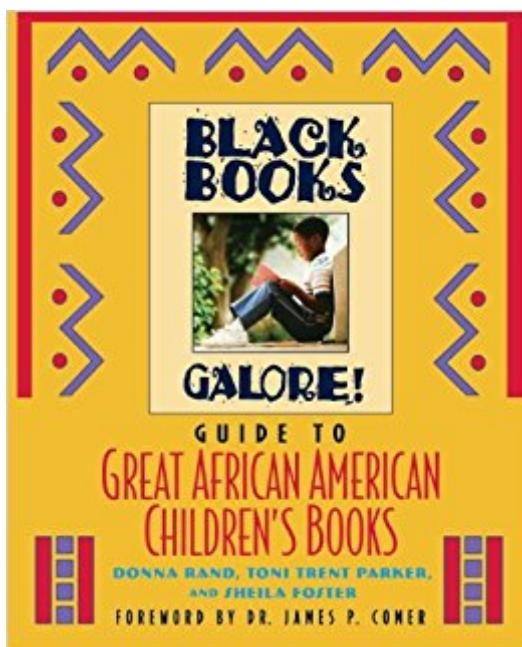


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Black Books Galore! Guide To Great African American Children's Books



Synopsis

"This is a great resource that fills a tremendous need. It should be on parents' shelves at home as well as in every school." --Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D. Harvard Medical School These are exciting times for African American children's literature. Never before have there been so many titles available. Now the three mothers who founded Black Books Galore! --the nation's leading organizer of festivals of African American children's books --share their expert advice on how to find and choose the best. This fully annotated guide opens the door to a wonderful world of reading for the children in your life. Here are the most positive, the best-written, and the most acclaimed books in every category, including board books, story and picture books, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, history, biography, fables, and more. Invaluable for parents, teachers, and librarians, this easy-to-use, illustrated reference guide features:

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- * Helpful guidelines for encouraging young readers
- * Easy-to-find listings organized by age level and indexed by title, topic, author, and illustrator
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Excellent book for fine children's literature with African-Americans. For busy parents, this is an excellent reference book. There are many lists which to choose and select books. The book has separate categories by age. Wonderful. Each reference of the book, the author lets you know if the book has received any awards such as the Coretta Scott King, Caldecott, Newbury, Reading Rainbow. What a great idea!! The authors have done all the research for the busy parent who wants to buy fine literature for their kids. I want to thank the authors!!

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This is a one-of-a-kind resource written by parents for parents. 500 books are reviewed and categorized by age and reading ability. The descriptions are uniquely kid-focused and include key indicators such as "contains Caribbean dialect" or "use of the 'N word'"). This book would make a great gift to friends with African American children or a school library. Even those with an extensive collection of books featuring African American children and adults will find something new and promising.

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