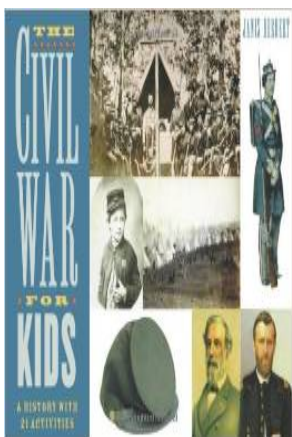


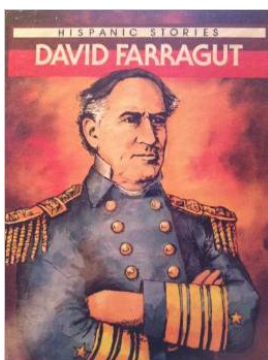
Civil War



The Civil War for Kids: A History with 21 Activities

By: Janis Herbert

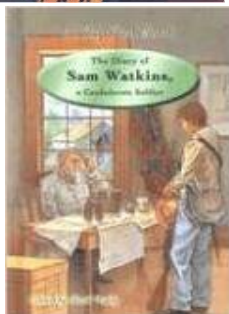
This book is informative yet fun! In this nonfiction work, children bring the Civil War era back to life, by making baskets, dyes, and snacks that only soldiers would have used. They are also introduced to young connection, nine year old, Johnny Clem. This boy's story connects the children to the history. They are also given the chance to feel connections with the soldiers because of their beloved animal mascots. From the secession to the surrender at Appomattox, this book brings the Civil War era back to its original riveting life. (650L, Grade Level: 3.5)



David Farragut

By: Jan Gleiter, Kathleen Thompson and Francis Balisteri

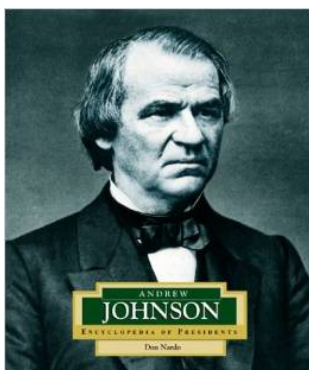
This is a biography on the United State's first navy admiral. Farragut fought on the side of the North, Union, resulting in his position as admiral. (600L, Grade Level: 3.3)



The Diary of Sam Watkins, a Confederate Soldier

By: Sam R. Watkins, Ruth Ashby and Lazlo Kubinyi

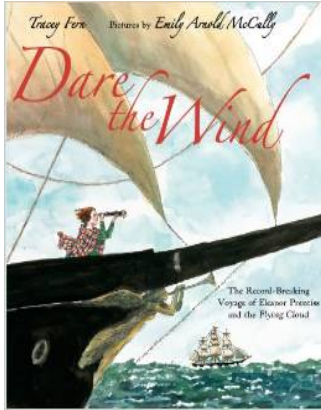
This overlooked memoir of a confederate soldier's life is recharged in this book. The confederate soldier from Tennessee writes about his life in the war. (650L, Grade Level: 4.0)



Andrew Johnson: America's 17th President (Encyclopedia of Presidents, Second)

By: Don Nardo

This series offers yet another biography on one of our great presidents, Andrew Johnson. (1070L, Grade Level: 7.8)

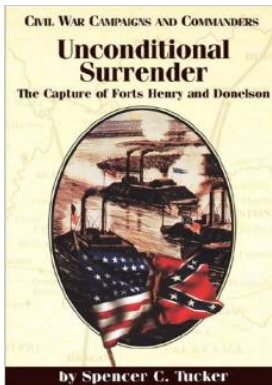


Dare the Wind: The Record-breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud

By: Tracey Fern and Emily Arnold McCully

This story tells of the journey of Ellen Prentiss and her husband. Prentiss was “born with saltwater in her veins,” as her Papa would say. Once she found a man with this same condition, they were married. He was given command of a custom made clipper ship that would navigate faster to San Francisco than any other before with the guidance of Ellen Prentiss, a woman before her time.

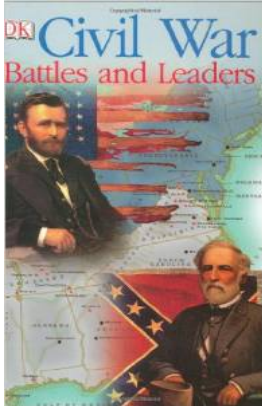
(400L, Grade Level: 2.0)



Unconditional Surrender: The Capture of Forts Henry and Donelson

By: Spencer C. Tucker

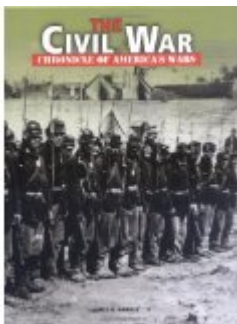
This book explores the capturing of the two river bastions, Forts Henry and Donelson. It explores the advancing naval technology, along with political strategy. This story explains the beginning of the end of the Southern Confederacy. (750L, Grade Level: 4.5)



Civil War Battles and Leaders

By: DK Publishing

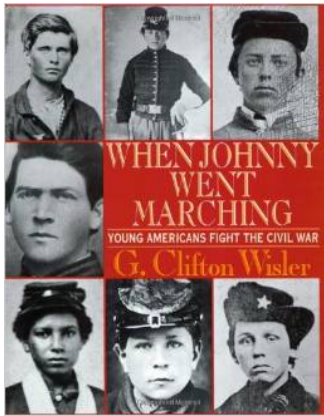
This book is an exploration of all the powers among the Civil War. Economic power, political power, and military power were all key components of the Civil War. This book shows the reader everything there is to know about this turmoil through photographs, portraits, and vivid storytelling. (980L, Grade Level: 7.1)



The Civil War: Chronicle of America's Wars

By: James R. Arnold

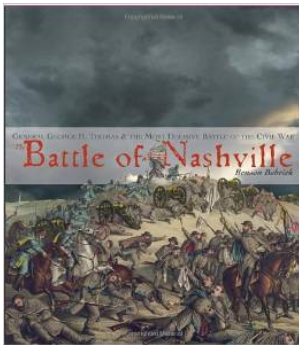
This book explains the rivalry among the North and the South. It also introduces key players in the war from generals to weaponry. (800L, Grade Level: 4.0)



When Johnny Went Marching: Young Americans Fight the Civil War

By: G. Clifton Wisler

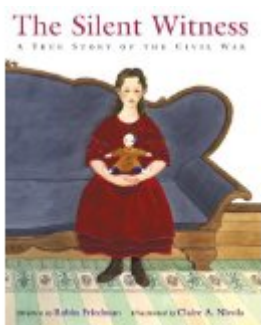
This book captures the attention of children, because it is relatable. This book contains the stories of forty-nine young people who went to fight, or live amongst the war's frontlines. Their job descriptions range from drummer boy to spies. (800L, Grade Level: 4.7)



The Battle of Nashville

By: Benson Bobrick

This book, especially popular for boys, explores the personalities among the Civil War era that shaped who we are today. This includes Abraham Lincoln, General George H. Thomas, and the causes of the war. This exciting book offers new insight to the classrooms about the Civil War. (820L, Grade Level: 4.0)



The Silent Witness: A True Story of the Civil War

By: Robin Friedman

This is a story of a lost doll who was a Silent Witness of the end of the Civil War. This tells the most important battles of the Civil War along with and through the life of Lula McLean who lent her home out to the Confederates on two occasions and lost her beloved plantation and doll. (950L AD, Grade Level: 5.7)

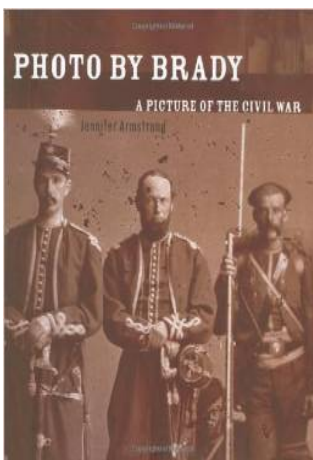
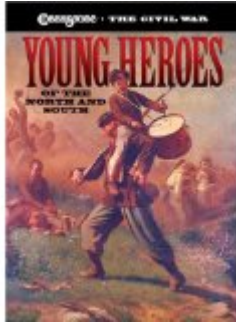


Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War

By: Jennifer Armstrong

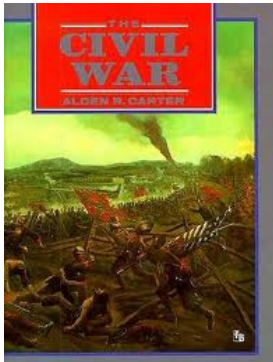
This book includes a collection of pictures documenting the Civil War. Matthew B. Brady was a famous photographer before the war, but as it began he found a new muse. He sent out fellow photographers with equipment to march alongside the troops and deliver photos that people would have never been able to see before. These photos always returned with "Photo by Brady" on them, not because he took them but because he was the genius behind it all. This was the first time photos were used to document something rather than only words. (1200L, Grade Level: 7.5)



Young Heroes of the North and South

By: Cobblestone: The Civil War

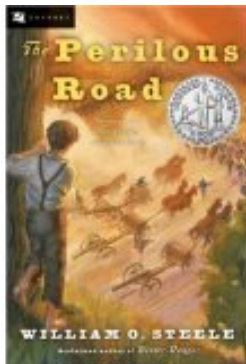
This specific title in the Civil War series of Cobblestone stays on track with the separation and conflicts of the war, but draws it back to where it is about the children and youth. This specific book tells of the orphans, runaways, and young soldiers fighting for what they all believe is right. (600L, Grade Level: 5.5)



The Civil War

By: Alden R. Carter

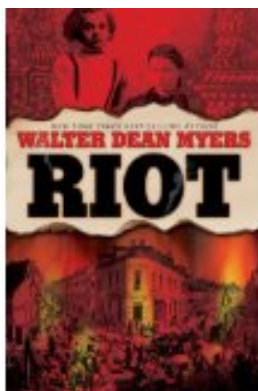
This book reveals the details of war strategy and causes during the Civil War. It also delves into the results and consequences. (450L, Grade Level: 4.5)



The Perilous Road

By: William O. Steele

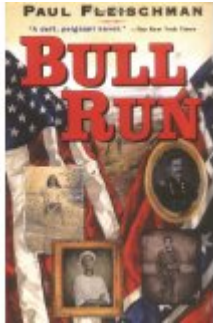
Chris Brabson hates the Yankee soldiers on accounts of their customs and beliefs, but most of all because they are in Tennessee and his brother joined them. He fires this hate by joining the Confederacy to be a spy, revealing a secret that could end his brother's life. This book develops the idea, that there is no right or wrong on the battlefield, just fighting. (750L, Grade Level: 5.6)



Riot

By: Walter Dean Myers

This book explores the other fighting going on during the Civil War between the rich and the poor. The rich were able to pay their way out of the draft whereas the poor had to continue to fight. This broke out warfare in New York City between the Irish and Black inhabitants. Young Claire has an Irish Mother and Black father and has never been forced to choose until her friend is in danger. (1400L, Grade Level: 8.5)

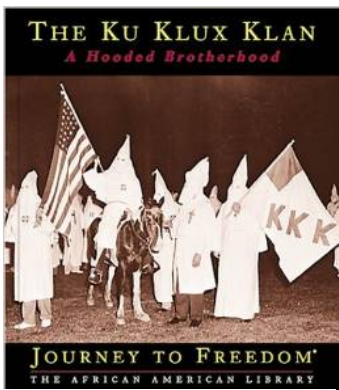


Bull Run

By: Paul Fleischman

In this fictional novel the story of the first battle of the Civil War and separation of the nation is told through a dialogue. Through the voices of sixteen people, the views of blacks, whites, males, females, confederates, and unionists are all explored. (810L, Grade Level: 6.4)

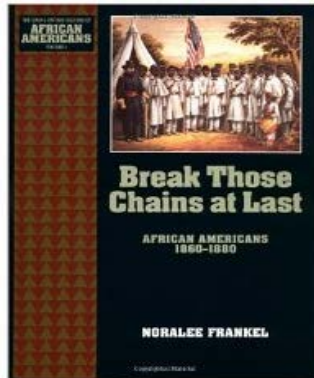
Reconstruction



The Ku Klux Klan: A Hooded Brotherhood (Journey to Freedom: The African American Library)

By: Ann Heinrichs

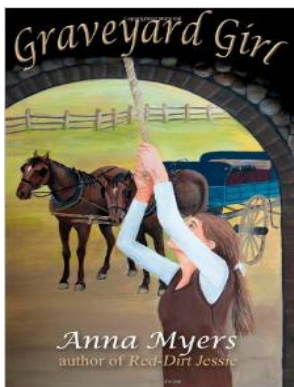
The hate group named the K.K.K is explored in this book. The members of this group committed crimes against humanity on account of their hatred toward other ethnic groups. This book explores their history, origins, and actions. (1020L, Grade Level: 5.3)



Break Those Chains at Last: African Americans 1860-1880

By: Noralee Frankel

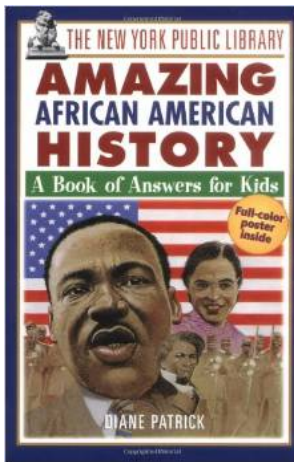
This book tells of the true but heartbreaking struggles that African-Americans faced after they were freed by law. The chains were not truly broken. They were only freed from captivity, but not from racial inequality among everyday life and politics. (1200L, Grade Level: 8.5)



Graveyard Girl

By: Anna Myers

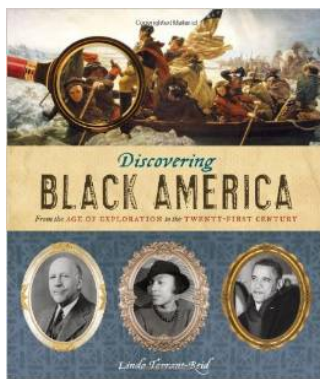
In 1878, the city of Memphis was taken by the tragedy of a yellow fever strike, taking both Eli's mother and father. He grows hard to everything in order to not feel further loss, but despite his efforts, he is drawn the Graveyard Girl, Grace. However, Grace may not even be able to open his heart. This story depicts the true lives of children in the face of tragedy. (650L, Grade Level: 5.2)



The New York Public Library Amazing African American History: A Book of Answers for Kids

By: The New York Public Library and Diane Patrick

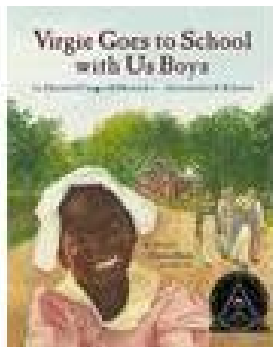
This book answers all the questions one would have about the African American community. The information ranges from ancient African civilizations to the March on Washington. This book explores the turmoil and triumphs of the African American community. (670L, Grade Level: 3.5)



Discovering Black America: From the Age of Exploration to the Twenty-First Century

By: Linda Tarrant-Reid

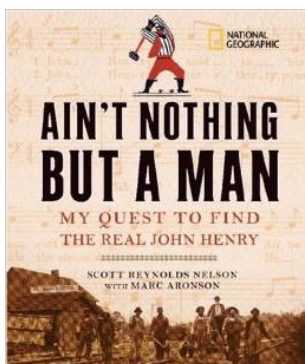
This book explores 400 years worth of African American history. Not only does it include almost every person of importance, it also includes these peoples' personal narratives. (890L, Grade Level: 5.4)



Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys

By: Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

In this book, Virgie fights for her right to freedom among her older brothers. The story is told through the voice of her brother, C.C., who believes girls should be educated also. They were "Learning to be Free." (190L, Grade Level: 3.5)



Ain't Nothing But A Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry

By: Scott Reynolds Nelson with Marc Aronson

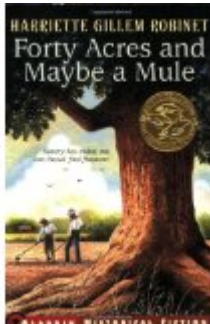
Nelson takes children through his narrative search for the real John Henry. He weaves the reconstruction, and building railroads in and out of evidence towards his answer. He brings John Henry to life. (900L, Grade Level: 5.5)



They Called Themselves the K.K.K.

By: Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Susan Campbell found multiple personal accounts of chilling truths of the K.K.K. This book delves into the formation, causes, and actions of the group devoted to destroying lives of freed African Americans. (1100L, Grade Level: 6.5)

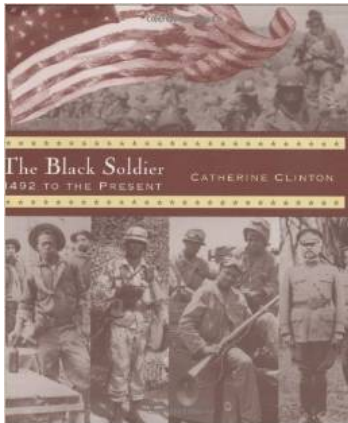


Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule

By: Harriette Gillem Robinet

Pascal and Gideon are former slaves who have been promised forty acres and possibly a mule, but this is not what the notorious night riders have in mind. This story brings to life the Reconstruction after the Civil War. (610L, Grade Level: 6.9)

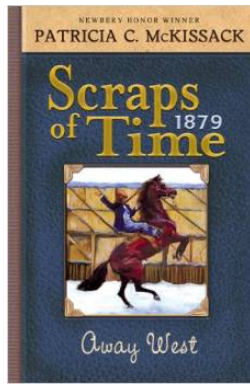
Western Expansion



The Black Soldier: 1492 to the Present

By: Catherine Clinton

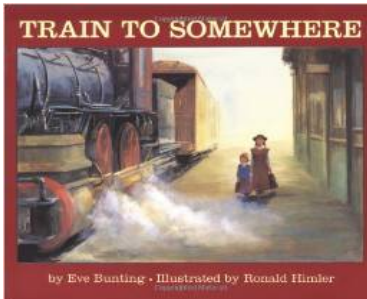
This book explores the involvement of African Americans in war efforts and not only the wars against each other but also the war for equality. This book covers every piece of history from the taking of arms along the explorer, Columbus, and the fighting at Desert Storm. This book explores the events of a black soldier. (950L, Grade Level: 5.8)



Away West

By: Patricia McKissack

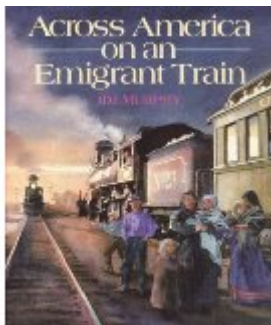
This book resembles that of a quest. This young boy was born into freedom unlike his family before him, and he only cares for few things, his dreams to go west and his father's medal. Only on this journey out west does he find the true meaning behind life and his father's medal. (510L, Grade Level: 2.7)



Train to Somewhere

By: Eve Bunting

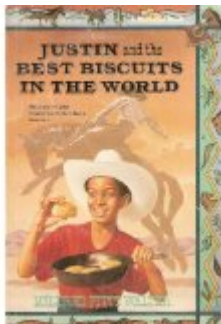
Marianne is a young orphan left by her mother to start a life out west. As she is going from town to town she looks for her mother among the crowds of adopters, but has yet to see her until they stop at a place called "Somewhere." (440L, Grade Level: 2.8)



Across America on an Emigrant Train

By: Jim Murphy

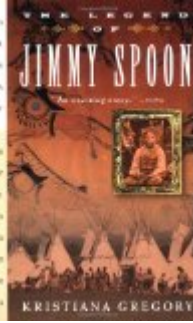
This book explores the accounts of Robert Louis Stevenson's twelve day journey from New York to California in 1879, including the history of the building of the transcontinental railroad and the advancement of the West.



Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World

By: Mildred Pitts Walter

Justin is taken to his Grandfather's ranch for the rodeo on account of living with three women and constant nagging. Out west he learns how to fish, fence, and cook. (620L, Grade Level: 3.1)

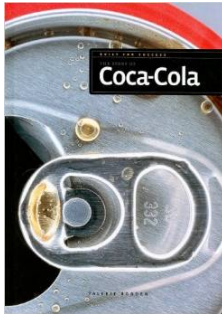


The Legend of Jimmy Spoon

By: Kristiana Gregory

Jimmy is tricked into becoming a member of a Shoshoni tribe as a result of his longing for a horse. When he is offered a horse in return for company on a trip, he takes the deal but finds he misunderstood his end of the bargain. (790L, Grade Level: 5.3)

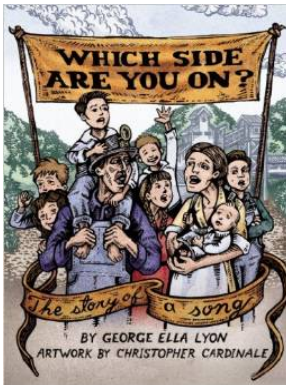
Industrial America



The Story of Coca-Cola

By: Valerie Bodden

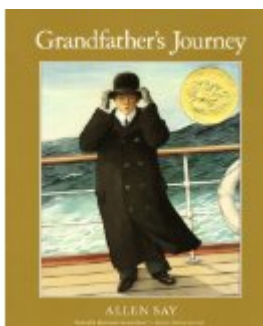
This book explores the history of the company from its humble beginnings in Atlanta, to its becoming the world's best known trademark. (600L, Grade Level: 3.0)



Which Side Are You On? : The Story of a Song

By: George Ella Lyon

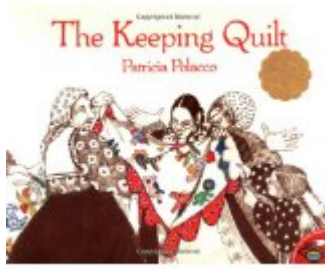
This book is beautifully illustrated and captivating for children on account of it including the view of a child and music. This work explores the troubles face by workers during the 1900's. The book delves into the night the song "Which Side Are you on?" was written and why. This song is about the poor workers forming a Union against "the Company" in order to gain freedom from their controlling ways. It is based on a true story. (500L, Grade Level: 2.5)



Grandfather's Journey

By: Allen Say

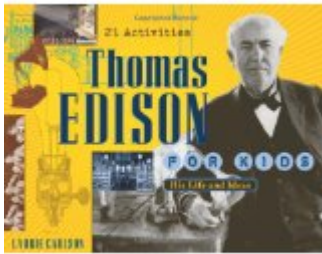
Allen Say tells of his grandfather's journey to the United States, and his new found love for the unknown place. However, he did love the United State, especially California; he could not go to one country without missing the other, just as his grandson does to this day. (650L, Grade Level: 4.2)



The Keeping Quilt

By: Patricia Polacco

This book tells the story of a quilt made of the belongings of loved ones. The quilt is passed down from mother to daughter for four generations and maintains their connection to Russia. (920L, Grade Level: 5.3)



Thomas Edison for Kids: His Life and Ideas

By: Laurie Carlson

Thomas Edison inspires children to never settle with one solution, and to be creative in their ideas. This book explores the inventions and ideas of Edison that are still used today. This activity book will bring Thomas Edison into a new light. (580L, Grade Level: 3.0)

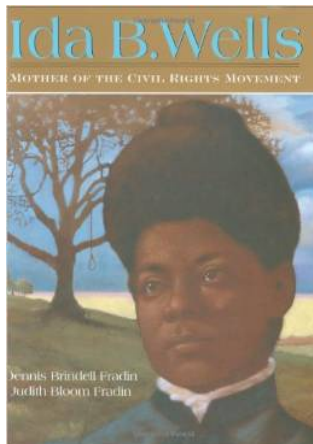
Progressive Era, Roaring Twenties, & World War I



Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells: The Daring Life of a Crusading Journalist

By: Phillip Dray and Stephen Alcorn

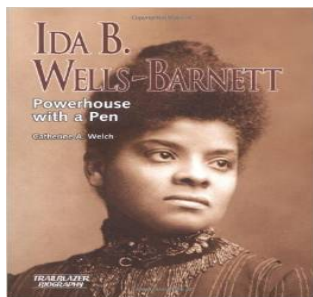
In 1863, Ida B. Wells, not yet two, was freed from the bands of slavery by the Emancipation Proclamation. She was raised to be strong minded, and so commenced with her life as a feisty powerhouse after her parents' deaths. She began her life-changing career as a journalist, but used it to its full capacity to speak out against injustice among the workforce, transportation, etc. (300L, Grade Level: 2.5)



Ida B. Wells: Mother of the Civil Rights Movement

By: Dennis Brindell Fradin, Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis B. Fradin

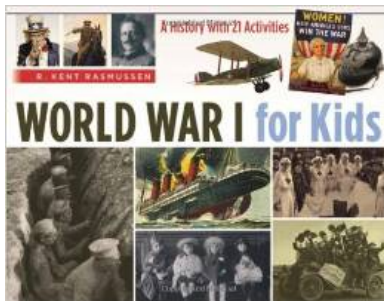
This well wrought biography explores all of the success of civil rights activist, Ida B. Wells. She was the founder of the NAACP and helped to gain black women the right to vote. However, her main focus was always on lynching after one of her close friends was lynched. She fought against injustice through journalism, and is remembered today as one of the most successful civil rights activist. (1140L, Grade Level: 8.1)



Ida B. Wells-Barnett: Powerhouse with a Pen

By: Catherine A. Welch

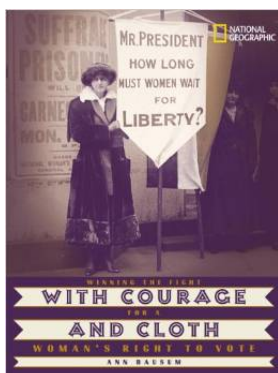
This book contains the story of an African American woman who used her talents as a speaker and journalist to fight for the civil rights of black people. (910L, Grade Level: 5.9)



World War I for Kids: A History with 21 Activities

By: R. Kent Rasmussen

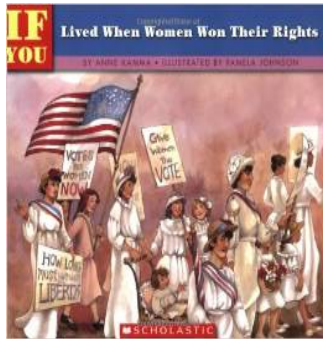
This book explains all of the key players of the war. It also answers the basic questions, who were involved, what was the cause, and what was the result? Like the other books in the “for Kids” series, this book includes activities and photographs to bring World War I back to life. (870L, Grade Level: 5.8)



With Courage and Cloth

By: Ann Bausum

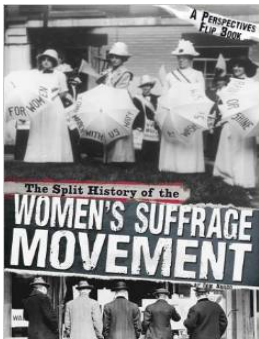
This award winning author sews together the struggles faced by women during the suffrage movement, including photography to amplify this incredible narrative. (1080L, Grade Level: 8.3)



If You Lived When Women Won Their Right to Vote

By: Anne Kamma

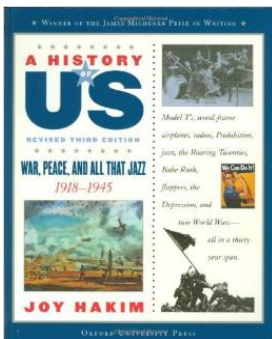
The book tells of the journey women went on to earn the right to vote, beginning with the Seneca Falls Convention in New York and ending with the establishment of the nineteenth amendment. (750L, Grade Level: 4.3)



A Split History of the Women's Suffrage Movement

By: Don Nardo

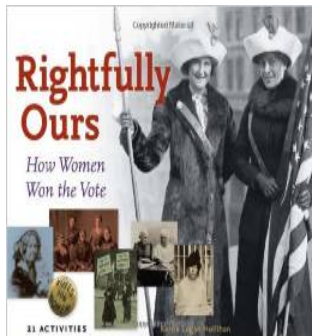
This book explores both sides of the women suffragist movement including both men and anti-suffragist women. This rivalry was fought for 70 years until women's rights were granted. (1200L, Grade Level: 8.9)



War, Peace And All That Jazz: 1918-1945 (A History of US War, Book 9)

By: Joy Hakim

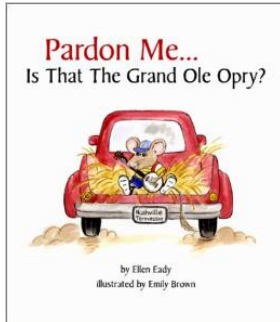
This book covers everything from the invention of jazz to Roosevelt. This work covers the entire first of the 1900's including the war and all. (860L, Grade Level: 5.2)



Rightfully Ours: How Women Won the Vote, 21 Activities

By: Kerrie Logan Hollihan

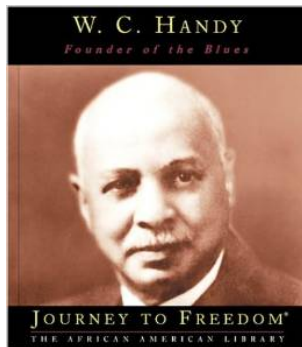
Unlike most books on women's suffrage, this one does not simply focus on the actions taken or the events that took place, it focuses on the women who made the 19th amendment happen. (900L, Grade Level: 5.8)



Pardon Me... Is That the Grand Ole Opry?

By: Ellen Eady and Emily Brown

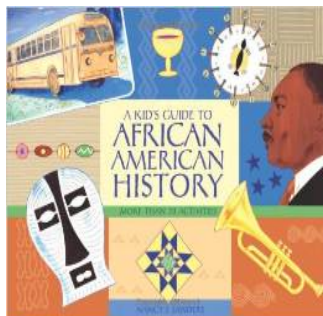
Harry the hopping mouse finds himself lost in the city of Nashville, separated from his family. On Harry hilarious journey to the Grand Ole' Opry, the reader will unknowingly learn about the city of Nashville. (300L, Grade Level: 2.8)



W.C. Handy: Founder of the Blues (Journey to Freedom: The African American Library)

By: L.S. Summer

This biography digs into the life of W.C. Handy, or the “Father of Blues.” It ranges from his religious background to his love for music, in the book of biographical information on W.C. Handy. (950L, Grade Level: 6.5)



A Kid's Guide to African American History: More than 70 Activities

By: Nancy I. Sanders

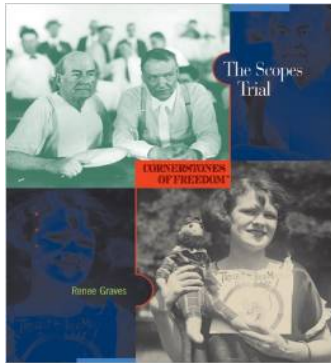
This book allows children of all races to engage in the lives of famous African Americans. They discover the inventor of peanut butter, and make African masks in order to bring to life the history of African Americans. (670L, Grade Level: 3.5)



What's Cooking: The History of American Food (People's History)

By: Sylvia Whitman

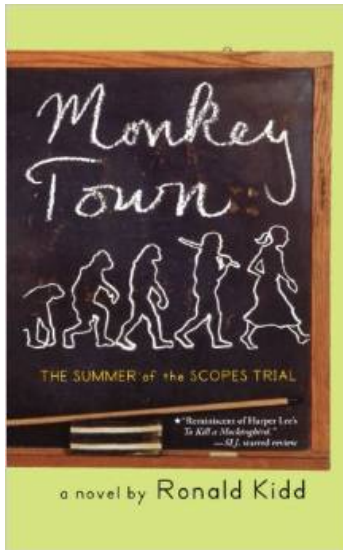
This author shares the history of food from the 1600's to the new millennium. (1120L, Grade Level: 8.6)



The Scopes Trial

By: Renee Graves

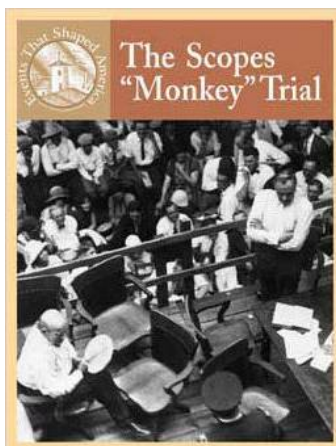
This book explores the Scopes Trial including photography and documents from the time. Because of the way the book is set up, the reader becomes an eyewitness to every event mentioned, in this case, the Scopes Trial. (1100L, Grade Level: 7.8)



Monkey Town

By: Ronald Kidd

The factual story of the Scopes Trial is told through the eyes of a fictional young girl in love with her teacher. Frances lives in Dayton, Tennessee and has a huge crush on her teacher, Mr. Scopes, who her father has arrested for teaching evolution. On the eve of his arrest great minds flock to Dayton in order to be a part of the trials and research this evolution theory. However Frances trusts her father, she is faced with so many other questions because of her love for Mr. Scopes. The story of the Scopes Trial is told through the evolution of a young girl into a woman. (740L, Grade Level: 7.3)



The Scopes "Monkey" Trial

By: Sabrina Crewe and Michael V. Uschan

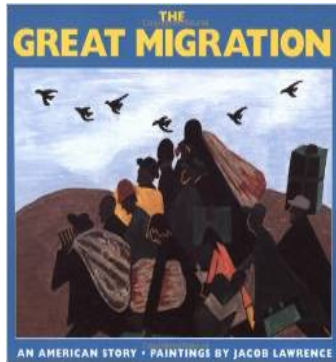
This book is one of many that tell of the Scopes Trial also known as the Monkey Trial. These trials are called the "monkey" trials because of the accusations made upon a teacher, Mr. Scopes. Mr. Scopes was arrested for teaching the theory of evolution in a biology class in Dayton, Tennessee, which resulted in questioning around the nation. (550L, Grade Level: 3.4)



I Could Do That! : Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote

By: Linda Arms White

This riveting historically accurate piece narrates the life of Esther Morris. Esther Morris gave women the right to vote in the state of Wyoming through pure determination. (780L AD, Grade Level: 2.4)

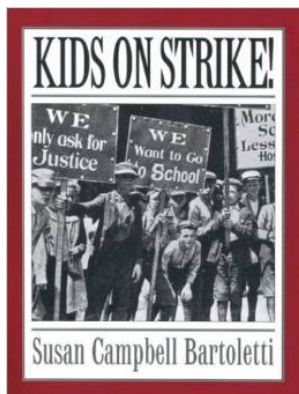


The Great Migration: An American Story

Paintings by: Jacob Lawrence

Poem by: Walter Dean Myers

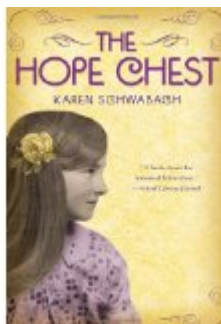
This book reveals the causes and results of the great migration. The great migration is a referral to the massive movement of African Americans to the North for factory jobs and other luxuries while white people were off to fight in the First World War. (650L, Grade Level: 4.2)



Kids on Strike

By: Susan Campbell Bartoletti

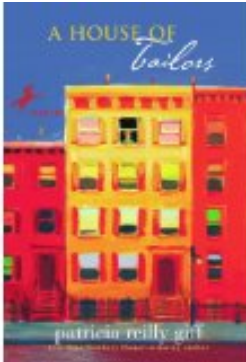
This non-fiction book gives examples of what children activists were like and would be alike. It also includes the stories of multiple strikes, some shocking, some inspiring, and some devastating. (920L, Grade Level: 7.1)



The Hope Chest

By: Karen Schwabach

Violet Mayhew is a proper young lady, and so was her sister raised that way, Chloe. Chloe ran off to New York, but as Violet follows her sister, she finds her sister in Tennessee fighting undoubtedly for women's suffrage. (700L, Grade Level: 5.0)



A House of Tailors

By: Patricia Reilly Giff

Dina is sick of the dressmaking business and thinks that moving from Germany to Brooklyn with her uncle; she will escape this repetitive life. She is sadly mistaken when she finds herself with a needle in her hand yet again. In Brooklyn, she is homesick, yet finds herself to be so brave. Dina faces triumphs and failures, but finds her wonderful talent and her future. (750L, Grade Level: 4.3)

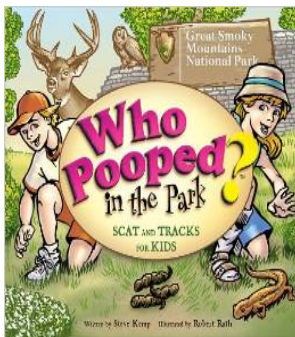


Counting on Grace: A Novel

By: Elizabeth Winthrop

In this novel, the reader develops a love for the amazing character of Grace. Grace and her friend Arthur are trying to find a way out of work in the mill. Grace has a day to day struggle in the mill considering she is doing a right handed job, but she is left handed. She makes an ally in a reformist photographer, Lewis Hine. Grace never gives up hope on finding a better life. (760L, Grade Level: 4.7)

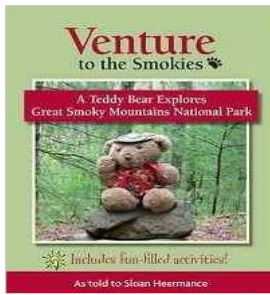
Great Depression



Who Pooped in the Park? Great Smoky Mountains National Park

By: Steve Kemp and Robert Rath

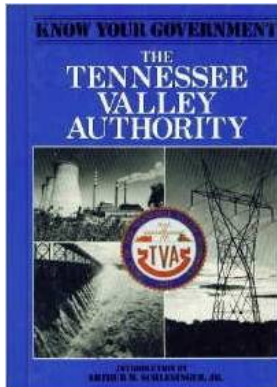
Michael and Emily go with their parents to the park, but they are sadly disappointed when they can not see the animals. However, they find that these elusive animals leave behind tracks and scat. These two explore the park along with the reader in order to learn about animals and what they leave behind. (325L, Grade Level: 1.5)



Venture to the Smokies: A Teddy Bear Explores Great Smoky Mountains National Park

By: Sloan A. Heermance

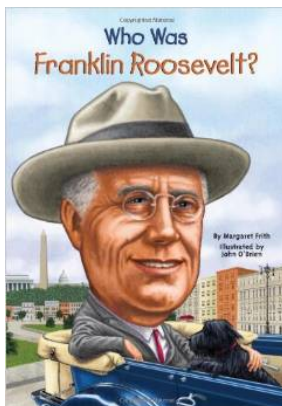
The reader explores the Smokies alongside Venture, the teddy bear. (250L, Grade Level: 1.8)



The Tennessee Valley Authority (Know Your Government)

By: Alanson A. Van Fleet

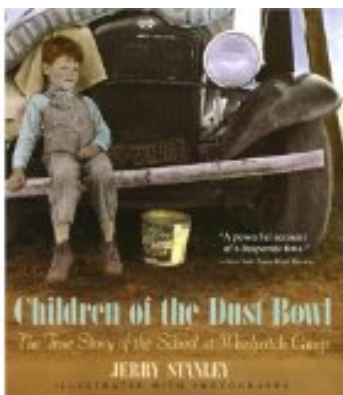
This U.S. Government agency was established in 1933 in order to control floods, produce electrical power, and improve the lives of poor farmers. They succeeded in some ways but also failed miserably at helping people along the dam lines. These people were flooded out, but would later benefit from TVA's work just as all the other residents did. (1200L, Grade Level: 7.9)



Who Was Franklin Roosevelt?

By: Margaret Frith, Nancy Harrison and John O'Brien

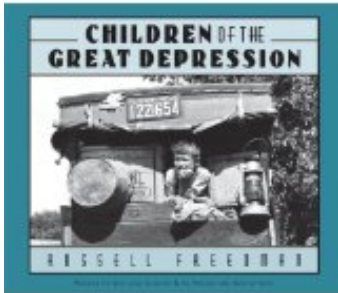
This biography tells of the struggle Franklin Roosevelt faced, mostly his life being in a wheelchair. As a result of polio, Franklin was wheelchair bound, but hid from all who he could in order to become one of the best president's of the United States. Serving four terms, Roosevelt will always go down in history as one of the greats.



Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp

By: Jerry Stanley

The portrayal of the children suffering from lack of education during the Dust Bowl is developed through pictures and a third person point of view in the non fiction book. Those moving west to California were forced by nature to form a farm laborers' camp along with a makeshift school for the children. (1120L, Grade Level: 6.5)

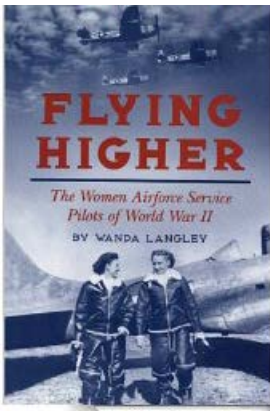


Children of the Great Depression

By: Russell Freedman

This book gives a face to the Great Depression, children. The children of this specific time era experienced being uneducated, employed, poor, and homeless. However, the photography and accounts do not exclude the happiness that some children found in radio shows and games. (1170L, Grade Level: 6.9)

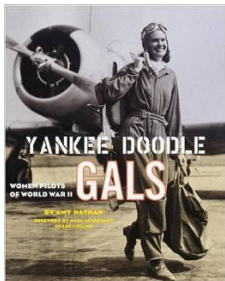
World War II



Flying Higher: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II

By: Wanda Langley

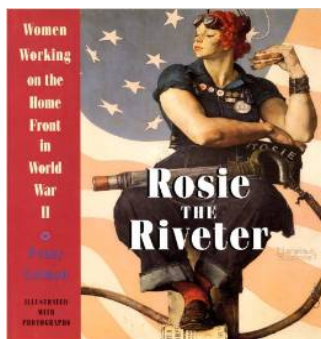
This book explains the triumphs of the women's Air force unit, especially the WASPS. This book gives empowerment to women to rise to the occasion as generations did before in WWII. (100L, Grade Level: 9.4)



Yankee Doodle Gals: Women Pilots of World War II

By: Amy Nathan and Eileen Collins

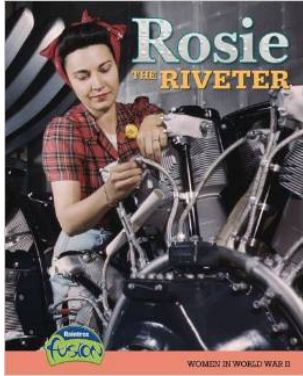
This book tells of the lives of WASPS, women air force service pilots, through first hand narratives. (1200L, Grade Level: 8.6)



Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II

By: Penny Colman

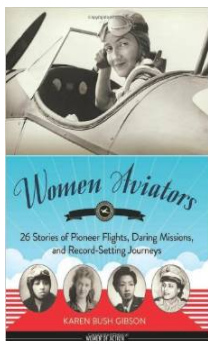
The award-winning account of how 18 million women who had never held a job took up work on the home front while the men were at war. (1060L, Grade Level: 6.2)



Rosie the Riveter: Women in WWII

By: Sean Price

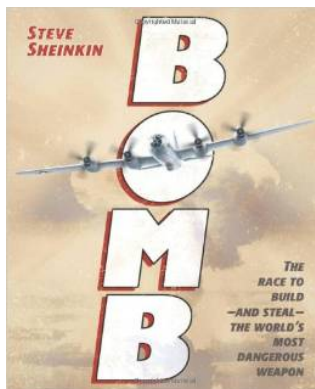
In this book, the reader will learn about the importance of women both at the home front and across the sea. The women took up arms, not only weaponry, but their own to work in the factories that their husbands left behind to fight. (1100L, Grade Level: 6.2)



Women Aviators: 26 Stories

By: Karen Gibson

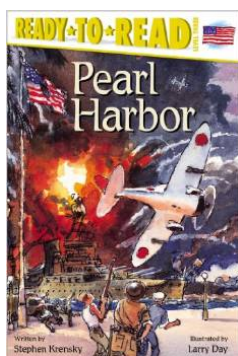
This book tells of 26 women aviators ahead of their time, fighting for their country when no one believed or appreciated that they could. This book is empowering through the factual evidence and stories of powerhouse women during WWII. (1400L, Grade Level: 7.3)



Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

By: Steve Sheinkin

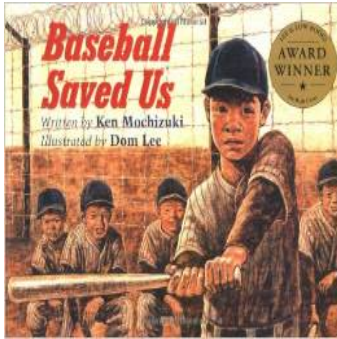
In the December of 1938, the creation of Los Alamos began because of fear of the Germans. The Germans had found how to create a very destructive bomb. Russian spies seemed to be everywhere, in Great Britain and the United States. This is the story of the atomic bomb. (1000L, Grade Level: 6.9)



Pearl Harbor: Ready to Read Level 3

By: Stephen Krensky and Larry Day

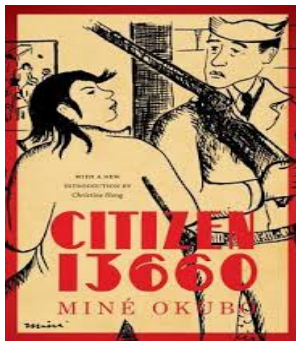
This book is simply written in order to give the reader a better understanding of one of the most tragic events in World War II. The bombing of Pearl Harbor is explained by the military and political action taken at the time. (910L, Grade Level: 5.2)



Baseball Saved Us

By: Ken Mochizuki and Dom Lee

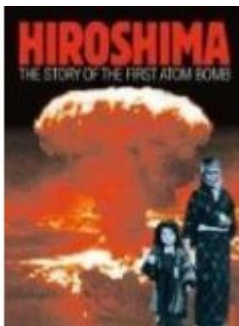
During World War II a father and son duo are placed in an internment camp as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor. They build up the camps' desolate spirit by making a baseball diamond and a field. (550L AD, Grade Level: 4.1)



Citizen 13660

By: Miné Okubo

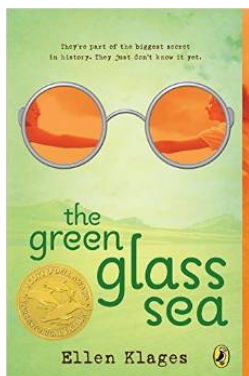
Okubo was one of many of Japanese descent placed in “protective custody” shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This book delves into the events that were experienced by the Japanese American citizens. (920L, Grade Level: 6.5)



Hiroshima: The Story of the First Atom Bomb

By: Clive A. Lawton

This book follows Clive Lawton's discoveries in the events leading up to and consequences of the dropping of the atom bomb on both Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (870L, Grade Level: 5.7)



The Green Glass Sea

By: Ellen Klages

In 1943, eleven year old, Dewey Kerrigan finds herself on the way to living with her father in a mysterious town, Los Alamos, where she finds that everything there is top-secret. The “gadget” her mathematician father is working on will change the world in the light of war. (790L, Grade Level: 4.5)

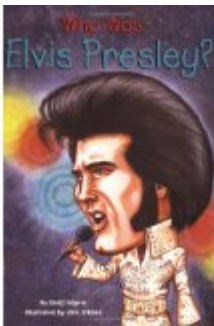


The War at Home

By: Connie Jordan Green

Mattie McDowell is leaving Kentucky for Oak Ridge, Tennessee on account of her father's top secret job change. In the heat of World War II Mattie does not question that her father is working on something for the betterment of the war. However, she is far more distracted with her annoying cousin Virgil. This book develops morals of a family with interwoven historical accuracies. (890L, Grade Level: 6.3)

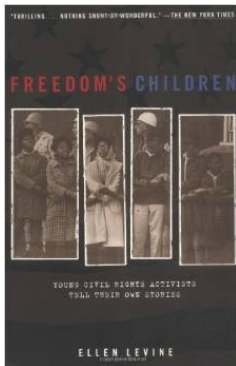
Modern America



Who Was Elvis Presley?

By: Geoff Edgers, John O' Brien and Nancy Harrison

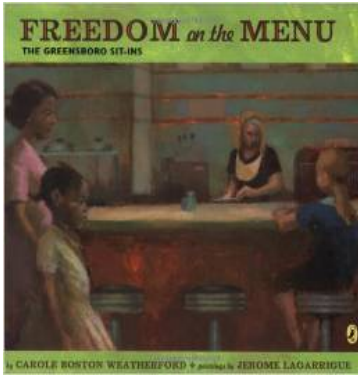
This book introduces children to the “King” of rock’n’roll, Elvis Presley. It delves into his life and the formation of his music career. (610L, Grade Level: 3.4)



Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories

By: Ellen S. Levine

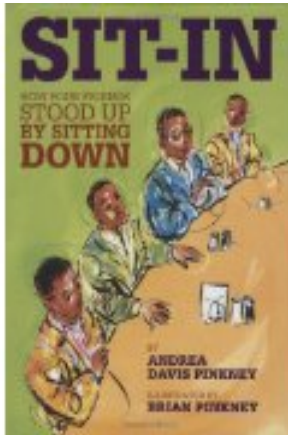
In this book is a collection of true stories from thirty African-Americans who, as children, during the 1950s-1960s fought for Civil Rights. They did so with sit-ins, school integration, bus rides, and more in order to win over civil rights in the south. (850L, Grade Level: 5.5)



Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins

By: Carole Boston Weatherford

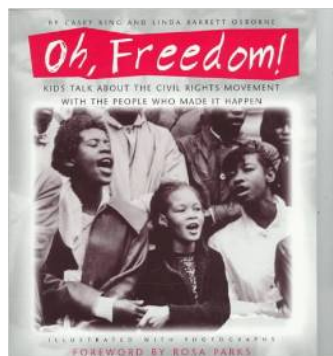
Connie's main concern is being able to sit at the lunch counter and eat like everyone else, but racism prevents her from doing so. Signs tell Connie what she can and can not do, where she can and can not go, until one day she stumbles upon four boys protesting segregation in a restaurant, it was a sit-in. Although Connie is too young to be on the frontlines for her cause, she helps by making signs with her brother and sister. (660L AD, Grade Level: 3.2)



Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down

By: Andrea Davis Pinkey and Brian Pinkey

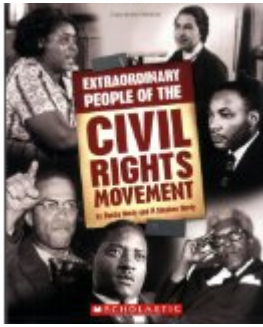
This picture book was created in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Woolworth sit-ins. On February 1st, 1960, four young African American college students sat at the “whites only” lunch counter in peaceful protest against segregation. This sit-in inspired so many people to continue to fight for their rights, and continues to do so today. (500L, Grade Level: 3.7)



Oh, Freedom!

By: Caset King and Linda Barrett Osborne

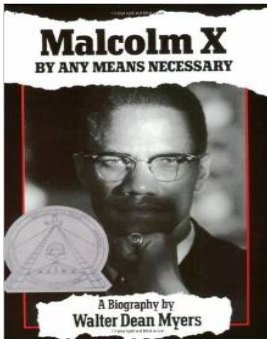
This book offers a personal look at the Civil Rights movement through a dozen interviews and multiple photographs. This book depicts in depth the struggles faced by the African American community during the 1950s-60s. (950L, Grade Level: 5.9)



Extraordinary People of the Civil Rights Movement

By: Sheila Hardy and P. Stephen Hardy

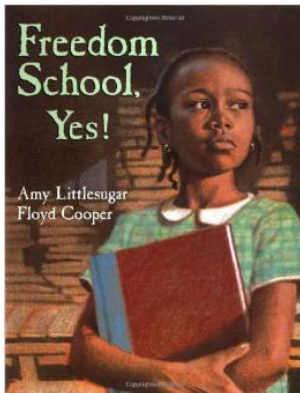
This book explores the real life struggles, victories, and disappointments of the extraordinary people who fought for Civil Rights. These people include Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and so on. This book offers an insight to whom made the Civil Rights movement happen. (925L, Grade Level: 5.7)



Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary

By: Walter Dean Myers

This book profiles the late African American leader, providing a startling picture of the life of the controversial and important historical figure. (1050L, Grade Level: 6.9)



Freedom School, Yes!

By: Amy Littlestugar and Floyd Cooper

This book is based on the true story of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom School Project. Jolie is scared not only for herself but for Annie. People are mad about Annie wanting to teach colored folks in the church, so they throw bricks, and burnt down the church. Jolie fights for her education, and finds Annie at any cost. (390L, Grade Level: 3.5)



Dear Willie Rudd,

By: Libba Moore Gray

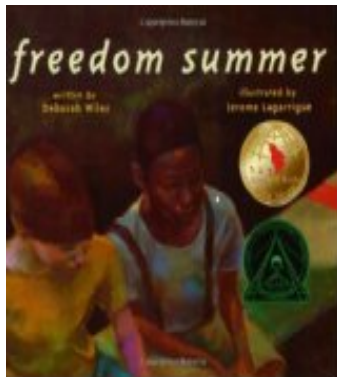
Miss Elizabeth desires to write to her housekeeper about how different the times are now. Willie Rudd is most likely passed by now, but fifty years has brought so much change. Willie could come through the front door not the back, and sit in the front of the bus with Miss Elizabeth. This book explores the establishment of Civil Rights in the next generation. (580L AD, Grade Level: 3.3)



Warriors Don't Cry

By: Melba Pattillo Beals

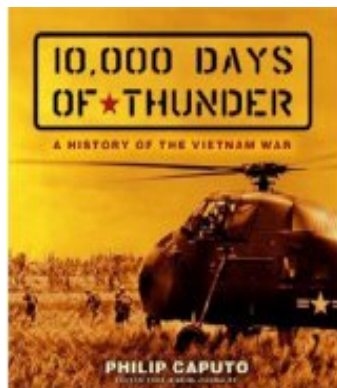
This autobiography establishes the true challenges that Melba Beals faced when trying to be one of the few African Americans chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High. In this book, the reader will feel what Melba felt, and what she saw on her journey through high school including mobs and acid spray. (1000L, Grade Level: 5.9)



Freedom Summer

By: Deborah Wiles

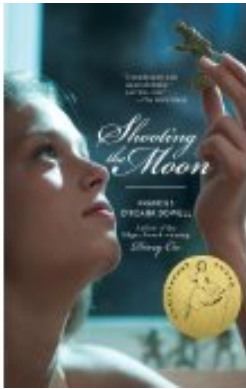
This book is about the friendship of Joe and John Henry being affected by segregation and racism in the South. A law is passed to eliminate segregation in town, which is wonderful for John Henry considering he is black and his best friend, Joe, is white. However, when they go to the pool, they find there is much more to be changed than just the law. (460L AD, Grade Level: 2.7)



10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War

By: Philip Caputo

This book is explanatory of the truth behind the Vietnam War. It includes war strategy, military strategy, and more from both sides of the war. The text does not only include explanations, but also historically accurate photographs of real life events, people, etc. This text will explain the Vietnam War at a length that most would not, along with intriguing photography to keep the interest of a reader. (1210L, Grade Level: 7.6)



Shooting the Moon

By: Frances O'Roark Dowell

Jamie Dexter is very excited in the light of her brother going off to war in Vietnam. She is thrilled at the idea of receiving letters from and about the frontline of real life combat. When she receives her first letter from TJ it is not a letter at all, but a roll of undeveloped film opening up a whole new world for Jamie. These photographs make her question herself, Army life, and her father, the Colonel. (890L, Grade Level: 4)