African American Picture Books

YOUTH SERVICES
MULTI-CULTURAL BOOKLIST
Beginning Chapter Books
The titles included on this list are all picture books portraying African Americans. Only recently published picture books have been included so the list is not all inclusive. To find books on the list, check in the picture book section of the library under the author's last name.

Historical
The Piano Man
Debbi Chocolate
The Bat Boy and His Violin
Gavin Curtis
Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles, Think of That!
Leo Dillon
A Bus of Our Own
Freddi Evans
Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys
Elizabeth Howard
Freedom School, Yes!
Amy Littlesugar
Tree of Hope
Amy Littlesugar
Daisy and the Doll
Michael Medearis
The Bus Ride
William Miller
Rent Party Jazz
William Miller
Little Cliff and the Porch People
Clifton Taulbert

Slave Times
To Be a Drum
Evelyn Coleman
Sky Sash So Blue
Libby Hathorn
Under the Quilt of Night
Deborah Hopkinson
Big Jabe
Jerdine Nolen
The Invisible Princess
Faith Ringgold
A Place Called Freedom
Scott Sanders
The Secret to Freedom
Marcia Vaughtan

Special Places
Uptown
Bryan Collier
Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)
Elizabeth Howard
Down the Winding Road
Angela Johnson
In My Momma's Kitchen
Jerdine Nolen
Jezebel's Spooky Spot
Alice Ross

Time for Celebration
Silver Rain Brown
Debbi Chocolate
Lulu's Birthday
Gavin Curtis
Sunday Week
Leo Dillon
Miz Fannie Mae's Fine New Easter Hat
Freddi Evans
Rhyme Time Valentine
Elizabeth Howard
On Mardi Gras Day
Amy Littlesugar
A Strawbeater's Thanksgiving
Amy Littlesugar
Celebration!
Michael Medearis
Freedom's Gifts: A Juneteenth Story
William Miller

Friendships
No Bad News
William Miller
Sister Anne's Hands
William Miller
Loki & Alex: The Adventures of a Dog
William Miller
and His Best Friend
William Miller
Miss Opal's Auction
Girls Together

Everyday Life
Gettin' Through Thursday
Melrose Cooper
You Are Here
Nina Crews
Happy to Be Nappy
Bell Hooks
When Will Sarah Come?
Elizabeth Howard
Kevin and His Dad
Irene Small
Haircuts at Sleepy Sam's
Michael Strickland
I Love My Hair!
Natasha Tarpley
Something Beautiful
Sherley Williams

Families
The Music in Derrick's Heart
Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert
Momma, Where Are You From?
Marie Bradby
Your Move
Eve Bunting
Daddy Calls Me Man
Angela Johnson
Quinnie Blue
Dinah Johnson
Grandma's Hands
Dolores Johnson
Molasses Man
Kathy May
Jewels
Belinda Rochelle
Because You're Lucky
Irene Small
Visiting Day
Jacqueline Woodson