BIOGRAPHY

BECAUSE OF YOU, JOHN LEWIS: A TRUE STORY OF REMARKABLE FRIENDSHIP
by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illustrated by Keith Henry Brown
Scholastic Press
ISBN: 9781338759082
Celebrate the friendship between John Lewis and a young activist, as they work together to fight for justice and equality during the civil rights movement.

DRESSING UP THE STARS: THE STORY OF MOVIE COSTUME DESIGNER EDITH HEAD
by Jeanne Walker Harvey
Illustrated by Diana Toledano
Beach Lane Books
ISBN: 9781534451056
Follow Edith Head's incredible journey as she becomes a legendary Hollywood costume designer, crafting iconic looks for countless stars and films.

HARRIET'S RUFTLED FEATHERS: THE WOMAN WHO SAVED MILLIONS OF BIRDS
by Joy McCullough
Illustrated by Romina Galotta
Atheneum Books for Young Readers
ISBN: 9781534486768
The story of Harriet Hemenway, who led a movement to protect birds from the brutal fashion industry, sparking a conservation revolution.

SANCTUARY: KIP TIERNAN AND ROSIE'S PLACE, THE NATION'S FIRST SHELTER FOR WOMEN
by Christine McDonnell
Illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov
Candlewick Press
ISBN: 9781536211290
Follow the inspiring journey of Kip Tiernan as she establishes Rosie's Place, a groundbreaking shelter that offers support and empowerment to homeless women.

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT! THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF "FIGHTING SHIRLEY CHISHOLM"
by Tonya Bolden
Disney Publishing Group
ISBN: 9781426372360
Discover the life and legacy of Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress and a passionate advocate for equality.

SPLASH! ETHELDA BLEIBTREY MAKES WAVES OF CHANGE
by Elisa Boxer
Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley
Sleeping Bear Press
ISBN: 9781534111431
Join Ethelda Bleibtrey on her journey to becoming a trailblazing Olympic swimmer, breaking records and paving the way for female athletes.
SWEET JUSTICE: GEORGIA GILMORE AND THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT
by Maya Rockcliff
Illustrated by Gregory Christie
Random House Books for Young Readers
ISBN: 9781524720643
Follow Georgia Gilmore’s inspiring story as she supports the Montgomery Bus Boycott by selling pies, contributing to the fight for civil rights.

UNDERGROUND FIRE: HOPE, SACRIFICE, AND COURAGE IN THE CHERRY MINE DISASTER
by Sally M. Walker
Candlewick Press
ISBN: 9781536212402
Delve into the harrowing true story of the Cherry Mine Disaster and the brave miners who worked to save one another amidst the chaos.

HISTORY
NELLIE VS. ELIZABETH: TWO DAREDEVIL JOURNALISTS’ BREAKNECK RACE AROUND THE WORLD
by Kate Hannigan
Illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon
Calkins Creek
ISBN: 9781684373772
Experience the thrilling and daring race around the world between Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland, two pioneering journalists of their time.

SEEN AND UNSEEN: WHAT DOROTHEA LANGE, TOYO MIYATAKE, AND ANSEL ADAMS’S PHOTOGRAPHS REVEAL ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION
by Elizabeth Partridge
Illustrated by Lauren Tamaki
Chronicle Books LLC
ISBN: 9781452165103
Through the lens of photography, this book sheds light on the experiences of Japanese Americans during their unjust internment during World War II.

HISTORICAL FICTION
THE LUCKY ONES
by Linda Williams Jackson
Candlewick Press
ISBN: 9781536222555
In 1960s Mississippi, a young boy finds inspiration in a teacher’s gift, highlighting the power of community in the face of financial challenges.

MATTIE AND THE MACHINE
by Lynn Ng Quezon
Santa Monica Press
ISBN: 9781595801180
Join Mattie Knight on her journey as she becomes a pioneering inventor, known for her creativity and innovations that helped shape the world.

THE PEACH REBELLION
by Wendelin Van Draanen
Knopf Books for Young Readers
ISBN: 9780593378564
A snapshot of post-Depression America through the eyes of two teenage girls, portraying their growth and friendship.
THE STAR THAT ALWAYS STAYS
by Anna Rose Johnson
Holiday House
ISBN: 9780823450404
A coming-of-age story following one Ojibwe girl’s journey as she navigates assimilation, racism, and family changes in 1914.

WE OWN THE SKY
by Rodman Philbrick
Scholastic, Inc.
ISBN: 9781338736298
Set in 1924 Maine, orphans Davy and Jo Michaud, taken in by stunt pilots, face the rising danger of the Ku Klux Klan.

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