

The Canadian Children's Book Centre Celebrates Black History Month with a list of Canadian Books for Kids & Teens

Africans Thought of It: Amazing Innovations (We Thought of It)

Written by **Bathseba Opini** and
Richard Lee

Annick Press, 2011
ISBN 978-1554512775
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11

Category: Non-Fiction

Afrika

Written by **Colleen Craig**
Tundra Books, 2008

ISBN 978-0887768071
Grade 6 / Ages 12 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

Akosua's Gift

Original story by **Angela Christian**
Retold by **Kathy Knowles**

Illustrated by **Edmund Opare**
Osu Children's Library Fund, 2011
ISBN 978-0986838330
Grade 3 / Ages 6-10

All Aboard! Elijah McCoy's Steam Engine (Great Idea)

Written by **Monica Kulling**
Illustrated by **Bill Slavin**
Tundra Books, 2010

ISBN 978-0887769450
Grades 1-3 / Ages 5-8

Category: Non-Fiction

The Betrayal of Africa (Groundwork Guide)

Written by **Gerald Caplan**
Groundwork Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0888998248

Grade 7 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Between Sisters

Written by **Adwoa Badoe**
Groundwork Books, 2010

ISBN 978-0888999962
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

Big League Dreams: Baseball Hall of Fame's First African-Canadian, Fergie Jenkins (Recordbooks)

Written by **Richard Brignall**
James Lorimer, 2010

ISBN 978-1552774878
Grades 6-7 / Ages 11 and up

Category: Non-Fiction

The Bite of the Mango

Written by **Mariatu Kamara** with
Susan McClelland

Annick Press, 2008
ISBN 978-1554511594

Grades 8-9 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Black and White

Written by **Eric Walters**
Puffin Canada, 2009

ISBN 978-0143312499
Grade 5 / Ages 11-14

Category: Intermediate Fiction

Black Heritage (Discovering Canada)

Written by **Robert Livesey**
Illustrated by **A.G. Smith**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006

ISBN 978-1550051377
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8 and up

Category: Non-Fiction

Blue Mountain Trouble

Written by **Martin Mordecai**
Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic Inc., 2009

ISBN 978-0545041560
Grades 5-7 / Ages 11-12

Category: Intermediate Fiction

Chanda's Secrets

Written by **Allan Stratton**
Annick Press, 2004

ISBN 978-1550378351
Grades 7-9 / Ages 13 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

Chanda's War

Written by **Allan Stratton**
HarperTrophyCanada, 2008

ISBN 978-1554680252
Grade 7 / Ages 12 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

Chasing Freedom

Written by **Gloria Ann Wesley**
Roseway Publishing, 2011

ISBN 978-1552664230
Grades 5-6 / Ages 12 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

The Children of Africville

Written by **Christine Welldon**
Nimbus Publishing, 2009

ISBN 978-1551097237
Grades 3-5 / Ages 8-12

Category: Non-Fiction

Choice of Colours: How African American Quarterbacks Became Canadian Stars (Recordbooks)

Written by **John Danakas**
James Lorimer, 2007

ISBN 978-1550289930
Grades 6-7 / Ages 11 and up

Category: Non-Fiction

Crossing to Freedom

Written by **Virginia Frances
Schwartz**

Scholastic Canada, 2010
ISBN 978-0545989787

Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Cry of the Giraffe

Written by **Judie Oron**
Annick Press, 2010

ISBN 978-1554512720
Grades 7-8 / Ages 14 and up

Category: Young Adult Fiction

Curtain Up! A Book for Young Performers

Written by **Dirk McLean**
Illustrated by **France Brassard**
Tundra Books, 2010
ISBN 978-0887768996
Grades 1-2 / Ages 6-8
Category: Picture Books

**A Desperate Road to Freedom:
The Underground Railroad Diary of
Julia May Jackson
(Dear Canada)**

Written by **Karleen Bradford**
Scholastic Canada, 2009
ISBN 978-0545996198
Grade 4 / Ages 10-13
Category: Intermediate Fiction

Elijah of Buxton

Written by **Christopher Paul Curtis**
Scholastic Canada, 2007
ISBN 978-0439936477
Grade 4 / Ages 9-13
Category: Junior Fiction

Five Thousand Years of Slavery

Written by **Marjorie Gann** and
Janet Willen
Tundra Books, 2011
ISBN 978-0887769146
Grades 6-7 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Freedom Child of the Sea

Written by **Richardo Keens-Douglas**
Illustrated by **Julia Gukova**
Annick Press, 1995
ISBN 978-1550373738
Grades 2-4 / Ages 7-9
Category: Folktales

The Freedom of Jenny

Written by **Julie Burtinshaw**
Raincoast Books, 2005
ISBN 978-1551928395
Grades 6-8 / Ages 11-14
Category: Intermediate Fiction

**George Washington Carver:
An Innovative Life**

**(Snapshots: Images of People and
Places in History)**
Written by **Elizabeth MacLeod**
Kids Can Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1553379065
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-13
Category: Non-Fiction

A Good Trade

Written by **Alma Fullerton**
Illustrated by **Karen Patkau**
Pajama Press, 2012
ISBN 978-0986949593
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5 and up
Category: Picture Books

Grease Town

Written by **Ann Towell**
Tundra Books, 2010
ISBN 9780887769832
Grades 5-7 / Ages 10-13
Category: Intermediate Fiction

A Hare in the Elephant's Trunk

Written by **Jan L. Coates**
Red Deer Press, 2010
ISBN 978-0889954519
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**I Came as a Stranger:
The Underground Railroad**

Written by **Bryan Prince**
Tundra Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0887766671
Grades 6-8 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

If I Just Had Two Wings

Written by **Virginia Frances
Schwartz**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2002 ©2001
ISBN 978-0773761926
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Intermediate Fiction

If This Is Freedom

Written by **Gloria Ann Wesley**
Roseway Publishing, 2013
ISBN 978-1552665718
Grades 5-6 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**James Douglas: Father of
British Columbia**

Written by **Julie H. Ferguson**
Dundurn Press, 2009
ISBN 978-1554884094
Grades 7-8 / Ages 13-18
Category: Non-Fiction

Josephine's Dream

Written by **Joan Betty Stuchner**
Illustrated by **Chantelle Walther**
Silverleaf Press, 2008
ISBN 978-1934393048
Grades 1-2 / Ages 6-8
Category: Non-Fiction

**The Kids Book of Black
Canadian History
(Kids Book of...)**

Written by **Rosemary Sadlier**
Illustrated by **Wang Qijun**
Kids Can Press, 2010 ©2003
ISBN 978-1554535873
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14
Category: Non-Fiction

The Last Days in Africville

Written by **Dorothy Perkyns**
Dundurn Press, 2006 ©2003
ISBN 978-1550026306
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12
Category: Junior Fiction

**The Last Safe House:
A Story of the Underground
Railroad**

(History Comes Alive)
Written by **Barbara Greenwood**
Illustrated by **Heather Collins**
Kids Can Press, 1998
ISBN 978-1550745092
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-12
Category: Non-Fiction

The Matatu

Written by **Eric Walters**
Illustrated by **Eva Campbell**
Orca Book Publishers, 2012
ISBN 978-1554693016
Grade 3 / Ages 5-8
Category: Picture Books

**Mella and the N'anga:
An African Tale**

Written by **Gail Nyoka**
Sumach Press, 2005
ISBN 978-1894549493
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Folktales

The Mighty Miss Malone

Written by **Christopher Paul Curtis**
Wendy Lamb Books, 2012
ISBN 978-0385734912
Grades 5-7 / Ages 10-14
Category: Intermediate Fiction

**My Name Is Henry Bibb:
A Story of Slavery and Freedom**

Written by **Afua Cooper**
Kids Can Press, 2009
ISBN 978-1553378136
Grades 5-6 / Ages 11-14
Category: Intermediate Fiction

**My Name Is Phillis Wheatley:
A Story of Slavery and Freedom**
Written by **Afua Cooper**
Kids Can Press, 2009
ISBN 978-1553378129
Grades 5-6 / Ages 11-14
Category: Intermediate Fiction

**The Name of the Tree:
A Bantu Tale**
Written by **Celia Barker Lottridge**
Illustrated by **Ian Wallace**
Groundwood Books, 2002 ©1989
ISBN 978-0888990976
Grades 1-3 / Ages 5-9
Category: Folktales

Nana's Cold Days
Written by **Adwoa Badoe**
Illustrated by **Bushra Junaid**
Groundwood Books, 2009 ©2002
ISBN 978-0888999375
Grades 1-2 / Ages 2-5
Category: Picture Books

**North Star to Freedom:
The Story of the Underground
Railroad**
Written by **Gena K. Gorrell**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2004 ©1996
ISBN 978-1550050684
Grade 5 / Ages 9 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

The Orphan Boy
Written by **Tololwa Mollel**
Illustrated by **Paul Morin**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2009 ©1990
ISBN 978-1550050820
Grades 1-3 / Ages 5-9
Category: Folktales

**Oscar: The Life and Music of
Oscar Peterson**
Written by **Reva Marin**
Groundwood Books, 2008 ©2003
ISBN 978-0888999054
Grades 6-8 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**Oscar Peterson:
The Man and His Jazz**
Written by **Jack Batten**
Tundra Books, 2012
ISBN 978-1770492691
Grades 5-7 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**Out of Slavery:
The Journey to Amazing Grace**
Written by **Linda Granfield**
Illustrated by **Janet Wilson**
Tundra Books, 2009 ©1997
ISBN 978-0887769153
Grade 6 / Ages 9 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Originally published as **Amazing
Grace: The Story of the Hymn**

**Rachel
(Our Canadian Girl)**
Written by **Lynne Kositsky**
Puffin Canada, 2010
ISBN 978-0143170846
Grades 3-5 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Rapid Ray: The Story of Ray Lewis
Written by **John Cooper**
Tundra Books, 2002
ISBN 978-0887766121
Grade 6 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**Season of Rage: Hugh Burnett and
the Struggle for Civil Rights**
Written by **John Cooper**
Tundra Books, 2005
ISBN 978-0887767005
Grades 7-9 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Send One Angel Down
Written by **Virginia Frances
Schwartz**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2005 ©2000
ISBN 978-1550051407
Grades 7-9 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**Singing Towards the Future:
The Story of Portia White
(Stories of Canada)**
Written by **Lian Goodall**
Illustrated by **Liz Milkau**
Napoleon Publishing, 2004
ISBN 978-1894917087
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

So Long, Jackie Robinson
Written by **Nancy L.M. Russell**
Key Porter Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1552638637
Grades 5-6 / Ages 11-13
Category: Intermediate Fiction

Stealing Home
Written by **Ellen Schwartz**
Tundra Books, 2006
ISBN 978-0887767654
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-14
Category: Junior Fiction

Steel Drums and Ice Skates
Written by **Dirk McLean**
Illustrated by **Ho Che Anderson**
Groundwood Books, 1996
ISBN 978-0888992581
Grades 1-3 / Ages 6-9
Category: Picture Books

Stones
Written by **William Bell**
Doubleday Canada, 2001
ISBN 978-0385658294
Grades 7-8 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**Talking About Freedom:
Celebrating Emancipation Day in
Canada**
Written by **Natasha L. Henry**
Dundurn Press, 2012
ISBN 978-1459700482
Grades 6-8 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**To Stand and Fight Together:
Richard Pierpoint and the Coloured
Corps of Upper Canada**
Written by **Steve Pitt**
Dundurn Press/Sandcastle, 2008
ISBN 978-1550027310
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**The Ultimate African Heritage Quiz
Book: Maritime Edition**
Written by **Craig Marshall Smith**
Nimbus Publishing, 2008
ISBN 978-1551096834
Grades 7-8 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**Underground to Canada
(Puffin Classics)**
Written by **Barbara Smucker**
Puffin Canada, 2013 ©1977
ISBN 978-0-14-318789-9
Grades 5-6 / Ages 9-13
Category: Junior Fiction

**The Underground Railroad:
Next Stop, Toronto!**

Written by **Afua Cooper, Adrienne Shadd and Karolyn Smardz Frost**
Dundurn Press, 2009 ©2002
ISBN 978-1554884292
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Up Home

Written by **Shauntay Grant**
Illustrated by **Susan Tooke**
Nimbus Publishing, 2008
ISBN 978-1551096605
Grade 3 / Ages 5-8
Category: Picture Books

Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged!

Written by **Jody Nyasha Warner**
Illustrated by **Richard Rudnicki**
Groundwood Books, 2010
ISBN 978-0888997791
Grades 1-3 / Ages 6-9
Category: Non-Fiction

The War Within

Written by **Carol Matas**
Scholastic Canada, 2001
ISBN 978-0439988100
Grades 5-6 / Ages 12-15
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**The Watsons Go to
Birmingham: 1963**

Written by **Christopher Paul Curtis**
Delacorte Press, 1995
ISBN 978-0385321754
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14
Category: Intermediate Fiction

**Working for Freedom:
The Story of Josiah Henson
(Stories of Canada)**

Written by **Rona Arato**
Illustrated by **Chrissie Wysotski**
Napoleon & Company, 2008
ISBN 978-1894917506
Grade 5 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

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