

Book	target character	target country/ethnic group	Setting	Grade interest
Thompson, L. A., & Qualls, S. (2015). <i>Emmanuel's dream: the true story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah</i> (1st ed). New York: Schwartz & Wade Books.	Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah	Ghana	Africa	K-3
Erskine, K., & Palmer, C. (2017). <i>Mama Africa! how Miriam Makeba spread hope with her song</i> (1st ed). New York: Farrar Straus Giroux.	Miriam Makeba	South Africa	Africa	1-5
Nelson, K. (2013). <i>Nelson Mandela</i> (First edition). New York: Katherine Tegen Books.	Nelson Mandela	South Africa	Africa	K-3
Nivola, C. A. (2008). <i>Planting the trees of Kenya: the story of Wangari Maathai</i> (1st ed). New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.	Wangari Maathai	Kenya	Africa	K-3
Prévot, F., & Fronty, A. (2015). <i>Wangari Maathai: the woman who planted millions of trees</i> (1st US edition). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.	Wangari Maathai	Kenya	Africa	1-4
Kamkwamba, W., Mealer, B., & Zunon, E. (2012). <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers.	William Kawkwamba	Malawi	Africa	1-3
Kamkwamba, W., & Mealer, B. (2009). <i>The boy who harnessed the wind: Creating currents of electricity and hope</i> (1st ed). New York, NY: William Morrow.	William Kawkwamba	Malawi	Africa	6 and up
Stelson, C. B. (2016). <i>Sachiko: a Nagasaki bomb survivor's story</i> . Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books.	Yasui Sachiko	Japan	Asia	6 and up
Wallmark, L., & Chu, A. (2015). <i>Ada Byron Lovelace and the thinking machine</i> . Berkeley: Creston Books, LLC.	Ada Byron Lovelace	England	Europe	K-3
Brown, D. (2004). <i>Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin.	Albert Einstein	Germany	Europe	2-5
Snyder, L., & Morstad, J. (2015). <i>Swan: the life and dance of Anna Pavlova</i> . San Francisco: Chronicle Books.	Anna Pavlova	Russia	Europe	1-4
Markel, M., & Sweet, M. (2013). <i>Brave girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909</i> (1st ed). New York: Balzer + Bray.	Clara Lemlich	Ukraine / USA	Europe	K-2
Pizzoli, G. (2015). <i>Tricky Vic: the impossibly true story of the man who sold the Eiffel Tower</i> . New York, New York: Viking, an imprint of Penguin Group.	Count Victor Lustig	Czech Republic / France / USA	Europe	3-5
Stone, T. L., & Priceman, M. (2013). <i>Who says women can't be doctors? the story of Elizabeth Blackwell</i> (First edition). New York: Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt and Co.	Elizabeth Blackwell	England	Europe	K-2
Silvey, A. (2015). <i>Untamed: the wild life of Jane Goodall</i> . Washington, D.C: National Geographic.	Jane Goodall	England / Africa	Europe	3-7
Cohen-Janca, I., Quarello, M. A. C., & Ayer, P. (2015). <i>Mister Doctor: Janusz Korczak & the orphans of the Warsaw Ghetto</i> . Buffalo, NY: Annick Press.	Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldszmit)	Warsaw (Poland/Russia) - WWII	Europe	4-7
Winter, J., & Hawkes, K. (2012). <i>Just behave, Pablo Picasso!</i> (1st ed). New York: Arthur A. Levine Books.	Pablo Picasso	Spain / France	Europe	K-5
Marcus, L. S. (2013). <i>Randolph Caldecott: the man who could not stop drawing</i> (First edition). New York: Frances Foster Books, Farrar Straus Giroux.	Randolph Caldecott	England / USA	Europe	6 and up
Schwartz, S., & Watkinson, L. (2015). <i>The other side of the Wall</i> (First American edition). Minneapolis: Graphic Universe.	Simon Schwartz	Germany	Europe	6 and up
Rosenstock, B., & GrandPré, M. (2014). <i>The Noisy Paint Box: The colors and sounds of Kandinsky's abstract art</i> (First edition). New York: Alfred A. Knopf.	Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky	Russia	Europe	K-3
Weatherford, C. B. (2017). <i>Schomburg: the man who built a library</i> (1st ed). Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press.	Arturo Alfonso Schomburg	Afro-Puerto Riqueño	Latin America	4-7

Winter, J., & Winter, J. (1991). <i>Diego</i> . New York: Knopf : Distributed by Random House.	Diego Rivera	Mexico	Latin America	K-2
Winter, J. (2010). <i>Biblioburro: a true story from Colombia</i> (1st ed). New York: Beach Lane Books.	Luis Soriano	Colombia	Latin America	K-2
Growing Up Pedro : How the Martinez Brothers Made It from the Dominican Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues	Pedro and Ramon Martinez	Dominican Republic	Latin America	K-5
Mora, P. (2002). <i>A Library for Juana: The World of Sor Juana Ines</i> . New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers.	Sor Juana Ines de La Cruz	Mexico	Latin America	K-3
Yousafzai, M., & Kerascoët. (2017). <i>Malala's Magic Pencil</i> (First edition). New York: Little, Brown and Company.	Malala Yousafzai	Pakistan	Middle East	K-3
Winter, J. (2009). <i>Nasreen's secret school: a true story from Afghanistan</i> (1st ed). New York: Beach Lane Books.	Nasreen (PSEUDONYM)	Afghanistan	Middle East	1-4
Winter, J. (2017). <i>The world is not a rectangle: a portrait of architect Zaha Hadid</i> (First edition). New York: Beach Lane Books.	Zaha Hadid	Iraq	Middle East	K-3
Dunn, L. K., Wyrick, M., & Salmon, R. R. (2017). <i>Dreaming with animals: Anna Hyatt Huntington and Brookgreen Gardens</i> . Columbia, South Carolina: The University of South Carolina Press.	Anna Hyatt Huntington	USA - woman	North America	K-5
Levinson, C., & Brantley-Newton, V. (2017). <i>The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist</i> (1st ed). New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.	Audrey Faye Hendricks	African- American	North America	K-5
Bartoletti, S. C., & Nivola, C. A. (2004). <i>The Flag Maker</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin.	Caroline Pickersgill	USA - woman	North America	2-5
Krull, K., & Morales, Y. (2003). <i>Harvesting hope: the story of Cesar Chavez</i> . San Diego: Harcourt, inc.	Cesar Chavez	USA - Hispanic	North America	K-3
Tate, D. (2015). <i>Poet: the remarkable story of George Moses Horton</i> (First edition). Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers.	George Moses Horton	African- American	North America	1-4
Hegedus, B., & McGuire, E. (2018). <i>Alabama spitfire: the story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird</i> . New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.	Harper Lee	USA - woman	North America	K-3
Cline-Ransome, L., & Ransome, J. (2017). <i>Before she was Harriet: the story of Harriet Tubman</i> (First edition). New York: Holiday House.	Harriet Tubman	African- American	North America	K-2
Tavares, M. (2010). <i>Henry Aaron's Dream</i> (1st ed). Somerville, Mass: Candlewick Press.	Henry Aaron	African- American	North America	K-5
Robertson, R., & Shannon, D. (2015). <i>Hiawatha and the Peacemaker</i> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers.	Hiawatha	Native-American	North America	K-3
Nelson, S. D. (2015). <i>Sitting Bull: Lakota warrior and defender of his people</i> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers.	Hunkpapa Lakota	Native-American	North America	3-7
Coy, J., & Morse, J. (2013). <i>Hoop Genius: How a desperate teacher and a rowdy gym class invented basketball</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books.	James Naismith	Canada	North America	K-3
Asim, J., & Lewis, E. B. (2016). <i>Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis</i> . New York: Nancy Paulsen Books.	John Lewis	African- American	North America	K-3
Kostecki-Shaw, J. S. (2015). <i>Luna and Me: The true story of a girl who lived in a tree to save a forest</i> (First edition). New York: Christy Ottaviano Books, Henry Holt and Company.	Julia Butterfly Hill	USA - woman	North America	K-2
Barton, C., & Tate, D. (2016). <i>Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's super-soaking stream of inventions</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.	Lonnie Johnson	African- American	North America	3-5
McCully, E. A. (2006). <i>Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight became an inventor</i> (1st ed). New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux.	Margaret E. Knight	USA - woman	North America	K-3
Burleigh, R., & Colón, R. (2016). <i>Solving the puzzle under the sea: Marie Tharp maps the ocean floor</i> (First edition). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.	Marie Tharp	USA - woman	North America	K-3

Martin, J. B., Lee, J. J., & Man One. (2017). <i>Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix</i> (First edition). Bellevue, Washington: Readers to Eaters Books.	Roy Choi	Korean- American	North America	K-4
Marcovitz, H. (2003). <i>Uncle Sam</i> . Philadelphia: Mason Crest Publishers.	Sam Wilson	USA - man	North America	
Ray, D. K. (2012). <i>Paute princess: the story of Sarah Winnemucca</i> (1st ed). New York: Frances Foster Books, Farrar Straus Giroux.	Sarah Winnemucca	Native-American	North America	3-5
Rumford, J., & Huckaby, A. S. (2004). <i>Sequoyah: the Cherokee man who gave his people writing</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.	Sequoyah	Native-American	North America	3-5
Burcaw, S., & Carr, M. (2017). <i>Not so different: what you really want to ask about having a disability</i> (1st ed). New York: Roaring Brook Press.	Shane Burcaw	USA - man / disabilities	North America	1-4
Pimentel, A. B., & Lo, R. (2016). <i>Mountain Chef: How one man lost his groceries, changed his plans, and helped cook up the National Park Service</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.	Tie Sing	Chinese- American	North America	1-4
Martin, J. B., Larkin, E.-S., & Allen, W. (2013). <i>Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table</i> (First edition). Bellevue, Washington: Readers To Eaters.	Will Allen	African- American	North America	K-2

And more:

Ngcaba, C. M. (2014). <i>May I have this dance: the story of my life</i> . South Africa: Face2Face.	Connie Manse Ngcaba	South Africa	Africa	NOT AVAILABLE
DePrince, M., & DePrince, E. (2014). <i>Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina</i> . New York: Ember, an imprint of Rando House Children's Books.	Michaela De Prince	Sierra Leone	Africa	6 and up
Shecter, V. A. (2006). <i>Alexander the Great Rocks the World</i> . Plain City, OH: Darby Creek Pub.	Alexander the Great	Greece	Europe	5-8
Caravantes, P. (2016). <i>Marooned in the Arctic: the true story of Ada Blackjack, the "female Robinson Crusoe."</i> Chicago, Illinois: Chicago Review Press.	Ada Blackjack	Inuit	Europe	7 and up
Anderson, M. T. (2015). <i>Symphony for the city of the dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad</i> (First edition). Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press.	Dmitri Shostakovich	Russia	Europe	9 and up
Marcovitz, H. (2001). <i>Vasco Nunez De Balboa and the Discovery of the South Sea</i> . Philadelphia: Chelsea House Pub.	Vasco Nunez de Balboa	Spain / Central America	Latin America	4-6
Park, L. S. (2010). <i>A long walk to water: a novel</i> . New York: Clarion Books.	Salva Dut (pseudonym)	Sudan	Middle East	5-7
Shecter, V. A. (2010). <i>Cleopatra Rules!: The Amazing Life of the Original Teen Queen</i> . Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press.	Cleopatra	Egypt	Middle East	3-7
Rosenstock, B. (2016). <i>Dorothea's Eyes: Dorothea Lange Photographs the Truth</i> . Honesdale, Pennsylvania: Calkins Creek.	Dorothea Lange	USA - woman	North America	3-7
Wittenstein, B. (2018). <i>The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.	Earle Dickson	USA - man	North America	2-4
Vernick, A. (2016). <i>The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton</i> . Boston: Clarion Books.	Edith Houghton	USA - woman	North America	K-3
Grimes, N., & Wood, M. (2015). <i>Chasing freedom: the life journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony, inspired by historical facts</i> (1st ed). New York: Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.	Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony	African- American	North America	3-6
Hopkins, H. J., & McElmurry, J. (2013). <i>The tree lady: the true story of how one tree-loving woman changed a city forever</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books.	Katherine Sessions	USA - woman	North America	K-5

Meltzer, B. (2016). <i>I am Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> (First Edition/First Printing edition). New York, NY: Dial Books.	Martin Luther King Jr.	African- American	North America	K-3
Winter, J. (2009). <i>Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx / La juez que crecio en el Bronx</i> (Bilingual edition). New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.	Sonia Sotomayor	USA - Hispanic woman	North America	K-3
Krull, K. (2000). <i>Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman</i> (First edition). Sacramento, Calif.: HMH Books for Young Readers.	Wilma Rudolph	USA - woman	North America	K-3
Brown, D. J. (2016). <i>The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics</i> (Reprint edition). New York: Puffin Books.	American Olympic Rowing team -1936	USA - men	North America	4-7
Hillenbrand, L. (2017). <i>Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive</i> (Reprint edition). Ember.	Louis Zamperini	USA - man	North America	9 and up