



Young Adult: Biographies (listed alphabetically by subject's last name)

Barter, James. ***Idi Amin***. YA B AMI

Idi Amin, who preferred to be called "Big Daddy," will go down in history as one of the most vilified mass murderers of the twentieth century. Self-proclaimed President of Uganda, Amin illegally seized power in a military coup in 1971 and tyrannically ruled ten million fellow Ugandans until he ignominiously fled the African country in 1979. In his wake Amin left deplorable examples of brutality, torture, murder, and demented personal behavior. During his eight years of barbaric rule an estimated three hundred thousand Ugandans were killed by his orders. Although Amin died in exile in 2003 a failed dictator, there is still much to be learned about Uganda's history, Amin's dictatorship, and how he orchestrated his rise to power and maintained power while inflicting so much pain on his followers.

Schuman, Michael. ***Louis Armstrong: Jazz is Played From the Heart***. YA B ARM

Louis Armstrong said of his love and commitment to jazz music, "My whole spirit is what I blow on that horn." Armstrong overcame poverty and adversity to become one of the world's most influential jazz musicians. His energetic trumpet playing and his raspy singing voice gave him a uniqueness in the jazz world. Michael A. Schuman's new profile of one of America's greatest entertainers will enthrall readers as they discover why real legends never die.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery***. YA B ARN

Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest Revolutionary War heroes. Steve Sheinkin's accessible biography introduces young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing American Revolution battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale from history.

Barakat, Ibtisam. ***Balcony on the Moon: Coming of Age in Palestine***. YA B BAR

Picking up where *Tasting the Sky* left off, *Balcony on the Moon* follows Ibtisam Barakat through her childhood and adolescence in Palestine from 1972-1981 and chronicles her desire to be a writer. Ibtisam finds inspiration through writing letters to pen pals and from an adult who encourages her to keep at it, but the most surprising turn of all for Ibtisam happens when her mother decides that she would like to seek out an education, too. This memoir is a touching, at times funny, and enlightening look at the not often depicted daily life in a politically tumultuous area.

Haugen, David M. ***The Beatles***. YA B BEA

In the 1960s, the "Fab Four" revolutionized the sound and appearance of rock and roll music. This anthology chronicles the rise and fall of rock music's most famous band.

Kramer, Barbara. ***Beyoncé: Singer, Songwriter, and Actress***. YA B BEY

Describes the life and work of the famous singer, from her early years in the singing group Destiny's Child to her solo career, her marriage to rapper Jay-Z, and her film roles.

Wilcox, Christine. ***Justin Bieber***. YA B BIE

Through quotations from Bieber as well as from friends, supporters, and critics, readers learn about how he views himself as well as how others regard him.

Biles, Simone. ***Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance***. YA B BIL

Simone Biles' entrance into the world of gymnastics may have started on a daycare field trip in her hometown of Spring, Texas, but her God-given talent, passion, and perseverance have made her one of the top gymnasts in the world, as well as a four-time winner of Olympic gold in Rio de Janeiro. But there is more to Simone than the nineteen medals--fourteen of them gold--and the Olympic successes. Through years of hard work and determination, she has relied on her faith and family to stay focused and positive, while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves. Here, in her own words, Simone takes you through the events, challenges, and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team. Along the way, Simone shares the details of her inspiring personal story--one filled with the kinds of daily acts of courage that led her, and can lead you, to even the most unlikely of dreams.

Welsch, Camille-Yvette. ***Meg Cabot***. YA B CAB

Meg Cabot is the author of dozens of books for children, young adults, and adults. She is most famous for her series *The Princess Diaries*, which chronicles the life of an average teenager who just happens to be a princess. When Disney turned *The Princess Diaries* into two movies, Cabot's fame skyrocketed. Her best-selling books, including those in the *Queen of Babble* and *1-800-Where-R-You* series, focus on strong female protagonists who struggle with the everyday concerns of contemporary women. In the process of telling their often extraordinary stories, Cabot shows that young women have what it takes to make their own decisions and accomplish great things. Meg Cabot chronicles the young author's path from small-town girl to nationally known writer.

Levine, Ellen. ***Rachel Carson: A Twentieth-Century Life***. YA B CAR

Rachel Carson combined her love of science and writing in her award winning and controversial book, "Silent Spring." Revealing the dangers of pesticide use, it brought readers a new awareness of man's contamination of the environment and ultimately led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Hubbard-Brown, Janet. ***Ray Charles: Musician***. YA B CHA

Pioneering musician Ray Charles was one of the first performers of soul music—a combination of gospel, jazz, country, and rhythm and blues. Born into poverty, Charles was 7 years old when he went blind and 13 when his mother died. He quit school and set out to tour the country, making music and a little bit of money wherever he could. As his talents gained recognition, he signed a contract with a major record label and started to record hit songs. Charles soon became known in the music industry for his strong business acumen and remarkable talent for innovation in music. Over the course of his 58-year career, Charles overcame racism and drug addiction to play 10,000 concerts and win 12 Grammy Awards. He also became a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Mortillaro, Nicole. ***Something to Prove***. YA B CLA

Most people recognize hockey superstar **Bobby Clarke** as the tough guy with the toothless grin. This fast-paced and energetic new book tells the story of Clarke's fights on and off the ice -- not with rival hockey players, but with diabetes.

Shecter, Vicky. ***Cleopatra Rules!: The Amazing Life of the Original Teen Queen***. YA B CLE

In this lively, informal biography, Vicky Alvear Shecter shows that Cleopatra was a far more capable and powerful ruler than people have thought. Most of what we've known about Cleopatra—and what crept into art, film, and literature—came from her enemies, the Romans. But, ascending to the throne at 17, Cleopatra proved herself a brilliant negotiator who forged alliances that kept her in power and in control of her kingdom. This book about Egypt's last and most famous pharaoh features an inviting text, many sidebars, and excellent color illustrations: maps, photos of ancient artifacts, and artworks from many historical periods.

Cohen, Roger. ***Danger in the Desert: True Adventures of a Dinosaur Hunter***. YA B COH

In the movies, there's Indiana Jones; but in the "real" world, there was Roy Chapman Andrews. Some say this fearless, larger-than-life adventurer—who, like Indiana, had a wide-brimmed hat, leather jacket, and six-shooter—may have been the inspiration for the big-screen hero. From 1910 to 1930, Andrews led countless expeditions for the American Museum of Natural History, boldly facing such dangers as killer pythons, man-eating wild dogs, marauding bandits, blinding sandstorms, and imprisonment by corrupt officials. Even as China and Mongolia exploded in revolutionary chaos, he and his team of paleontologists intrepidly journeyed by car, camel, and horse through the uncharted Gobi desert where he discovered the largest deposits of dinosaur fossils ever seen. His group amazed the world with their discoveries—and scientists are still following in Andrews's footsteps, digging in the rich sites he found.

Andronik, Catherine M. ***Stephen Colbert: A Biography***. YA B COL

The product of a childhood marked by tragedy, Stephen Colbert is one of the most powerful and influential political commentators in America—curious, as he has no formal education in politics or government, nor was he particularly political before joining the cast of *The Daily Show*.

Hoose, Phillip. ***Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice***. YA B COL

On March 2, 1955, a slim, bespectacled teenager refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Shouting, "It's my constitutional right!" as police dragged her off to jail, Claudette Colvin decided she'd had enough of the Jim Crow segregation laws that had angered and puzzled her since she was a young child. But instead of being celebrated, as Rosa Parks would be when she took the same stand nine months later, Claudette found herself shunned by many of her classmates and dismissed as an unfit role model by the black leaders of Montgomery. Undaunted, she put her life in danger a year later when she dared to challenge segregation yet again—as one of four plaintiffs in the landmark busing case *Browder v. Gayle*.

Corman, Richard. ***Misty Copeland: Power and Grace***. YA B COP

Power and grace define Misty Copeland, an influential ballet dancer who has broken through difficult barriers to become the first female African-American to be promoted to principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre. Stunning black and white photography and her inspiring message of hope, strength, and focus speaks to young girls and women.

Reef, Catherine. ***e. e. cummings***. YA B CUM

Serving as both an exploration of his rich and sensational life as well as a foundation from which readers can learn about his work, this comprehensive biography includes Cummings' original sketches and paintings, quotes from friends and family, photographs, and the poetry of Cummings and his peers.

Redniss, Lauren. ***Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie, A Tale of Love and Fallout***. YA B CUR

In the century since the Curies began their work, we've struggled with nuclear weapons proliferation, debated the role of radiation in medical treatment, and pondered nuclear energy as a solution to climate change. In *Radioactive*, Redniss links these contentious questions to a love story in 19th Century Paris.

Adler, David A. ***Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life***. YA B DOU

When, in 1879, a bust in his likeness was placed at the University of Rochester, Frederick Douglass wrote: "Incidents of this character do much amaze me. It is not, however, the height to which I have risen, but the depth from which I have come that amazes me." This biography tells the story of his ascent from slavery.

McKivigan, John R. ***Frederick Douglass***. YA B DOU

Frederick Douglass was a runaway slave who became a leader in the abolitionist movement and later the early civil rights movement. This anthology examines Douglass's many diverse activities, his philosophy of reform, and his long-term impact on American race relations.

Batchelor, Bob. ***Bob Dylan: A Biography***. YA B DYL

This work examines the musician's life and career by placing him in the context of contemporary American history and culture. Dylan's music and lyrics are at the center of the analysis, while attention is also paid to how his image transformed as he moved from being the "voice of a generation" during the 1960s to becoming a bonafide rock and roll icon. Readers will appreciate the book for its in-depth, scholarly coverage that remains readable and engaging, and gain a full appreciation for Dylan's place in American history and cultural evolution.

Reichard, Susan E. ***Who on Earth is Sylvia Earle? : Undersea Explorer of the Ocean.*** YA B EAR
Named TIME magazine's first "hero for the planet," Sylvia Alice Earle is a world-renowned oceanographer. She was chief scientist for the U.S. NOAA from 1990-1992. In this biography, author Susan Reichard paints the life and work of Dr. Earle who expanded people's awareness of the importance of conserving our oceans and what we take out of them, demonstrating the interdependence of land and sea.

Yeatts, Tabatha. ***Albert Einstein: The Miracle Mind.*** YA B EIN
Today, Albert Einstein is considered a genius, but his parents, teachers, and friends didn't always agree. He learned to talk later than most children and struggled in school. But his passion for mathematics and physics led him to develop a series of revolutionary theories about space, time, and gravitation that transformed not just physics, but also our very understanding of how the universe works.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War.*** YA B ELL
The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Kidder, Tracy. ***Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World.*** YA B FAR
Traces the efforts of Dr. Paul Farmer to transform healthcare on a global scale, documenting his visits to some of the world's most impoverished regions and the unconventional methods that enabled him to improve and save lives.

Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Ella Fitzgerald: A Twentieth-Century Life.*** YA B FIT
The name Ella Fitzgerald brings to mind a silky voice crooning jazz standards. The First Lady of Song earned her nickname by touring almost nonstop for over fifty years, winning thirteen Grammys, and recording album after album. But who was the woman behind the name? How did a teenage runaway become a renowned jazz singer? Long after her homeless days, Ella remained insecure she often suffered stage fright. Yet she was a born performer, able to improvise lyrics and record songs in single takes. She even seemed more comfortable on stage than off, and close friends found her hard to truly know.

Woog, Adam. ***Anne Frank.*** YA B FRA
Anne Frank's famous diary, the basic framework of an extraordinary life story, has made her an enduring symbol of courage and hope in the face of adversity -- a heroine for those who today still suffer under cruelty, oppression, and prejudice.

Goodall, Jane. ***My Life with the Chimpanzees.*** YA B GOO
The author explains why she decided to study animal behavior, recounts her childhood and education, and describes her work studying chimpanzees in Africa.

Welty, Tara. ***Jane Goodall.*** YA B GOO
This new volume explores Goodall's fascinating research and how it has opened windows into both primates' and humans' behavior.

Lenburg, Jeff. ***Matt Groening.*** YA B GRO
This book describes the life and career of one of animation's most successful artists, known for his unique drawing style and quirky sense of humor.

McClafferty, Carla Killough. ***In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry***. YA B FRY
At a time when most Americans ignored the atrocities going on in Europe in 1940, American journalist Varian Fry put himself in great danger to save strangers in a foreign land. He was instrumental in the rescue of more than 2,000 refugees, including novelist Heinrich Mann and artist Marc Chagall.

Abrams, Dennis. ***S. E. Hinton***. YA B HIN

In 1965, Susan Eloise Hinton sat down at her late father's old Underwood typewriter and started work on a novel that would fully and accurately describe the teenage world she knew: the story of Pony Boy, his brothers, and their friends; their constant struggle to belong; and the conflicts between the haves and the have-nots. Two years later, the completed novel, *The Outsiders*, was published. Hinton made publishing history, single-handedly popularizing a new genre of fiction – the young adult novel.

Howard, Tim. ***The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard***. YA B HOW

In this heartwarming and candid memoir, US national soccer team goalkeeper Tim Howard does something he would never do on a soccer field: he drops his guard. Howard opens up for the first time about how a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette Syndrome defied the odds to become one of the world's premier goalkeepers.

Pratt, Mary K. ***Michael Jackson: King of Pop***. YA B JAC

Like many bios on the King of Pop, it begins in the middle: Jackson's single-gloved, moonwalking performance at the 1983 Motown TV special. Pratt then backtracks to the gritty days of the Jackson 5 sharing stages with strippers, and traces Jackson through a career that shattered barriers for black artists, the pinnacle that was *Thriller*, and the receding of his accomplishments in the face of controversy.

Jennings, Jazz. ***Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen***. YA B JEN

Jazz Jennings is one of the youngest and most prominent voices in the national discussion about gender identity. At the age of five, Jazz transitioned to life as a girl, with the support of her parents. A year later, her parents allowed her to share her incredible journey in her first Barbara Walters interview, aired at a time when the public was much less knowledgeable or accepting of the transgender community. This groundbreaking interview was followed over the years by other high-profile interviews, a documentary, the launch of her YouTube channel, a picture book, and her own reality TV series--*I Am Jazz*--making her one of the most recognizable activists for transgender teens, children, and adults.

Greenberg, Keith Elliot. ***Derek Jeter: Spectacular Shortstop***. YA B JET

Provides information about the life and baseball career of Yankee shortstop, Derek Jeter.

Angel, Ann. ***Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing***. YA B JOP

Forty years after her death, Janis Joplin remains among the most compelling and influential figures in rock-and-roll history. Her story – told here with depth and sensitivity by author Anne Angel – is one of a girl who struggled against rules and limitations, yet worked diligently to improve as a singer. It's the story of an outrageous rebel who wanted to be loved, and of a wild woman who wrote long, loving letters to her mom. And finally, it's the story of one of the most iconic female musicians in history who died at age 27.

Greene, Meg. ***Elena Kagan: A Biography***. YA B KAG

This full-length biography sheds light on Elena Kagan's life, covering her college years at Princeton and her experience in law school as well as her legal career, which eventually led her to a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. Appropriate for high school, college, and adult readers, the book not only documents Justice Kagan's life, achievements, and the possibilities for the future, but also how Kagan is an inspiring role model who demonstrated independence, determination, and high achievement throughout her career.

Meagher, Michael. ***John F. Kennedy: A Biography***. YA B KEN

This biography provides background information about the Kennedy family in the early 20th century, describes the rise of Joseph P. Kennedy as a major figure in American life, and chronicles the subsequent emergence of his second son, John F. Kennedy, as a leading figure in American politics. The authors provide a fascinating look at how the characteristics of a 23-year-old John F. Kennedy in 1940 were borne out in his performance as president two decades later.

Keat, Nawuth. ***Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide***. YA B KEA

In this captivating memoir, Nawuth Keat defies the odds and survives the invasion of his homeland by the Khmer Rouge. Under the brutal reign of the dictator Pol Pot, he loses his parents, young sister, and other members of his family. After his hometown of Salatrave was overrun, Nawuth and his remaining relatives are eventually captured and enslaved by Khmer Rouge fighters. They endure physical abuse, hunger, and inhumane living conditions. But through it all, their sense of family holds them together, giving them the strength to persevere through a time when any assertion of identity is punishable by death. Nawuth's story of survival and escape from the Killing Fields of Cambodia is also a message of hope; an inspiration to children whose worlds have been darkened by hardship and separation from loved ones. This story provides a timeless lesson in the value of human dignity and freedom for readers of all ages.

Wyborny, Sheila. ***Kim Jong Il***. YA B KIM

Lucent Books' contemporary biography series profiles the lives and careers of some of today's most prominent newsmakers. Whether covering contributions and achievements or notorious deeds, books in this series examine why these well-known people garner public attention. Through quotations from the individuals profiled as well as from friends, supporters, and critics, readers learn how these men and women view themselves as well as how others regard them. Offering insight into the lives of people who have made an impact in the modern era, People in the News volumes are sure to be of interest to students researching current topics and popular culture.

Baughan, Michael Gray. ***Steven King***. YA B KIN

Stephen King began writing and submitting stories for publication as a young teenager. It wasn't until 1973 when he was 26 years old, however, that his first novel, "Carrie," was accepted by a publisher. By the 1980s, his books were published at a rate of at least one per year. How did King, once a struggling writer, become one of the best-selling authors of all time? "Stephen King" explores his path from a childhood of poverty to success as a screenwriter, film producer, director, and author of classics of the horror genre like "The Shining" and "Cujo."

Higgins, Melissa. ***Jennifer Lawrence: Breakout Actress***. YA B LAW

Examines the fascinating life of Jennifer Lawrence. Readers will learn about Lawrence's childhood, family, education, and rise to fame. Lawrence's acting awards and work with charitable causes are also described.

Abrams, Dennis. ***Spike Lee***. YA B LEE

In his own words, Spike Lee is the man who single-handedly "broke the color barrier" in Hollywood in the mid 1980s. In a film career that spans more than 20 years, Lee has established himself as one of the United States' premier filmmakers, a director whose films explore the many aspects of the African-American experience. Never one to shy away from controversy-he has been accused of racism, anti-Semitism, and sexism-Lee uses film to raise tough questions and to provoke discussion. How was he able to break down the doors of Hollywood for himself and for other African-American directors, actors, and technicians? How has he continued to grow and develop as a filmmaker? Spike Lee presents a nuanced portrait of an artist who has become a symbol of contemporary American culture.

Woog, Adam. ***Jennifer Lopez***. YA B LOP

Known to millions as J.Lo, Jennifer Lopez is one of the most prominent Latin American performers in the world. An actress, singer, songwriter, dancer, and fashion designer, she has been called the most influential Hispanic entertainer in the United States by *People en Espanol*.

Assensoh, A.B. ***Malcolm X: A Biography***. YA B X

This biography is a historical and political analysis of the black leader's life and times, offering a detailed treatment of its subject's multifaceted story. Laid out chronologically, the book treats Malcolm's life from his birth through his childhood, adult life, work as a Civil Rights activist, and assassination.

Doeden, Matt. ***A Marked Man: The Assassination of Malcolm X***. YA B X

Three men were found guilty of the murder. But rumors of conspiracy and cover-up still swirl. Who gave the order for Malcolm X's murder? Why did two of the convicted killers insist upon their innocence even after being released from prison in the 1980s? In this chronicle of an assassination, find out the answers to these questions and learn more about the impact of Malcolm X's life, and his death, on civil rights in the United States.

Maltz, Leora. ***Nelson Mandela***. YA B MAN

Nelson Mandela fought for freedom and racial equality his entire life: for his beliefs and actions, he was jailed by the South African government for twenty-seven years. Yet, in 1991, he emerged from prison to become the first black President of the new South Africa. This volume charts his inspiring story.

Wukovits, John F. ***Eli Manning***. YA B MAN

Some kids find having a famous parent overwhelming. Others struggle to shine in the shadow of an older sibling. Eli Manning, son of legendary Ole Miss quarterback Archie Manning and younger brother of NFL star quarterback Peyton Manning, faced a double challenge. This profile offers insight into the life and career of Eli, the youngest Manning, who followed in his father's footsteps to Ole Miss and went on to lead the New York Giants to a stunning victory in Super Bowl XLII, winning the MVP award just one year after his older brother.

Crompton, Samuel Willard. ***Peyton Manning***. YA B MAN

This is the captivating biography of a football superstar. Quarterback Peyton Manning's career symbolizes family, faith, and competitiveness. The son of former NFL great Archie Manning and the older brother of Eli Manning, he has made the Indianapolis Colts his extended family as well. Although he possesses a good deal of natural talent, Manning struggled on many occasions throughout his career. To his detractors, he was the spoiled kid of doting parents, the antithesis of the "self-made football player." Manning earned his way to football greatness in Miami in 2007 after leading the Colts to their first Super Bowl win in 36 years. This fascinating biography explores the life of the only player in his career to be named NFL MVP, Super Bowl MVP, and Pro Bowl MVP. Off the gridiron, Manning's Peyton Manning Foundation supports leadership programs for disadvantaged youth in Indiana, Tennessee, and Louisiana, displaying his dedication to family and family values.

Grabowski, John F. ***Josef Mengele***. YA B MEN

The world's most infamous doctor, Josef Mengele was responsible for sending tens of thousands of Jews to their death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz during World War II. His gruesome experiments in genetics research helped add to his reputation as one of the most cold-blooded villains of the twentieth century.

Krohn, Katherine, E. ***Stephenie Meyer: Dreaming of Twilight***. YA B MEY

In 2003, Stephenie Meyer was a 29-year-old mother of three in suburban Phoenix, Arizona. She had no thought of writing a book. Then one night she had a vivid dream of a teenage couple with one unusual problem - the young man was a vampire. Meyer decided to write down her dream. Within six months, she had turned her notes into a novel, *Twilight*, and secured a \$750,000 deal with a publisher. Published in 2005, *Twilight* soon landed on a New York Times best seller list. Three sequels - *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and *Breaking Dawn* - thrilled teen and adult fans alike. Movie deals, merchandise, a clothing line, and *Twilight*-themed tourism followed. With more than 85 million copies sold worldwide, the *Twilight* books launched Meyer to fame and fortune. But she remains committed to family and to writing - as fans wait to see what Stephenie Meyer dreams up next. "

Boyd, Christie Brewer. ***Nicki Minaj***. YA B MIN

Through quotations from Nicki Minaj as well as from friends, supporters, and critics, readers will learn how she views herself as well as how others regard her.

Lenburg, Jeff. ***Hayao Miyazaki: Japan's Premier Anime Storyteller***. YA B MIY

Hayao Miyazaki is one of the world's most respected animation filmmakers. He is known for creating compelling characters, engaging stories, and breathtaking animation. Miyazaki who began his career in 1963 as an in-betweenner for Toei Doga studio, found his true calling as an anime and manga artist, working on classic Japanese features and television series and creating the best-selling manga, *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind*. In 1985, he cofounded Studio Ghibli, and in 1989, he wrote and produced its breakthrough animated feature *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Since then, Miyazaki has directed some of the most successful and popular anime features of all time, including *Howl's Moving Castle*, *Princess Mononoke*, *Ponyo*, and *Spirited Away*.

Marler, Myrna Dee. **Walter Dean Myers.** YA B MYE

Walter Dean Myers' works include fictions vital to the canon of young adult literature for African-Americans but he also has written adventure and mystery books, poetry, nonfiction, and books of photographs. The book includes synopsizes of each important work as well as chapters about the author's life, encouraging young adult readers to think beyond the pages of Myers' works. The title is written in a clear voice for young adult readers but engages in discussions and topics to encourage a deeper reading of Myers' books.

Thomas, Garen Eileen. **Yes We Can: A Biography of Barack Obama.** YA B OBA

Yes, we can heal this nation. Yes, we can seize our future. And as we leave this great state with a new wind at our backs and we take this journey across this great country, a country we love, with the message we carry from the plains of Iowa to the hills of New Hampshire, from the Nevada desert to the South Carolina coast, the same message we had when we were up and when we were down, that out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we will hope.

Uschan, Michael V. **Michelle Obama.** YA B OBA

As well as covering her life with Barack Obama and in the White House, Uschan discusses her family life, education, and early career and includes sidebars on such topics as her experience as a black student at mostly white Ivy League schools.

Aldridge, Rebecca. **Apolo Anton Ohno.** YA B OHN

As the son of a single father, Apolo Anton Ohno showed a lot of spunk and energy. To keep out of trouble, Ohno got involved in sports like swimming and inline skating. But everything changed when he saw the short-track speed skating during the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. His natural talent for the sport quickly became apparent, and soon he moved, reluctantly, from Seattle to Salt Lake City for serious training. After both triumphs and disappointments, Ohno's hard work and determination paid off when he skated away with two Olympic medals – one silver, one gold – in the 2002 Winter Games.

Goldstein, Nancy. **Jackie Ormes: The First African American Woman Cartoonist.** YA B ORM

In the United States at mid-century, in an era when there were few opportunities for women in general and even fewer for African American women, Jackie Ormes blazed a trail as a popular artist with the major black newspapers of the day.

Edmondson, Jacqueline. **Jesse Owens: A Biography.** YA B OWE

In an era far removed from the African American celebrity athletes of today, Olympic great Jesse Owens achieved fame by running faster and jumping farther than anyone in the world. Author Jacqueline Edmondson explores Owens' struggles and hard-earned accomplishments, as well as how he paved the way for future generations of athletes, including color-line shatterer Jackie Robinson.

Padilla Peralta, Dan-el. **Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League.** YA B PAD

A Princeton University salutatorian describes his experiences as an undocumented immigrant youth in New York City, relating his efforts as a scholarship student in a private school that sharply contrasted with his street life in East Harlem.

Silverthorne, Elizabeth. ***Louis Pasteur***. YA B PAS

Louis Pasteur has been called the "Father of Modern Medicine." He founded the science of microbiology and changed the way we fight disease. His work has had an immense effect on our daily lives, including the invention of the process of pasteurization and the creation of vaccinations for rabies and other deadly diseases.

Denenberg, Barry. ***All Shook Up: The Life and death of Elvis Presley***. YA B PRE

Born on January 8, 1935, Elvis Aaron Presley was destined to rewrite the history of music almost from the moment he picked up a guitar. He played music that was rooted in blues, gospel, country and rockabilly, and he redefined a generation by breaking down the boundaries that separate white from black. Everyone listened to Elvis. Everyone danced to Elvis. Everyone had an opinion about Elvis. And the fame was nice, but it came so fast. The money. The cars. The screaming fans. Somewhere in all that, the singer from Tupelo, Mississippi got lost-and that's the saddest song of all.

Watson, Stephanie. ***Prince: Musical Icon***. YA B PRI

This informative title highlights the life of Prince. Readers will learn about his childhood in Minneapolis, Minnesota, including an early interest in music that led him to teach himself to play several instruments at a young age. The book discusses Prince's legendary music career, from the release his first album when he was only 19 years old up to his 2015 release, HITnRUN. Prince's diverse musical influences are explored, as is the 1984 album Purple Rain and the movie of the same name, which launched him to a level of superstardom beyond what he had achieved with any of his previous albums. The album features many hit singles, such as "When Doves Cry," "Let's Go Crazy," and "Purple Rain." Prince's difficult business relationship with recording label Warner Bros. and his 1993 decision to change his name to an unpronounceable symbol are also discussed. His political activism is included, as is his commitment to mentoring up-and-coming musicians. Details of the investigation surrounding his tragic death at age 57 are also discussed. This book includes details of Prince's life and covers the controversies surrounding his life and death.

Friedman, Ian C. ***Manny Ramirez***. YA B RAM

Among the most prolific sluggers in the history of Major League Baseball, Manny Ramirez possesses a rare combination of quick hands and smooth, powerful stroke that has made him one of the most productive hitters of his generation. Identified as a potential superstar when he was a teenager, Ramirez developed his immense talent into a long and successful career, highlighted by World Series championships, including the astonishing Boston Red Sox win in 2004. However, Ramirez has also been viewed by many as a frustrating character, whose impressive record of accomplishments is tainted by unusual behavior and a suspension for using a banned performance-enhancing drug. Once described by a sportswriter as "endearing, aggravating, clueless, and clutch," Manny Ramirez remains an enormously important and compelling figure in the world of sports.

Rice, Condoleezza. ***Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me.*** YA B RIC

Her life began in the comparatively placid 1950s in Birmingham, Alabama, where black people lived in a segregated parallel universe to their white neighbors. She grew up during the violent and shocking 1960s, when bloodshed became a part of daily life in the South. Rice's portrait of her parents, John and Angelena, highlights their ambitions and frustrations and shows how much they sacrificed to give their beloved only child the best chance for success. Rice also discusses the challenges of being a precocious child who was passionate about music, ice skating, history, and current affairs. Her memoir reveals with vivid clarity how her early experiences sowed the seeds of her political beliefs and helped her become a vibrant, successful woman.

Levin, Judith N. ***Mariano Rivera.*** YA B RIV

Highlights the life and accomplishments of the Yankees relief pitcher who helped his team achieve three consecutive World Series victories and who was renowned for being nearly unhittable.

Uschan, Michael V. ***Alex Rodriguez.*** YA B ROD

Biography of baseball player Alex Rodriguez, also known as A-Rod.

Romero, Jordan. ***No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits.*** YA B ROM

The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world's 7 highest mountains.

Jones, Victoria Garrett. ***Eleanor Roosevelt: A Courageous Spirit.*** YA B ROO

Tireless worker, skillful negotiator, bold spokesperson for the rights of all mankind: more than a century after her birth, Eleanor Roosevelt remains one of the most admired women the world has ever known. Her development from timid and uncertain young woman to confident, courageous adult capable of dealing with both personal tragedy and public notoriety makes an inspiring story— especially for female readers. Stepping in to keep her husband's political career alive while he battled the after effects of polio, she ultimately transformed the role of First Lady from figurehead to activist, and set a new standard by which all her successors have been judged.

Marrin, Albert. ***The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of Modern America.*** YA B ROO

Theodore Roosevelt is one of America's liveliest and most influential figures. He was a scholar, cowboy, war hero, explorer, and a brilliant politician. As president, Roosevelt's far-reaching policies abroad and at home forever changed both our nation's place in the world and the life of every modern American.

Collins, Tracy Brown. ***Babe Ruth.*** YA B RUT

Chronicles the life and achievements of Babe Ruth, who set a home-run record while playing for the New York Yankees and was among the first group of players to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Hampton, Wilborn. ***Babe Ruth: A Twentieth-Century Life***. YA B RUT

Born into a poor family in Baltimore, George Herman Ruth Jr. was sent to a Catholic reform school at age seven, where he learned how to play baseball. Initially a talented southpaw, the Babe went on to shatter every home-run record on the books--when fewer games were played in a season and a heavier ball was used.

M.T. Anderson. ***Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad***. YA B SHO

An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens.

Shichtman, Sandra H. ***Supreme Court Justices: Sonia Sotomayor***. YA B SOT

Sonia Sotomayor was born in the Bronx, of poor immigrant parents. Hard working and intelligent, she worked as a prosecutor in both the public and private sectors, and later served as a judge in the district court, then the U. S. Court of Appeals. In 2009, she was confirmed as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Baptiste, Tracey. ***Jerry Spinelli***. YA B SPI

With his first novel for young adults, "Space Station Seventh Grade," Jerry Spinelli established himself as a writer of stories that reflect the real concerns of adolescents accompanied by wit and humor. His books, including the Newbery-winning "Maniac Magee," cover the controversial topics of race relations, gender bias, and even the Holocaust. In "Jerry Spinelli," learn more about this popular author's journey as a writer, from his first published poem about sports to the bag of chicken bones that inspired his first published novel.

Marvel, Laura. (Editor). ***William Shakespeare***. YA B SHA

William Shakespeare only lived from 1564 to 1616, but his works have lived on the stage and on the page for four centuries. Several authors in this anthology examine the biographical evidence and the continuing controversy over Shakespeare's authorship of the works attributed to him; others focus on why Shakespeare's works have proven relevant and inspiring to so many generations of readers, writers, scholars, and artists. The words Shakespeare coined, the characters he created, his plays and poems are his legacy, which permeates our language and culture today.

Stevens, Austin. ***Snakemaster: Wildlife Adventures with the World's Most Dangerous Reptiles***. YA B STE

Austin Stevens tells incredible stories of his many run-ins with dangerous animals and reptiles. From wrestling with a reticulated python to panicking after being bitten by the infamous black mamba, Stevens brings you into his world of wildlife and tells the story of how a boy from Pretoria, South Africa, became one of the most widely known herpetologists in the world.

Fleischman, Sid. ***The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West***. YA B TWA

A Newbery Medalist ("The Whipping Boy") delivers an engaging biography of Mark Twain focusing on his early days, from his childhood in Missouri to his adventures as a young man in the Wild West. Illustrated with archival photos and drawings, it also includes a sampler of Twain's novels.

Bundles, A'Leila. ***Madam C.J. Walker: Entrepreneur.*** YA B WAL

Madam C.J. Walker-the first American woman of any race to become a self-made millionaire-started out as a laundress with few prospects. Originally named Sarah Breedlove, she was the first in her formerly enslaved family to be born free. Poor for most of her life, Walker invented a line of hair-care products when she was 37 years old. Eleven years later, she owned and operated her own thriving business, the Madam C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company. She trained thousands of consultants-almost all of them women-who purchased her products for resale to their customers throughout the United States, Central America, and the Caribbean. Through her work, Walker created a legacy of pride and do-it-yourself spirit that still resonates today.

Krohn, Katherine. ***Oprah Winfrey: Global Media Leader.*** YA B WIN

As USA TODAY, The Nation's No. 1 Newspaper, puts it, "Love her or loathe her, [Oprah] Winfrey has become proof that you can't be too rich, too thin or too committed to rising to your place in the world." Born poor in Mississippi, Oprah Winfrey developed a fresh, personal approach to celebrity talk shows that has made her a household name. Whether she's touting a favorite book or supporting causes of national or international interest, Oprah reaches nearly 50 million U.S. viewers weekly and millions more in countries around the world. Along the way, she's also become the first female African American billionaire, with her own successful magazine and production company. Her rags-to-riches story and zest for living continue to inspire her millions of loyal fans.

Yousafzai, Malala. ***I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World.*** YA B YOU

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond.

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