



Beyond Emancipation

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for Teens

Nonfiction

[In our village : Kambi ya Simba through the eyes of its youth](#)

Cervone, Barbara, ed.

916.7826 I35 2006

The Tanzanian village of Kambi ya Simba, near the famed Serengeti, couldn't be poorer. In this extraordinary book, village youth capture the richness of life there in photographs and essays.

[Into the Land of Freedom: African-Americans in Reconstruction](#)

Green, Meg

973.0496073 G8112 2004

The People's History series scores again with this introduction to Reconstruction, from the Day of Jubilee to the end of the nineteenth century, when it was clear that the ramifications of the slave system would not go quietly. Greene uses historical documents, contemporaneous writings, interviews that preserve dialect and spellings, and her own strong sense of history to show the hopes, disappointments, uncertainties, and dangers that came to African Americans with Reconstruction.

[The Birth of Black America: the age of discovery and the slave trade](#)

Frank, Andrew

381.440973 F828 1996

A history of early exploration in the Americas and Africa and an examination of the slave trade that followed.

[Life Under Jim Crow Laws](#)

George, Charles

305.896075 G347 2000

African Americans in the United States hoped for a better life after being freed from slavery, but they had to endure almost one hundred years of racial segregation and discrimination under the so-called "Jim Crow" laws before achieving that goal. This book recounts that century of struggle.

[Bound for America: the forced migration of Africans to the new world](#)

Haskins, James

382.44 qH349 1999

Discusses the European enslavement of Africans, including their capture, branding, conditions on slave ships, shipboard mutinies, and arrival in the Americas.

[The Geography of Hope: the Black Exodous from the South after Reconstruction](#)

Haskins, James

973.0496073 H351 1999

Discusses the conditions of African Americans in the South before, during, and after the Civil War, and the migration of many former slaves, led by such men as Benjamin Singleton and Henry Adams, to the West looking for a better life.

[Forever Free, 1863-1875: from the Emancipation Proclamation to the Civil Rights Bill of 1875](#)

Henry, Christopher E

323.119607 H521 1995

The era begins during America's great civil war, when President Abraham Lincoln decreed the rebel South's slaves free; it ends in 1875, when Congress passed a bill assuring African American rights. Between those towering milestones, blacks moved from bondage to freedom, from political impotence to civil power. But threatening every step of their journey was a seemingly unbreachable barrier of racism. Blacks fell back time and again; time and again they rallied and surged forward.

[Harlem Stomp: a cultural history of the Harlem Renaissance](#)

Hill, Laban Carrick

810.989607 qH646 2003

In the 1920s, Harlem was hot! With a beautiful open design, this illustrated history combines the politics of the black metropolis in the roaring 1920s with long, detailed chapters on the blazing creativity of performers, writers, visual artists, and intellectuals.

[Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice](#)

Hoose, Phillip

323.092 C727Zh 2009

On March 2, 1955, 15-year-old Claudette Colvin refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. In her own words, Claudette gives a detailed look at segregated life in 1950s Memphis and the start of the civil rights movement.

[Fleeing to freedom on the Underground Railroad: the courageous slaves, agents, and conductors](#)

Landau, Elaine

973.7115 L253 2006

Whether they require facts about towering abolitionist personages (Harriet Tubman, Levi Coffin, William Lloyd Garrison) or seek fresh inspiration for African American history-themed projects, researchers will make use of this entry in the reliable People's History series.

[A Dream of Freedom: the Civil Rights movement from 1954-1968](#)

McWhorter, Diane

323.119607 M177 2004

In this history of the modern Civil Rights movement, the author focuses on the monumental events that occurred between 1954 (the year of Brown v. the Board of Education) and 1968 (the year that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated).

[Barack Obama: the comic book biography](#)

Marriotte, Jeff

973.932092 qO12Zm 2009

Introducing the life story of Barack Obama in comic book form. Readers can follow him from infancy through the first 100 days of his administration as the 44th president of the United States.

[A Wreath for Emmett Till](#)

Nelson, Marilyn

811.54 T574Zn 2005

In 1955, people all over the United States knew that Emmett Louis Till was a fourteen-year-old African American boy lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. The brutality of his murder, the open-casket funeral, and the acquittal of the men tried for the crime drew wide media attention. Award-winning poet Marilyn Nelson reminds us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement.

[Farewell to Jim Crow: the rise and fall of segregation in America](#)

Ramussen R. Kent

305.896073 R989 1997

This book investigates the facets of people's lives most affected by segregation including housing, education, employment, transportation, and public accommodations, and also takes a look at other forms of discrimination, such as voting rights violations.

[Condoleeza Rice: a memoir of my extraordinary, ordinary family and me](#)

Rice, Condoleeza

327.730092 R495Zr2 2010

This biography hits all the high points of Rice's life. Raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Rice was the daughter of parents who convinced her that, as she puts it, even if she couldn't have a hamburger at the Woolworth's lunch counter, she could be president of the United States. Filled with fascinating photos, this will not only introduce young people to a groundbreaking woman but will also give them a real sense of what life was like growing up in the segregated south in the 1950s and 1960s.

[Lincoln and the abolition of slavery](#)

Roberts, Russell

973.7092 L736Zro 2000

Discusses Abraham Lincoln's role in the abolition of slavery, as well as the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation.

[Malcolm X and the Black Pride Movement](#)

Sharp, Anne Wallace

320.546092 X1Zs 2010

Although he remains one of the most well-known figures of the twentieth century, relatively few biographies of Malcolm X have been published for youth. This entry in the Lucent Library of Black History helps fill that gap with a frank, balanced, and compelling

look at the man who was born Malcolm Little and whose furious insistence on equality for African Americans continues to both inspire and provoke controversy.

[The Civil Rights Movement for Kids: a history with 21 activities](#)

Turck, Mary

323.119607 qT932 2000

Surprisingly, kids were some of the key instigators in the Civil Rights Movement, like Barbara Johns, who held a rally in her elementary school gym that eventually led to the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court school desegregation decision, and six-year-old Ruby Bridges, who was the first black student to desegregate elementary schools in New Orleans. In *The Civil Rights Movement for Kids*, children will discover how students and religious leaders worked together to demand the protection of civil rights for black Americans.

[The Sky is not the Limit: adventures of an urban astrophysicist](#)

Tyson, Neil deGrasse

523.01092 T994Zt 2000

Tyson, current director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, has written a personalized account of his career from his days at the Brooklyn High School of Science, his undergraduate years at Harvard University, his graduate work at both the University of Texas and Columbia University, and as a postdoctoral researcher at Princeton. Early in life he decided to become an astrophysicist, despite the fact that there were only a handful of black Americans in the field.

[Warmth of Other Suns: the epic story of America's great migration](#)

Wilkerson, Isabel

304.80973 W681 2010

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

[Harlem Speaks: a living history of the Harlem Renaissance](#)

Wintz, Cary

810.989607 H2844 2007

For three decades after World War I, Harlem was the site of burgeoning racial and cultural awareness and ambitions among African Americans. In separate sections devoted to poetry, music, politics, art, and the phenomenon of the New Negro, contributors profile many of the era's major figures, including Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Bessie Smith, Ethel Waters, Josephine Baker, W. E. B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, A. Phillip Randolph, and Marcus Garvey.

[The Slave Trade in America: Cruel Commerce](#)

Worth, Richard

382.440973 W932 2004

"Slavery is the next thing to hell," said Harriet Tubman, a leader of the Underground Railroad. For hundreds of years, Africans were kidnapped and forced to endure horrific sea voyages to the Americas. In this notable book, Richard Worth explores the trade that led to the enslavement of generations of Africans and African-Americans.

Fiction

[The Song of Be](#)

Beake, Lesley

Fiction

Be, a young Bushman woman searching in the desert for the peace she remembers from her childhood, realizes that she and her people must reconcile new personal and political realities with ancient traditions.

[The River Jordan: a true story of the Underground Railroad](#)

Burke, Henry Robert

Fiction

The River Jordan is a fictionalized account of an actual escape in of a slave and her seven children from a western Virginia tobacco plantation on the Ohio River, and their harrowing flight across Ohio to Canada on the Underground Railroad. This vivid, inspiring chronicle of a family's ordeal is also a compelling history of the Underground Railroad, in which all the major characters and events are real.

[Wrango](#)

Burks, Brian

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When young George McJunkin leaves his home in Texas and joins a cattle drive along the Chisholm Trail, he experiences the hardships of being a Black cowboy after the Civil War.

[Mare's War](#)

Davis, Tanita S.

Fiction

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

[New Boy](#)

Houston, Julian

Fiction

As a new sophomore at an exclusive boarding school, a young black man is witness to the persecution of another student with bad acne who is also Jewish.

[Day of Tears](#)

Lester, Julius

Fiction

Emma has taken care of the Butler children since Sarah and Frances's mother, Fanny, left. Emma wants to raise the girls to have good hearts, as a rift over slavery has ripped the Butler household apart. Now, to pay off debts, Pierce Butler wants to cash in his slave "assets", possibly including Emma. (Gr 6-9)

[The Rock and the River](#)

Magoon, Kekla

Fiction

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

[Tulsa Burning](#)

Myers, Anna

Fiction

In 1921, fifteen-year-old Noble Chase hates the sheriff of Wekiwa, Oklahoma, and is more than willing to cross him to help his best friend, a black man, who is injured during race riots in nearby Tulsa.

[Harlem Summer](#)

Myers, Walter Dean

Fiction

In 1920s Harlem, sixteen-year-old Mark Purvis, an aspiring jazz saxophonist, gets a summer job as an errand boy for the publishers of the groundbreaking African American magazine, "The Crisis," but soon finds himself on the enemy list of mobster Dutch Shultz. Includes real photos of people and places of Harlem in the 1920s.

[Across the Wide River](#)

Reed, Stephanie

Fiction

In Ohio in the early decades of the nineteenth century, Lowry Rankin opposes slavery but resents that aiding his family's work on the Underground Railroad continually robs him of sleep and interferes with his plans for the future.

[Come Juneteenth](#)

Rinaldi, Ann

Fiction

Fourteen-year-old Luli and her family face tragedy after failing to tell their slaves that President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation made them free.

[Fly Girl](#)

Smith, Sherri L

Fiction

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.