly DiPucchio  
Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job, even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes. -AR BookFinder



**Grades** 2-3  
**1,363**  
**Words**

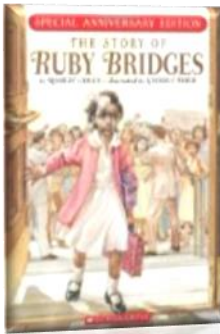
**Barack Obama: 44th U.S. President** by Darlene Stille  
This brief biography presents the childhood, education, and election of President Barack Obama. -AR BookFinder



**Grades** K-3  
**375**  
**Words**

**Honey, I Love** by Eloise Greenfield  
To one young narrator, it's the simple things that mean the most, like sharing laughter with a friend, taking family rides in the country, and kissing her mama's arm. -Goodreads





**Grades  
1-3**

**The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles

For months, six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of segregationists when she becomes the first African-American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. -AR BookFinder

**1,007  
Words**

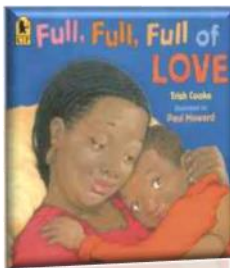


**Grades  
K-3**

**Mixed Me** by Taye Diggs

Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents love him. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. -McMillian

**278  
Words**

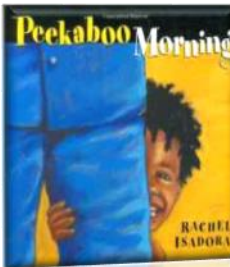


**Grades  
K-1**

**Full, Full, Full of Love** by Trish Cooke

Warm, welcoming illustrations spice up this rhythmical ode to the joys of family and food - full, full, full of pleasures for all. -Penguin Random House

**500  
Words**



**Grade K**

**Peekaboo Morning** by Rachel Isadora

A toddler plays a game of peekaboo, and you're invited to play too. First there's Mommy to find, with Daddy not far behind. -Penguin Random House

**53  
Words**

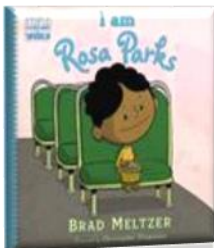


**Grades  
2-3**

**Singing for Dr. King** by Angela Medearis

In 1965, third-grader Sheyann Webb and her friend Rachel West help change America by singing and marching for civil rights with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -AR BookFinder

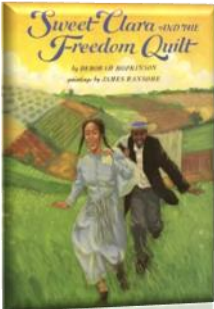
**1,066  
Words**



**Grades**  
**2-3**  
**1,575**  
**Words**

**I am Rosa Parks** by Brad Meltzer

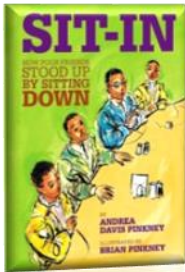
Rosa Parks dared to stand up for herself and other African Americans by staying seated, and as a result, she helped end public bus segregation and launch the country's Civil Rights Movement. -AR BookFinder



**Grade 3**  
**2,145**  
**Words**

**Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt** by Deborah Hopkinson

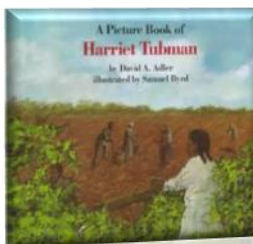
Slavery has separated 11-year-old Clara from her mother, but at the new plantation, Aunt Rachel — not a "for-real blood aunt, but she did her best to care for me" - manages to get her out of the fields and into the Big House as a seamstress. There Clara listens, and learns. While white men visit the Big House, their drivers sit in the bustling kitchen, talking of runaway slaves and a path to freedom that anyone could follow if they only had a map. Their words stay with Clara, until one day she has an inspiration: she can put together the cloth in her scrap bag to make a secret map no master will ever suspect.



**Grades 3**  
**2,355**  
**Words**

**Sit-in: How Four Friends Stood up by Sitting down** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

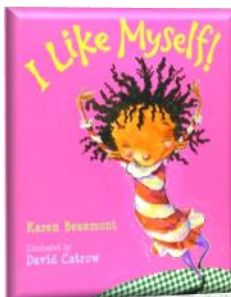
This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. -Scholastic



**Grades**  
**2-3**  
**1,282**  
**Words**

**A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman** by David Adler

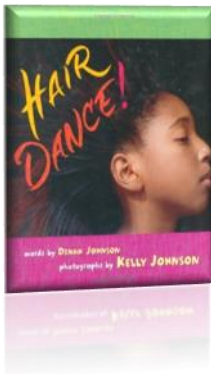
Biography of the black woman who escaped from slavery to become famous as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. -Novelist



**Grades**  
**K-3**  
**250**  
**Words**

**I Like Myself!** by Karen Beaumont

High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out. Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters. -Scholastic



**Grades  
K-3**

**Hair Dance** by Dinah Johnson

Hair comes in all colors, textures, and styles. Whether it is worn long or short, in braids or cornrows, or left natural in an Afro, hair plays a big part in who we are and how we feel about ourselves. -Amazon

**186  
Words**



**Grades  
K-3**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing** by James Weldon Johnson

This is a beautiful, illustrated version of the song that has come to be considered the African American national anthem. -Novelist

**241  
Words**

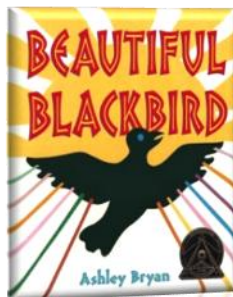


**Grades  
1-3**

**Freedom Summer** by Deborah Wiles

In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henry, who is Black, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists. -Novelist

**990  
Words**

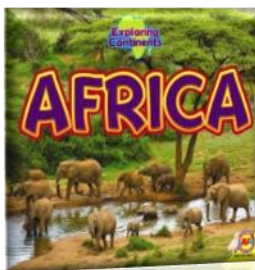


**Grades  
1-3**

**Beautiful Blackbird** by Ashley Bryan

In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew." -Novelist

**832  
Words**



**Grades  
K-3**

**Africa** by Alexis Roumanis

Large, appealing photos are the dominant feature of this series, which uses a controlled vocabulary of basic sight words. Books begin with a locator map and briefly describe landforms, animals and plants, history, and prominent cities and places. -School Library Journal

**403  
Words**