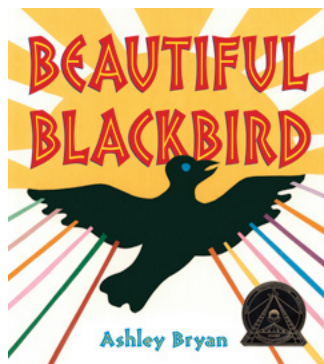


BEAUTIFUL BLACKBIRD CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

It is essential that we celebrate Black books and Black children's book creators in our classrooms, libraries, and homes. Dr. Krista Aronson of the Diverse Bookfinder outlines why in her video "Black Books Matter" vimeo.com/429975786. Below you will find ways to engage with the books in this year's Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival. We hope these tools find their way into your exploration of African diaspora experience.






ASHLEY BRYAN'S ABCs OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY

Edited & Illustrated by Ashley Bryan
Published by Simon & Schuster

 Read Aloud: Performance by the Community
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival


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 Dance Activity: ABC Poem Dance with Veeva Banga
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival


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 Writing Activity: The ABC's of Your Poetry
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival


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 Resources: Read, Watch, Listen
Source: Ashley Bryan Center

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 Lesson Plans: Ashley Bryan's ABCs of African American Poetry
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Lesson Plans: STEAM—for the ARTS—Poetry, Storytelling, Song, and a Celebration of Our Shared Humanity: The Creations of Ashley Bryan
Source: Simon & Schuster

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JOSEPH'S BIG RIDE

Illustrated by Ken Daley
Written by Terry Farish
Published by Annick Press

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview
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 Art Activity: Creating a Big Ride with Aminata Conteh
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival


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 Movement Activity: Move like Joseph and Whoosh!
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 Resources: Joseph's Big Ride
Source: I'm Your Neighbor Books

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 Lesson Plans: Joseph's Big Ride
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Art Activity: Friendships & Bicycles
Source: Maine College of Art

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SO TALL WITHIN: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom

Illustrated by Daniel Minter

Written by Gary D. Schmidt

Published by Roaring Brook Press

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview

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 Art Activity: Painting a Journey of Light & Truth

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 Lesson Plans: So Tall Within

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 Lesson Plans: Sojourner Truth and Equal Rights

Source: Learning for Justice

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 Lesson Plans: Sojourner Truth

Source: Sojourner Truth Memorial

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CROWN: Ode to the Fresh Cut

Illustrated by Gordon C. James

Written by Derrick Barnes

Published by Agate Publishing

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview

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 Art Activity: Shaping Your Own Crown

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 Movement Activity: A Statue of You

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 Lesson Plans: Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut

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 Lesson Plans: Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut

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TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY


Written by Kwame Mbalia
Published by Disney Hyperion

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview
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 Writing Activity: Creating Characters
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival


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 Educator's Guide: Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
Source: Disney Hyperion

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 Activity Kit: Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
Source: Disney Hyperion

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 Lesson Plans: Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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THE RED PENCIL

By Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illustrated by Shane E. Evans
Published by Little, Brown

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview
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 Writing Activity: Object Writing: The Poetry of Things
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival

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 Resources: The Red Pencil
Source: I'm Your Neighbor Books

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 Lesson Plans: The Red Pencil
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 Lesson Plans: The Red Pencil
Source: Classroom Bookshelf

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YOUR NAME IS A SONG

By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Illustrated by Luisa Uribe

Published by The Innovation Press

 Read Aloud & Creator Interview

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 Art & Movement Activity: Sing & Dance
Your Name

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 Name Pronunciation Guide

Source: The Innovation Press

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 Resources: Your Name is a Song

Source: I'm Your Neighbor Books

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 Lesson Plans: Hearing the Melodies of Classmates
with Your Name is a Song

Source: Classroom Bookshelf

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 Lesson Plans

Source: Read Across America

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 Lesson Plans & Family Discussion Guide

Source: Anti-Defamation League

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