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

For more children’s literature suggestions visit our website at [www.open-circle.org](http://www.open-circle.org) and look under RESOURCES/children’s literature.