

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH



**"Juneteenth is a time to recommit ourselves to the work that remains undone. We remember that even in the darkest hours, there is cause to hope for tomorrow's light."
*President Barack Obama***

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the end of enslavement in the United States, honoring the date in 1865 that the people of Galveston, TX were finally informed that slavery had ended. The day serves as a celebration, as well as a reminder that the fight for equity continues. We've compiled a list of recommended reading and resources for readers of all ages to learn more about Juneteenth and celebrate black history.

PICTURE BOOKS

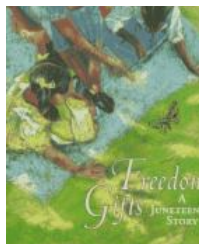
NONFICTION FOR KIDS

All Different Now: Juneteenth, The First Day of Freedom by Angela Johnson

Freedom's Gifts: A Juneteenth Story by Valerie Wilson Wesley

Juneteenth for Mazie by Floyd Cooper

Juneteenth Jamboree by Carole Boston Weatherford



The ABC's of Black History by Rio Cortez

Juneteenth by Rachel A. Koestler-Grack

I, Too, Am America by Langston Hughes

Lillian's Right To Vote by Jonah Winter

BOOKS FOR TEENS

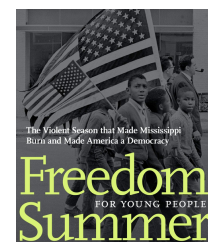
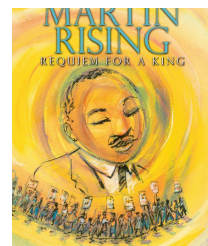
Come Juneteenth by Ann Rinaldi

Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi by Susan Goldman Rubin

Just Mercy: The True Story of a Fight for Justice by Bryan Stevenson

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi





RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

[The National Juneteenth Observance Foundation](#)

[National Museum of African American History & Culture: The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth](#)

[The New York Times 1619 Project](#)

[NPR Podcast: The History of Juneteenth](#)

[The Root: This Is Why Juneteenth is Important for America](#)

[The Root: What Is Juneteenth?](#)

[The Smithsonian: Juneteenth--Our Other Independence Day](#)

[The Undefeated: Why Did It Take So Long For Some Of Us To Find Out About Juneteenth?](#)
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ADULT TITLES

[*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*](#)
edited by Ibram X. Kendi

[*How The Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*](#) by Clint Smith

[*Juneteenth*](#) by Ralph Ellison

[*On Juneteenth*](#) by Annette Gordon-Reed

[*Sweet Home Cafe Cookbook: A Celebration of African American Cooking*](#) by Albert Lukas and Jessica B. Harris

[*Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America*](#) by W. Caleb McDaniel

[*The Warmth of Other Suns*](#) by Isabel Wilkerson

[*To 'Joy My Freedom: Southern Black Women's Lives and Labors After the Civil War*](#) by Tera W. Hunter

