

Book Celebrations

AUGUST



In August, we celebrate National Black Business Month as well as Women's Equality Day (August 26). Black-owned businesses are vital to support in every community, so we look to canon memoirs of seasoned entrepreneurs and vibrant stories to help kids dream of starting their own business. And don't forget that the right for women to vote came from the efforts of Black women. These books help us to remember their struggles even after such a victory and how we stand on their shoulders today.



BOOKS FOR KIDS



V IS FOR VOTES

Written by Erin Rose Wage | Illustrated by Jane Pica

This book is great for anyone 3-5 years old that is perfecting their alphabet and word bank. Each word from A to Z describes different pieces of the Suffrage Movement.

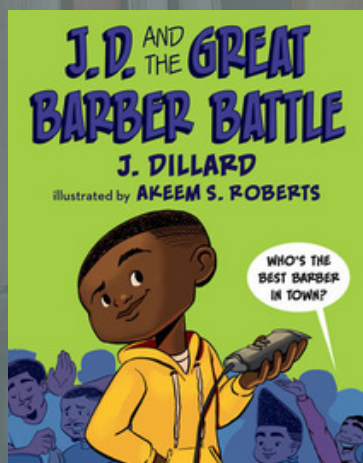
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Grace for President

By Kelly DiPucchio | Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Once she learns the U.S. has never had a female President, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election. A great introduction to the electoral system, this story proves you don't have to be the best man or woman for a job, just the best person.



J.D. AND THE GREAT BARBER BATTLE

By J. Dillard | Illustrated by Akeem S. Roberts

J.D. figures out he is a genius with clippers and his neighbors are excited to get their hair cut by him. When the local barbershop finds out about J.D., it becomes a showdown to see whose skills reign supreme.



THE CURE FOR DREAMING

By Cat Winters

Young suffragist Olivia Mead is hypnotized to 'get the rebel out' of her, per her father's wishes. Olivia wakes up without being able to speak but can hear the innermost thoughts of those around her. A great YA read with historical context!



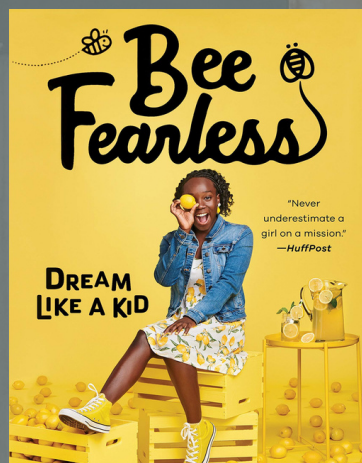
SAVING SVANNAH

By Tonya Bolden

Set in the early 1900s, Savannah comes from an upper-class African American family and takes part in high class society. Soon, she meets a young man outside her social class who introduces her to suffragist lectures and socialist meetings. Savannah starts to question her own way of life.

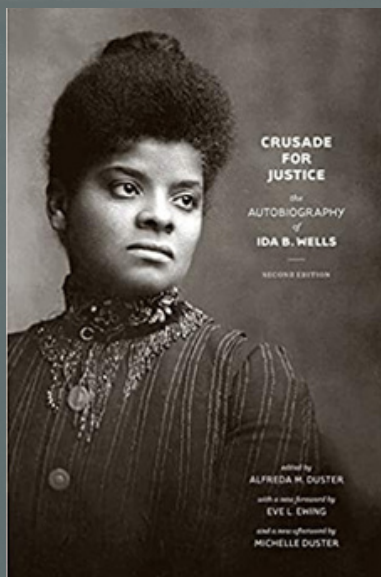


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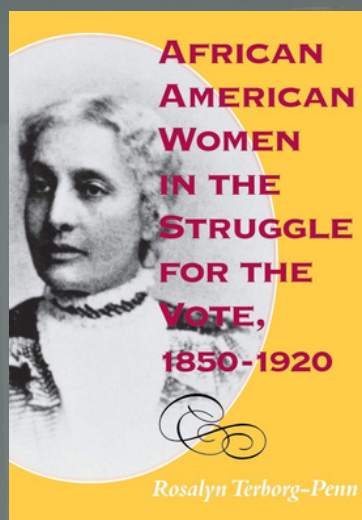
BEE FEARLESS By Mikaila Ulmer

Fifteen year-old Mikaila started off with a lemonade stand to raise awareness for bees and their habitats. From selling lemonade locally to owning a national brand, Mikaila writes about her life, business, and everything in between.



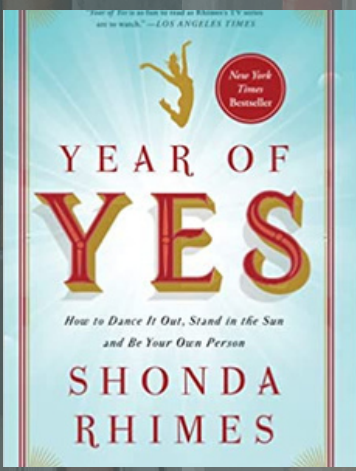
CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF IDA B. WELLS By Ida B. Wells

Born to slaves, Ida B. Wells becomes a trailblazer in America and she tells it all in her own words. She helps to co-found the NAACP and is a major figure in the Women's Suffragist Movement. Wells also tells us about her journey as a mother, an educator, and journalist.



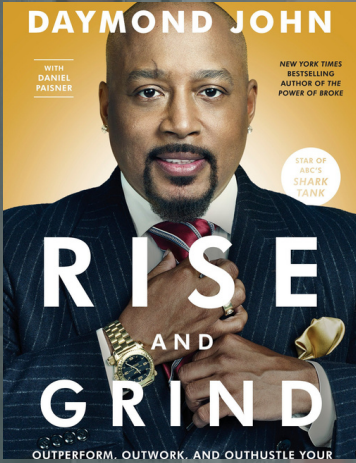
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE VOTE By Rosalyn Terborg-Penn

When women across the U.S. gained the right to vote, much of their efforts came from African American suffragettes. Author Rosalyn Terborg-Penn showcases individual stories of Black women pushing for true equal rights .



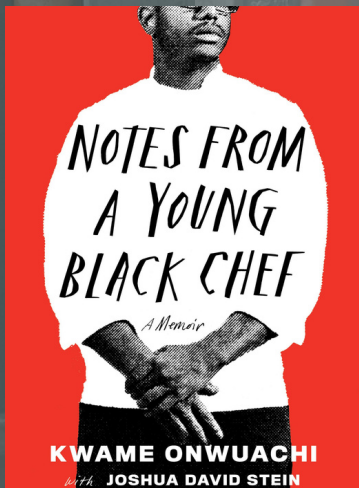
YEAR OF YES By Shonda Rhimes

Self-proclaimed introvert Shonda Rhimes is well known for her successful TV shows and movies. Her works are beloved, but she explains she was once quick to say no to new challenges. In this memoir, Rhimes explains why she came to embrace a world of 'yes' and how it changed everything.



RISE & GRIND By Daymond John

This is a part self-help book and part memoir from business mogul Daymond John. Before Shark Tank and even FUBU, he worked at Red Lobster and sewed his own merchandise. In this book, John explains what it means to change up habits and shares stories of other successful individuals.



NOTES FROM A YOUNG BLACK CHEF By Kwame Onwuachi with Joshua David Stern

Kwame Onwuachi went from selling candy on the subway to pay for his school tuition to opening several highly rated restaurants. In this memoir, he details his upbringing including his mistakes, racism he faced while working in kitchens, and his eventual triumphs.