

100 Books for Kids from Fisk University Summer Camps

Here are 100 books for boys/teens of color that Fisk University has been using in their summer programs. Be sure to check the grade/reading level for each text to make sure it's appropriate for the young man, in your life!

1. [Spin a Soft Black Song](#) by Nikki Giovanni
2. [Black Boy](#) by Richard Wright
3. [Things Fall Apart](#) by Chinua Achebe
4. [Monster](#) by Walter Dean Myers
5. [When I Was The Greatest](#) by Jason Reynolds
6. [Miracle's Boys](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
7. [After Tupac and D Foster](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
8. [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie
9. [American Born Chinese](#) by Gene Luen Yang
10. [Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander

Quick Tip: Hey parents! Have your child read this book alongside a documentary on basketball. The National Common Core expects students to be able to, "Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story (or stories) or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact)." [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3](#) Try LeBron James' "More Than A Game" or the classic "Hoop Dreams." Use the documentary/book in a discussion of comparing/contrasting. Have your child write a response to the film/book and feel free to give them a prompt that'll call on their comprehension and their interest.

11. [The Color of Water](#) by James McBride
12. The Autobiography of Malcolm X
13. Anansi Stories
14. [The Alchemist](#) by Paulo Coelho
15. [The Bluest Eye](#) by Toni Morrison
16. [All-American Boys](#) by Brandon Kiely and Jason Reynolds
17. [Kaffir Boy](#) by Mark Mathabane
18. [Dreams From My Father](#) by Barack Obama
19. [Bad Boy](#) by Walter Dean Myers

20. [Hoops](#) by Walter Dean Myers
21. [Buck](#) by MK Asante
22. [The Chocolate War](#) by Robert Comier
23. [The Best of Simple](#) by Langston Hughes
24. [Makes Me Wanna Holler](#) by Nathan McCall
25. [The Pact](#) by Sampson Davis
26. [The Bond](#) by Sampson Davis
27. [Invisible Man](#) by Ralph Ellison
28. [X](#) by Ilyasah Shabazz

Quick Tip: X can be used as a “connector text.” Get your child hype about Malcolm X’s story, through this adventure and then introduce them to the autobiography.

29. [The Boy In The Black Suit](#) by Jason Reynolds
30. [The Watsons go to Birmingham](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis
31. [Yolanda’s Genius](#), by Carol Fenner
32. [Esperanza Rising](#), by Pam Munoz Rising
33. [The First Part Last](#), by Angela Johnson
34. [March: Graphic Novels](#) by John Lewis
35. [Martin Luther King and The Montgomery Story](#)
36. A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
37. Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
38. Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes
39. Marvel’s New Black Panther Run by Ta-Nehisi Coates
39. [145th Street](#) By Walter Dean Myers
40. [Mexican White Boy](#) By Matt De La Pena
41. [Ball Don’t Lie](#) By Matt De La Pena

42. [Game](#) By Walter Dean Myers
43. [Bang](#) By Sharon G. Flake
44. [You Don't Even Know Me](#) by Sharon G. Flake
45. [Tyrell](#) By Coe Booth
46. [Bronxwood](#) By Coe Booth
47. [Hip-Hop High School](#) By Alan Larence Sitomer
48. [Tears of a Tiger](#) By Sharon M. Draper
49. [Forged By Fire](#) By Sharon M. Draper
50. [Diary of Tears](#) by Julius Lester
51. [Elijah of Buxton](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis
52. [Bud Not Buddy](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis
53. [Sounder](#) by William H. Armstrong
54. [One Crazy Summer](#) by Rita Williams-Garcia
55. [Drown](#) by Junot Diaz
56. [The Beautiful Struggle](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
57. [The Dew Breaker](#) by Edwidge Danticat
58. [When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop](#) by Laban Carrick Hill
59. [Black Boy, White School](#) by Brian F. Walker
60. [Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys](#) by Victor M. Rios
61. [Letters to A Young Brother](#) by Hill Harper
62. [Barber Game Time Books](#) by Tiki and Ronde Barber
63. [Kid Caramel](#) series by Dwayne Ferguson
64. [The Toothpaste Millionaire](#) by Jean Merrill
65. [STAT: Standing Tall and Talented](#) series by Amare Stoudemire

66. [Miami Jackson](#) series by Patricia McKissack
67. [Julian](#) series by Ann Cameron
68. [Salt in His Shoes](#) by Deloris Jordan
69. [Be Boy Buzz](#) by bell hooks
70. [Between The World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
71. [Shooting Kabul](#) by N.H. Senzai
72. [12 Years A Slave: Illustrated Edition](#)
73. [I Never Had It Made: an Autobiography of Jackie Robinson](#)
74. [Pull](#) by Kevin Waltman
75. [Kinda Like Brothers](#) by Coe Booth
76. [Dopesick](#) by Walter Dean Myers
77. [Lockdown](#) by Walter Dean Myers
78. [All The Right Stuff](#) by Walter Dean Myers
79. [Darius & Twig](#) by Walter Dean Myers
80. [How It Went Down](#) by Kekla Magoon
81. [Blue Boy](#) by Rakesh Satyal
82. [Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty](#) by G. Neri
83. [Ghetto Cowboy](#) by G. Neri
84. [Boys Without Names](#) by Kashmira Steth
85. [Chess Rumble](#) by G. Neri
86. [Keeping the Night Watch](#) by Hope Anita Smith
87. [He Said, She Said](#) by Kwame Alexander
88. [Turning 15 On the Road to Freedom](#) by Elspeth Lealock
89. [A Wreath for Emmet Till](#) by Marilyn Johnson

90. [Mississippi Trial, 1955](#) by Chris Crowe
91. [The Battle of Jericho](#) by Sharon M. Draper
92. [We Beat The Street](#) by Sampson Davis
93. [Superman Vs. Muhammad Ali](#) by Neal Adams/Dennis O'Neil
94. [Spiderman: Miles Morales](#)
95. [Life Doesn't Frighten Me](#) by Maya Angelou & Jean-Michel Basquiat
96. [It's Bigger Than Hip-Hop](#) by MK Asante
97. [Can't Stop, Won't Stop](#) by Jeff Chang
98. [As Brave As You](#) by Jason Reynolds
99. [Ghost](#) by Jason Reynolds
100. [Jaden Toussaint, The Greatest](#) by Marti Dumas