



Henry Aaron's Dream

Henry **Aaron** had what seemed like a foolhardy dream: to be a big-league baseball player. He didn't even own a bat or a ball, and there wasn't a single black player in the major leagues. But that wouldn't stop Hank.



The Woman who invented Windshield Wipers: Mary Anderson and her Wonderful Invention

Most people can't imagine a car without windshield wipers. But there was a time when drivers had to wipe the windshield themselves to clear it of snow and rain. And boy did they get wet! Find out how Mary **Anderson**'s smart thinking helped her get a patent for the Windshield Cleaning Device.

Coolest Inventor: Willie Haviland Carrier and His Air Conditioner

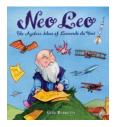
Icy cold air conditioning is very common in many people's lives. But there was a time when this popular luxury did not exist. It was very hot in factories and hospitals, theaters and cars. Willis **Carrier** changed all that!

Hello, I'm Johnny Cash

A portrait of the legendary country music star is told through lyrical free verse that conveys information about his impoverished childhood and the extraordinary talent that enabled his career and rise to success on the world stage.

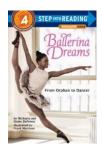
Marie Curie: Physics and Chemistry Pioneer

Two-time Nobel Prize winner Marie **Curie** accomplished amazing things in both chemistry and physics. This once Polish girl overcame all odds to be one of the most respected women in science.



Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo Da Vinci

Cleverly shows how Leonardo's ideas foreshadowed modern inventions. At once an artist, inventor, engineer, and scientist, Leonardo **da Vinci** wrote and drew detailed descriptions of what would later become hang gliders, automobiles, robots, and much more.



Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan to Ballerina

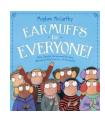
This amazing true story of Michaela **DePrince**, one of America's top ballerinas, is perfect for beginning readers. At the age of three, Michaela DePrince found a photo of a ballerina that changed her life. She was living in an orphanage in Sierra Leone at the time, but was soon adopted by a family and brought to America.

iPod and electronics visionary Tony Fadell

Do you spend hours tinkering with projects? Do you also love listening to and collecting music? So did inventor Tony **Fadell**. He combined two of his passions to create the iPod, the world's most popular music player.

The Virginia Giant: The True Story of Peter Francisco

Explore the thrilling story of Peter **Francisco**, known as the Virginia Giant, and his exploits as a hero of the American Revolution.



Earmuffs for Everyone!: How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs

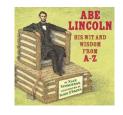
When your ears are cold, you can wear earmuffs, but that wasn't true for Chester **Greenwood** back in 1873. Earmuffs didn't exist yet! During another long and cold Maine winter, Chester decided to do something about his freezing ears, and he designed the first pair of ear protectors (a.k.a. earmuffs) out of wire, beaver fur, and cloth.

Mahalia Jackson: Walking with Kings and Queens

People might say little Mahalia **Jackson** was born with nothing, but she had something all right. A voice that was bigger than she was. She soon realized that her powerful voice stirred everyone around her. Her extraordinary journey eventually took her to the historic March on Washington, where she sang to thousands and inspired them to find their own voices.

Abe Lincoln: His Wit and Wisdom from A-Z

This nontraditional tribute to the president who brought the homespun humor of his humble beginnings to the White House uses the alphabet to organize a wealth of information about his life and accomplishments.





The \$25,000 Flight

The most exciting adventures are the ones that really happened! This brand-new Totally True Adventures book follow America's first superstar pilot, Charles **Lindbergh**.

Gingerbread for Liberty!: How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution

Christopher **Ludwick** was a German-born American patriot with a big heart and a talent for baking. When cries of "Revolution!" began, Christopher was determined to help General

George Washington and his hungry troops. Not with muskets or cannons, but with gingerbread!

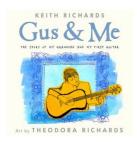


The Iridescence of Birds: A Book about Henri Matisse

If you were a boy named Henri **Matisse** who lived in a dreary town in northern France, what would your life be like? Would it be full of color and art? Full of lines and dancing figures? Find out in this beautiful, unusual picture book about one of the world's most famous and influential artists.

Colors of the Wind: The Story of Blind Artist and Champion Runner George Mendoza

George started going blind at age 15 from a degenerative eye disease. It wasn't the sudden onset of blindness that many people experience. George lost his central vision and started seeing things that weren't there--eyes floating in the air, extraordinary colors, objects multiplied and reflected back. He describes this condition as having "kaleidoscope eyes." He triumphed over his blindness by setting the world record in the mile for blind runners, and later competing in both the 1980 and 1984 Olympics for the Disabled. Now a full-time artist, **Mendoza**'s paintings are a National Smithsonian Affiliates traveling exhibit.



Gus & Me: The Story of My Granddad and My First Guitar

Gus & Me offers a rare and intimate look into the childhood of the legendary **Keith Richards**, who was introduced to the joy of music through his beloved granddad, Theodore Augustus Dupree, affectionately known as "Gus" in this poignant and inspiring story.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

For shy young Peter Mark **Roget**, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. Readers of all ages will marvel at Roget's life, depicted through lyrical text and brilliantly detailed illustrations.

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos

Star Stuff follows Carl **Sagan** from his days star gazing from the bedroom window of his Brooklyn apartment, through his love of speculative science fiction novels, to his work as an internationally renowned scientist who worked on the Voyager missions exploring the farthest reaches of space. This book introduces the beloved man who brought the mystery of the cosmos into homes across America to a new generation of dreamers and star gazers.





In Search of the Little Prince: The Story of Antoine de Saint-Exupery

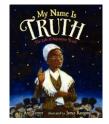
For the last seventy years, The Little Prince has captured the imaginations of readers around the world. This lyrical picture book biography tells the story of its author, Antoine de **Saint-Exupery**.

Hayat Sindi: Brilliant Biochemist

In this title, examine the life of imaginative biotechnology inventor and health care pioneer Hayat **Sindi**. Readers will enjoy digging into Sindi's personal story, beginning with her childhood in Saudi Arabia and her innocent lie to leave and study science and medicine in London.

Lewis Tewanima: Born to Run

As a young boy, Lewis Tewanima was forced from his Hopi village into a government boarding school, where he was prohibited from practicing his native language and traditions. He found that running was a way to bridge the gap between his Indian heritage and American culture, and his talent led **Tewanima** to the 1912 Olympics and a silver medal.



My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth

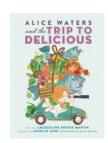
Here is the celebrated story of how former slave Isabella Baumfree transformed herself into the preacher and orator Sojourner **Truth**, one of the most inspiring and important figures of the abolitionist and women's rights movements.

With Books and Bricks: How Booker T. Washington Built a School

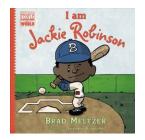
Born a slave, Booker T. **Washington** taught himself to read. When the Civil War ended, Booker finally fulfilled his dream of attending school. After graduation, he was invited to teach in Tuskegee, Alabama. Finding many eager students but no school, Booker set out to build his own school--brick by brick.

Alice Waters and the Trip to Delicious

For chef Alice **Waters**, a delicious meal does not start in the kitchen, but in the fields with good soil and caring farmers. Author of the Caldecott winner, Snowflake Bentley, and Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table, tells how one child's search for delicious led to a dream for all children to share the joy of tasty food-the same joy we get from a beautiful song, or a starry sky.



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