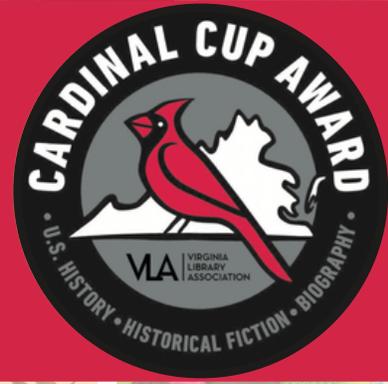


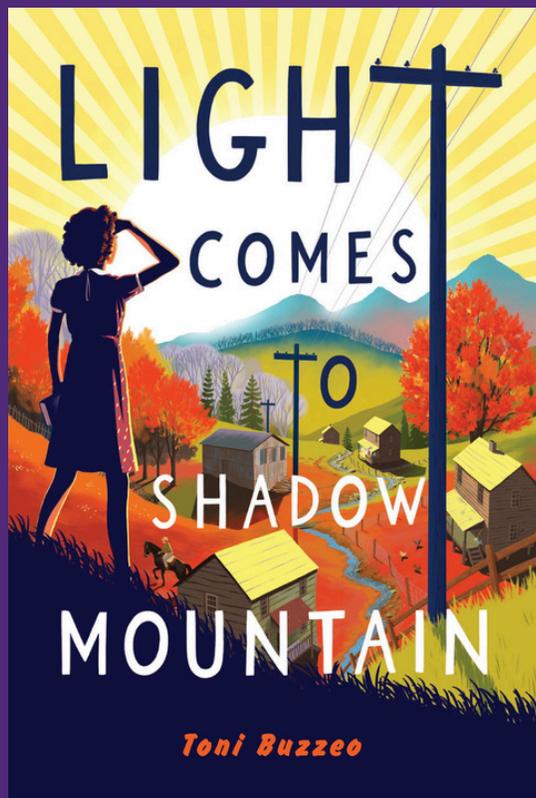
CARDINAL CUP 2024 BOOKLIST



LIGHT COMES TO SHADOW MOUNTAIN

Toni Buzzeo

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**LIGHT COMES TO SHADOW
MOUNTAIN
BY TONI BUZZEO**

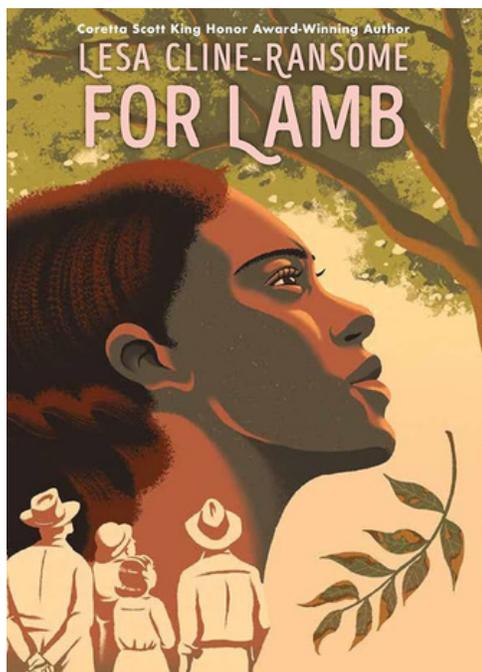
Holiday House

ISBN: 9780823453849



This heartwarming middle-grade historical fiction tells the story of 11-year-old Cora living in a rural Appalachian community in 1937 Kentucky. Cora is eager to be a journalist. When she learns that the electric cooperative is coming to her small mountain community if enough people sign up, she starts a school newspaper to convince everyone why electricity would be helpful. But her mother, still grieving the death of her daughter, is adamantly opposed to electricity and the possibility of losing their mountain way of life. Cora, and young readers, learn that it is important to consider opposing viewpoints to come to fair conclusions. The book also includes information on mountain herbalism, the Frontier Nursing Service, and the Pack Horse Library Project to create a well-rounded view of Appalachia in the 30s.

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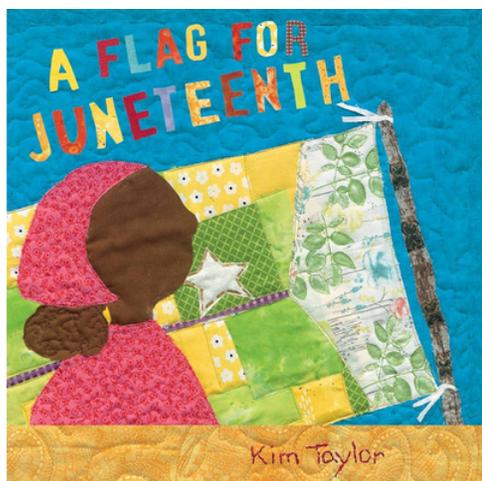


FOR LAMB

by **Lesa Cline-Ransome**

HOLIDAY HOUSE, ISBN: 9780823450152

This Young Adult Historical Fiction follows a family striving to better their lives in Jackson, Mississippi under the harsh realities of Jim Crow. The narrative is told through several voices, including Lamb's mother who is a hard-working, creative seamstress who cannot reveal she is a lesbian, Lamb's brother who has a brilliant mind and has even earned a college scholarship but his impulsiveness and rebellious nature angers their mother who is terrified of losing her children, and Lamb herself who is a quiet and studious girl caught between family tensions. These three along with additional voices guide readers through a book that looks directly at the indescribable horrors of lynching, specifically of the Black women who were victims of lynching and are often forgotten. It is heartbreaking and difficult yet incredibly important and beautiful.



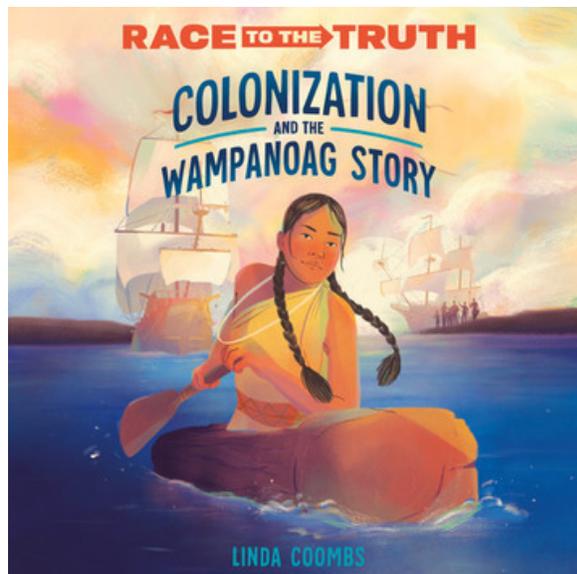
A FLAG FOR JUNETEENTH

by **Kim Taylor**

Neal Porter Books, ISBN: 9780823452248

This wonderful picture book tells the story of Huldah, a young girl living on a Texas plantation with her family, eager to celebrate her 10th birthday on June 19th, 1865. When the message is finally delivered that African Americans in Texas were free, Huldah and her close-knit community celebrate by creating a community freedom flag. Kim Taylor is a debut author and artist as well as an expert quilter and each of the illustrations is hand sewn and quilted, giving the book a homespun, tactile quality, and the story will help young readers connect to Juneteenth through Huldah to recognize its importance and gravity.

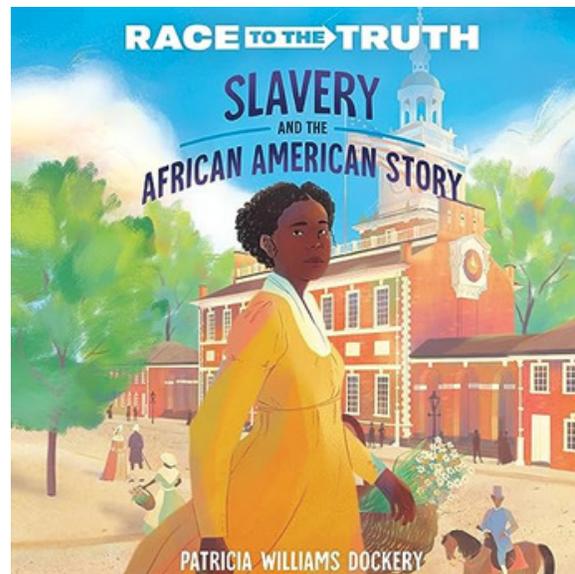
VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CARDINAL CUP AWARD 2024 SERIES OF NOTE



COLONIZATION AND THE WAMPANOAG STORY

by **Linda Coombs**

ISBN: 9780593480434



SLAVERY AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STORY

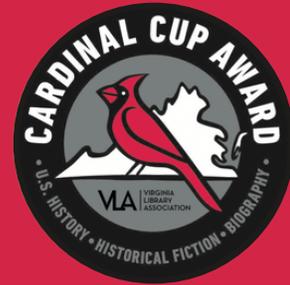
by **Patricia Williams Dockery**

ISBN: 9780593480465

RACE TO THE TRUTH
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE

“Race to the Truth”, a Middle-Grade Non-Fiction series. The committee received two titles: Slavery and the African American Story by Patricia Williams Dockery and Colonization and the Wampanoag Story by Linda Coombs. All titles in the series aim to tell the truth about traditionally one-sided discussions of complicated aspects of American history. The books include narrative non-fiction, photographs, maps, and questions to invite discussion and critical thinking, encourage deeper thinking about historical biases, and are just as engaging as they are important.

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BIOGRAPHY

HOLDING HER OWN: THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE OF JACKIE ORMES

by Traci N. Todd

Illustrated by Shannon Wright

Orchard Books

ISBN: 9781338305906

Beautifully illustrated picture book biography of Jackie Ormes, a journalist, activist, and the first Black woman cartoonist to be nationally syndicated.

I'M GONNA PAINT: RALPH FASANELLA, ARTIST OF THE PEOPLE

by Anne Broyles

Illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov

Holiday House

ISBN: 9780823450060

Follow the life of visionary folk artist and labor organizer, Ralph Fasanella in this well-researched biography with illustrations reminiscent of Fasanella's work.

JOSEPHINE AND HER DISHWASHING MACHINE: JOSEPHINE COCHRANE'S BRIGHT INVENTION MAKES A SPLASH

by Kate Hannigan

Illustrated by Sarah Green

Calkin's Creek

ISBN: 9781635926217

Celebrate the inventor of the dishwasher in this inspiring STEM biography about Josephine Cochrane, the brains behind one of the world's most used kitchen appliances.

A LONG TIME COMING: A LYRICAL BIOGRAPHY OF RACE IN AMERICA FROM ONA JUDGE TO BARACK OBAMA

by Ray Anthony Shephard

Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Calkins Creek

ISBN: 9781662680663

This Young Adult biography in verse chronicles the diverse ways six important Black Americans fought racism in different eras.

MAKE WAY: THE STORY OF ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, NANCY SCHÖN, AND SOME VERY FAMOUS DUCKLINGS

by Angela Burke Kunkel

Illustrated by Claire Keane

Random House Studio

ISBN: 9780593373354

A beautiful picture book biography following the lives of Robert McCloskey and sculpture Nancy Schön, whose famous bronze ducks grace Boston Public Garden.

SEW SISTER: THE UNTOLD STORY OF JEAN WRIGHT AND NASA'S SEAMSTRESSES

by Elise Matich

Tilbury House Publishers

ISBN: 9780884489825

The true story of a girl whose mastery of a domestic art propelled her to the elite NASA sisterhood who shielded the space shuttle astronauts from heat and radiation.

SHINING STAR: VERA RUBIN DISCOVERS DARK MATTER

by Suzanne Slade

Illustrated by Susan Reagan

Calkins Creek

ISBN: 9781635926019

Pioneering astronomer Vera Rubin discovers dark matter while confronting sexism, and paves the way for future women scientists in this engaging STEM picture book biography.

THE WOMAN IN THE MOON: HOW MARGARET HAMILTON HELPED FLY THE FIRST ASTRONAUTS TO THE MOON

by Richard Maurer

Roaring Book Press

ISBN: 9781626728561

A stunning and intimate biography of Margaret Hamilton, the computer engineer who helped Apollo 11 and mankind get from the Earth to the moon.

HISTORY

MORE THAN A DREAM: THE RADICAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM

by Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long

Farrar, Straus and Giroux

ISBN: 97800374391744

Gripping middle-grade account offers a fresh look at the groundbreaking 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom spotlighting the protest's radical roots and the underappreciated role of Black women.

SMALL SHOES, GREAT STRIDES: HOW THREE BRAVE GIRLS OPENED DOORS TO SCHOOL EQUALITY

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Illustrated by Alex Bostic

Carolrhoda Books

ISBN: 9781728419237

On November 14, 1960, first graders Leona Tate, Tessie Prevost, and Gail Etienne stepped into history by becoming the first children in New Orleans to integrate a previously all-white school.

THE OTHER PANDEMIC: AN AIDS MEMOIR

by Lynn Curlee

Charlesbridge Teen

ISBN: 9781623543501

A photo-illustrated historical memoir from the LGBTQIA+ frontlines of the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s.

THE VAN BUREN SISTERS VS. THE PANTS POLICE

by J. F. Fox

Illustrated by Anna Kwan

Kids Can Press

ISBN: 9781525302480

A true story about two sisters, Addie and Gussie Van Buren, who drove their motorbikes across the country, dressed sensibly in leather coats and pants to prove women would make excellent battlefield messengers during 1916.

HISTORICAL FICTION

LILA AND THE JACK-O'-LANTERN: HALLOWEEN COMES TO AMERICA

by Nancy Churnin

Illustrated by Anneli Bray

Albert Whitman & Company

ISBN: 9780807566633

An Irish immigrant moves to America, bringing along a now-beloved Halloween tradition.

SPECULATION

by Nisi Shawl

Lee & Low Books

ISBN: 9781620149591

This middle-grade fantasy explores family history, family curses and a really marvelous pair of spectacles.

THAT SMUDGE OF SMOKE

by Edith M. Hemingway

Bealu Books

ISBN: 9781735645551

Spans the years from 1929 to 2015 in a middle grade novel about two 12-year-olds navigating crucial changes in their lives: Piper Sinclair after her mother's sudden death from pneumonia and Garrett Stevens, whose Army Sergeant dad has been injured in Afghanistan.

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In 2024, the Cardinal Cup Committee selected their winner, honors, series of note, and overfloweth selections from 214 submissions. The Cardinal Cup Overfloweth list contains the books recommended by the 2024 Cardinal Cup Committee from publisher submissions. All books were published in 2023.

