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## Between the World and Me Colchis Books

Most of us learn in school about the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, and George Washington Carver. But what is the name of the first self-made American woman millionaire? How about the name of the woman who refused to sit in the Jim Crow section of a train that was assigned to blacks in 1883? Or the name of

the black man who invented the gas mask and three-signal stoplight? With a fascinating trivia book filled with two thousand multiple-choice educational and entertaining questions in four categories, Curtis Claytor invites others to test and increase their knowledge of black history and celebrate the achievements of not only well-known African Americans but also the lesser known. Black history enthusiasts will learn the answers to a variety of interesting questions like who scored 101 points in the first half of a high school basketball game,

in what city the first black-owned television station was established, when the freaks come out according to the Whodini song, and Fred Sanford 's middle initial. The Ultimate Black History Trivia Book shares two thousand questions in four categories that will help educate anyone interested in learning more about the achievements of African Americans.

The African-American Mosaic  
Beacon Press  
"This guide lists the numerous examples of government documents, manuscripts, books, photographs, recordings and films in the collections of the Library of Congress which examine African-American life. Works by and about African-Americans on the topics of slavery, music, art,

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literature, the military, sports, civil rights and other pertinent subjects are discussed"--

*More than 70*

*Activities* Chicago

Review Press

Collects and

analyzes seventy

years of communist

crimes that offer

details on Kim

Sung's Korea,

Vietnam under

"Uncle Ho," and

Cuba under Castro.

*The Ultimate Black History*

Trivia Book Cambridge

University Press

#1 NEW YORK TIMES

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Morrison as " required

reading, " a bold and

personal literary exploration

of America 's racial history

by " the most important

essayist in a generation and a

writer who changed the

national political conversation

about race " (Rolling Stone)

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York • Newsday • Library

Journal • Publishers Weekly

In a profound work that pivots

from the biggest questions

about American history and

ideals to the most intimate

concerns of a father for his

son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a

powerful new framework for

understanding our nation 's

history and current crisis.

Americans have built an

empire on the idea of

" race, " a falsehood that

damages us all but falls most

heavily on the bodies of black

women and men—bodies

exploited through slavery and

segregation, and, today,

threatened, locked up, and

murdered out of all

proportion. What is it like to

inhabit a black body and find a

way to live within it? And how

can we all honestly reckon with

this fraught history and free

ourselves from its burden?

Between the World and Me is

Ta-Nehisi Coates 's attempt

to answer these questions in a

letter to his adolescent son.

Coates shares with his

son—and readers—the story

of his awakening to the truth

about his place in the world

through a series of revelatory

experiences, from Howard

University to Civil War

battlefields, from the South

Side of Chicago to Paris, from

his childhood home to the

living rooms of mothers whose

children 's lives were taken as

American plunder. Beautifully

woven from personal

narrative, reimagined history,

and fresh, emotionally charged

reportage, *Between the World*

*and Me* clearly illuminates the

past, bracingly confronts our

present, and offers a

transcendent vision for a way

forward.

**The Negro Motorist Green**

**Book One World**

A Kid's Guide to African

American History More than 70

Activities Chicago Review Press

The Civil Rights Movement

for Kids HarperCollins

Rhyming presentation of short

biographical sketches of

important figures in Black

history, arranged

alphabetically.

The hidden cause of America's

broken education system--and

how to fix it Torch Legacy Publications  
 Ruth was so excited to take a trip in her family's new car! In the early 1950s, few African Americans could afford to buy cars, so this would be an adventure. But she soon found out that black travelers weren't treated very well in some towns. Many hotels and gas stations refused service to black people. Daddy was upset about something called Jim Crow laws . . . Finally, a friendly attendant at a gas station showed Ruth's family *The Green Book*. It listed all of the places that would welcome black travelers. With this guidebook—and the kindness of strangers—Ruth could finally make a safe journey from Chicago to her grandma's house in Alabama. Ruth's story is fiction, but *The Green Book* and its role in helping a generation of African American travelers avoid some of the indignities of Jim Crow are historical fact.  
*Study Guide for African Americans in the U.S.*  
*Economy A Kid's Guide to African American History* More than 70 Activities  
 Winner of the Stowe Prize  
 Winner of the NBCC Prize for Nonfiction This compelling #1 New York Times bestseller examines the legacy of slavery in America—and how both

history and activism continue to shape our everyday lives. Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves. It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving more than four hundred people. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, one of the only former plantations devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work sustained it. It is the story of Angola, a former plantation-turned-maximum-security prison in Louisiana that is filled with Black men who work across the 18,000-acre land for virtually no pay. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers. A deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of

American history, *How the Word Is Passed* illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain view—whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods like downtown Manhattan, where the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women, and children has been deeply imprinted. Informed by scholarship and brought to life by the story of people living today, Smith's debut work of nonfiction is a landmark of reflection and insight that offers a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country and how it has come to be.

**The Mis-education of the Negro** Penguin  
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**Teaching Black History to White People** United States Government Printing  
 Leonard Moore has been teaching Black history for twenty-five years, mostly to white people. Drawing on decades of experience in the classroom and on college campuses throughout the South, as well as on his own personal history, Moore illustrates how an understanding of Black history is necessary for everyone. With

Teaching Black History to White People, which is “part memoir, part Black history, part pedagogy, and part how-to guide,” Moore delivers an accessible and engaging primer on the Black experience in America. He poses provocative questions, such as “Why is the teaching of Black history so controversial?” and “What came first: slavery or racism?” These questions don’t have easy answers, and Moore insists that embracing discomfort is necessary for engaging in open and honest conversations about race. Moore includes a syllabus and other tools for actionable steps that white people can take to move beyond performative justice and toward racial reparations, healing, and reconciliation.

*The Knowledge Gap* Rowman & Littlefield

“With great skill, Heather Williams demonstrates the centrality of black people to the process of formal education—the establishment of schools, the creation of a cadre of teachers, the forging of standards of literacy and numeracy in the post-emancipation years. As she does, Williams makes the case that the issue of education informed the Reconstruction period—the two-cornered struggle between North and South over the rebuilding of Southern society, the three-cornered struggle between white Northerners, white Southerners, and black people over the nature of education, and the less well known contest between black Northerners and black

Southerners over the direction of African American culture. *Self-Taught* is a work of major significance.” IRA BERLIN University of Maryland “*Self-Taught* is not merely the most comprehensive documentation and analysis of African American education in the South during the 1861-1871 period, it is in every respect the first definitive study of the formative stages of universal literacy and formal education among ex-slaves. Never before has anyone described so fully the broad range of roles and the significant contributions of African Americans to the development of formal and public education in the South for themselves and for the entire region.” JAMES D. ANDERSON University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **An African American and Latinx History of the United States**

Carole Ralston Books © INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER An urgent primer on race and racism, from the host of the viral hit video series “Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man” “You cannot fix a problem you do not know you have.” So begins Emmanuel Acho in his essential guide to the truths Americans need to know to address the systemic racism that has recently electrified protests in all fifty states. “There is a fix,” Acho says. “But in order to access it, we’re going to have to have some uncomfortable conversations.” In *Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man*, Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all

Americans need the answers to, now more than ever. With the same open-hearted generosity that has made his video series a phenomenon, Acho explains the vital core of such fraught concepts as white privilege, cultural appropriation, and “reverse racism.” In his own words, he provides a space of compassion and understanding in a discussion that can lack both. He asks only for the reader’s curiosity—but along the way, he will galvanize all of us to join the antiracist fight.

### **Interpreting African American History and Culture at Museums and Historic Sites**

One World

The story of Black education is about more than desegregation and inclusion in mainstream schooling. Jarvis Givens returns to the classrooms of Jim Crow to highlight the forgotten work of Carter G. Woodson and his followers, who undertook the radical act of educating Black children. Their subversive methods continue to provide a model today.

### **Reading Between the Lies**

iUniverse

Black students’ bodies and minds are under attack. We’re fighting back. From the north to the south, corporate curriculum lies to our students, conceals pain and injustice, masks racism, and demeans our Black students. But it’s not only the curriculum that is traumatizing students.

**A Library of Congress Resource Guide for the Study of Black History and Culture**  
Flatiron Books: An Oprah Book  
James Anderson critically

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reinterprets the history of southern black education from Reconstruction to the Great Depression. By placing black schooling within a political, cultural, and economic context, he offers fresh insights into black commitment to education, the peculiar significance of Tuskegee Institute, and the conflicting goals of various philanthropic groups, among other matters. Initially, ex-slaves attempted to create an educational system that would support and extend their emancipation, but their children were pushed into a system of industrial education that presupposed black political and economic subordination. This conception of education and social order--supported by northern industrial philanthropists, some black educators, and most southern school officials--conflicted with the aspirations of ex-slaves and their descendants, resulting at the turn of the century in a bitter national debate over the purposes of black education. Because blacks lacked economic and political power, white elites were able to control the structure and content of black elementary, secondary, normal, and college education during the first third of the twentieth century. Nonetheless, blacks persisted in their struggle to develop an educational system in accordance with their own needs and desires.

[The American Pageant](#)  
Houghton Mifflin College Division

TIME For Kids Heroes of Black History presents the stories of four great American heroes every child should

know about in one volume: Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, and Barack Obama. Featuring an introduction by journalist and civil rights activist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, *Heroes of Black History* shines a light on the long fight for social justice in the United States as it highlights the accomplishments and personal histories of these four pivotal Americans. Young readers learn about the life of Harriet Tubman—born a slave around 1820, she escaped to the North, but returned to the South nineteen times as a conductor on the Underground Railroad to lead 300 slaves to freedom. An incredibly gifted athlete, Jackie Robinson endured taunts, slurs, and death threats when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball in 1947. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on an Alabama bus in 1955 and paved the way for a Supreme Court decision that declared segregation on Alabama’s public buses was unconstitutional. On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama took the oath of office as our country’s first African American president. Illustrated with a dynamic mix of photographs and illustrations, the biographies of these Americans delve deeper than their accomplishments to reveal details on their childhoods, early experiences, schooling, family life, and more. Sidebars

about related topics—Underground Railroad routes, sports firsts, the Harlem Renaissance, and more—give context and additional insights for young readers. *Heroes of Black History* also gives readers a timeline overview of three centuries of African American history, beginning with the slave trade, touching upon the formation of the NAACP, the civil rights movement, the March on Washington, and other pivotal events, up through the beginning of the Black Lives Matter movement. Brief profiles of more than twenty additional heroes of black history, a glossary of key terms, and a detailed index are also included in this comprehensive book.

*A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*  
Little, Brown

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
B is for Beautiful, Brave, and Bright!  
And for a Book that takes a Bold journey through the alphabet of Black history and culture. Letter by letter, *The ABCs of Black History* celebrates a story that spans continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy. It’s a story of big ideas—P is for Power, S is for Science and Soul. Of significant moments—G is for Great Migration. Of iconic figures—H is for Zora Neale Hurston, X is for Malcom X.

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It's an ABC book like no other, and a story of hope and love. In addition to rhyming text, the book includes back matter with information on the events, places, and people mentioned in the poem, from Mae Jemison to W. E. B. Du Bois, Fannie Lou Hamer to Sam Cooke, and the Little Rock Nine to DJ Kool Herc.

### **Black History 365**

Haymarket Books

A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist. Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.

### **Four Hundred Souls**

Versify

After a powerful webinar that included educators from

ten cities explaining the many incredible actions they took in support of the national Black Lives Matter at School week of action, Denisha Jones, contacted Jesse Hagopian to propose that they collect these stories in a book. Black Lives Matter at School succinctly generalizes lessons from successful challenges to institutional racism that have been won through the BLM at School movement. This is a book that can inspire many hundreds or thousands of more educators to join the BLM at School movement.

### Henry's Freedom Box

Rowman & Littlefield

An intersectional history of the shared struggle for African American and Latinx civil rights. Spanning more than two hundred years, *An African American and Latinx History of the United States* is a revolutionary, politically charged narrative history, arguing that the "Global South" was crucial to the development of America as we know it. Scholar and activist Paul Ortiz challenges the notion of westward progress as exalted by widely taught formulations like "manifest destiny" and "Jacksonian democracy," and shows how placing African American, Latinx, and Indigenous voices unapologetically front and center transforms US history

into one of the working class organizing against imperialism. Drawing on rich narratives and primary source documents, Ortiz links racial segregation in the Southwest and the rise and violent fall of a powerful tradition of Mexican labor organizing in the twentieth century, to May 1, 2006, known as International Workers' Day, when migrant laborers—Chicana/os, Afrocubanos, and immigrants from every continent on earth—united in resistance on the first "Day Without Immigrants." As African American civil rights activists fought Jim Crow laws and Mexican labor organizers warred against the suffocating grip of capitalism, Black and Spanish-language newspapers, abolitionists, and Latin American revolutionaries coalesced around movements built between people from the United States and people from Central America and the Caribbean. In stark contrast to the resurgence of "America First" rhetoric, Black and Latinx intellectuals and organizers today have historically urged the United States to build bridges of solidarity with the nations of the Americas. Incisive and timely, this bottom-up history, told from the interconnected vantage points of Latinx and African Americans, reveals the radically different ways that people of the diaspora have

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addressed issues still plaguing  
the United States today, and it  
offers a way forward in the  
continued struggle for universal  
civil rights. 2018 Winner of the  
PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles  
Literary Award