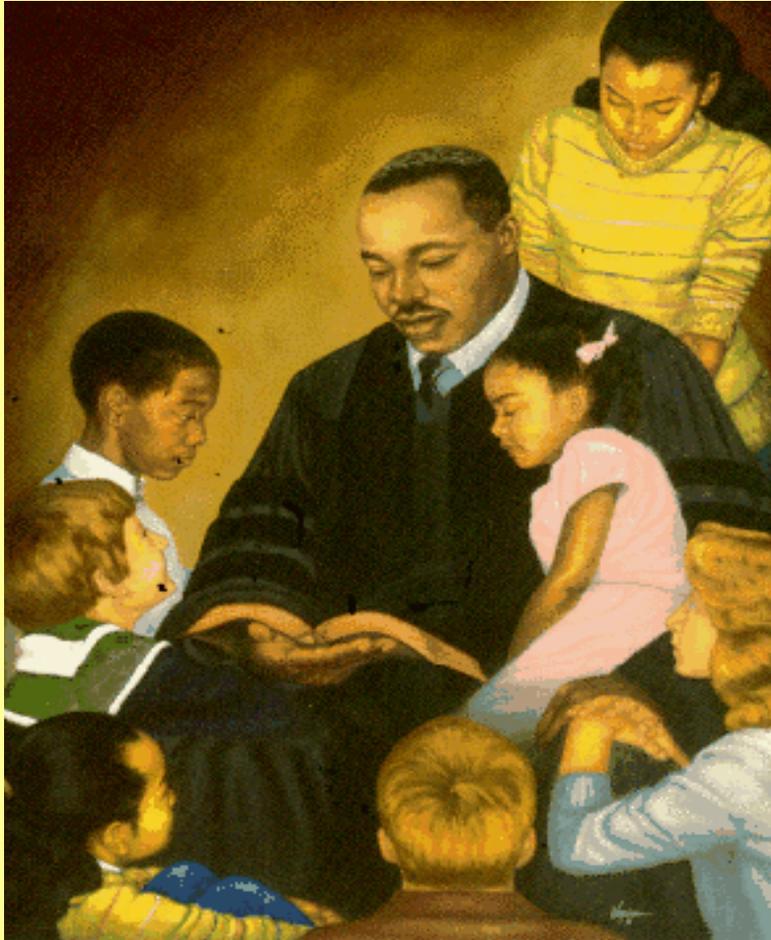


AFRO-AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES



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Title: Actor in exile; the life of Ira Aldridge.
Author: Malone, Mary.
Call: jB A36593ma
Pubdate: [1969]
Summary: A biography of the American-born Negro who went to Europe, became one of the most celebrated actors of his time, and never returned to the United States.

Title: Richard Allen : founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Author: Klots, Steve.
Call: jB A4287k
Pubdate: 1990.
Summary: Describes the life of the Afro-American leader who rose from slavery to become a minister, founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and participated in the first National Negro Convention



Title: Meet Maya Angelou
Author: Spain, Valerie.
Call: jB A5848sp
Pubdate: 1994



Title: **Louis Armstrong : an American success story**
Author: Collier, James Lincoln
Call: jB A7364c
Pubdate: c1985.
Summary: A biography of one of America's most important musicians, who was born in extreme poverty and never had a real music lesson, but became world famous for his singing and trumpet playing

Title: **What are you figuring now? : a story about Benjamin Banneker**
Author: Ferris, Jeri.
Call: jB B2194f
Pubdate: c1988.
Summary: A biography of the farmer and self-taught astronomer, mathematician, and surveyor for the new capital city of the United States in 1791, who also calculated a successful almanac notable for its preciseness.



Title: **Benjamin Banneker : American mathematician and astronomer**

Author: Hinman, Bonnie.
Call: jB B2194hin
Pubdate: c2000.

Title: **Benjamin Banneker : astronomer and mathematician**

Author: Litwin, Laura Baskes.
Call: jB B2194Lit
Pubdate: c1999.

Title: **Benjamin Banneker**

Author: Maupin, Melissa, 1958-
Call: jB B2194mau
Pubdate: c2000.

Title: **Dear Benjamin Banneker**

Author: Pinkney, Andrea Davis.
Call: jqB B2194pi
Pubdate: c1994.



Title: **Amiri Baraka**
Author: Bernotas, Bob.
Call: jB B2249b
Pubdate: c1991.
Summary: A biography of the black poet, playwright, and political activist (formerly Leroi Jones), who was a leading member of the 'Beat Generation.'

Title: **Count Basie**
Author: Kliment, Bud.
Call: jB B3114k
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Examines the life and career of a famous twentieth-century jazz musician.

Title: **Romare Bearden : celebrating the victory**
Author: Schwartzman, Myron.
Call: jB B3685sch
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: Recounts the life of the twentieth-century collage artist who used his southern childhood, New York City, jazz, and Paris to influence his bold and meaningful art.

Title: **Space challenger : the story of Guion Bluford : an authorized biography**
Author: Haskins, James, 1941-
Call: jB B6583h
Pubdate: c1984.
Summary: A biography of Guy Bluford, the first black American in space, part of the crew of the space shuttle "Challenger" on its August 1983 flight.

Title: **Aunt Clara Brown : official pioneer**
Author: Lowery, Linda.
Call: jB B8774Low
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: A biography of the freed slave who made her fortune in Colorado and used her money to bring other former slaves there to begin new lives.

Title: **Ralph Bunche : winner of the Nobel Peace Prize**
Author: Schraff, Anne E.
Call: jB B9422sch
Pubdate: 1999.
Summary: Discusses the life of the statesman and diplomat who was one of the founders of the United Nations and who received the Nobel Prize for his peacemaking efforts.

Title: **Ben Carson**
Author: Simmons, Alex.
Call: jB C3211s
Pubdate: c1996.
Summary: A biography of the surgeon who overcame poverty and racism to become chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

Title: **A picture book of George Washington Carver**
Author: Adler, David A.
Call: jB C3315adL
Pubdate: 1999.
Summary: A biography of the African American scientist who overcame tremendous hardship to make unusual and important discoveries in the field of agriculture.

Title: **George Washington Carver, scientist and teacher**
Author: Greene, Carol.
Call: jB C3315gr
Pubdate: c1992.

Title: **George Washington Carver**
Author: Nicholson, Lois, 1949-
Call: jB C3315n
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Charles Chesnutt**
Author: Thompson, Cliff.
Call: jB C5244t
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Discusses the life and writings of the early twentieth-century black author whose novels examine the Afro-American experience.



Title: **Paul Cuffe and the African promised land**
Author: Atkin, Mary Gage.
Call: jB C9655a
Pubdate: 1977.
Summary: A biography of the American seaman and merchant who encouraged fellow blacks to colonize Sierra Leone, who sought a stronger legal position for blacks in America, and who was responsible for a Massachusetts law giving blacks the right to vote.

Title: **Paul Cuffe**
Author: Diamond, Arthur.
Call: jB C9655d
Pubdate: c1989.

Title: **Benjamin Davis, Jr.**
Author: Reef, Catherine.
Call: jB D26125r
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Examines the life of Benjamin Davis, Jr., the first black man to graduate from West Point in the twentieth century, who pursued his chosen course of a military career despite the . prejudice against him.

Title: **Trailblazer : Negro nurse in the American Red Cross.**
Author: Pitrone, Jean Maddern, 1920-
Call: jB D2616p
Pubdate: [1969]
Summary: A biography of the woman who became the first Negro nurse enrolled by the American Red Cross.



Title: **Miles Davis**
Author: Frankl, Ron.
Call: jB D2634f
Pubdate: 1996.
Summary: A biography of the noted jazz Trumpeter.

Title: **Master of mahogany : Tom Day, free Black cabinetmaker**
Author: Lyons, Mary E.
Call: jB D2759L
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Frederick Douglass**
Author: Kerby, Mona.
Call: jB D7376k
Pubdate: c1994.
Summary: Describes the life and accomplishments of this famous abolitionist.

Title: **Frederick Douglass : leader against slavery**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB D7376m2
Pubdate: c1991.

Title: **Voice of freedom : a story about Frederick Douglass**
Author: Weidt, Maryann N.
Call: jB D7376we
Pubdate: c2001.

Title: **The story of Frederick Douglass, voice of freedom**
Author: Weiner, Eric.
Call: jB D7376wei
Pubdate: 1996.



Title: **Paul Laurence Dunbar**
Author: Gentry, Tony.
Call: jB D8995ge
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: Examines the life of the poet and novelist who battled racism and depicted the black experience in America.

Title: **Paul Laurence Dunbar: Black poet laureate.**
Author: Schultz, Pearle Henriksen.
Call: jB D8995s
Pubdate: [1974]

Title: **I greet the dawn : poems**
Author: Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906.
Call: j811
Pubdate: 1978.
Summary: A brief biography of Dunbar precedes a collection of his works

Title: **Marian Wright Edelman : defender of children's rights**
Author: Otfinoski, Steven.
Call: jB E224o
Pubdate: c1991.
Summary: A biography of the lawyer and social reformer.

Title: **Ralph Ellison**
Author: Bishop, Jack, 1910-
Call: jB E4747b
Pubdate: c1988.
Summary: A biography of the black author famous for his 1952 novel "Invisible Man" revealing the black experience in America.

Title: **Louis Farrakhan**
Author: De Angelis, Therese.
Call: jB F2396dea
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: A biography of the man who became the leader of the Nation of Islam.



Title: **Whoopi Goldberg : from street to stardom**
Author: Adams, Mary Agnes.
Call: jB G6180a
Pubdate: c1993.
Summary: The life and career of the actress and comedian who overcame drug addiction and became the first black female Academy Award winner since 1939.

Title: **Whoopi Goldberg : entertainer**
Author: Blue, Rose.
Call: jB G6180b
Pubdate: 1994.

Title: **Whoopi Goldberg : comedian and movie star**
Author: Caper, William.
Call: jB G6180cap
Pubdate: c1999.

Title: **Whoopi Goldberg**
Author: Gaines, Ann.
Call: jB G6180gai
Pubdate: c1999.

Title: **Alex Haley : author of Roots**
Author: Gonzales, Doreen.
Call: jB H1683g
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Alex Haley**
Author: Williams, Sylvia B.
Call: jB H1683w
Pubdate: c1996.

Title: **Lorraine Hansberry**
Author: Sheader, Catherine.
Call: jB H2494sc
Pubdate: c1978.
Summary: A biography of the playwright who was the first black person and the youngest American to receive the best play of the year award.

Title: **Grant Hill : star forward**
Author: Thornley, Stew.
Call: jB H64635tho
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: The life and career of the basketball star who was on two NCAA national championship teams before playing with the NBA and winning Rookie of the Year honors with the Detroit Pistons.

Title: **Chester Himes**
Author: Wilson, M. L. (Matthew Lawrence).
Call: jB H6572w
Pubdate: c1988.
Summary: A biography of the black novelist renowned for his series of detective stories.

Title: **Gregory Hines**
Author: DeAngelis, Gina.
Call: jB H6622de
Pubdate: c2000.

Title: **Billie Holiday : the tragedy and triumph of Lady Day**
Author: Gourse, Leslie.
Call: jB H732go
Pubdate: c1995.
Summary: Relates the story of the Afro-American woman who, despite a turbulent life, became one of the most famous singers in the history of jazz.

Title: **Don't explain : a song of Billie Holiday**
Author: De Veaux, Alexis, 1948-
Call: j784.092
Pubdate: c1980.
Summary: Presents a prose poem recounting the life of the American jazz singer affectionately known as Lady Day.

Title: **Langston Hughes**
Author: Rummel, Jack.
Call: jB H8937ru
Pubdate: c1988.
Summary: Examines the life of the Harlem poet who spent his career writing about the black experience in America.

Title: **Coming home : from the life of Langston Hughes**
Author: Cooper, Floyd.
Call: jqB H8937c
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Zora Neale Hurston**
Author: Calvert, Roz.
Call: jB H9668c
Pubdate: c1993.
Summary: A biography of the versatile and prolific Afro-American writer, well-known for her novels and collections of black folklore.



Title: **Zora Neale Hurston, writer and storyteller**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB H9668m
Pubdate: c1992.

Title: **Zora Hurston and the chinaberry tree**
Author: Miller, William, 1959-
Call: jB H9668mi
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Zora Neale Hurston**
Author: Witcover, Paul.
Call: jB H9668w
Pubdate: c1991.

Title: **Jesse Jackson : a biography**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB J135mc
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: A biography of the minister and civil rights worker who ran for president in 1984 and 1988.

Title: **Samuel L. Jackson**
Author: Dils, Tracey E.
Call: jB J1442diL
Pubdate: c2000.
Summary: A biography of the critically acclaimed actor, known for his work in such films as "Jungle Fever," "Pulp Fiction," and "Star Wars: Episode I--The Phantom Menace."

Title: **Daniel "Chappie" James**
Author: Super, Neil.
Call: jB J2796s
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Follows the life of America's first black four-star general.

Title: **Mae Jemison : the first African American woman astronaut**
Author: Burby, Liza N.
Call: jB J4963bu
Pubdate: 1997.
Summary: Briefly traces the life of the first African-American woman to go into space, from her childhood in Chicago through her education and work as a doctor to her historic flight.

Title: **Mae Jemison, space scientist**
Author: Sakurai, Gail.
Call: jB J4963sa
Pubdate: c1995

Title: **James Weldon Johnson : "Lift every voice and sing"**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB J674m
Pubdate: 1990.
Summary: Recounts the life of the author and civil rights leader who blazed a trail for racial equality and human rights through his songs, poems and speeches.

Title: **I've got an idea! : the story of Frederick McKinley Jones**
Author: Swanson, Gloria Borseth.
Call: jB J774s
Pubdate: c1994.
Summary: A biography of the black engineer and inventor credited with many inventions, including refrigeration units for trucks and railroad cars, portable X-ray units, and the ticket dispenser.

Title: **Quincy Jones : musician, composer, producer**
Author: Kavanaugh, Lee Hill.
Call: jB J7863ka
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: Discusses the life and accomplishments of the jazz musician, record producer, and composer of movie scores and television themes.

Title: **Barbara Jordan** (member of the
U.S. Congress)
Author: Patrick-Wexler, Diane.
Call: jB J821pw
Pubdate: c1996.

Title: **Coretta Scott King**
Author: Klingel, Cynthia Fitterer.
Call: jB K5238kL
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: A brief biography of the wife of
the Reverend Martin Luther King,
Jr., who shared his dedication to
working peaceably to achieve
equality for all Americans.

Title: **A picture book of Martin Luther
King, Jr.**
Author: Adler, David A.
Call: jB K5457a2
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: A brief, biography of the Baptist
minister and civil rights leader
whose philosophy and practice of
nonviolent civil disobedience
helped American blacks win many
battles for equal rights.

Title: **Martin Luther King, Jr. : a man
who changed things**
Author: Greene, Carol.
Call: jB K5457g
Pubdate: c1989.

Title: **Lewis Latimer**
Author: Norman, Winifred Latimer.
Call: jB L3572n
Pubdate: c1994.
Summary: Discusses the inventor's career,
life, and times.

Title: **Story painter : the life of Jacob
Lawrence**
Author: Duggleby, John.
Call: jB L4216dug
Pubdate: 1998.
Summary: A biography of the African
American artist who grew up in
the midst of the Harlem
Renaissance and became one of the
most renowned painters of the
life of his people.

Title: **Spike Lee : by any means
necessary**
Author: Haskins, James, 1941-
Call: jB L4816ha
Pubdate: 1997.
Summary: Examines the life and works of
the filmmaker who has chosen to
explore the many dimensions of
the black American experience.

Title: **Spike Lee : on his own terms**
Author: McDaniel, Melissa.
Call: jB L4816macd
Pubdate: c1998.

Title: **Spike Lee and the African American filmmakers : a choice of colors**

Author: Jones, K. Maurice.

Call: j791.430233

Pubdate: 1996.

Summary: Surveys African American filmmakers from the turn of the century to the present, with an emphasis on Spike Lee's contributions.

Title: **The riches of Oseola McCarty**

Author: Coleman, Evelyn, 1948-

Call: jB M1231co

Pubdate: c1998.

Summary: A biography of Oseola McCarty, a hard-working washer woman who, with no formal education herself, donated much of her life savings to the University of Southern Mississippi to provide scholarships for needy students.

Title: **Can you imagine?**

Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-

Call: jB M1587mc

Pubdate: c1997.

Summary: The author of the Newbery Honor Book, "The Dark Thirty," describes her life, how she became a writer, how her family helps with her writing, and how she gets her ideas.

Title: **Ronald McNair** (astronaut)

Author: Shaw, Dena.

Call: jB M1697s

Pubdate: 1994.

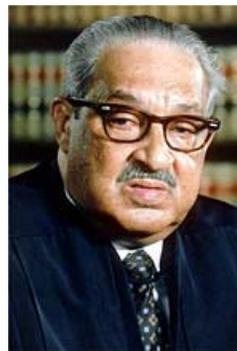
Title: **Wynton Marsalis : gifted trumpet player**

Author: Awmiller, Craig.

Call: jB M3637a

Pubdate: c1996.

Summary: Portrays the life and career of the Afro-American musician who plays both jazz and classical and who most of all loves to teach children about music.



Title: **A picture book of Thurgood Marshall**

Author: Adler, David A.

Call: jB M3697ad

Pubdate: 1997.

Summary: The life of the first African-American to serve as a judge on the United States Supreme Court.

Title: **Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court**
Author: Kent, Deborah.
Call: jB M3697ke
Pubdate: c1997.

Title: **The story of Thurgood Marshall : justice for all**
Author: Arthur, Joe.
Call: jB M3698ar
Pubdate: 1996.

Title: **Thurgood Marshall : champion of civil rights**
Author: Krug, Elisabeth.
Call: Paperback - J KRUG
Pubdate: 1993.

Title: **With open hands : a story about Biddy Mason**
Author: Ferris, Jeri.
Call: jB M3982fe
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: Recounts the life of Biddy Mason, a slave who found freedom in California in 1856, who practiced the philosophy of sharing as she nursed the sick, delivered babies, and started many philanthropic projects after becoming a wealthy landowner in Los Angeles.

Title: **Osceola : memories of a sharecropper's daughter**
Author: Mays, Osceola, 1909-
Call: jB M4746may
Pubdate: c2000.
Summary: A sharecropper's daughter describes her childhood in Texas in the early years of the twentieth century.

Title: **Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize-winning author**
Author: Kramer, Barbara.
Call: jB M8823kra
Pubdate: c1996.
Summary: Examines the life and work of the successful novelist, who became the first African American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.

Title: **Carol Moseley-Braun : breaking barriers**
Author: Carrigan, Mellonee.
Call: jB M8982c
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **The legend of Jesse Owens**
Author: Nuwer, Hank.
Call: jB O976nu
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: Explores the personal life, athletic accomplishments, and career of Jesse Owens.

Title: **Satchel Paige : the best arm in baseball**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB P1424m
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Describes the life of one of baseball's greatest pitchers, who was unable to play Major League baseball due to segregation for many years, after which he became the first black pitcher in the American League.



Title: **Rosa Parks**
Author: Holland, Gini.
Call: jB P2528ho
Pubdate: c1997.
Summary: A brief biography of the African American who, in refusing to obey a discriminatory rule about bus seating, set off both the Montgomery Bus Boycott and a movement that changed the nation's laws.

Title: **If a bus could talk : the story of Rosa Parks**
Author: Ringgold, Faith.
Call: jB P2528rin
Pubdate: c1999.

Title: **Starting home : the story of Horace Pippin, painter**
Author: Lyons, Mary E.
Call: jB P6665L
Pubdate: c1993.
Summary: Discusses the life and work of the African-American folk artist Horace Pippin.

Title: **Colin Powell**
Author: Banta, Melissa.
Call: jB P88227ba
Pubdate: 1995.
Summary: Traces the life and career of the Army general who was appointed National Security Advisor by Ronald Reagan and became the country's first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Title: **Colin Powell**
Author: Reef, Catherine.
Call: jB P88227r
Pubdate: 1992.

Title: **Faith Ringgold**
Author: Turner, Robyn.
Call: jB R581t
Pubdate: 1993.
Summary: Examines the life and work of the artist whose determination to be true to her heritage brought about an influential new art form.

Title: **Paul Robeson : a voice to remember**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB R6536mac
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Examines the life of the African-American singer-actor who spoke out against racism and injustice.

Title: **Paul Robeson : actor, singer, political activist**
Author: Wright, David K.
Call: jB R6536wr
Pubdate: 1998.

Title: **Sports great David Robinson**
Author: Aaseng, Nathan.
Call: jB R6592a
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Discusses the life and career of the San Antonio Spurs team member whose background includes playing basketball for the United States Naval Academy and the American Olympic team.

Title: **Chris Rock, comedian**
Author: Blue, Rose.
Call: jB R6821bL
Pubdate: 2000.
Summary: A biography of the popular comedian, known for his stand-up routines and for his role on "Saturday Night Live."

Title: **Wilma Rudolph**
Author: Biracree, Tom, 1947-
Call: jB R9173b
Pubdate: c1988.
Summary: A biography of the woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Title: **Wilma unlimited : how Wilma Rudolph became the world's fastest woman**
Author: Krull, Kathleen.
Call: jB R9173k
Pubdate: c1996.

Title: **Wilma Rudolph**
Author: Sherrow, Victoria.
Call: jB R9173she
Pubdate: c2000.

Title: **John Russwurm**
Author: Borzendowski, Janice.
Call: jB R9696b
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: Traces the life and achievements of the early spokesman against slavery who expressed his anti-slavery views in "Freedom's Journal," the first American newspaper owned and operated by Blacks.

Title: **Catching the fire : Philip Simmons, blacksmith**
Author: Lyons, Mary E.
Call: jB S5926Ly
Pubdate: 1997.
Summary: Tells the story of this great-grandson of slaves, who has achieved fame and admiration for his ornamental wrought-iron creations.

Title: **From slave to Civil War hero : the life and times of Robert Smalls**

Author: Cooper, Michael L., 1950-
Call: jB S6355c
Pubdate: c1994.

Title: **Will Smith**
Author: Stauffer, Stacey, 1973-
Call: jB S6637sta
Pubdate: 1998.

Title: **Civil rights pioneer : a story about Mary Church Terrell**

Author: Swain, Gwenyth, 1961-
Call: jB T3257swa
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: The story of a determined woman, who lived in Washington, D.C., where she worked to gain equal rights for herself and other African Americans.

Title: **The story of Harriet Tubman : conductor of the underground railroad**
Author: McMullan, Kate.
Call: jB T8855mcM2
Pubdate: 1997.
Summary: A biography of the African American woman who escaped from slavery, led slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad, aided Northern troops during the Civil War, and worked for women's suffrage.

Title: **Nat Turner's slave rebellion in American history**
Author: Edwards, Judith, 1940-
Call: jB T949edw EDWARDS
Pubdate: c2000.
Summary: A biography of the slave and preacher who, believing that God wanted him to free the slaves, led a major revolt in 1831.

Title: **Madam C. J. Walker : pioneer businesswoman**
Author: Toby, Marlene.
Call: jB W1777t
Pubdate: 1995.
Summary: A biography of the Afro-American whose invention of facial creams and other cosmetics led to great financial success.

Title: **Madam C.J. Walker : self-made
businesswoman**
Author: Yannuzzi, Della A.
Call: jB W1777yan
Pubdate: 2000.



Title: **Denzel Washington**
Author: Hill, Anne E., 1974-
Call: jB W31753hiL
Pubdate: 2000, c1999.
Summary: A biography of the very popular Academy Award winning actor.

Title: **Booker T. Washington : leader and
educator**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB W3175m2
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: A biography of the former slave who founded Tuskegee University and later became the most powerful African American leader at the turn of the century.

Title: **The story of Booker T. Washington**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: jB W3175mcki
Pubdate: c1991.

Title: **Ida B. Wells-Barnett : crusader
against lynching**
Author: Lisandrelli, Elaine Slivinski.
Call: jB W45446Li
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: Traces the life and career of the journalist and social activist who spoke out against the lynching of blacks in the South.

Title: **Phillis Wheatley : first African-
American poet**
Author: Greene, Carol.
Call: jB W5576gr
Pubdate: c1995.
Summary: The life of the poet who was born in Africa, brought to New England as a slave, and published her first poem while still a teenager.

Title: **Phillis Wheatley**
Author: Richmond, M. A. (Merle A.)
Call: jB W5576r
Pubdate: c1988.

Title: **Revolutionary poet : a story
about Phillis Wheatley**
Author: Weidt, Maryann N.
Call: jB W5576we
Pubdate: c1997.

Title: **The life of Daniel Hale Williams**
Author: Kaye, Judith.
Call: jB W7225k
Pubdate: c1993.
Summary: A biography of the African American doctor who performed the first surgery on the human heart in the nineteenth century and who founded the first interracial hospital in the United States.



Title: **Oprah Winfrey : talk show legend**
Author: Wooten, Sara McIntosh.
Call: jB W7686woo
Pubdate: c1999.
Summary: The biography of the performer and talk show host.

Title: **Carter G. Woodson : father of African-American History**
Author: Durden, Robert Franklin.
Call: jB W8984dur
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: A biography of the son of former slaves who received a Ph. D. in history from Harvard and devoted his life to bringing the achievements of his race to the world's attention.

Title: **Carter G. Woodson : the man who put "Black" in American history**
Author: Haskins, James, 1941-
Call: JB W898HAS HASKINS
Pubdate: c2000.



Title: **Richard Wright**
Author: Urban, Joan, 1950-
Call: jB W9528u
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: Traces the life and achievements of the Black American novelist.

Title: **Black fighting men : a proud history**
Author: Reef, Catherine.
Call: j355
Pubdate: 1994.

Title: **Black stars in orbit : NASA's African-American astronauts**
Author: Burns, Khephra.
Call: jq629.45
Pubdate: c1995.

Title: **Black hands, white sails : the story of African-American whalers**

Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-

Call: j639.2

Pubdate: 1999.

Summary: A history of African-American whalers between 1730 and 1880, describing their roles in both the whaling industry and the abolitionist movement.

Title: **Stitching stars : the story quilts of Harriet Powers**

Author: Lyons, Mary E.

Call: j746.97

Pubdate: c1993.

Summary: An illustrated biography of the African American quilter who made quilts of her favorite Bible stories and folk tales.

Title: **Li'l Sis and Uncle Willie : a story based on the life and paintings of William H. Johnson**

Author: Everett, Gwen.

Call: j759.13

Pubdate: 1991.

Summary: Surveys the life of African-American artist William H. Johnson as his young niece might have told it. The artist's paintings provide the illustrations.

Title: **James Van DerZee, the picture-takin' man**

Author: Haskins, James, 1941-

Call: j770.92 V242h

Pubdate: c1979.

Summary: A biography of the black photographer who has received acclaim for his prints of Harlem.

Title: **All around town : the photographs of Richard Samuel Roberts**

Author: Johnson, Dinah.

Call: jq779

Pubdate: 1998.

Summary: Chronicles the rich lives of the African American citizens of Columbia, South Carolina, as well as other towns and cities during the 1920s and 1930s.

Title: **Great African Americans in music**

Author: Rediger, Pat, 1966-

Call: j780.92

Pubdate: c1996.

Summary: Profiles notable African Americans in the field of music, including Ray Charles, Nat King Cole, and Ella Fitzgerald.

Title: **Book of firsts : sports heroes**

Call: j796

Pubdate: 1993.

Title: **Fair ball! : 14 great stars from baseball's Negro leagues**
Author: Winter, Jonah.
Call: j796.357092
Pubdate: 1999.
Summary: Short biographies of fourteen outstanding players in the United States Negro Leagues, including Pop Lloyd, Oscar Charleston, and Buck Leonard.

Title: **Freedom like sunlight : praisesongs for Black Americans**
Author: Lewis, J. Patrick.
Call: jq811 LEWIS
Pubdate: 2000.
Summary: Presents poems and brief biographical notes about such well-known African Americans as: Arthur Ashe, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Louis Armstrong, Martin Luther King, Jr., "Satchel" Paige, Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, Jesse Owens, Marian Anderson, Malcolm X, Wilma Rudolph, and Billie Holiday.

Title: **Five brave explorers**
Author: Hudson, Wade.
Call: j910.9
Pubdate: c1995.

Title: **Extraordinary Black Americans : from colonial to contemporary times**
Author: Altman, Susan.
Call: j920
Pubdate: c1989.
Summary: Presents short biographies of ninety-five black Americans from colonial to contemporary times, highlighting their personal achievements and their resulting contributions to the growth of American society.

Title: **Black courage**
Author: Schraff, Anne E.
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: [1969]
Summary: Brief sketches of twenty-one Negroes who participated in some important events of American history.

Title: **A special bravery.**
Author: Johnston, Johanna.
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: [1967]
Summary: Prose poems which highlight the accomplishments of fifteen American Negroes including Harriet Tubman, Ralph Bunche, Robert Smalls, and Mary McLeod-Bethune.

Title: **Black heroes of the American Revolution**
Author: Davis, Burke, 1913-
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: c1976.
Summary: An account of the black soldiers, sailors, spies, scouts, guides, and wagoners who participated and sacrificed in the struggle for American independence.

Title: **Book of firsts : leaders of America**
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: 1993.
Summary: A collection of short biographies of black leaders of America, including Blanche Bruce, Benjamin Davis, Thurgood Marshall, and Colin Powell.



Title: **Great African Americans in film**
Author: Parker, Janice.
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: c1997.
Summary: Contains thirteen biographies of movie stars, including Dorothy Dandridge, Morgan Freeman, and Richard Pryor.

Title: **Great African Americans in the arts**
Author: Hacker, Carlotta.
Call: j920.07
Pubdate: c1997.
Summary: Thirteen artists from the fields of dance, stage, opera, classical music, photography, and painting.

Title: **Women of hope : African Americans who made a difference**
Author: Hansen, Joyce.
Call: jq920.7
Pubdate: 1998.
Summary: Biographies of thirteen women, including Maya Angelou, Ruby Dee, and Alice Walker.



Title: **And not afraid to dare : the stories of ten African-American women**
Author: Bolden, Tonya.
Call: j920.72
Pubdate: 1998.
Summary: Biographies of ten women including Leontyne Price, Toni Morrison, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey.



Title: **Leaders of Black civil rights**
Author: Vernell, Marjorie, 1948-
Call: j923.2
Pubdate: 2000.
Summary: Discusses seven leaders of the civil rights movement, including Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X.

Title: **African American entrepreneurs**
Author: Haskins, James, 1941-
Call: j923.3
Pubdate: c1998.
Summary: Profiles of African American entrepreneurs, from the early years, through the Civil War and Reconstruction, to modern times.

Title: **Great African Americans in business**
Author: Rediger, Pat, 1966-
Call: j923.3 REDIGER
Pubdate: c1996.
Summary: Examines the lives of more than ten men and women, including Oprah Winfrey, Don Cornelius, and Naomi Sims, with the obstacles they each overcame.

Title: **Black scientists**
Author: Yount, Lisa.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1991.
Summary: Profiles Afro-Americans who made important contributions to science despite racial prejudice and institutional barriers to black education and achievement.

Title: **7 African-American scientists**
Author: Hayden, Robert C.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Examines the lives and achievements of seven black Americans who left their mark through scientific work, from Benjamin Banneker to Matthew Henson.

Title: **African-American inventors**
Author: McKissack, Pat, 1944-
Call: j925
Pubdate: 1994.

Title: **African-American inventors :
Lonnie Johnson, Frederick
McKinley Jones, Marjorie Stewart
Joyner, Elijah McCoy, Garrett
Augustus Morgan**
Author: Amram, Fred M. B.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1996.



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Title: **African-American scientists :
Robert Jones, Reatha Clark King,
Walter Massey, Franklyn G.
Prendergast, Larry Shannon**

Author: St. John, Jetty.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1996.

Title: **Five notable inventors**

Author: Hudson, Wade.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1995.

Title: **Outward dreams : Black inventors
and their inventions**

Author: Haskins, James, 1941-
Call: j925
Pubdate: 1991.
Summary: Discusses black inventors and
their contributions, including
Benjamin Bradley, Madam Walker,
and George Washington Carver.

Title: **Pioneers of discovery**

Call: j925
Pubdate: c1994.
Summary: Short biographies of 8 pioneers
of discovery, including Benjamin
Banneker, George Washington
Carver, and Lewis Latimer.

Title: **Eight Black American inventors**
Author: Hayden, Robert C.
Call: j925
Pubdate: [1972]

Title: **9 African-American inventors**

Author: Hayden, Robert C.
Call: j926
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Chronicles the achievements of
nine Afro-Americans responsible
for inventions related to
important parts of modern life
such as refrigeration, electric
lighting, and transportation.

Title: **Nine Black American doctors**

Author: Hayden, Robert C.
Call: j925
Pubdate: c1976.
Summary: Biographical sketches of Afro-
Americans who have made important
contributions to medicine.

Title: **11 African-American doctors**

Author: Hayden, Robert C.
Call: j926.1
Pubdate: c1992.
Summary: Chronicles the achievements of
eleven Afro-American physicians
whose contributions helped raise
the country's health standards
through medical practice,
research, or teaching.

Title: **Great African Americans in jazz**
Author: Hacker, Carlotta.
Call: j927
Pubdate: c1997.
Summary: Profiles of thirteen African American jazz musicians, including Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, and Billie Holiday.

Title: **The black athlete: his story in American history.**
Author: Orr, Jack.
Call: jq927.96
Pubdate: [1969]
Summary: Outlines achievements of American Negro athletes in all areas of professional sports--golf, horse racing, football, boxing, track, and many others.

Title: **African American women writers**
Author: Wilkinson, Brenda Scott.
Call: j928
Pubdate: 2000.
Summary: Discusses the lives and work of such notable African American women authors as: Phillis Wheatley, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Zora Neale Hurston, Gwendolyn Brooks, Nikki Giovanni, and Terry McMillan.



Mildred Taylor

Title: **Great African Americans in literature**
Author: Rediger, Pat, 1966-
Call: j928
Pubdate: c1996.
Summary: Notable African Americans in literature, including Maya Angelou, James Baldwin, and Mildred Taylor.

Title: **Famous American Negro poets,**
Author: Rollins, Charlemae Hill.
Call: j928.1
Pubdate: [1965]
Summary: Biographies of twelve poets with examples of their works, from Jupiter Hammon of the eighteenth century to today's Arna Bontemps.

Title: **Proudly Red and Black : stories of African and Native Americans**
Author: Katz, William Loren.
Call: j970.1
Pubdate: c1993.
Summary: Brief biographies of people of mixed Native American and African ancestry who, made their mark on history, including trader Paul Cuffe, frontiersman Edward Rose, Seminole leader John Horse, and sculptress Edmonia Lewis.



Colin Powell

Title: **Great African Americans in government**
Author: Dudley, Karen.
Call: j973.0496073
Pubdate: c1997.
Summary: Contains biographies of African Americans who have made contributions government, politics, and diplomacy.

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Title: **African American answer book, biography : 325 questions drawn from the expertise of Harvard's Du Bois Institute**
Author: Rennert, Richard Scott, 1956-
Call: jR920.07
Pubdate: c1995.

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Author: Lee, George L., 1906-
Call: JR973.0496073
Pubdate: 1992, c1989.
Summary: Biographical highlights of notable men and women from around the world whose achievements are milestones in black history.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Title: **Un libro ilustrado sobre Martin Luther King, hijo**
Author: Adler, David A.
Call: Sp JB K5457a
Pubdate: 1992.
Summary: A brief, biography of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights.



I HAVE A DREAM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Fivescore years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end

the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free; one hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination; one hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity; one hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land.

So we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was the promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note in so far as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check ; a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.

And so we've come to this hallowed spot to remind

America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy; now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice; now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood; now is the time to make justice a reality for all God's children. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the movement. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality.

Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content, will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds.

Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We

must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. This offense we share mounted to storm the battlements of injustice must be carried forth by a biracial army. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?": We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by

signs stating "for whites only." We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of excessive trials and tribulation. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi; go back to Alabama; go back to Louisiana; go back to the slums and ghettos of the northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can, and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

So I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of

brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day, even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places shall be made straight and the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith we will be able to hear out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to go to jail together, knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning-"my country 'tis of thee; sweet land of liberty; of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's

pride; from every mountain side, let freedom ring"-and if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that.

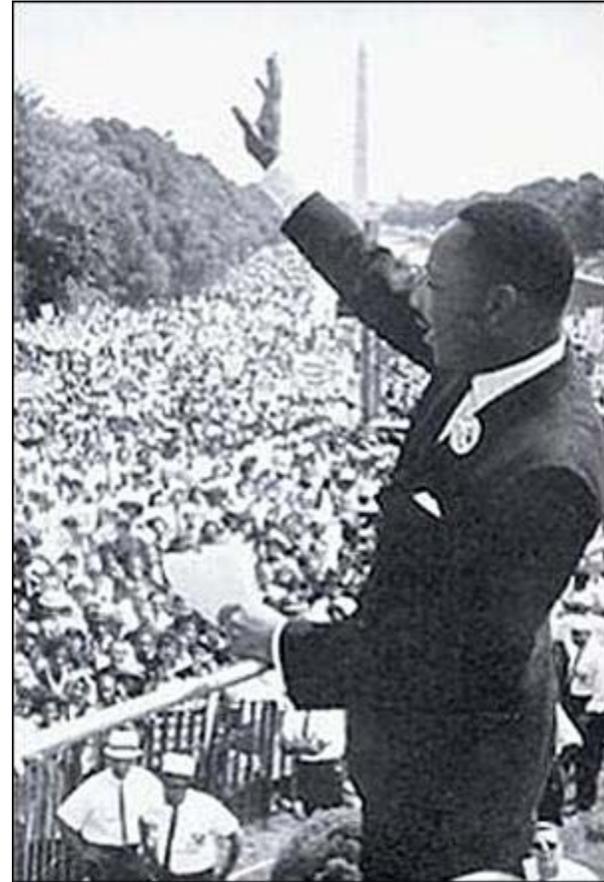
Let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children - black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants - will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

March On Washington



Martin Luther King, Jr. gave this speech before over 250,000 people at the August 28, 1963 "**March on Washington.**" For more information about this historic event go to: [March On Washington](#)