

Heroes Of Black History Biographies Of Four Great Americans America Handbooks A Time For Kids Series

Amazing visual timelines take readers through the people and the issues that have shaped Black history Erased. Ignored. Hidden. Lost.

Underappreciated. No longer. Delve into the unique, inspiring, and world-changing history of Black people. From Frederick Douglass to Oprah Winfrey, and the achievements of ancient African kingdoms to those of the US Civil Rights Movement, Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies takes kids on an exceptional journey from prehistory to modern times. This DK children's ebook boasts more than 30 visual timelines, which explore the biographies of the famous and the not-so-famous - from royalty to activists, and writers to scientists, and much, much more. Stunning thematic timelines also explain the development of Black history - from the experiences of black people in the US, to the story of postcolonial Africa. Did you know that the richest person ever to have lived was a West African? Or that the technology that made the lightbulb possible was developed by African American inventor, and not Thomas Edison? How about the fact that Ethiopia was the only African country to avoid colonization, thanks to the leadership of a brave

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queen? Stacked with facts and visually vibrant, Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legacies, Legends is an unforgettable and accessible hive of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.

The Afro-bets kids introduce forty-nine black men and women who are heroes of their time.

A biography of the Hall of Fame baseball player who broke Babe Ruth's career home run record.

This book surveys the history of African-American Christian churches through the study of fourteen notable black clergymen. In addition to the challenges that normally confront heralds of the gospel, African American Christians also faced slavery and racial discrimination. Their deep love for Christ and their fellow believers and their passion for lost souls made them dauntless soldiers for the Lord, proclaiming the way of salvation and the equality of all men and women in God's sight. - Publisher.

Traces the lives of fourteen black scientists and inventors who have made significant contributions in the various fields of science and industry. Reprint.

A tribute to our Civil Rights Movement Heroes Instant Best Seller - Black History Book for Kids This book will make your child proud of their heritage Nannie Helen Burroughs was an African-American orator and teacher, A civil rights activist, feminist, businesswoman, and a religious leader. Her speech, "How the Sisters are Hindered from Helping," at the

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1900 Baptist Convention won her fame, Soon everyone knew who she was and respected her name. "A Documentary Portrait of an Early Civil Rights Pioneer, 1900-1959," tells her story, In her own words, in her own writings, without fame and glory. There was more to Rosa Parks than just a bus rider, The most important thing to know, was what was inside her. Her courage and determination were on display, The "First Lady of Civil Rights" would not be swayed. Referred to as "The Mother of the Freedom Movement," Rosa's actions led to many civil rights improvements. James Baldwin was an American novelist and playwright, An essayist, poet, and activist, whose writings helped fuel the fight. His message could have been written today, it is so contemporary, His movie, "I am Not Your Negro," is current, a wake-up, and a necessity. Other writings, such as "Notes of a Native Son," speak truth to everyone. One of his most famous quotes shows the wisdom of this native son: Not everything that is faced can be changed, But nothing can be changed until it is faced. James Baldwin As one of the first "Conductors," of the underground railroad, Harriet Tubman sacrificed freely, carrying a heavy load. An "Abolitionist," by title, she could stand slavery no longer, Leading 13 dangerous missions, making 70 lives stronger. Along with other brave souls, both black and white, She did more than speak of freedom, she helped lead the fight. A voice for

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freedom and the abolition of slavery, Fredrick Douglass inspired many with his boldness and bravery. Escaping slavery himself, he was a first-hand social reformer, Through anti-slavery writings and speeches, he became an informer. He brought to light the ugly truth that had often been ignored, Telling all who would listen to swing wide "Freedom's open door." Booker T. Washington, educator, author, orator, outstanding among peers, Was an advisor to American presidents for more than 25 years. Born into slavery, he climbed to the top of Washington's elite, Respected by politicians he had the ear of Senate, Congress, and Judiciary seats. Spokesman for those who for generations had no voice at all, Descendants of slavery now had someone on whom they could call. U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall, was instrumental in ending legal segregation. He was the first African-American Judge to serve on that court in the entire nation. A voice in Washington, from the most respected benches in the land, He played a key role in promoting civil rights by providing a strong helping hand. Appointed by Lyndon Johnson, respected by his peers. He served the country from that post for twenty-four years. W.E.B DuBois was a sociologist, historian, and writer, A civil rights leader who made this world brighter. At Harvard he was the first African American to earn a doctorate degree, And became a college professor of history,

economics, and sociology. One of the founders of the NAACP, and writer of "The Souls of Black Folk," "Black Reconstruction in America," was a treasure that he wrote. Ida B. Wells was an American journalist and educator, An early leader in the civil rights movement, she was a prejudice hater. She became one of the founders of the NAACP, And combated violence while striving for equality. Standing for the rights of all African-Americans of her day, She became the most famous black women in America, many folks would say. Discover the rich and complex history of the peoples of Africa, and the struggles and triumphs of Black cultures and communities around the world. With profiles of key people, movements, and events, The Black History Book brings together accounts of the most significant ideas and milestones in Black history and culture. This vital and thought-provoking ebook presents a bold and accessible overview of the history of the African continent and its peoples - from the earliest human migrations to modern Black communities and the African diaspora. Powerful images and innovative infographics bring to life the stories of the early kingdoms of Ancient Egypt, Nubia, and Carthage; the powerful empires of the Medieval and Early Modern eras; and the struggle against European colonizers. Black history and culture beyond the African continent is also explored in detail - including the Atlantic Slave Trade; the

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quilombos (slave resistance camps) of Brazil; the Harlem Renaissance and Jazz Age; the "Windrush" migration; Civil Rights and Black feminist movements; and Black Lives Matter. Using the "Big Ideas" series' trademark combination of authoritative, accessible text and bold graphics, The Black History Book examines the achievements and struggles of Black communities across the world up to the modern day, as well as the influence of Black cultures on art, literature, and music the world over. Heroes of Black History Biographies of Four Great Americans (America Handbooks, a TIME for Kids Series) Time For Kids

The black soldiers, sailors, spies, scouts, guides, and wagoners who participated and sacrificed in the struggle for American independence are profiled in this fascinating history which features prints and portraits from the period.

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terms, and a detailed index are also included in this comprehensive book.

For use in schools and libraries only. Offers brief biographies of African American educators, entertainers, inventors, authors, athletes, and others who have made important contributions to American life.

First Martyr of Liberty explores how Crispus Attucks's death in the 1770 Boston Massacre led to his achieving mythic significance in African Americans' struggle to incorporate their experiences and heroes into the mainstream of the American historical narrative. While the other victims of the Massacre have been largely ignored, Attucks is widely celebrated as the first to die in the cause of freedom during the era of the American Revolution. He became a symbolic embodiment of black patriotism and citizenship. This book traces Attucks's career through both history and myth to understand how his public memory has been constructed through commemorations and monuments; institutions and organizations bearing his name; juvenile biographies; works of poetry, drama, and visual arts; popular and academic histories; and school textbooks. There will likely never be a definitive biography of Crispus Attucks since so little evidence exists about the man's actual life. While what can and cannot be known about Attucks is addressed here, the focus is on how he has been

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remembered--variously as either a hero or a villain--and why at times he has been forgotten by different groups and individuals from the eighteenth century to the present day.

“...to be revisited again and again...The candy-colored pages and straightforward stories are hard to resist...” –The New York Times “...diverse collection of iconic figures...vibrantly illustrated...beautifully crafted volume...” –Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review “...exuberant...exquisitely designed...a launching point for more discoveries.” –School Library Journal, Starred Review “A luminous and diverse tribute to black movers and shakers across the centuries.”

–Publishers Weekly Meet 52 icons of color from the past and present in this celebration of inspirational achievement—a collection of stories about changemakers to encourage, inspire, and empower the next generation of changemakers. Jamia Wilson has carefully curated this range of black icons and the book is stylishly brought together by Andrea Pippins’ colorful and celebratory illustrations. Written in the spirit of Nina Simone’s song “To Be Young, Gifted, and Black,” this vibrant book is a perfect introduction to both historic and present-day icons and heroes. Meet figureheads, leaders, and pioneers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and athletes like Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey, and Serena Williams. All children deserve to see

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themselves represented positively in the books they read. Highlighting the talent and contributions of black leaders and changemakers from around the world, readers of all backgrounds will be empowered to discover what they too can achieve. Strong, courageous, talented, and diverse, these extraordinary men and women's achievements will inspire a new generation to chase their dream...whatever it may be. The 52 icons: Mary Seacole, Matthew Henson, Ava Duvernay, Bessie Coleman, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Cathy Freeman, George Washington Carver, Malorie Blackman, Harriet Tubman, Mo Farah, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jesse Owens, Beyonce Knowles, Solange Knowles, Katherine Johnson, Josephine Baker, Kofi Annan, Langston Hughes, Toni Morrison, Brian Lara, Madam C.J. Walker, Yannick Noah, Maurice Ashley, Alexandre Duma, Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, Nina Simone, Simone Biles, Stevie Wonder, Esperanza Spalding, Sidney Poitier, Oprah Winfrey, Pele, Nelson Mandela, Louis Armstrong, Rosa Parks, Naomi Campbell, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Muhammad Ali, Shirley Chisholm, Steve McQueen, Zadie Smith, Usain Bolt, Wangari Maathai, Mae Jemison, W.E.B. Du Bois, Nicola Adams, Serena Williams, Venus Williams, and Misty Copeland. If you like this book, check out *Step Into Your Power* and *Big Ideas for Young Thinkers*, by

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the same author-illustrator team.

New York Times bestselling author-illustrator Vashti Harrison shines a bold, joyous light on black men through history. An important book for readers of all ages, this beautifully illustrated and engagingly written volume brings to life true stories of black men in history. Among these biographies, readers will find aviators and artists, politicians and pop stars, athletes and activists. The exceptional men featured include artist Aaron Douglas, civil rights leader John Lewis, dancer Alvin Ailey, filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, musician Prince, photographer Gordon Parks, tennis champion Arthur Ashe, and writer James Baldwin. The legends in this book span centuries and continents, but what they have in common is that each one has blazed a trail for generations to come.

Meet extraordinary black heroes throughout history--biographies for kids ages 8 to 12 You're invited to meet ancient Egyptian rulers, brilliant scientists, legendary musicians, and civil rights activists--all in the same book! Black Heroes introduces you to 51 black leaders and role models from both history and modern times. This black history book for kids features inspirational biographies of trailblazers from the United States, Egypt, Britain, and more. Discover where in the world they lived, and what their lives were like growing up. Learn about the obstacles they faced on

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the way to making groundbreaking accomplishments. You'll find out how these inspirational figures created lasting change--and paved the way for future generations. **Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids** features: Fascinating biographies? Read about famous icons like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Harriet Tubman, as well as lesser-known pioneers like aviator Bessie Coleman and astronomer Benjamin Banneker. Ways to learn more? Every biography includes an idea for a new way to explore the person and their work, like a book to read, website to visit, or video to watch. Colorful portraits? Bring the historical heroes to life in your imagination with the help of full-color illustrations. **Black Heroes** goes beyond other black history biographies for kids to highlight people from around the world and across time. Who will your new hero be?

Strange Fruit Volume I is a collection of stories from early African American history that represent the oddity of success in the face of great adversity. Each of the nine illustrated chapters chronicles an uncelebrated African American hero or event. From the adventures of lawman Bass Reeves, to Henry "Box" Brown's daring escape from slavery.

American history is filled with heroes who fought for freedom and democracy. In this book, you'll meet four champions in the struggle for equal rights: With an introduction by civil rights icon Charlayne Hunter-Gault, this collection shines a

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light on the people who made America great.

The injustices of 1940s Jim Crow America are brought to life in this extraordinary blend of military and social history—a story that pays tribute to the valor of an all-black battalion whose crucial contributions at D-Day have gone unrecognized to this day. In the early hours of June 6, 1944, the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion, a unit of African-American soldiers, landed on the beaches of France. Their orders were to man a curtain of armed balloons meant to deter enemy aircraft. One member of the 320th would be nominated for the Medal of Honor, an award he would never receive. The nation's highest decoration was not given to black soldiers in World War II. Drawing on newly uncovered military records and dozens of original interviews with surviving members of the 320th and their families, Linda Hervieux tells the story of these heroic men charged with an extraordinary mission, whose contributions to one of the most celebrated events in modern history have been overlooked. Members of the 320th—Wilson Monk, a jack-of-all-trades from Atlantic City; Henry Parham, the son of sharecroppers from rural Virginia; William Dabney, an eager 17-year-old from Roanoke, Virginia; Samuel Mattison, a charming romantic from Columbus, Ohio—and thousands of other African Americans were sent abroad to fight for liberties denied them at home. In England and Europe, these soldiers discovered freedom they had not known in a homeland that treated them as second-class citizens—experiences they carried back to America, fueling the budding civil rights movement. In telling the story of the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion, Hervieux offers a vivid account of the tension between racial politics and national service in wartime America, and a moving narrative of human bravery and perseverance in the face of injustice.

A true hero not only rises to the occasion, but helps others

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rise with them. Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jackie Robinson, and Rosa Parks are five extraordinary people who overcame adversity to claim their places in modern history. In this box set, discover the life and times of five icons of black history and celebrate the difference they made in the world. Over 560 pages and 400 illustrations.

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Celebrates the lives and accomplishments of 150 African Americans who have made a lasting and profound impact on American culture, including Marian Anderson, Shirley Chisholm, Medgar Evers, Langston Hughes, and Alex Haley. "A picture book look at many of the men and women who revolutionized life for African Americans throughout history"-- Learn about the lives and accomplishments of four inspiring figures from American history all in one book: George Washington Carver, Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Meet civil rights leaders who were inspiring individuals as well as leaders in their fields: inventor, activist, orator, scientist. Learn about their childhoods, achievements, and contributions that made the world a better place. Biographies feature fascinating facts and archival photography that vividly illustrate the amazing lives of each hero. The National Geographic Kids Leveled Readers series has proved to be a winning formula with kids, parents, and educators. All books feature expert-vetted text along with brilliant images to make learning fun. Level 1 books reinforce the content of the book with a kinesthetic learning activity. Level 2 Readers feature slightly higher level text and additional vocabulary words. Level 3 Readers have more layers of information to challenge more proficient readers. Each reader includes text written by an experienced, skilled children's books author, a photo glossary, and interactive features in which kids get to reinforce what they've learned in the book.

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Drawn from the lives of key Christians from the past and present, *Heroes in Black History* is an inspiring collection of forty-two exciting and educational readings that highlight African-American Christians through a short biography and three true stories for each hero. Whether read together at family devotions or alone, *Heroes in Black History* is an ideal way to acquaint children ages six to twelve with historically important Christians while imparting valuable lessons.

Featured heroes include Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, William Seymour, Thomas A. Dorsey, Mary McLeod Bethune, Martin Luther King Jr., and many more. Includes brand-new material as well as content from previous *Hero Tales* editions.

A NEW YORK TIMES INSTANT BESTSELLER! A USA TODAY BESTSELLER! This beautifully illustrated book introduces readers of all ages to 40 women who changed the world. Featuring forty trailblazing black women in American history, *Little Leaders* educates and inspires as it relates true stories of breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations. Illuminating text paired with irresistible illustrations bring to life both iconic and lesser-known female figures of Black history such as abolitionist Sojourner Truth, pilot Bessie Coleman, chemist Alice Ball, politician Shirley Chisholm, mathematician Katherine Johnson, poet Maya Angelou, and filmmaker Julie Dash. Among these biographies, readers will find heroes, role models, and everyday women who did extraordinary things - bold women whose actions and beliefs contributed to making the world better for generations of girls and women to

come. Whether they were putting pen to paper, soaring through the air or speaking up for the rights of others, the women profiled in these pages were all taking a stand against a world that didn't always accept them. The leaders in this book may be little, but they all did something big and amazing, inspiring generations to come.

The world is full of many great black men and women who changed the course of history. Because of their contributions, these men and women are rightfully considered heroes by not just black people around the world, but people of all backgrounds. In *The Great Book of Black Heroes: Thirty Black Men and Women Who Have Impacted History*, you'll learn about thirty of the greatest black heroes and heroines from three different continents over a span of more than 2,500 years of history. The definition of hero in this book is any person who influenced a great number of people and often continues to long after his or her death. Heroes can be politicians, activists, philosophers, warriors, artists, or musicians, but most of all they are inspiring! In *The Great Book of Black Heroes*, you'll learn the answers to the following questions: ?How did Nelson Mandela transform from a bitter fighter to a leader who promoted reconciliation? ?Where was the kingdom of Axum and how did one of its kings protect early Christians? ?How did B.B. King get his start and become the King of the Blues??Who was the last

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emperor of Ethiopia and who was one of the first?? Why did so many of these heroes and heroines have to rise above innumerable challenges? And so much more! This book is filled with a plethora of facts about some of the most fascinating and impactful black men and women in world history. But keep in mind that this is so much more than a boring history book, it's meant to keep you engaged and entertained as much as it will educate you. With that said, this book is guaranteed to edify and entertain you! Whether you have a passing interest in history, are distantly related to one of the heroes or heroines, or just want something fascinating to read, you can't go wrong with *The Great Book of Black Heroes*.

I made up my mind to try. I tried and I was successful. - Bessie Coleman Meet the little leaders. They're brave. They're bold. They changed the world. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Did you know the treatment for leprosy was developed by a young scientist called Alice Ball? And Josephine Baker- world famous cabaret singer and dancer- was also a spy for the French résistance? Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations. Debut author/illustrator Vashti Harrison pairs captivating text with stunning illustrations as she tells the stories of both iconic and lesser-known

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Black youngsters form themselves into letters of the alphabet.

Connecting deeply with our kids can be difficult in our busy, technology-driven lives. Reading aloud offers us a chance to be fully present with our children. It also increases our kids' academic success, inspires compassion, and fortifies them with the inner strength they need to face life's challenges. As Sarah Mackenzie has found with her own six children, reading aloud long after kids are able to read to themselves can deepen relationships in a powerful way. Founder of the immensely popular Read-Aloud Revival podcast, Sarah knows first-hand how reading can change a child's life. In *The Read-Aloud Family*, she offers the inspiration and age-appropriate book lists you need to start a read-aloud movement in your own home. From a toddler's wonder to a teenager's resistance, Sarah details practical strategies to make reading aloud a meaningful family ritual. Reading aloud not only has the power to change a family—it has the power to change the world.

Paintings and brief accounts present the accomplishments of twenty leading African

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Americans from Frederick Douglass to the present, including reformers, athletes, artists, and remarkable individuals in other fields.

Many black strategies of daily resistance have been obscured--until now. Race rebels, argues Kelley, have created strategies of resistance, movements, and entire subcultures. Here, for the first time, everyday race rebels are given the historiographical attention they deserve, from the Jim Crow era to the present.

An account of the massacre at Greenwood recreates this destruction of a prosperous African American southern community near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Meet the youngest known child to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963, in this moving picture book that proves you're never too little to make a difference. Nine-year-old Audrey Faye Hendricks intended to go places and do things like anybody else. So when she heard grown-ups talk about wiping out Birmingham's segregation laws, she spoke up. As she listened to the preacher's words, smooth as glass, she sat up tall. And when she heard the plan—picket those white stores! March to protest those unfair laws! Fill the jails!—she stepped right up and said, I'll do it! She was going to j-a-a-ii! Audrey Faye Hendricks was confident and bold and brave as can be, and hers is the remarkable and inspiring story of one child's role in the Civil Rights Movement.

Since 1619, when Africans first came ashore in the swampy Chesapeake region of Virginia, there have been many individuals whose achievements or strength of character in the face of monumental hardships have called attention to the

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genius of the African American people. This book attempts to distill from many wonderful possibilities the 100 most outstanding examples of greatness. Pioneering scholar of African American Studies Molefi Kete Asante has used four criteria in his selection: the individual's significance in the general progress of African Americans toward full equality in the American social and political system; self-sacrifice and the demonstration of risk for the collective good; unusual will and determination in the face of the greatest danger or against the most stubborn odds; and personal achievement that reveals the best qualities of the African American people. In adopting these criteria Professor Asante has sought to steer away from the usual standards of popular culture, which often elevates the most popular, the wealthiest, or the most photogenic to the cult of celebrity. The individuals in this book - examples of lasting greatness as opposed to the ephemeral glare of celebrity fame - come from four centuries of African American history. Each entry includes brief biographical information, relevant dates, an assessment of the individual's place in African American history with particular reference to a historical timeline, and a discussion of his or her unique impact on American society. Numerous pictures and illustrations will accompany the articles. This superb reference work will complement any library and be of special interest to students and scholars of American and African American history.

Take an exciting journey through black history with dozens of inspiring biographies for kids. From the rulers of ancient Egypt to modern-day scientists, athletes, and journalists, discover the lives of black leaders and role models throughout history. *Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids* is packed with 50 biographies of inspiring figures from Africa, the United States, and around the world. Explore the stories of well-known people like Rosa Parks and Barack Obama, and

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lesser-known figures like Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first African-American doctor, and Benjamin Banneker, an astronomer and mathematician. This vibrant black history book for kids makes it fun to learn about how these individuals created lasting change and paved the way for future leaders. **Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids** includes: Civil rights heroes--Meet world-changing activists like Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Stars of the arts--Learn about artists like musician Louis Armstrong, dancer Josephine Baker, and poet Langston Hughes in this unique black history book for kids. Scientists and pioneers--Read the adventures of aviator Bessie Coleman, astronaut Katherine Johnson, and biologist Ernest Just. How will the outstanding role models inside **Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids** inspire you? Offers brief profiles of notable Black men and women from Marian Anderson to Shaka Zulu

#1 New Release in Cultural Heritage ? Making a Better America Black Americans who have shaped their country and beyond: We are familiar with a handful of African Americans who are mentioned in American history books, but there are also countless others who do not get recognized in mainstream media. Their actions may not have appeared to shake the world, but their contributions to shifting American culture were just as groundbreaking. There's more than one way to make a difference: The achievements of the Black Americans included in this book range from athletic to artistic, literary to scientific. Their biographies vary greatly, but each one contributes to the course of Black history and its influence on the greater world. Their stories encourage readers, especially teenage boys and girls, to find their own path to change. Celebrate the successes made possible by diversity: African Americans have made history by challenging and changing the American landscape. This was

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accomplished not by shedding layers of originality, but by wearing their colors proudly and openly in the world. Growth has been made possible by a resistance to conformity and a fusing of cultures, African and American alike. Monique L. Jones's *The Book of Awesome Black Americans* is more than a Black history book. It's a celebration of Black people. In this book, you will find:

- Amazing role models who brought on change by using their gifts and passions to overcome societal barriers
- Stories mainstream media failed to mention that are sure to inspire, motivate, and educate readers of all backgrounds
- Testimonies that demonstrate how American culture thrives when it celebrates diversity and promotes inclusiveness

If you enjoyed books such as *100 African-Americans Who Shaped American History*, *Bedtime Inspirational Stories*, or Becca Anderson's *The Book of Awesome Women*, then *The Book of Awesome Black Americans* should be your next read!

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