

So, You Liked Jackie and Me? Try these books next!

For Children

Willie and the All-Stars by Floyd Cooper

Willie, an African-American boy growing up in Chicago, dreams of playing baseball in the Major Leagues, like his idols. But it's 1942, and Jackie Robinson is years away from breaking the color barrier. When Willie gets tickets to an exhibition all-star game between Major Leaguers and Negro Leaguers, he sees firsthand how determination can change everything.

Play Ball, Jackie! by Stephen Krensky

On April 15, 1947, Matt Romano and his father watch the Brooklyn Dodgers season-opener, during which Jackie Robinson, a twenty-eight-year-old rookie, breaks the "color line" that had kept black men out of Major League baseball.

Teammates by Peter Golenbock

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Baseball Great by Tim Green

All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.

Heart and Soul: the Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

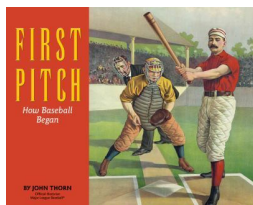
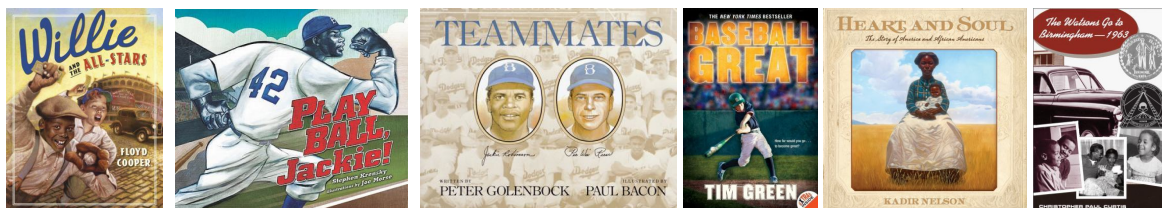
This intimate introduction to the history of America and African Americans is a story of hope and inspiration and unwavering courage. But it is also the story of injustice; of a country divided by law, education, and wealth; of a people whose struggles and achievements helped define their country.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. The telling of the awful historical events that happened that summer is balanced by a story full of humor and the strength of family love.

First Pitch: How Baseball Began by John Thorn

America's premier baseball historian has created the first book for young baseball fans that truly tells the story of the origins of our national pastime.



For Adults

Jackie Robinson: a Biography by Arnold Rampersad

The extraordinary life of Jackie Robinson is illuminated as never before in this full-scale biography by Arnold Rampersad, who was chosen by Jack's widow, Rachel, to tell her husband's story, and was given unprecedented access to his private papers.

The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

Double Play by Robert B. Parker

In 1947, as Jackie Robinson breaks the major league baseball color barrier by playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Joseph Burke, a World War II veteran and survivor of Guadalcanal, is hired by Dodgers manager Branch Rickey to be Robinson's bodyguard.

