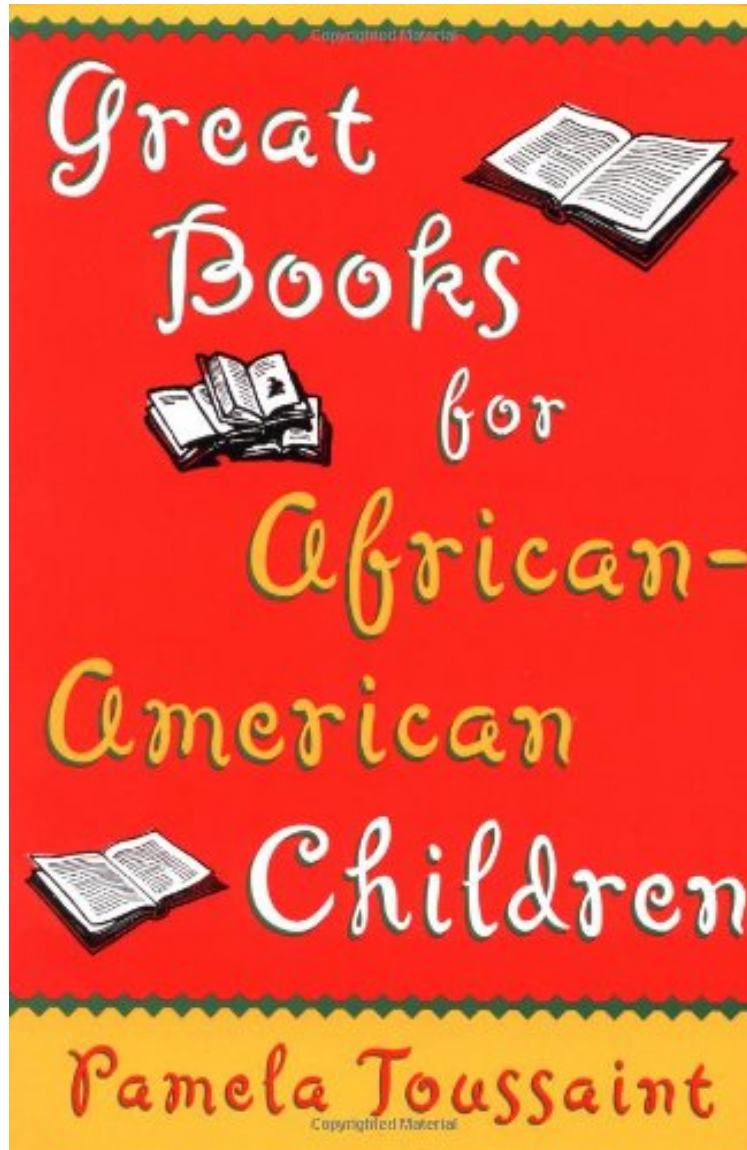


## Great Books for African-American Children

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**Pamela A. Toussaint : Great Books for African-American Children** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Great Books for African-American Children:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Honey of Honey's Life I loved how I was able to build a better more inclusive library for the kids. 21 of 22 people found the following review helpful. A Good Resource, But... By A Customer This is a good resource for parents who want to provide their children with books focusing on the African-American experience. My only complaint is that many of the books recommended (as many as half in the

younger age categories) were specifically geared towards the African-American Christian experience. So, non-Christian and secular parents may want to tread carefully. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A Must Have! By A Customer Toussaint does a great job of covering a variety of types of children's books which highlight the African American experience. I especially appreciated the conversational language, and practical tips for making the books come alive in children's minds. What a great idea! This is a must have for all those interested in presenting empowering, positive, affirming books about African Americans. Not only for African American parents should have this, but everyone can benefit from this useful resource. I've been looking like something like this for a while --- Thanks Toussaint!

By the time they finish high school, black children will have read countless books featuring white heroes and heroines. It's a common experience for young children to color these characters brown, wanting to see themselves as the protagonists of these stories. Yet there are many wonderful books by and about African Americans that portray them in a positive way, to build a child's self-esteem and to spur hopes, dreams, and imagination. "Great Books for African-American Children" lists 250 of these books, which provide uplifting and accurate images of African-American culture.

From School Library Journal An annotated bibliography similar in format to Donna Rand's *Black Books Galore!* (Wiley, 1998). Toussaint looks at approximately 250 titles and includes notes at the end of some annotations to assist teachers and parents who want to encourage young people to read other titles in a series, begin discussing their thoughts about the books, or open dialogues with parents or friends. Interspersed among the entries are quotes from notable African Americans, librarians, historians, and children who have read some of the books. The author includes biographical information on black authors and illustrators; a list of out-of-print titles; and a compilation of magazines, videos, Web sites, and other resources that promote reading. The only award books listed are the Coretta Scott King winners. Noting that an African-American bookstore in Indianapolis, IN, was not listed, a check of local listings is advised. The poor quality of paper may unfortunately limit the shelf life of this otherwise serviceable addition. Marie Wright, University Library, Indianapolis, IN Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Former Essence editor Toussaint has collected poetry, fiction, and nonfiction that reflect a wide range of black experience, show sensitivity to black features in their illustrations, and have a lesson or values to impart. For each age group, Toussaint defines what children like in a book and includes advice about how to choose books. Entries suggest ways to explore a story further. An author-devised code helps the user determine what values the story reflects; an emphasis on Christian values. e.g., "God's protection," "covetousness" may be objectionable to some users. Helpful extras include a list of out-of-print titles, a bookstore directory, and a section listing magazines, television shows, web sites, videos, and other sources that promote reading and regularly include African Americans. Overall, a good purchase for education and children's collections. AGlynys Thomas, Wheelock Coll. Lib., Boston Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Pamela A. Toussaint is a freelance writer and a former editor at Essence magazine. Her writing has been featured in publications such as *Working Woman* and *Black Enterprise*. She lives in New York.