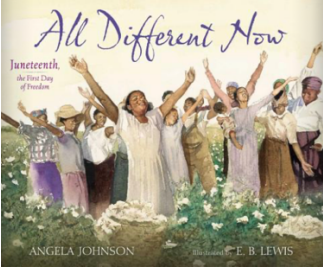

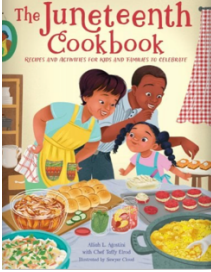
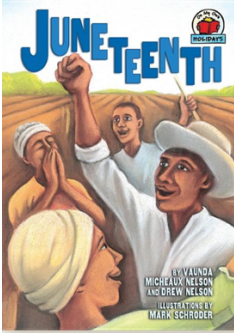


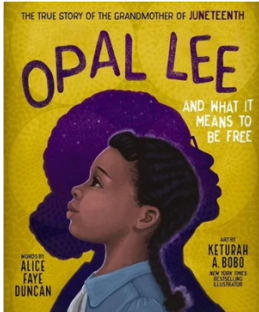
16 Children's Books Celebrating Juneteenth

Golden Libraries joins with Americans in celebrating Juneteenth on June 19th. This list is by no means exhaustive. At the very end, you can see some of the sources that we used to compile our list as well as information on how you can check these out from your local public library.

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| <p>"All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom"</p>  <p>Author: Angela Johnson Illustrator: E.B. Lewis</p> | <p>Grade: PK - 6</p> <p>Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers</p> <p>ISBN: 9780689873768</p> <p>Publication Year: 2014</p> <p>Awards: SLJ Best Books of the Year (2014); Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People (2015); Junior Library Guild Selections (2014).</p> <p>Amazon Bookshop.org</p> |
| <p>"J is for Juneteenth"</p>  <p>Author: Jamariah Cross Illustrator: Kimani Prince</p> | <p>Grade: 3 - 5</p> <p>Publisher: Planting People Growing Justice Press</p> <p>ISBN: 9781959223412</p> <p>Publication Year: 2024</p> <p>Reviews: School Library Journal; Foreword Reviews.</p> <p>Amazon Bookshop.org</p> |

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| <p>“The Juneteenth Cookbook”</p>  <p>Author: Alliah L. Agostini Chef: Taffy Elrod Illustrator: Sawyer Cloud</p> | <p>Grades: 3 - 8</p> <p>Publisher: Becker & Mayer</p> <p>ISBN: 9780760385791</p> <p>Publication Year: 2024</p> <p>Awards: School Library Journal Starred Review</p> <p>Amazon Bookshop.org</p> |
| <p>“Juneteenth”</p>  <p>Author: Vaunda Micheaux Nelson Author: Drew Nelson Illustrator: Mark Schroder</p> | <p>Grades: PK - 6</p> <p>Publisher: First Avenue Editions</p> <p>ISBN: 9780822559740</p> <p>Publication Year: 2006</p> <p>Awards: NY Reads: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; NY Reads: Elementary School Titles</p> <p>Amazon Bookshop.org</p> |

“Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free”



Author: Alice Faye Duncan
Illustrator: Keturah A. Bobo

Grades: 2 - 4

Publisher: Tommy Nelson

ISBN: 9781400231256

Publication Year: 2022

Awards: Michigan State List; Missouri State List

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“Juneteenth for Mazie”



Author: Floyd Cooper

Grades: 1 - 6

Publisher: Picture Window Books

ISBN: 9781479558209

Publication Year: 2016

Awards: Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People (2016).

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“Free at Last: A Juneteenth Poem”



Author: Sojourner Kincaid Rolle
Illustrator: Alex Bostic

Grades: PK - 3

Publisher: Union Square Kids

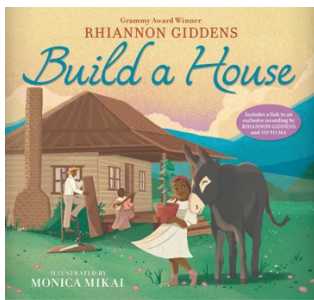
ISBN: 9781454943747

Publication Year: 2022

Awards: Booklist Starred Review.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1454943747)

“Build a House”



Author: Rhiannon Giddens
Illustrator: Monica Mikai

Grades: PK - 5

Publisher: Candlewick Press

ISBN: 9781536222524

Publication Year: 2022

Awards: Librarian Favorites Award (2023).

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1536222524)

**“They Built Me For
Freedom: The Story of
Juneteenth and Houston’s
Emancipation Park”**



Author: Tonya Duncan Ellis
Illustrator: Jenin Mohammed

Grades: PK - 3

Publisher: Balzer & Bray/Harperteen

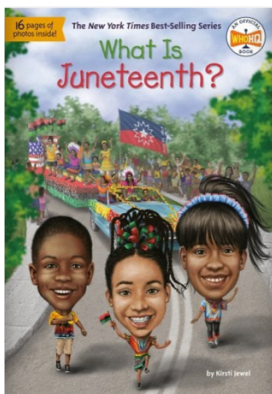
ISBN: 9780063286054

Publication Year: 2024

Reviews: Publishers Weekly Starred Review;
Booklist.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“What is Juneteenth?”



Author: Kirsti Jewel
Author: Who Hq
Illustrator: Manuel Gutierrez

Grades: 1 - 6

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

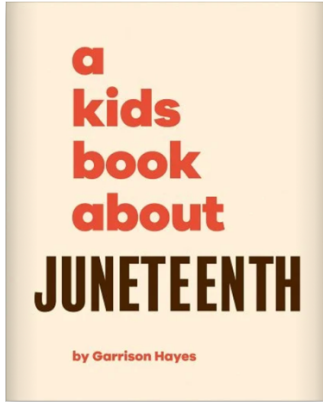
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Awards: Notable Social Studies Trade Books for
Young People (2023); Children’s Favorites Award
(2023); Teacher Favorites Award (2023).

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“A Kids Book about Juneteenth”



Author: Garrison Hayes

Grades: K - 4

Publisher: DK Children

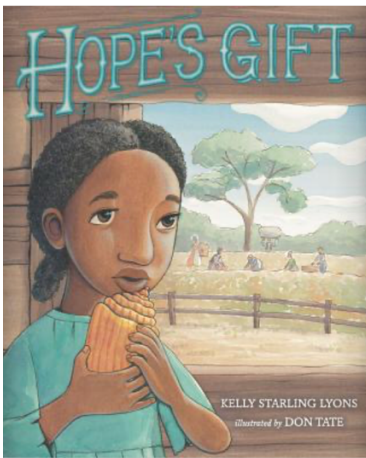
ISBN: 9780744098877

Publication Year: 2024

Review: Commonsense Media

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“Hope’s Gift”



Author: Kelly Starling Lyons
Illustrator: Don Tate

Grades: 1 - 5

Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

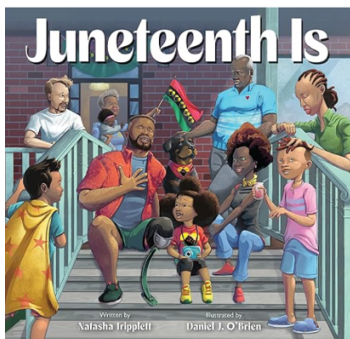
ISBN: 9780399160011

Publication Year: 2012

Award: Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People (2014).

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“Juneteenth Is”



Author: Natasha Tripplett
Illustrator: Daniel J. O'Brien

Grades: K - 3

Publisher: Chronicle Books

ISBN: 9781797216805

Publication Year: 2024

Reviews: The Bulletin for The Center of Children’s Books; School Library Journal; Publishers Weekly.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

**“The Juneteenth Story:
Celebrating the End of
Slavery in the United
States”**



Author: Alliah L. Agostini
Illustrator: Sawyer Cloud

Grades: 1 - 6

Publisher: Becker & Mayer

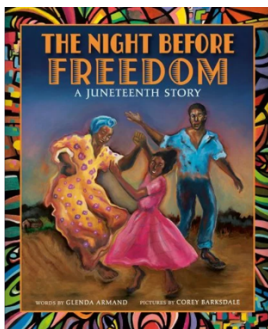
ISBN: 9780760375143

Publication Year: 2022

Reviews: The Today Show with Hoda and Jenna; PBS Kids; Publishers Weekly; Book Riot.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org)

“The Night Before Freedom: A Juneteenth Story”



Author: Glenda Armand
Illustrator: Corey Barksdale

Grades: PK - 5

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

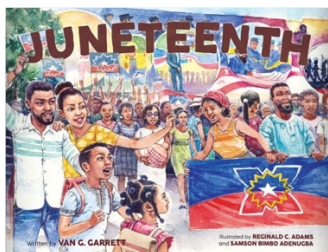
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Publication Year: 2023

Reviews: School Library Journal; Publishers Weekly; Booklist.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0593567463)

“Juneteenth: A Picture Book for Kids Celebrating Black Joy”



Author: Van G. Garrett
Illustrator: Reginald C. Adams
Illustrator: Samson Bimbo Adenugba

Grades: PS - 3

Publisher: Versify

ISBN: 9780358574323

Publication Year: 2023

Review: School Library Journal Starred Review; Commonsense Media; Publishers Weekly.

Amazon | [Bookshop.org](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0358574323)



A variety of resources were used to create this list. The most helpful are listed below.

American Library Association

<https://ala.org>

Common Sense Media

<http://commonsensemedia.org>

National Museum of African American History and Culture

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html>

PBS Kids

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/7-books-for-celebrating-juneteenth>

School Library Journal

<http://slj.com>

TeachingBooks

<http://TeachingBooks.net>

Access

If you are looking to check out any of these books from your local library, you can create an account at [WorldCat](#). You can find the [Juneteenth Book List here](#).

Additional Book Suggestions

If you feel that we missed any books that would be appropriate for this list, please let us know at info@GoldenLibraries.com.