Becoming Billie Holiday
by Carole Boston Weatherford
Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday looks back on her early years when she discovers, at the age of 15, that she has something that could change her life—her voice, in this fictional memoir written in verse.

Quiet fire: Emily Dickinson's life and poetry
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Drawing on primary source materials, including the poet's own letters and poems, this book presents the life and art of one of America's greatest and most original poets to a new generation of readers.

Close-up on war: the story of pioneering photojournalist Catherine Leroy in Vietnam
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The true story of how Louis Zamperini, a juvenile delinquent-turned-Olympic athlete and World War II pilot, crashed into the ocean and survived for weeks on a life raft.

Mary Shelley: the strange true tale of Franklinstein's creator
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A young adult portrait of author Mary Shelley details the scandals, romance and misfortunes that challenged her achievements as a writer and feminist.

The rebellious life of Mrs. Rosa Parks
by Jeanne Theoharis
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Singed out: the true story of Glenn Burke
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A photograph-complemented early biography documents the remarkable life of the lesser-known Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder, sharing insight into how Glenn Burke navigated painful obstacles to break barriers for LGBTQ+ athletes, inventing the “high five” along the way.

Evelyn Hooker and the fairy project
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Violet and Daisy: the story of vaudeville's famous conjoined twins
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The absorbing and compulsively readable story of Violet and Daisy Hilton, conjoined twins who were the sensation of the US sideshow circuits in the 1920s and 1930s.

Crossing the line: a fearless team of brothers and the sport that changed their lives forever
by Kareem Rosser
The captain of the first all-black squad to win the National Interscholastic Polo championship recounts his experiences in a poverty stricken West Philadelphia neighborhood and how he and his brothers discovered a passion for horseback riding.
A song for China: how my father wrote Yellow river cantata
by Ange Zhang
The author discusses the life of his father, a Chinese author who fought for a socially just China using art, theater, poetry, and song.

Rachel Carson
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Edmonia Lewis
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The rise and fall of Charles Lindbergh
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Insights into the more complicated aspects of celebrated aviator Charles Lindbergh’s life, from his Nazi sympathies and anti-Semitic beliefs to his support of controlled breeding and his advocacy of environmental causes.

One real American: the life of Ely S. Parker, Seneca Sachem and Civil War general
by Joseph Bruchac
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Code name Badass: the true story of Virginia Hall
by Heather Demetrios
This rebellious and revolutionary biography of the most dangerous of all Allied spies follows Virginia Hall as she plays a dangerous game of cat and mouse with Hitler’s henchman, becoming the Gestapo’s most wanted spy.

What Linnaeus saw: a scientist’s quest to name every living thing
by Karen Magnuson Beil
Chronicles the scientists life and career as he sought to name every plant and animal on Earth, and describes how he developed a system of classifying these names that inspired generations of scientists.

Ms. Gloria Steinem: a life
by Winifred Conkling
Timely portrait of the political activist and feminist icon describes the unconventional childhood that challenged Steinem’s acceptance of society’s views about gender roles, her boundary-breaking journalistic career, & the foundation of Ms. magazine.

Kiyo Sato: from a WWII Japanese internment camp to a life of service
by Connie Goldsmith
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Trouble maker for justice: the story of Bayard Rustin, the man behind the March on Washington
by Jacqueline Houtman
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Mighty Moe: the true story of a thirteen-year-old women’s running revolutionary
by Rachel Swaby
"The untold true story of runner Maureen Wilton, whose world record-breaking marathon time at age thirteen was met first with misogyny and controversy, but ultimately with triumph."

A light in the darkness: Janusz Korczak, his orphans, and the Holocaust
by Albert Marrin
The story of Polish-Jewish doctor Janusz Korczak, detailing how he gave his life to protect orphans during the Holocaust and inspired the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child.