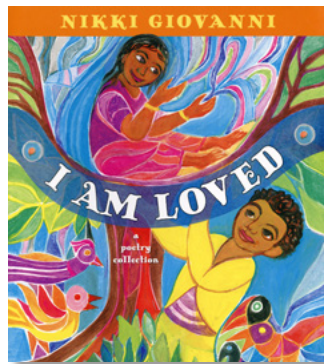


# BEAUTIFUL BLACKBIRD CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

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](#)". 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.





## I AM LOVED


Written by Nikki Giovanni  
Illustrated by Ashley Bryan  
Published by Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

 Read Aloud: Performance by Atiim Boykin  
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children’s Book Festival

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 Art Activity:  
Self-Portrait Mirroring Your Strengths  
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: Poetry Multi-Levelled Lesson  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Talk:  
Nikki Giovanni on the Legacy of Ashley Bryan  
Source: Bates College Museum of Art

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## THANK YOU, Omu!


Written by Oge Mora  
Illustrated by Oge Mora  
Published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

 Read Aloud: Read by Julian Winter  
Source: Gotham Reads


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 Art Activity: Collaging Community  
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children’s Book Festival


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 Interview:  
Oge Mora Tells Stories that Celebrate Black Joy  
Source: The Recount

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 Lesson Plans: Thank You, Omu!  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Pronunciation: Oge Mora  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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## BLACK IS A RAINBOW COLOR


Written by Angela Joy

Illustrated by Ekua Holmes

Published by Roaring Brook Press

 Read Aloud: Black Is a Rainbow Color  
Source: Macmillan Children's Books


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 Playlist: Music to Accompany Black Is a Rainbow Color  
Source: Angela Joy/Spotify

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 Lesson Plan: What's Your Rainbow Color  
Source: Angela Joy


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 Lesson Plans: Black Is a Rainbow Color  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Lesson Plan: Social Justice  
Source: Teaching Humanity

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 Pronunciation: Ekua Holmes  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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## BLUE: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky

Written by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond

Illustrated by Daniel Minter

Published by Knopf Books for Young Readers

 Art Activity: Paper Tapestry of Tones of Blue  
Source: Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival

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 Lesson Plans: Blue "After the Visit"  
Source: Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond


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 Lesson Plans: Blue  
Source: NEA

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 Lesson Plans: Blue  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Interview: Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond & Daniel Minter  
Source: NPR

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## NANA AKUA GOES TO SCHOOL

Written by Tricia Elam Walker

Illustrated by April Harrison

Published by Random House Children's Books

 Read Aloud: Nana Akua Goes to School  
Source: Prince George's County Memorial Library System

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 Lesson Plans: Nana Akua Goes to School  
Source: TeachingBooks.net

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 Lesson Plans: Nana Akua Goes to School  
Source: Random House

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 Discussion Questions: Nana Akua Goes to School  
Source: Africa Access

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 Talk: Tricia Elam Walker Award Acceptance  
Source: EJK Foundation

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## THE 1619 PROJECT:

### Born on the Water


Written by Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renée Watson

Illustrated by Nikkolos Smith

Published by Penguin Young Readers Group

 Lesson Plans: Born on the Water  
Source: Penguin Young Readers Group


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 Lesson Plans: Born on the Water  
Source: The 1619 Project


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 Lesson Plans: Teaching Hard History  
Source: Learning for Justice

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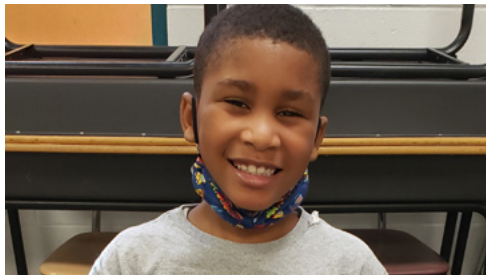
 Interview: Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renée Watson  
Source: NPR

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 Interview: Nikkolos Smith  
Source: Greenlight Bookstore

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## NEW KID

Written by Jerry Craft

Illustrated by Jerry Craft

Published by HarperCollins Publishers

 Lesson Plans: New Kid

Source: HarperCollins

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 Lesson Plans: New Kid

Source: SLJ Classroom Bookshelf

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 Discussion Questions: New Kid

Source: Coretta Scott King Awards

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 Interview: Jerry Craft

Source: Connecticut Public

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 Talk: Jerry Craft Newbery Award Acceptance

Source: ALSC

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