



BLACK FUTURES READING LIST

This curated list highlights stories of Black innovation, leadership, and creativity. These titles offer insight, inspiration, and a deeper understanding of the impact of Black excellence across generations.

Elementary School:

- "Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History" by Vashti Harrison
- "Mae Among the Stars" by Roda Ahmed
- "The Undefeated" by Kwame Alexander
- "What Color Is My World? The Lost History of African-American Inventors" by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Middle & High School:

- "Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood" edited by Kwame Mbalia
- "Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition" by Margot Lee Shetterly
- "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba
- "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

For Educators & Community Leaders:

- "The Creative Curve: How to Develop the Right Idea at the Right Time" by Allen Gannett
- "Black Futures" by Kimberly Drew & Jenna Wortham
- "The Power of Broke: How Empty Pockets, a Tight Budget, and a Hunger for Success Can Become Your Greatest Competitive Advantage" by Daymond John