

The Black Woman Millionaire A Revolutionary Act That Defies Impossible

"Pleasant's legacy is steeped in scandal and lore. Was she a voodoo queen who traded in sexual secrets? A madam? A murderer? In *The Making of "Mammy Pleasant,"* Lynn M. Hudson examines the folklore of this remarkable woman's real and imagined powers.

In the middle decades of the nineteenth century Jeremiah G. Hamilton was a well-known figure on Wall Street. Cornelius Vanderbilt, America's first tycoon, came to respect, grudgingly, his one-time opponent. The day after Vanderbilt's death on January 4, 1877, an almost full-page obituary on the front of the *National Republican* acknowledged that, in the context of his Wall Street share transactions, "There was only one man who ever fought the Commodore to the end, and that was Jeremiah Hamilton." What Vanderbilt's obituary failed to mention, perhaps as contemporaries already knew it well, was that Hamilton was African American. Hamilton, although his origins were lowly, possibly slave, was reportedly the richest colored man in the United States, possessing a fortune of \$2 million, or in excess of two hundred and \$50 million in today's currency. In *Prince of Darkness*, a groundbreaking and vivid account, eminent historian Shane White reveals the larger than life story of a man who defied every convention of his time. He wheeled and dealt in the lily white business world, he married a white woman, he bought a mansion in rural New Jersey, he owned railroad stock on trains he was not legally allowed to ride, and generally set his white contemporaries teeth on edge when he wasn't just plain outsmarting them. An important contribution to American history, Hamilton's life offers a way into considering, from the unusual perspective of a black man, subjects that are usually seen as being quintessentially white, totally segregated from the African American past.

The grandson of slaves, born into poverty in 1892 in the Deep South, A. G. Gaston died more than a century later with a fortune worth well over \$130 million and a business empire spanning communications, real estate, and insurance. Gaston was, by any measure, a heroic figure whose wealth and influence bore comparison to J. P. Morgan and Andrew Carnegie. Here, for the first time, is the story of the life of this extraordinary pioneer, told by his niece and grandniece, the award-winning television journalist Carol Jenkins and her daughter Elizabeth Gardner Hines. Born at a time when the bitter legacy of slavery and Reconstruction still poisoned the lives of black Americans, Gaston was determined to make a difference for himself and his people. His first job, after serving in the celebrated all-black regiment during World War I, bound him to the near-slavery of an Alabama coal mine—but even here Gaston saw not only hope but opportunity. He launched a business selling lunches to fellow miners, soon established a rudimentary bank—and from then on there was no stopping him. A kind of black Horatio Alger, Gaston let a single, powerful question be his guide: What do our people need now? His success flowed from an uncanny genius for knowing the answer. Combining rich family lore with a deep knowledge of American social and economic history, Carol Jenkins and Elizabeth Hines unfold Gaston's success story against the backdrop of a century of crushing racial hatred and bigotry. Gaston not only survived the hardships of being black during the Depression, he flourished, and by the 1950s he was ruling a Birmingham-based business empire. When the movement for civil rights swept through the South in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Gaston provided critical financial support to many activists. At the time of his death in 1996, A. G. Gaston was one of the wealthiest black men in America, if not the wealthiest. But his legacy extended far beyond the monetary. He was a man who had proved it was possible to overcome staggering odds and make a place for himself as a leader, a captain of industry, and a far-sighted philanthropist. Writing with grace and power, Jenkins and Hines bring their distinguished ancestor fully to life in the pages of this book. *Black Titan* is the story of a man who created his own future—and in the process, blazed a future for all black businesspeople in America.

While ninety percent of the world's millionaires are men, only ten percent are women, making it difficult for women to wield the economic power that will create lasting equality. Rachel Rodgers, founder of Hello Seven, a company that coaches women in scaling their businesses and their lives to seven figures, says it's time for a change. Women deserve the economic power and equality that comes with wealth, and we all have it in us to be millionaires. *We Should All Be Millionaires* details a realistic, achievable, step-by-step path to become a millionaire within the next three years. Whatever is currently stopping you from having seven figures in the bank—whether it is doubt, feeling overwhelmed, imposter syndrome, trying too many things, or simply not knowing where to begin—this book shows you how to clear every obstacle in your way. *We Should All Be Millionaires* will forever change the way you think about money and your ability to earn it. In this book, Rachel Rodgers—mother of four, attorney, business owner, and self-made Black millionaire—shares the lessons she's learned both in her own journey to wealth and in coaching hundreds of women through their own journeys to seven figures. Inside, you'll learn: Why earning more money is not "selfish" or "greedy" but in fact, a revolutionary act that brings the economy into balance and creates a better world for all. Why most of the financial advice you've heard in the past (like "skip your daily latte to save money") is absolute nonsense. An eye-opening history lesson on how women and people of color have been shut out of the ability to build wealth for centuries—and how we can fix this. How to stop making broke-ass decisions that leave you feeling emotionally and financially depleted, and start making million dollar decisions instead. Why aiming to earn \$100K per year is not enough, and why you need to be setting your goals much higher. The crucial ingredients you need if you are serious about becoming a millionaire: including your million-dollar vision, million-dollar squad, and more. Strategies to bring more money in the door and fatten your bank account immediately. (Including Rodgers' \$10K in 10 Days Challenge which hundreds of women have completed—with incredible results.) It's time to construct an entirely new attitude about money, claim your power, and build the financial security that you need and deserve.

Great minds not only think alike, they can influence young minds to better understand their world. Each of these carefully researched biographies of inspirational men and women is supported by a variety of primary source material - newspaper clippings, family photographs, and correspondence - designed to inform as well as to encourage young readers to take on their own investigations.

No matter where you are in life personally, *Finance 'n Stilettos* is written for you. Zaneilia strives to show women how to effectively manage their finances with class and a touch of flair. As well-heeled women, we know that shoes are an essential component to a stylish and sophisticated wardrobe. Finance is just as important to our daily lives as the red peep toe stiletto pump is to a perfectly tailored black pinstripe suit. They both are valuable to a woman's confidence and inner feeling of being well put together. Throughout this book, Zaneilia intertwines her personal stories while highlighting financial tips for women going through the various phases of life. She shares how smart successful women can avoid and recover from money mishaps that can

potentially derail their financial progress. The first step to bouncing back with grace and dignity is acknowledgement of the mistake. If you never admit it, you can't fix it. Instead of dwelling on past financial missteps, she wants to motivate women to learn effective strategies that can help them navigate through the runway of life.

Examines the life and career of Madam C.J. Walker, including her childhood, her first job of washing clothes, and her achievement of becoming America's first female African American millionaire.

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A TikTok sensation, this rom-com about a young woman who agrees to fake date a colleague and bring him to her sister's wedding has "everything you could want in a romance" (Helen Hoang, New York Times bestselling author). Catalina Martín desperately needs a date to her sister's wedding. Especially since her little white lie about her American boyfriend has spiralled out of control. Now everyone she knows—including her ex and his fiancée—will be there and eager to meet him. She only has four weeks to find someone willing to cross the Atlantic and aid in her deception. New York to Spain is no short flight and her raucous family won't be easy to fool. Enter Aaron Blackford—her tall, handsome, condescending colleague—who surprisingly offers to step in. She'd rather refuse; never has there been a more aggravating, blood-boiling, and insufferable man. But Catalina is desperate, and as the wedding draws nearer, Aaron looks like her best option. And she begins to realize he might not be as terrible in the real world as he is at the office.

The New York Times–bestselling author of *The Millionaire Next Door* reveals the spending and saving habits of financially successful women. *Millionaire Women Next Door* presents a variety of groundbreaking concepts involving the personality, lifestyle, motives, beliefs, and spending habits of economically successful American businesswomen. Most of these women report being raised in nurturing family environments. They were trained not only to succeed financially but also to be generous in giving to noble causes. Stanley asks, "How did these businesswomen become millionaires? They did it by doing more of the key activities and achieving better results than most of their male counterparts." Praise for Thomas J. Stanley's *The Millionaire Mind* "A very good book that deserves to be well read." —*The Wall Street Journal* "Worth every cent . . . It's an inspiration for anyone who has ever been told that he wasn't smart enough or good enough." —Associated Press "A high IQ isn't necessarily an indicator of financial success . . . Stanley tells us that the typical millionaire had an average GPA and frugal spending habits—but good interpersonal skills." —*Entertainment Weekly* "Ideas bigger than the next buck." —*Orlando Sentinel*

Beautifully written and deeply researched, *Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments* examines the revolution of black intimate life that unfolded in Philadelphia and New York at the beginning of the twentieth century. In wrestling with the question "What is a free life?", many young black women created forms of intimacy and kinship indifferent to the dictates of respectability and outside the bounds of law. They cleaved to and cast off lovers, exchanged sex to subsist, and revised the meaning of marriage. Longing and desire fueled their experiments in how to live. They refused to labor like slaves or to accept degrading conditions of work. Here, for the first time, these women are credited with shaping a cultural movement that transformed the urban landscape. Through a melding of history and literary imagination, *Wayward Lives* recovers their radical aspirations and insurgent desires. "Ambitious, original . . . a beautiful experiment in its own right." -- Maggie Nelson, author of *The Argonauts*

Mary Church Terrell was an icon in the civil rights movement, advocating for equality and social justice for black women through a lifetime of campaigning and eloquent oration. Famed for being the first black woman to gain a college education in the United States, Mary Terrell put her education to great use. Beginning in the 1890s, she spoke publicly on a range of civil rights which black Americans and black women were deprived. Throughout these efforts, Terrell helped coordinate a series of local movements which campaigned for suffrage and enfranchisement for the black population. Mary Church Terrell began a trend in the civil rights movement; her language bursting with eloquence and reason, she argued for a better intellectual, social and economic life for black Americans. Black women, who lacked even the right to vote, were compelled to join the cause, which they did in their thousands. Living to the age of 90, Terrell was a bridge between the Reconstruction era and the modern civil rights movement.

Take charge of your finances and achieve financial independence – the Clever Girl way Join the ranks of thousands of smart and savvy women who have turned to money expert and author Bola Sokunbi for guidance on ditching debt, saving money, and building real wealth. Sokunbi, the force behind the hugely popular Clever Girl Finance website, draws on her personal money mistakes and financial redemption to educate and empower a new generation of women on their journey to financial freedom. Lighthearted and accessible, Clever Girl Finance encourages women to talk about money and financial wellness and shows them how to navigate their own murky financial waters and come out afloat on the other side. Monitor your expenses, build a budget, and stick with it Make the most of a modest salary and still have money to spare Keep your credit in check and clean up credit card chaos Start and succeed at your side hustle Build a nest egg and invest in your future Transform your money mindset and be accountable for your financial well-being Feel the power of real-world stories from other "clever girls" Put yourself on the path to financial success with the valuable lessons learned from Clever Girl Finance. A 15+ Week all inclusive Self-Care Planner, Habit Tracker and Weekly Journal is perfect for getting your daily to-do's in order, keep track of your nutrition and water intake, spending and savings, space for extra notes and so much more! More than 200 pages (thats over 6 months) filled with prompts for leading your best lifestyle and quality of living.

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Patrisse Khan-Cullors' and asha bandele's instant New York Times bestseller, *When They Call You a Terrorist* is now adapted for the YA audience with photos and journal entries! A movement that started with a hashtag--#BlackLivesMatter--on Twitter spread across the nation and then across the world. From one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement comes a poetic memoir and reflection on humanity. Necessary and timely, Patrisse Khan-Cullors' story asks us to remember that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimized by the powerful. In this meaningful, empowering account of survival, strength, and resilience, Cullors and asha bandele seek to change the culture that declares innocent black life expendable.

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The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. In this “vital, necessary, and beautiful book” (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and “allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people’ (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

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The first edition of Joel Augustus Rogers’s now legendary *100 Amazing Facts About the Negro with Complete Proof*, published in 1934, was billed as “A Negro ‘Believe It or Not.’” Rogers’s little book was priceless because he was delivering enlightenment and pride, steeped in historical research, to a people too long starved on the lie that they were worth nothing. For African Americans of the Jim Crow era, Rogers’s was their first black history teacher. But Rogers was not always shy about embellishing the “facts” and minimizing ambiguity; neither was he above shock journalism now and then. With élan and erudition—and with winning enthusiasm—Henry Louis Gates, Jr. gives us a corrective yet loving homage to Roger’s work. Relying on the latest scholarship, Gates leads us on a romp through African, diasporic, and African-American history in question-and-answer format. Among the one hundred questions: Who were Africa’s first ambassadors to Europe? Who was the first black president in North America? Did Lincoln really free the slaves? Who was history’s wealthiest person? What percentage of white Americans have recent African ancestry? Why did free black people living in the South before the end of the Civil War stay there? Who was the first black head of state in modern Western history? Where was the first Underground Railroad? Who was the first black American woman to be a self-made millionaire? Which black man made many of our favorite household products better? Here is a surprising, inspiring, sometimes boldly mischievous—all the while highly instructive and entertaining—compendium of historical curiosities intended to illuminate the sheer complexity and diversity of being “Negro” in the world. (With full-color illustrations throughout.)

"We Need to Talk: A Memoir About Wealth gives voice to an experience millions share, but no one discusses: what it's like to be rich. The book is an honest, personal story that explores the hidden impact of wealth on identity, relationships, and sense of place in the world. Too often, we link net-worth to self-worth and keep quiet about how our finances make us feel. Money is a taboo subject. The author hopes *We Need to Talk* becomes a catalyst for conversation that demystifies wealth, gets us talking on a personal level, and confirms we are ninety-nine percent the same. In 1991, at twenty-six years old, Jennifer took a job at Microsoft and got lucky. She met her future husband, David, and the stock options she was granted were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. His were worth far more. Years later, when David joined a small, unknown start-up called Amazon.com, she got lucky again. They both did. They were in their early thirties and had tens of millions of dollars. It was amazing. The freedom and benefits were obvious. But after growing up saving her pennies and being wary of the rich, Jennifer was embarrassed to have joined their ranks. She wasn't worried about being liked for her money, she was worried about being hated for it. People looked at her differently. She didn't know how to ensure her children stayed motivated and not entitled, was shocked when a friend asked for \$25,000, discovered philanthropy isn't as straightforward as just writing a check, and grappled with the meaning of enough. For years, she didn't share her dilemmas with others for fear of being judged. No one talks about money-but we should"--

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From an award-winning journalist at The Atlantic, these searing essays make a damning case that cruelty is not merely an unfortunate byproduct of the Trump administration but its main objective and the central theme of the American project. “No writer better demonstrates how American dreams are so often sabotaged by American history. Adam Serwer is essential.”—Ta-Nehisi Coates “Trump summoned the most treacherous forces in American history and conducted them with the ease of a grand maestro.” Like many of us, Adam Serwer didn’t know that Donald Trump would win the 2016 election. But over the four years that followed, the Atlantic staff writer became one of our most astute analysts of the Trump presidency and the volatile powers it harnessed. The shock that greeted Trump’s victory, and the subsequent cruelty of his presidency, represented a failure to confront elements of the American past long thought vanquished. In this searing collection, Serwer chronicles the Trump administration not as an aberration but as an outgrowth of the inequalities the United States was founded on. Serwer is less interested in the presidential spectacle than in the ideological and structural currents behind Trump’s rise—including a media that was often blindsided by the ugly realities of what the administration represented and how it came to be. While deeply engaged with the moment, Serwer’s writing is also haunted by ghosts of an unresolved American past, a past that torments the present. In bracing new essays and previously published works, he explores white nationalism, myths about migration, the political power of police unions, and the many faces of anti-Semitism. For all the dynamics he examines, cruelty is the glue, the binding agent of a movement fueled by fear and exclusion. Serwer argues that rather than pretending these four years didn’t happen or dismissing them as a brief moment of madness, we must face what made them possible and continues to endure. Unless we confront these toxic legacies, the fragile dream of American multiracial democracy will remain vulnerable to the forces that have nearly destroyed it time and again.

Standard Edition Note: This Edition of "The Black Woman Millionaire" delivers all of Dr. Venus' insight, wisdom, and unconventional genius without any expletives. Perfect for use in churches, university curricula, professional women's organizations, corporate trainings, and book clubs. Enjoy! Becoming a Black Woman Millionaire is a revolutionary act. It flies in the face of history. It's spitting in history's face. Look, sis, do I have permission to tell the truth about why you are not a black woman millionaire-yet? Can I just talk to you, sister to sister? No pretense, no political correctness, just real and raw? (This is going to sound sooooo bad...) I can tell you why your business hasn't bloomed. Why you stay at a job that is beneath you. Why no matter how hard you work or how many degrees you get, you live paycheck to paycheck... I can tell you the real reason you lie awake at night tired, stressed, and sleepless, because no matter how much you slave at your business or at that job or in that cubicle, you never feel like you are enough or that you make enough... Do you want to know the truth about why you make big moves and big money #iseeyou #makeyourpapergirl but you are "cash-flow poor"-regardless of your high net-worth tax bracket? Then this is the book, the answer, and the salve for hurts you might not even know you're carrying that directly affect your money. From the streets of Baltimore, to Stanford Ph.D. to (multiple) Black Woman Millionaire, Dr. Venus takes you by the hand and walks you through the spiritual landmine of our "cultural consciousness" that show up in your money so you can defy your impossible to become a 7-Figure sister. This daring and ruthlessly compassionate book sheds an unapologetic light on the impact Slavery has had on Black Women's sense of self in terms of money. Mixing intimate personal stories, searing truth, and emotionally healing action items to start immediately healing money wounds, this book is a must-have for sisters who know they have a destiny to fulfill. Part memoir, part personal-transformation, and part business development, The Black Woman Millionaire serves as a street-smart salve for Black Women to heal their brokenness, so they don't have to spend their lives broke-regardless of income level. Edgy, instructional, and inspirational, this book will teach you how to emancipate yourself-emotionally, spiritually, and financially-so that you alter the financial future of your bloodline.

Soon to be a Netflix series starring Octavia Spencer On Her Own Ground is the first full-scale, definitive biography of Madam C. J. Walker—the legendary African American entrepreneur and philanthropist—by her great-great-granddaughter, A'Lelia Bundles. The daughter of slaves, Madam C. J. Walker was orphaned at seven, married at fourteen and widowed at twenty. She spent the better part of the next two decades laboring as a washerwoman for \$1.50 a week. Then—with the discovery of a revolutionary hair care formula for black women—everything changed. By her death in 1919, Walker managed to overcome astonishing odds: building a storied beauty empire from the ground up, amassing wealth unprecedented among black women and devoting her life to philanthropy and social activism. Along the way, she formed friendships with great early-twentieth-century political figures such as W.E.B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington. On Her Own Ground is not only the first comprehensive biography of one of recent history's most amazing entrepreneurs and philanthropists, it is about a woman who is truly an African American icon. Drawn from more than two decades of exhaustive research, the book is enriched by the author's exclusive access to personal letters, records and never-before-seen photographs from the family collection. Bundles also showcases Walker's complex relationship with her daughter, A'Lelia Walker, a celebrated hostess of the Harlem Renaissance and renowned friend to both Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston. In chapters such as “Freedom Baby,” “Motherless Child,” “Bold Moves” and “Black Metropolis,” Bundles traces her ancestor's improbable rise to the top of an international hair care empire that would be run by four generations of Walker women until its sale in 1985. Along the way, On Her Own Ground reveals surprising insights, tells fascinating stories and dispels many misconceptions.

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history, from the author of The Lost City of Z. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

The Instant New York Times Bestseller! A Good Morning America* Book Club Pick! "Historical fiction at its best!"* A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from New York Times bestselling authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class

collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white--her complexion is dark because she is African American. The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to--for the protection of her family and her legacy--to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

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"One of the most exciting novels of the year . . . The dramatic story of Madam C.J. Walker, America's first black female millionaire."—E. Lynn Harris Born to former slaves on a Louisiana plantation in 1867, Madam C.J. Walker rose from poverty and indignity to become America's first black female millionaire, the head of a hugely successful beauty company, and a leading philanthropist in African American causes. Renowned author Alex Haley became fascinated by the story of this extraordinary heroine, and before his death in 1992, he embarked on the research and outline of a major novel based on her life. With *The Black Rose*, critically acclaimed writer Tananarive Due brings Haley's work to an inspiring completion. Blending documented history, vivid dialogue, and a sweeping fictionalized narrative, Tananarive Due paints a vivid portrait of this passionate and tenacious pioneer and the unforgettable era in which she lived. Praise for *The Black Rose* "An artfully framed page-turner."—Essence "An impressive accomplishment . . . Due's combination of historical study and fictional exploration endows this gripping tale with intimacy and emotional authenticity."—The Miami Herald

Bold, black women in science--where will their inspiration take you? Throughout history, black women have blazed trails across the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. *Black Women in Science* brings something special to black history books for kids, celebrating incredible black women in STEM who have used their brains, bravery, and ambition to beat the odds. *Black Women in Science* stands out amongst other black history books for kids--featuring 15 powerful stories of fearless female scientists that advanced their STEM fields and fought to build a legacy. Through the triumphs of these amazing women, you'll find remarkable role models. *Black Women in Science* goes where black history books for kids have never gone before, including: Above and beyond--Soar over adversity with Mae Jemison, Annie Easley, and Bessie Coleman. Part of the solution--Discover the power of mathematics with Katherine Johnson and Gladys West. The doctor is in--Explore a life of healing with Mamie Phipps Clark, Jane Cooke Wright, and many more. Find the inspiration to blaze your own trail in *Black Women in Science*--maybe your adventure will be the next chapter in black history books for kids.

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The bestselling author delves into his past and discovers the inspiring story of his grandmother's extraordinary life She was black and a woman and a prosecutor, a graduate of Smith College and the granddaughter of slaves, as dazzlingly unlikely a combination as one could imagine in New York of the 1930s—and without the strategy she devised, Lucky Luciano, the most powerful Mafia boss in history, would never have been convicted. When special prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey selected twenty lawyers to help him clean up the city's underworld, she was the only member of his team who was not a white male. Eunice Hunton Carter, Stephen Carter's grandmother, was raised in a world of stultifying expectations about race and gender, yet by the 1940s, her professional and political successes had made her one of the most famous black women in America. But her triumphs were shadowed by prejudice and tragedy. Greatly complicating her rise was her difficult relationship with her younger brother, Alphaeus, an avowed Communist who—together with his friend Dashiell Hammett—would go to prison during the McCarthy era. Yet she remained unbowed. Moving, haunting, and as fast-paced as a novel, *Invisible* tells the true story of a woman who often found her path blocked by the social and political expectations of her time. But Eunice Carter never accepted defeat, and thanks to her grandson's remarkable book, her long forgotten story is once again visible.

From the world of *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls* comes a story based on the real life of Madam C. J. Walker, America's first female self-made millionaire. Sarah is the first person in her family who wasn't born into slavery in Delta, Louisiana. But being free doesn't mean that Sarah doesn't have to work. She cooks, she cleans, she picks cotton, she does laundry, and she babysits. And when she works, she wraps up her hair. One day, Sarah's hair starts to fall out! It's itchy, crunchy, patchy, and won't grow. Instead of giving up, Sarah searches for the right products. And then she invents something better than any shampoo or hair oil she's used before. Her hair grows and grows! That's when she decides to rebrand herself as "Madam C. J. Walker," and begins her business empire. *Madam C. J. Walker Builds a Business* is the story of a leader in the hair care industry, but it's also an inspiring tale about the importance of empowering women to become economically independent. This historical fiction chapter book includes additional text on Madam C. J. Walker's lasting legacy, as well as educational activities designed to encourage entrepreneurship. About the *Rebel Girls Chapter Book Series* Meet extraordinary real-life heroines in the *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls* chapter book series! Introducing stories based on the lives of extraordinary women in global history, each stunningly designed chapter book features beautiful illustrations from a female artist as well as bonus activities in the backmatter to encourage kids to explore the various fields in which each of these women thrived. The perfect gift to inspire any young reader!

A Washington Post bestselling cookbook Become the favorite family chef with 100 tested, perfected, and family approved recipes. The healthy cookbook for every meal of the day: Once upon a time, Jenn Segal went to culinary school and worked in fancy restaurants. One marriage and two kids later she created *Once Upon a Chef*, the popular blog that applies her tried and true chef skills with delicious, fresh, and approachable ingredients for family friendly meals. With the authority of a professional chef and the practicality of a busy working mom, Jenn shares 100 recipes that will up your kitchen game while surprising you with their ease. • Helpful tips on topics such as how to season correctly with salt, how to balance flavors, and how to make the most of leftovers. • Great recipes for easy weeknight family dinners kids will love, indulgent desserts, fun cocktails, exciting appetizers, and more. • Jenn Segal is the founder of *Once Upon a Chef*, the popular blog showcasing easy, family friendly recipes from a chef's point of view. Her recipes have been featured on numerous websites, magazines, and television programs. Fans of *Chrissy Teigen*, *Skinnytaste*, *Pioneer Woman*, *Oh She Glows*, *Magnolia Table*, and *Smitten Kitchen* will love *Once Upon a Chef, the Cookbook*. With 100 tested, perfected, and family approved recipes with helpful tips and tricks to improve your cooking. • Breakfast favorites like Maple, Coconut & Blueberry Granola and Savory Ham & Cheese Waffles • Simple soups, salads and sandwiches for ideal lunches like the Fiery Roasted Tomato Soup paired with Smoked Gouda & Pesto Grilled Cheese Sandwiches • Entrées the whole family will love like Buttermilk Fried Chicken Tenders • Tasty treats for those casual get togethers like Buttery Cajun Popcorn and Sweet, Salty & Spicy Pecans • Go to

sweets such as Toffee Almond Sandies and a Classic Chocolate Lover's Birthday Cake

It's no secret that these hard times have been even harder for the Black community. Approximately 35 percent of African Americans had no measurable assets in 2009, and 24 percent of these same households had only a motor vehicle. Dennis Kimbro, observing how the weight of the continuing housing and credit crises disproportionately impacts the African-American community, takes a sharp look at a carefully cultivated group of individuals who've scaled the heights of success and how others can emulate them. Based on a seven year study of 1,000 of the wealthiest African Americans, *The Wealth Choice* offers a trove of sound and surprising advice about climbing the economic ladder, even when the odds seem stacked against you. Readers will learn about how business leaders, entrepreneurs, and celebrities like Bob Johnson, Spike Lee, L. A. Reid, Herman Cain, T. D. Jakes and Tyrese Gibson found their paths to wealth; what they did or didn't learn about money early on; what they had to sacrifice to get to the top; and the role of discipline in managing their success. Through these stories, which include men and women at every stage of life and in every industry, Dennis Kimbro shows readers how to:

- Develop a wealth-generating mindset and habits
- Commit to lifelong learning
- Craft goals that match your passion
- Make short-term sacrifices for long-term gain
- Take calculated risks when opportunity presents itself

This invaluable "mentor in your pocket" by three dynamic and successful black female executives will help all black women, at any level of their careers, play the power game—and win. Rich with wisdom, this practical gem focuses on the building blocks of true leadership—self-confidence, effective communication, collaboration, and courage—while dealing specifically with stereotypes (avoid the Mammy Trap, and don't become the Angry Black Woman) and the perils of self-victimization (don't assume that every challenge occurs because you are black or female). Some leaders are born, but most leaders are made—and *The Little Black Book of Success* will show you how to make it to the top, one step at a time.

Sarah Rector was once famously hailed as "the richest black girl in America." Set against the backdrop of American history, her tale encompasses the creation of Indian Territory, the making of Oklahoma, and the establishment of black towns and oil-rich boomtowns. Rector acquired her fortune at the age of eleven. This is both her story and that of children just like her: one filled with ups and downs amid bizarre goings-on and crimes perpetrated by greedy and corrupt adults. From a trove of primary documents, including court and census records and interviews with family members, author Tonya Bolden painstakingly pieces together the events of Sarah's life and the lives of those around her. The book includes a glossary, a bibliography, and an index. Praise for *Searching for Sarah Rector* **STARRED REVIEWS** "This handsome volume with its many photographs is carefully sourced and has a helpful glossary, illustration credits and index. Bolden admirably tells a complex story while modeling outstanding research strategy, as her insightful author's note attests." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "This book will be extremely useful to teachers and librarians seeking material to align with Common Core State Standards dealing with the craft of writing of informational text." --School Library Journal, starred review "Bolden's remarks on tracking down Sarah's story will appeal to those who enjoy untangling historical mysteries." --The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

How Big Do You Want to Live? Channel your black girl magic: If you're feeling stuck or trapped by other people's expectations of what you can achieve, it's time to stop playing small and start redefining what success can mean for you. It's time to get that upgrade. Karen Arrington?founder of the Miss Black USA Pageant, creator of the Next Level Women's Summit, and mentor to thousands of confident, successful young black women?is your guide to getting your next level life. Leave a legacy of black excellence: With the seven simple rules, you'll learn how to bring your career, income, and lifestyle to that next level. Don't settle for a life of invisibility and mediocrity. Set ambitious goals, reach for bigger opportunities, and know that you are brave enough to get what you deserve. The rules of success in *Your Next Level Life* will show you how to:

- Create all the money you need
- Position yourself like a star
- Connect with other powerful women

Give a gift of confidence: For anyone looking for inspirational gifts for women in their lives, *Your Next Level Life* is unlike other self-help books for women. It's a guide to opportunity that recognizes and celebrates the true magic of ambitious black women. *Your Next Level Life* is where Gay Hendricks's *The Big Leap* meets Shonda Rhimes's *Year of Yes*. If you liked personal development books like *Believe Bigger* and *Don't Settle for Safe*, you'll love *Your Next Level Life: 7 Rules of Power, Confidence, and Opportunity for Black Women in America*.

"By telling the little-known stories of six pioneering African American entrepreneurs, *Black Fortunes* makes a worthy contribution to black history, to business history, and to American history."—Margot Lee Shetterly, New York Times Bestselling author of *Hidden Figures* Between the years of 1830 and 1927, as the last generation of blacks born into slavery was reaching maturity, a small group of industrious, tenacious, and daring men and women broke new ground to attain the highest levels of financial success. Mary Ellen Pleasant, used her Gold Rush wealth to further the cause of abolitionist John Brown. Robert Reed Church, became the largest landowner in Tennessee. Hannah Elias, the mistress of a New York City millionaire, used the land her lover gave her to build an empire in Harlem. Orphan and self-taught chemist Annie Turnbo-Malone, developed the first national brand of hair care products. Mississippi school teacher O. W. Gurley, developed a piece of Tulsa, Oklahoma, into a "town" for wealthy black professionals and craftsmen that would become known as "the Black Wall Street." Although Madam C. J Walker was given the title of America's first female black millionaire, she was not. She was the first, however, to flaunt and openly claim her wealth—a dangerous and revolutionary act. Nearly all the unforgettable personalities in this amazing collection were often attacked, demonized, or swindled out of their wealth. *Black Fortunes* illuminates as never before the birth of the black business titan.

Four women flaunt their physical attributes and darkest secrets on a new reality show, including the gold-digging Evan, dedicated NBA wife Milan, abused single mom Samirah, and alimony-dependent divorcée Jaise. By the *Essence* best-selling author of *The Ex Factor*. Reprint.

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