



Empowering African-American Males to Succeed

Teaching, Parenting, and Mentoring Successful Black Males: A Quick Guide (Wynn, 2007) provides a *research-responsive* approach for expanding elementary school-through-college outcomes for black male learners. The *Quick Guide* is taken from the larger text, *Empowering African-American Males to Succeed: A Guide to Increasing Black Male Achievement* (Wynn, 2005).

The attached reading list of 150 books for black males in the primary grades provides a comprehensive listing of enabling texts.

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The primary grades: A reading list for black males

1	47 (Mosley)
2	A Band of Angels: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers (Hopkinson)
3	A Middle School Plan for Students with College-Bound Dreams (Wynn 2007)
4	An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-year-old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting (Schroff 2012)
5	Away West (McKissack 2006)
6	Backyard Animal Show, The (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #5) (Draper 2006)
7	Bad News for Outlaws (Nelson)
8	Barack (Winter)
9	Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope (Grimes)
10	Begging for Change (Flake 2004)
11	Between Madison and Palmetto (Book #3) (Woodson 2002)
12	Bird in a Box (Pinkney)
13	Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson (Smith)
14	Black Pioneers of Science and Invention (Haber 1992)
15	Bud, Not Buddy (Curtis 2004)
16	Buried Bones Mystery, The (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #1) (Draper 2006)
17	Catching the Dream: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream (Hubbard 2010)
18	Chess Rumble (Neri 2007)

19	Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love (McKissack 2000)
20	Curtis Aikens and the American Dream (Rather)
21	Darnell Rock Reporting (Myers 1996)
22	Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave (Hill)
23	Don't Quit - Inspirational Poetry (Wynn 1998)
24	Dreams of My Father by Barack Obama (Obama 2004)
25	Elijah of Buxton (Curtis, 2007)
26	Every Little Thing: Based on the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley (Marley 2012)
27	Follow Your Dreams: Lessons That I Learned in School (Wynn 2000)
28	Forged by Fire (Draper, 1998)
29	Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins (Weatherford 2007)
30	Friendship for Today, A (McKissack 2007)
31	Ghetto Cowboy (Neri)
32	Gifted Hands, Kids Edition: The Ben Carson Story (Lewis 2009)
33	Glory Be (Scattergood)
34	Go for It! (Ervin "Magic" Johnson/Novak)
35	Goin' Someplace Special (McKissack)
36	Grandfather and I (Buckley)
37	Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America (Pinkney 2012)
38	Handbook for Boys (Myers 2003)
39	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (Nelson 2005)

40	Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad (Levine)
41	Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat (Giovanni 2008)
42	Home-Run King (Scraps of Time) (McKissack 2009)
43	Hoops (Myers 1983)
44	Hot, Salty, Sweet, Sour (Smith 2003)
45	How to (Almost) Ruin Your School Play (Willimena Rules! Book #4) (Wesley 2005)
46	How to Face Up to the Class Bully (Willimena Rules! Book #6) (Wesley 2007)
47	Hush (Woodson 2002)
48	I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This (Woodson 2010)
49	I love The Skin I'm In (Flake 1998)
50	I Survived #7: I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 (Tarshis 2013)
51	It's Crunch Time! (Brewer 2011)
52	Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop (Book #1) (Quattlebaum 2005)
53	Jackson Jones and the Curse of the Outlaw Rose (Book #3) (Quattlebaum 2008)
54	Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns (Book #2) (Quattlebaum 2005)
55	John Henry (Lester)
56	Jones Family Express, The (Step toe 2005)
57	Julian's Glorious Summer (Cameron 1987)
58	Junebug in Trouble (Mead 2003)

59	Juneteenth: Freedom Day (Branch)
60	Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-Up (Thomson 2009)
61	Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up (Thomson 2008)
62	Keeping the Night Watch (2008)
63	Laugh with the Moon (Burg)
64	Letters to Young Black Men (Whyte, III)
65	Lift Every Voice and Sing (Johnson)
66	Lincoln and Douglass: An American Friendship (Giovanni)
67	Locomotion (Woodson 2003)
68	Looking Like Me (Myers)
69	Lost in the Tunnel of Time (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #2) (Draper 2006)
70	Love to Langston (Medina)
71	March: Book 1 (Rep. John Lewis & Andrew Aydin 2013)
72	Meet Danitra Brown (Grimes 1997)
73	Miami Sees it Through (Miami Jackson series) (McKissack 2001)
74	Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman (Schroeder 2000)
75	Mister and Me (Holt 2000)
76	More Stories Julian Tells (Cameron 1989)
77	More Than Anything Else (The Story of Booker T. Washington) (Bradby 1995)
78	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Christine King Farris)
79	My Life as a Rhombus (Johnson 2008)

80	My Man Blue (Grimes 2002)
81	Nelson Mandela (Kadir 2013)
82	Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of "Brave Bessie" coleman (Lindbergh)
83	One Crazy Summer (Williams-Garcia 2011)
84	Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth (Rockwell)
85	Out of My Mind (Draper 2010)
86	P.S. Be Eleven (Williams-Garcia 2013)
87	Peace, Locomotion (Woodson 2009)
88	Percy Julian: Forgotten Genius (Agard)
89	Pink and Say (Polacco 1994)
90	Remember: The Journey to School Integration (Morrison)
91	Richard Wright and the Library Card (Miller)
92	Rock of Ages: A Tribute to the Black Church (Bolden)
93	Romiette and Julio (Draper 2001)
94	Rosa (Giovanni)
95	Ruby Flips for Attention (Ruby and the Booker Boys) (Barnes 2009)
96	Ruth and the Green Book (Ramsey 2010)
97	Shadows of Caesar's Creek (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #3) (Draper 2006)
98	Shimmershine Queens (Yarbrough 1996)
99	Show Way (Woodson 2005)
100	Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down (Pinkney)

101	Slumber Party Payback (Ruby and the Booker Boys) (Barnes 2008)
102	Song for Harlem (McKissack 2006)
103	Souder (Armstrong 2002)
104	Space Mission Adventure, The (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #4) (Draper 2006)
105	Sparrow (Smith 2008)
106	Spellbound (McDonald 2001)
107	Stars and Sparks Onstage (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs #6) (Draper 2007)
108	STAT: Standing Tall and Talented #1 (Stoudemire 2012)
109	Street Love (Myers 2007)
110	Sunrise Over Fallujah (Myers 2008)
111	Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt (Hopkinson 2003)
112	Sweet Hereafter (Heaven Trilogy #3) (Johnson 2010)
113	Sweet Music In Harlem (Taylor 2004)
114	Taking the Lead (Moore 2012)
115	Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman (Grimes 2002)
116	Tears of Tiger (Draper 1994)
117	The Bat Boy and His Violin (Curtis 2001)
118	The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street (Flake 2007)
119	The Colors of Us (Katz 2002)
120	The Eagles who Thought They were Chickens (Wynn 1999)

121	The Other Half of My Heart (Frazier)
122	The Pact (Jenkins, Hunt, Davis, 2002)
123	The poem, "Our Deepest Fear" (Williamson 1992)
124	The Story of Ruby Bridges (Coles)
125	The Toothpaste Millionaire (Merrill)
126	The Village That Vanished (Nelson 2004)
127	There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in The Other America (Kotlowitz 1992)
128	Trivia Queen, 3rd Grade Supreme (Ruby and the Booker Boys) (Barnes 2008)
129	Under the Quilt of Night (Hopkinson 2005)
130	Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker (Lasky 2003)
141	Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963 (Curtis 2000)
142	Way a Door Closes, The (Smith 2003)
143	We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success (Davis, Jenkins, Hunt 2006)
144	We March (Evans)
145	What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors (Abdul-Jabbar 2012)
146	When Harriet Met Sojourner (Clinton 2007)
147	When Marian Sang (Ryan 2003)
148	Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art (Rochelle)
149	You Can Do It! (Dungy 2008)
150	Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty (Neri 2010)