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Picture Books

Levine, Ellen

567014 *Henry's Freedom Box*. A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate to Philadelphia. il. Nelson, Kadir. [IL 8-10] 40 pages Scholastic Fic. **B+,C,K+,L,M,Q+** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Walker, Sally M.

915833 *Freedom Song: The Story Of Henry "Box" Brown*. After Henry's wife and children are sold away, his freedom song gives him strength to be mailed to a free state in a box. il. Qualls, Sean. [IL 4-8] 34 pages Harper E. **B,C+,K,L+,Q,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

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Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse

058964 *Ashes*. As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, fiercely determined to find Isabel's little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a Southern state. **Seeds Of America**. [IL 10-14] 298 pages Atheneum Fic. **B+,C,K+,L,M,Q+,W+** (AR/RC) **19.81**

058970 *Chains*. After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. **Seeds Of America**. [IL 10-14] 316 pages Simon Fic. **B+,C,K+,L,M,Q+,W+** (AR/RC) **21.21**

058975 *Forge*. Separated from his friend Isabel after escaping from slavery, Curzon, 15, serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel meet again, as slaves once more. **Seeds Of America**. [IL 10-14] 297 pages Atheneum Fic. **B,C,K+,L,M+,Q+,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Lee, Stacey (Stacey Heather)

556860 *Under A Painted Sky*. In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri. [IL 12-16] 374 pages Putnam Fic. **B,L** (AR/RC) **19.81**

Lovejoy, Sharon

588296 *Running Out Of Night*. Journey of an abused twelve-year-old white girl and an escaped slave girl who run away

together and form a bond of friendship while seeking freedom. [IL 9-12] 287 pages Delacorte Fic. **B,C,K,L,Q,W** (AR) **19.81**

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Nonfiction For Older Readers

Bryan, Ashley

164331 *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives And Dreams Brought To Life*. Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents, contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away. il. [IL 6-9] 50 pages Atheneum 811. **B+,C,K,L,M+,Q+,W+** (AR) **20.51**

Carson, Mary Kay

195019 *Which Way To Freedom?: And Other Questions About--The Underground Railroad*. Many "must know" questions about the Underground Railroad are answered. **Good Question!** il. [IL 7-11] 31 pages Sterling 973. **B,Q** (AR) **13.20**

Cline-Ransome, Lesa

222897 *Words Set Me Free: The Story Of Young Frederick Douglass*. How Frederick Douglass found his path to freedom through reading. il. Ransome, James. [IL 5-9] 32 pages Simon 973-B. **B,C,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Fradin, Judith Bloom

349821 *Price Of Freedom: How One Town Stood Up To Slavery*. The remarkable story of one Ohio town's efforts to protect a runaway slave in 1856. il. Velasquez, Eric. [IL 7-9] 42 pages Walker 973. **B,C,K+,L,Q,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Goodman, Susan E.

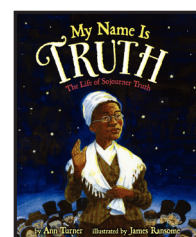
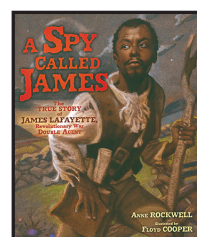
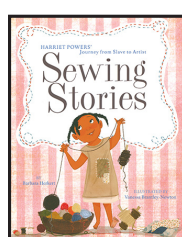
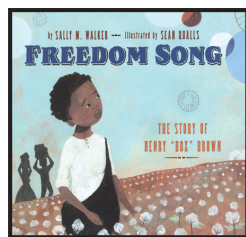
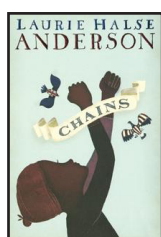
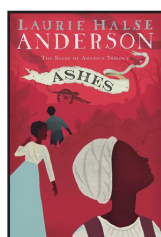
385875 *First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation On Trial*. An inspiring look at the story of the first African American girl to try to integrate a white school, and how her experience in 1847 set greater change in motion. il. Lewis, Earl B. [IL 6-9] 34 pages Bloomsbury 344. **B,C,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) **20.51**

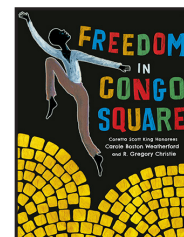
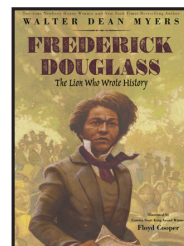
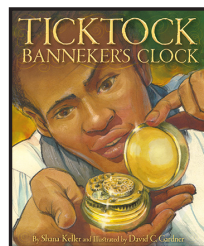
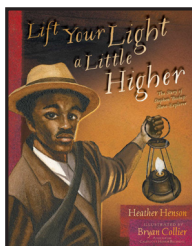
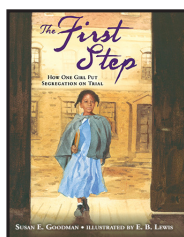
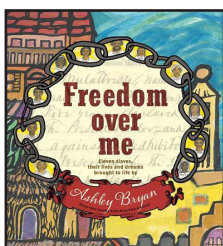
Hale, Nathan

412142 *Underground Abductor*. An account of how Harriet Tubman became inspired to free slaves on the Underground Railroad. In graphic novel format. **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales**. il. [IL 8-12] 125 pages Amulet 973-B. **L,Q** (AR/RC) **16.99**

Henson, Heather

946807 *Lift Your Light A Little Higher: The Story Of Stephen Bishop: Slave-Explorer*. Follow the remarkable, and world-famous, Mammoth Cave explorer--and slave--Stephen Bishop





as he guides you through the world's largest cave system, while helping us understand how one's mind can never be enslaved. il. Collier, Bryan. [IL 4-8] 32 pages Atheneum 306-B. **B,C,K+,M,Q+,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Herkert, Barbara

440328 *Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey From Slave To Artist*. Harriet Powers learned to sew and quilt as a young slave girl on a Georgia plantation. Her quilts are now priceless examples of African American folk art. il. Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. [IL 4-8] 33 pages Knopf 746-B. **B,CA,K,L,Q,W** (AR) **20.51**

Hill, Laban Carrick

444361 *Dave The Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*. A true story about a slave with an extraordinary talent for pottery and poetry. il. Collier, Bryan. [IL 3-6] 40 pages Little 738-B. **B,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) **19.81**

Keller, Shana

512096 *Ticktock Banneker's Clock*. Benjamin Banneker is known and admired for his work in science, mathematics, and astronomy. He was born free at a time in America, 1731, when most African Americans were slaves. At the age of 22 he built a strike clock based on his own drawings and using a pocket-knife. il. Gardner, David (David Colby) [IL 6-9] 32 pages Sleeping Bear Press 681-B. **B,K** **19.81**

Myers, Walter Dean

665986 *Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History*. A picture book biography of the great Frederick Douglass, a self-educated slave in the South who grew up to become an icon. il. Cooper, Floyd. [IL 4-8] 34 pages Harper 973-B. **B+,C,K,L+,W+** (AR) **20.51**

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux

670343 *Bad News For Outlaws: The Remarkable Life Of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*. The story of a remarkable African American hero of the Old West. il. Christie, Gregory. [IL 8-12] 40 pages Carolrhoda 363-B. **B,C,K+,L+,M+,Q+,W+** (AR/RC) **20.49**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

719027 *Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride*. The story of one of the most unique and courageous women in American history, Sojourner Truth. il. Pinkney, J. Brian. [IL 5-9] 40 pages Jump at The Sun 305-B. **B,K+,L+,M,Q+,W+** (AR/RC) **19.81**

Rappaport, Doreen

739631 *Frederick's Journey: The Life Of Frederick Douglass*. A portrait of celebrated human-rights activist Frederick Douglass. il. Ladd, London. [IL 6-8] 41 pages Jump at The Sun 973-B. **B,K+,L,M,Q+** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Rockwell, Anne F.

761536 *Spy Called James: The True Story Of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent*. A biography of James Armistead Lafayette, a double agent in Lord Cornwallis' camp near Yorktown, Virginia, told for the first time in picture book form. il. Cooper, Floyd. [IL 7-10] 33 pages Carolrhoda 973-B. **B,C,K-,L+,Q,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Slade, Suzanne

823663 *Friends For Freedom: The Story Of Susan B. Anthony & Frederick Douglass*. The story of the little-known friendship between two of our country's most famous freedom fighters:

Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. il. Tadgell, Nicole. [IL 6-9] 40 pages Charlesbridge 303-C. **K,L,Q,W+** (AR) **19.79**

Smith, Charles R.

827484 *Brick By Brick*. This moving story of the construction of the White House captures the emotion and toll of those who created the home of our president. il. Cooper, Floyd. [IL 5-8] 32 pages Amistad 975. **B,K,M,Q,W** **20.51**

Tate, Don

872715 *Poet: The Remarkable Story Of George Moses Horton*. North Carolina slave George Moses Horton taught himself to read and became the first African American to be published in the South, protesting slavery in the form of verse. il. [IL 6-9] 35 pages Peachtree 811-B. **B,K+,L+,M,Q+,W+** (AR/RC) **19.79**

Turner, Ann Warren

894400 *My Name Is Truth: The Life Of Sojourner Truth*. The remarkable true story of how former slave Isabella Baumfree transformed herself into the preacher and orator Sojourner Truth. An iconic figure of the abolitionist and women's rights movements, Sojourner Truth famously spoke out for equal rights roughly one hundred years before the civil rights movement. il. Ransome, James. [IL 6-10] 35 pages Harper 300-B. **B,CA,K,L+,Q,W+** (AR) **20.51**

Weatherford, Carole Boston

212586 *Freedom In Congo Square*. This poetic, nonfiction story about a well-known piece of African American history captures a human's capacity to find hope and joy in difficult circumstances and demonstrates how New Orleans' Congo Square was truly freedom's heart. il. Christie, R. Gregory. [IL 4-8] 32 pages Little Bee 976. **B+,L,M+,Q+** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Weiss, Lynne

930911 *Crispus Attucks And The Boston Massacre*. A biography of Crispus Attucks and how he lived out his heroic life and came to be a key figure in our struggle for independence. In graphic novel format. **Jr. Graphic African-American History**. il. [IL 7-11] 24 pages PowerKids 973-B. **L** (AR) **25.60**

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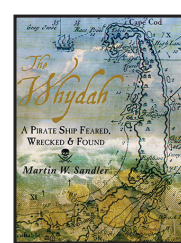
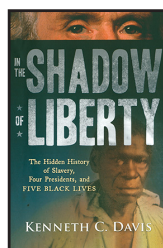
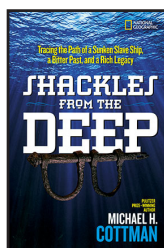
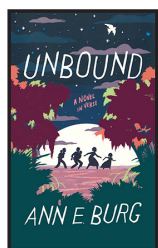
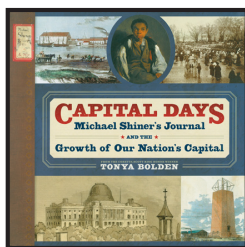
Nonfiction For Older Readers

Bolden, Tonya

130482 *Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal And The Growth Of Our Nation's Capital*. Tells the story of Washington, D.C., through the story of an African American man, Michael Shiner, who lived there from approximately 1805 to 1880 and who kept a journal, excerpts of which are interspersed throughout the heavily illustrated text. il. [IL 10-14] 90 pages Abrams 975-B. **B,CA,L+,Q** **21.89**

Burg, Ann E.

172891 *Unbound: A Novel In Verse*. The day nine-year-old Grace is called to work in the kitchen in the Big House, everyone warns her to keep her head down and her thoughts to herself, but the more she sees of the oppressive Master and his hateful wife, the more she questions things until one day her thoughts escape--and to avoid being separated she and her family flee into the Dismal Swamp, to join the other escaped slaves who live there. [IL 9-12] 345 pages Scholastic Fic. **B,C,K+,L+,Q** (AR/RC) **19.81**



Cottman, Michael H.

244730 *Shackles From The Deep: Tracing The Path Of A Sunken Slave Ship, A Bitter Past, And A Rich Legacy*. Follows the exploration of a slave ship discovered on the seafloor, the Henrietta Marie, shedding light on the history of slavery. il. [IL 8-12] 127 pages National Geographic 382. **B+,CA,K,L,W** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Davis, Kenneth C.

262831 *In The Shadow Of Liberty: The Hidden History Of Slavery, Four Presidents, And Five Black Lives*. An examination of American slavery through the true stories of five enslaved people who were considered the property of some of our best-known presidents. il. [IL 8-12] 286 pages Holt 920-C. **K,L+,M,Q+** (AR/RC) **20.51**

Huey, Lois Miner

469568 *Forgotten Bones: Uncovering A Slave Cemetery*. Archaeologists excavate a cemetery for eighteenth-century African American slaves who worked at the nearby Schuyler farm in upstate New York. il. [IL 10-14] 56 pages Millbrook 306. **B,C,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) **29.38**

Marrin, Albert

604646 *Volcano Beneath The Snow: John Brown's War Against Slavery*. A poignant biography of the controversial Civil War figure John Brown, a man of many legacies, from hero, freedom fighter, and martyr, to liar, fanatic, and "the father of American terrorism." il. [IL 12-16] 244 pages Knopf 973-B. **K,L+,M,Q+** (AR/RC) **21.91**

Nelson, Marilyn

670496 *My Seneca Village*. Quiet for more than 135 years, the voices of multi-ethnic, multi-racial Seneca Village are rising again. Angela Riddles ponders being free-but-not-free. The orphaned Donnelly brothers get gold fever. A conjurer sees past his era and into ours. [IL 10-14] 87 pages Namelos 811. **C,L+,Q+** **23.29**

Sandler, Martin W.

776884 *Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, And Found*. The exciting true story of the pirate ship's dark history that included cruel slavers and avaricious pirates as uncovered by the treasures and other evidence found aboard the sunken vessel. il. [IL 10-14] 170 pages Candlewick 974. **B,C,K,L+,M** (AR/RC) **21.91**

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- B** Booklist
- C** Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
- K** Kirkus Reviews
- L** School Library Journal
- M** Horn Book
- Q** Horn Book Guide
- W** Publishers Weekly
- +** Starred review
- AR** Accelerated Reader® test available
- RC** Reading Counts® test available



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