



Join us in expanding our bookshelves! Book Celebrations highlights books for kids, teens, and adults that honor that month's holidays, celebrated cultures, causes, and more to further educate us all. In February, we honor Black History Month with stories of Black excellence, a nod to trailblazers, and the embrace of folklore.

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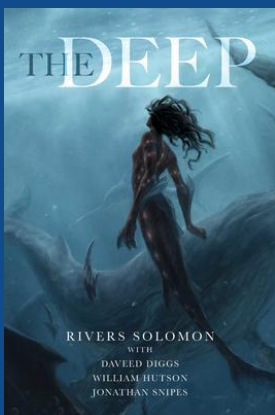
## Black Klansman: A Memoir

by Ron Stallworth

The truth is typically stranger than fiction. Here is the real life story that Spike Lee based his 2018 film on where the first ever Black cop in Colorado Springs infiltrates the Ku Klux Klan.

Written in his own words, Ron Stallworth recruits his Jewish colleague to help him attend meetings and learn more about the terrorist group that operates in their hometown.

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## The Deep

by Rivers Solomon with Daveed Diggs, William Hutson, and Jonathan Snipes

Mermaid lore in African American culture is beautifully described in Rivers Solomon's book. Daveed Digg's rap group *the clipping.* first made the song *The Deep* describing the true practice of how pregnant Black women were thrown overboard from slave ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean. In the world of both the song and novella, the babies of those women are now under-water breathers that have their own society.

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## Mae Among the Stars

By Roda Ahmed  
illustrated by Stasia Burrington

A story with great reviews that celebrate both its message and illustrations. *Mae Among the Stars* shares the journey of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to go to space. The book describes qualities of curiosity, determination, and a love for imagination - perfect themes for a great out-loud read.

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