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Open Circle has curated a list a recommended children's books related to black history. These books give children a more personal perspective on the people and communities that have made a positive difference in history, science, and culture in this country.

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, R. Gregory Christie (Illustrations)
Carolrhoda Books, 2015

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut

by Derrick Barnes, Gordon C. James (Ill.)
Agate Bolden, 2017

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill, Bryan Collier (Ill.)
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010

Firebird

by Misty Copeland, Christopher Myers (Ill.)
G.P. Putnam Sons, Books for Young Readers, 2014

Freedom Over Me

by Ashley Bryan
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016

Grandmama's Pride

by Becky Birtha
Albert Whitman Company, 2005

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race

by Margot L. Shetterly, Winifred Conkling, Laura Freeman (Ill.)
HarperCollins, 2018

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

by Gary D. Schmidt
Yearling Books, 2006

New Shoes

by Susan Lynn Meyer, Eric Velásquez (Ill.)
Holiday House, 2015

Schomberg, The Man Who Built a Library

by Carole Boston Weatherford, Eric Velásquez (Ill.)
Candlewick, 2017

Sit In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down

by Andrea Davis Pinkney, Brian Pinkney (Ill.)
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin

by Jen Bryant, Melissa Sweet (Illustrations)
Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013

Teammates

by Peter Golenbock
HMH Books for Young Readers , 1990

These Hands

by Margaret Mason, Floyd Cooper (Ill.)
HMH Books for Young Readers, 2011

Trombone Shorty

by Troy Andrews, Bryan Collier (Illustrations)
Harry N. Abrams, 2015

Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom

by Shane W. Evans
Roaring Brook Press, 2011

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer; Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement

by Carol Boston Weatherford, Ekua Holmes (Illustrations)
Candlewick Press, 2015

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