



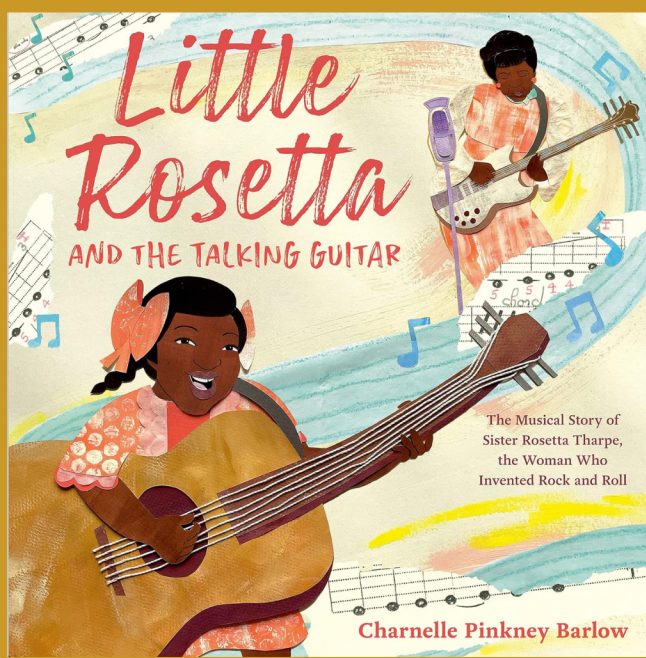
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Together We Swim

By Valerie Bolling
(Ages: 4 - 7)

Jumping into the water for the first time can be scary! This lyrical and upbeat story tells of a young boy who learns to swim with the love and encouragement of his family.



Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar

By Charnelle Pinkney Barlow
(Ages: 4 - 8)

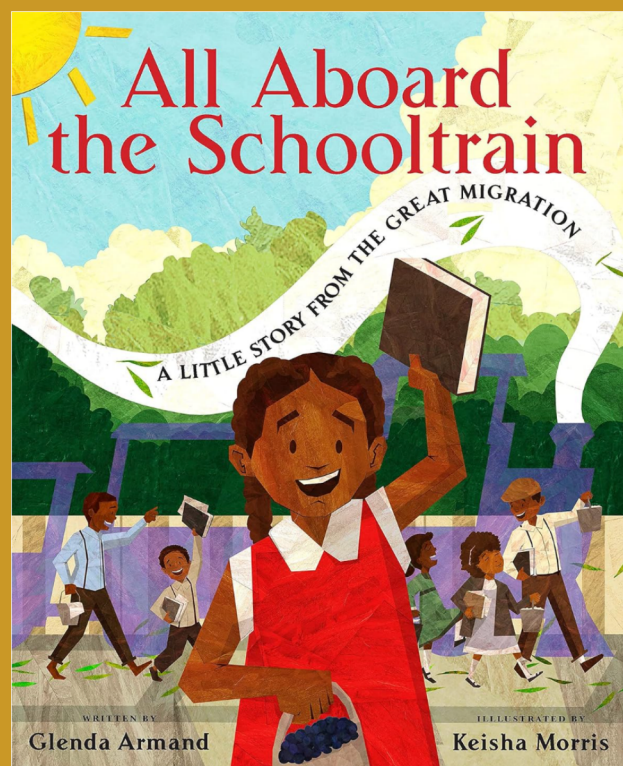
This is the inspiring childhood tale of Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the woman who invented rock and roll. Themes of music, community, self-motivation, and perseverance enrich this picture book biography.



There was a Party for Langston

By Jason Reynolds
(Ages: 4 - 8)

A joyful celebration of Langston Hughes and the African American authors he inspired is told through the lens of the party held at the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in 1991.



All Aboard the Schooltrain: A Little Story from the Great Migration

By Glenda Armand
(Ages: 6 - 9)

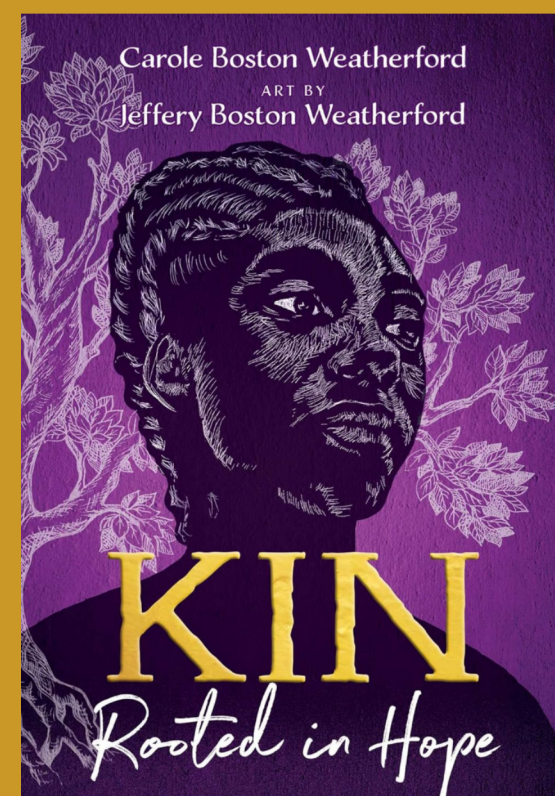
A family story, inspired by the author's own, illuminates a dynamic chapter in American history and the many trains people rode toward freedom.



Dear Yesteryear

By Kimberly Annece Henderson
(Ages: 7 - 10)

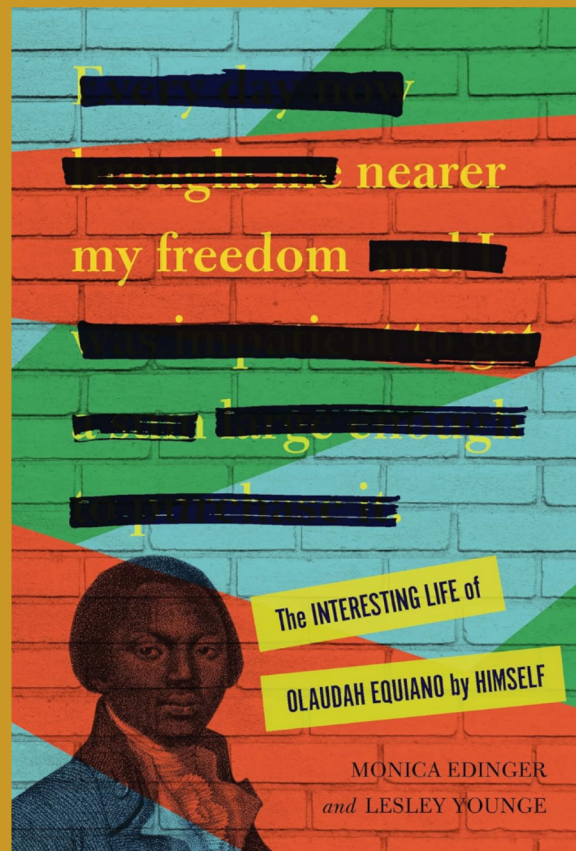
The author, curator, and researcher writes a moving letter connecting Black history with the present. Archival photographs and beautiful hand lettering illustrate the book.



Kin: Rooted in Hope

By Carole Boston Weatherford
(Ages: 10 & up)

This novel-in-verse is a powerful portrait of a Black family tree shaped by enslavement and freedom. Searing poems and stunning art by this mother and son duo illuminate a story of loss, erasure, and ultimate reclamation.



Nearer My Freedom: The Interesting Life of Olaudah Equiano, by Himself

By Monica Edinger & Lesley Young
(Ages: 12 & up)

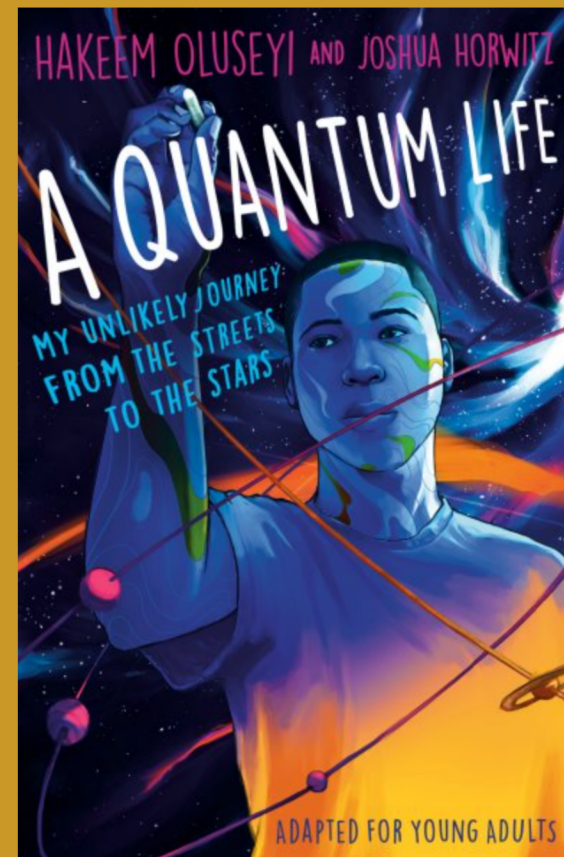
Taking words, phrases, and passages from historical sources, the authors reframe Equiano's captivating journey. Annotations accompany the found poems, enhancing readers' understanding of Equiano's profound narrative.



Change the Game: A Graphic Novel

By Colin Kaepernick
(Ages: 12 & up)

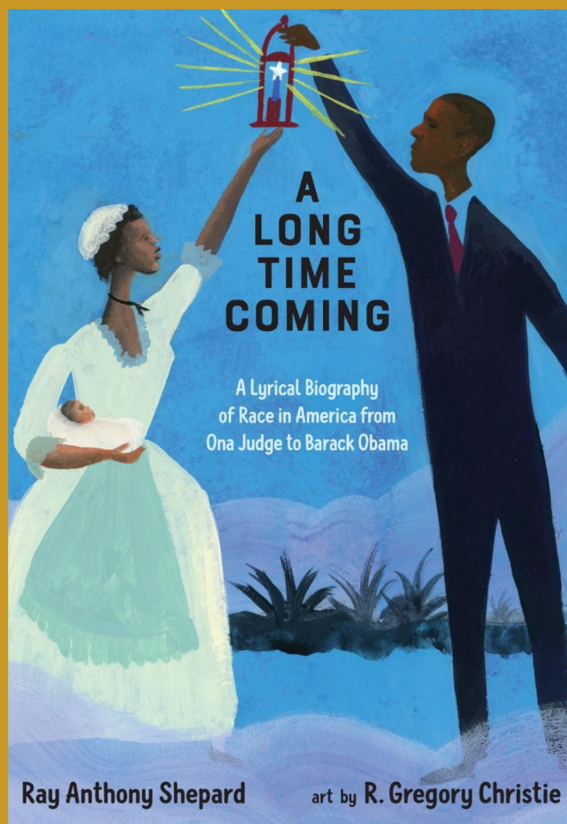
In this graphic memoir, the athlete recalls his high school years when scouted by colleges and MLB as a baseball pitcher. He reveals his journey of self-discovery and resilience, emphasizing that the right decision often involves taking the road less traveled.



A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars

By Hakeem Oluseyi
(Ages: 13 & up)

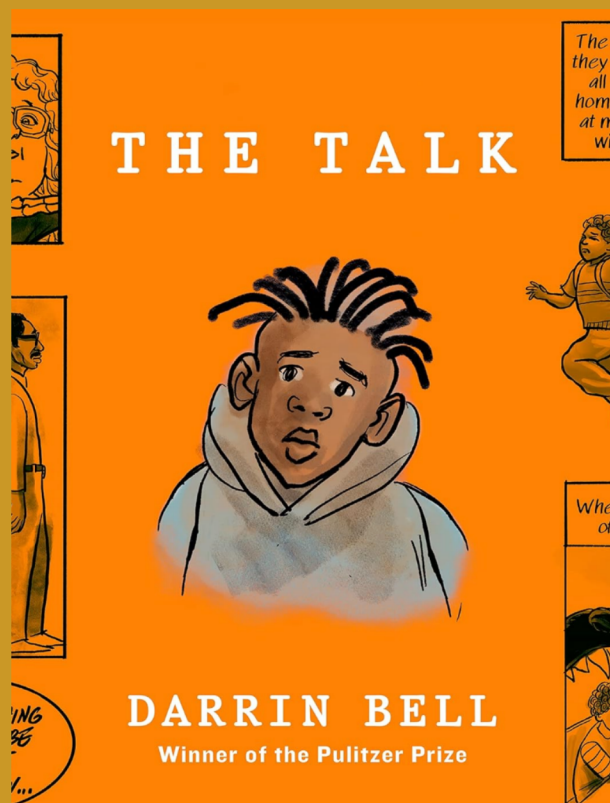
A NASA astrophysicist narrates his improbable journey from an impoverished childhood and adolescence mired in drugs and crime to the nation's top physics Ph.D. program at Stanford in this inspiring coming-of-age memoir.



A Long Time Coming: A Lyrical Biography of Race in America from Ona Judge to Barack Obama

By Ray Anthony Shepard
(Ages: 12 - 16)

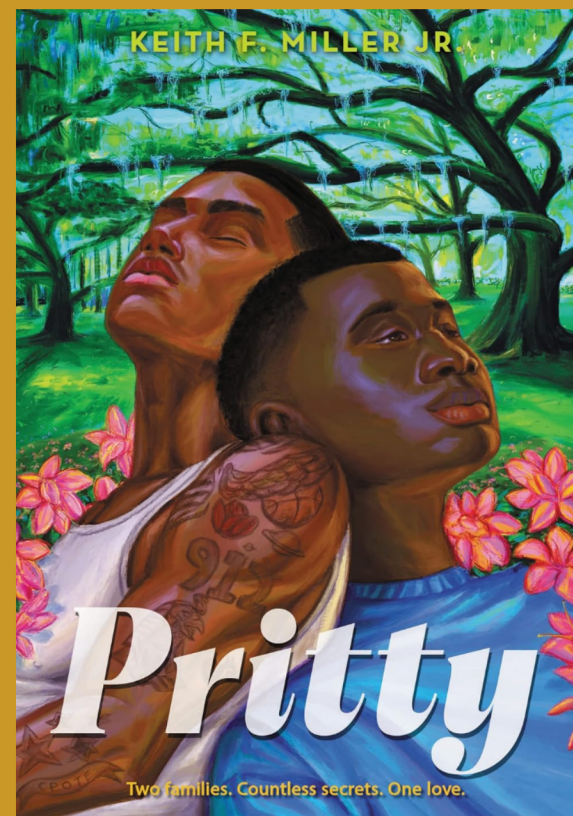
This biography-in-verse tells the story of racism in the U.S. through six important Black Americans from different eras who struggled for justice, chronicling how much—and how little—racism has changed since our country's founding.



The Talk

By Darrin Bell
(Ages: 14 & up)

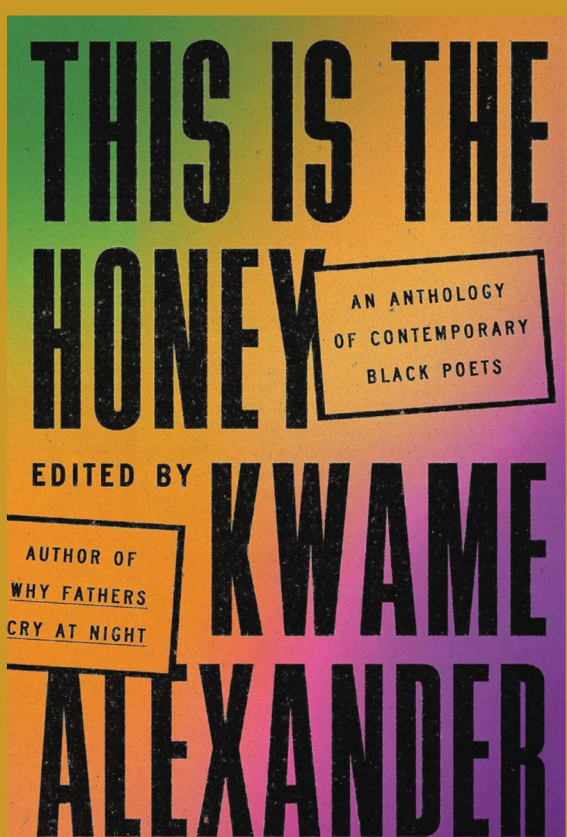
This thought-provoking graphic novel memoir navigates the complexities of race in America. Through poignant illustrations and sharp wit, the book tackles systemic issues, fostering crucial conversations about privilege, discrimination, and resilience.



Pritty

By Keith F. Miller, Jr.
(Ages: 14 & up)

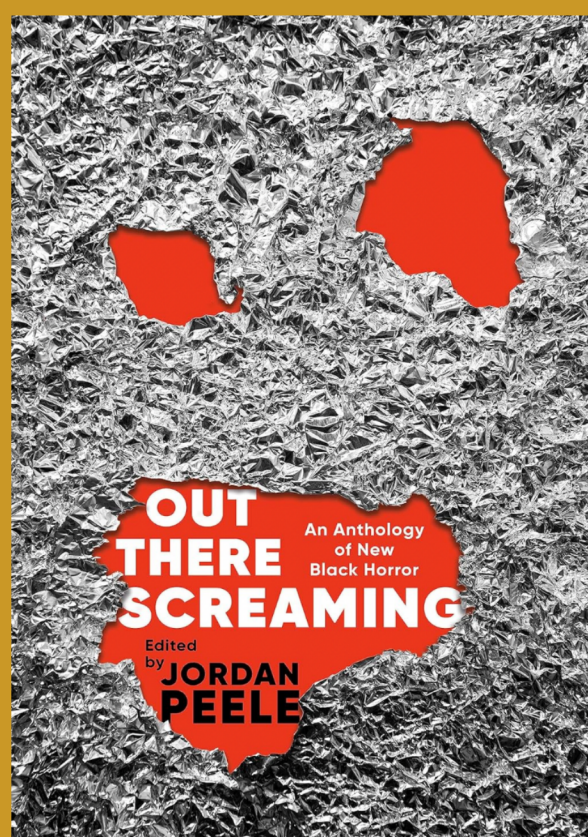
This novel follows two boys who get caught in the crossfire of a sinister plot that threatens everything they cherish. They must puzzle through secrets hiding in plain sight before someone else gets hurt—even if the cost might be their own emotional connection.



This is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets

By Kwame Alexander
(Ages: 17 & up)

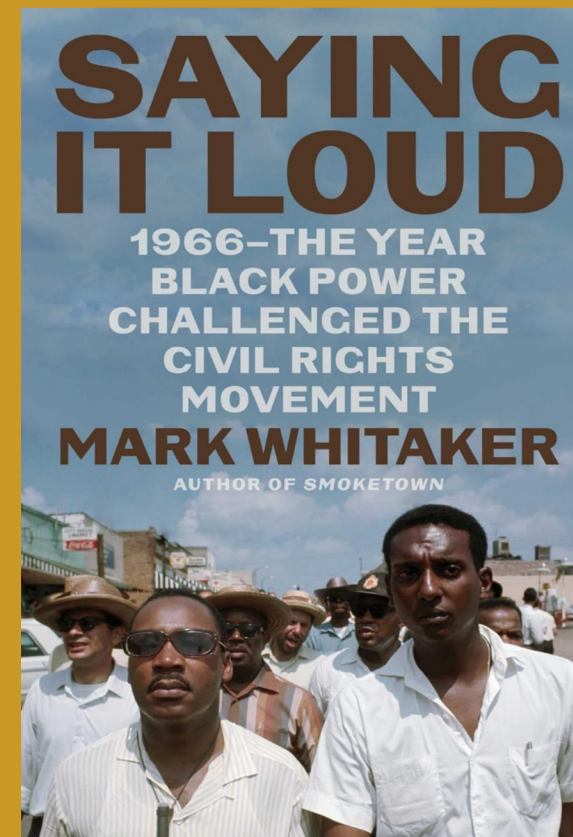
A comprehensive, breathtaking and vibrant poetry collection exploring joy, love, hope, origin, race, heritage, resistance, and praise from the most prominent and promising Black poets and writers of our time.



Out There Screaming: An Anthology of New Black Horror

By Jordan Peele
(Ages: Adult)

This collection of horror stories is curated by the movie writer and director of *Get Out*, *Us*, and *Nope*. The stories explore not only the terrors of the supernatural but the chilling reality of injustice that haunts our nation.



Saying it Loud

By Mark Whitaker
(Ages: Adult)

This is a deeply researched account of the momentous year that redefined the civil rights movement as a new sense of Black identity. Many lessons from 1966 still resonate in the era of Black Lives Matter and the contemporary battles over voting rights, identity politics, and the teaching of Black History.