

NCTE AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Elementary titles

[ABCs of Black History](#)

poetic ABC book provides an overview of events and figures

[Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball](#)

early history of the NBA player working to change segregation

[All Because You Matter](#)

A reminder to children that they all matter

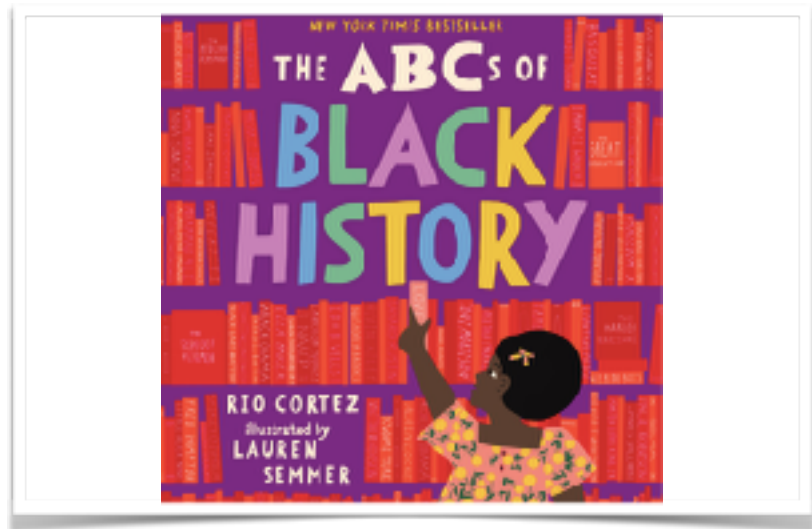
[Black is a Rainbow Color](#)

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black

[Going Down Home with Daddy](#)

family traditions are celebrated through the lens of multiple generations gathering for a family reunion

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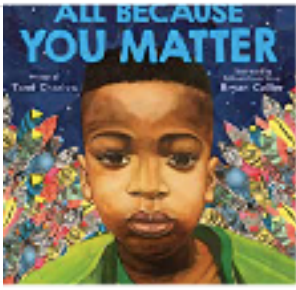
From the EISD Librarians

Check out these recent titles recommended by the Eanes ISD Librarians in honor of the National Council of English(NCTE) Annual African American Read-In. Read a chapter, a poem or a book with your child this month. This list can provide a starting place for reading and conversation!

Questions to explore

As you read, think about whose voice is heard in each title. How does reading about the character's experiences impact your understanding?





Elementary Titles

[I Am Every Good Thing](#)

a lesson in seeing who someone is by their actions

[Me & Mama](#)

a day with a mother and daughter

[Mae Among the Stars](#)

About Mae Jemison, first African American woman in space

[Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters](#)

A moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans

[Tani's New Home](#)

Tani Adewumi, a Nigerian refugee, who became the NY State Chess Champion at 8 years old

[The Doctor With an Eye for Eyes](#)

Bio pic book about the first African American ophthalmologist, Dr. Patricia Bath

[The Oldest Student](#)

Bio pic book of Mary Walker's life from slavery to when she finally learned to read at 117 years old

[The Overground Railroad](#)

a little girl traveling by railroad to New York City as part of Great Migration while reading from the Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

[The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver](#)

George Washington Carver's childhood illustrated

Young Adult and Adult Titles

[This Book is Anti-Racist](#)

gives kids the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it

[Black Brother, Black Brother](#)

Brothers with interracial parents

[Concrete Rose](#)

Prequel to [Hate U Give](#)

[Hill We Climb](#)

Inaugural poem by the nation's youth poet laureate

[Long Way Down \(graphic novel\)](#)

Graphic novel of YA book - a boy faces a tough decision after his brother is killed

[Piecing Me Together](#)

A teen's painful struggle to fit in as she bridges two worlds

[Stamped](#)

YA version of Ibram X. Kendi's history of African Americans

[The Undeclared](#)

A love letter to black life by Kwame Alexander

[Water Dancer](#)

Intense and harrowing narrative through a slave (tasked) eyes

[The Youngest Marcher](#)

Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, young civil rights activist