



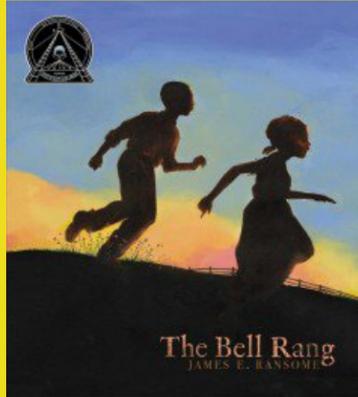
Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is celebrated each year on June 19th to honor the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union general Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that all enslaved persons were now free. While the Emancipation Proclamation had formally freed all slaves in 1863, this had not always been enforced or encouraged in the South.

Each year, Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States and is a day to celebrate African-American history and culture.

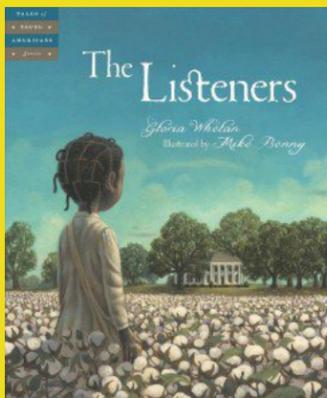
Books for kids in grades K - 3



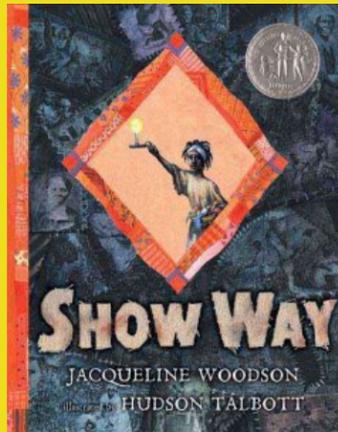
Mazie's father explains to her the meaning of Juneteenth, the day when her ancestors celebrated their freedom.



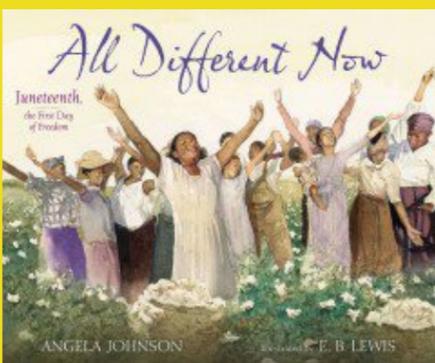
When the bell rings every morning on the plantation it's a call to work: Daddy gathers wood, Mama cooks, Ben and the other slaves go out to work. Each day is the same- full of grueling work and sweltering heat. Until one morning when Ben runs away.



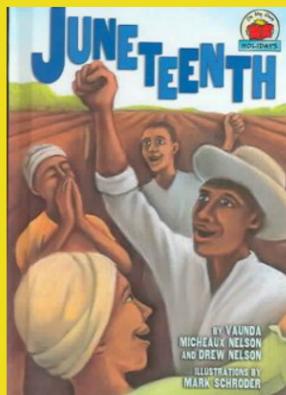
After a day of picking cotton in late 1860, Ella May, a young slave, joins her friends at their secret job of listening outside the windows of their master's house for useful information.



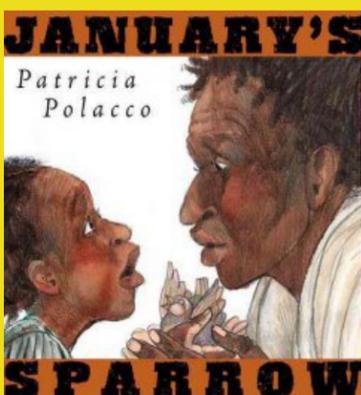
Sold to a plantation without her parents and with only some fabric to call her own, a girl begins piecing together bright patches with secret meanings into quilts called Show Ways - maps for slaves to follow to freedom. From slavery to freedom, the tradition called Show Way has been passed down through the generations.



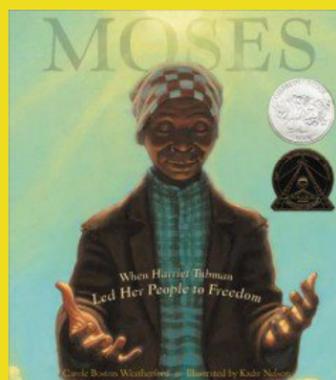
In 1865, members of a Texas family start their day as slaves and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth.



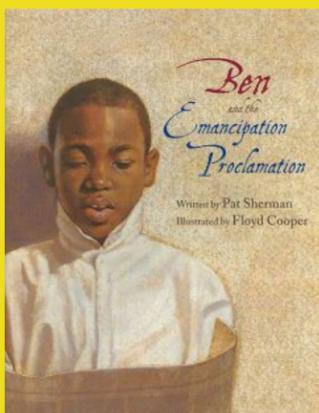
A dramatization of Galveston slaves receiving the long-delayed news, followed by powerful accounts of the history of slavery, the Civil War, and the incremental emancipation process helps kids learn about how freedom came to the slaves in June 1865.



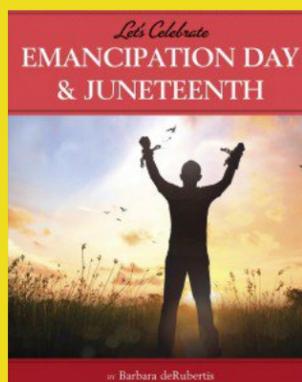
After a fellow slave is beaten to death, Sadie and her family flee the plantation for freedom through the Underground Railroad. But will they ever be safe?



Harriet Tubman's spiritual journey as she hears the voice of God guiding her north to freedom on her first trip to escape the brutal practice of slavery. She would make nineteen subsequent trips back south, never being caught, but none as profound as this first one.



A self-taught young slave astonishes his fellow prisoners by reading aloud the newspaper account of Lincoln's new emancipation proclamation.



Abolitionists like Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth fought for freedom from slavery for all African Americans. Every year on both Emancipation Day and Juneteenth we honor and continue their fight for freedom and equality.