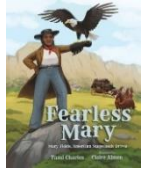
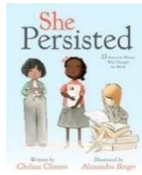


# Books for Family Sharing



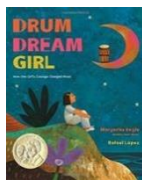
Charles, Tami. [Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stagecoach Driver](#). Illus. by Claire Almon. J-Biography 388.3228 FIEL

Set in Cascade, Montana, in 1895, this rip-roaring account tells the true-life tale of a Wild West paragon—the first African American woman to drive a stagecoach while fearlessly fending off outlaws and wild critters to safely deliver the mail.



Clinton, Chelsea. [She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World](#). Illus. by Alexandra Boiger. J-Biography 305.40922 CLIN

Concise text and warm watercolor illustrations introduce 13 inspiring women who "did not take no for an answer," including Ruby Bridges, Maria Tallchief, Sonia Sotomayor, and more. *She Persisted Around the World* and *She Persisted In Sports* offer more profiles of remarkable individuals.



Engle, Margarita. [Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music](#). Illus. by Rafael López. J-Easy

Based on the childhood of musician Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, this lyrical picture book describes how a young girl in 1930s Cuba strived to become a drummer, though reminded again and again that only boys play percussion, and ultimately broke traditional stereotypes to follow her dream.



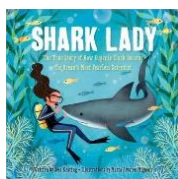
Harrison, Vashti. [Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World](#). J-Biography 305.42 HARR

Harrison's one-page profiles and eye-catching portraits introduce 36 daring and resourceful women from throughout history and across the globe. Also check out the companion volume, [Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History](#).



Hubbard, Rita Lorraine. [The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read](#). Illus. by Oge Mora. J-Biography 306.3 WALK

Born enslaved in 1848 on an Alabama plantation and freed at age 15, Walker grew into adulthood and worked hard for decades to support her family before taking a literacy class and learning to read at the age of 116. A poignant and powerful story.



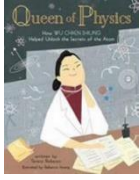
Keating, Jess. [Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist](#). Illus. by Marta Álvarez Miguéns. J-Biography 597.3 CLAR

Lush with ocean hues, this book dives into how Clark discovered a passion for these finned wonders as a child during an aquarium visit and then dedicated her life to the study of zoology and revealing the truth about shark behavior.



Shepard, Ray Anthony. [Runaway: The Daring Escape of Ona Judge](#). Illus. by Keith Mallett. J-Biography 973.4 JUDG

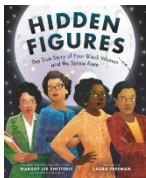
Eloquent free verse text and stunning artwork lend a you-are-there sense to the story of Ona Judge, who was born enslaved by George and Martha Washington, taken from her mother at age 16, and determined to fight for her independence.



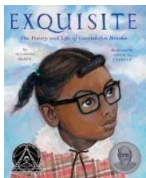
Robeson, Teresa. [Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom](#). Illus. by Rebecca Huang. J-Biography 530.092 WU  
Born in China in 1912 when most girls did not attend school, Wu followed her passion for science, and, despite facing sexism and racism after moving to the United States, persevered to make amazing strides in nuclear physics. Accessible text and lively artwork paint a vivid portrait of this brilliant woman's life and times.



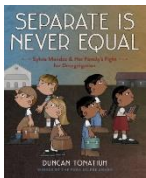
Rosenstock, Barb. [Leave It to Abigail!: The Revolutionary Life of Abigail Adams](#). Illus. by Elizabeth Baddeley. J-Biography 973.44092 ADAM  
Wife to the second president of the United States, Abigail defied 18<sup>th</sup>-century expectations of appropriate behavior for women, independently running farm and household, providing advice and military intelligence to her husband, and truly embracing the role of founding mother. A fun and fact filled look at a true pioneer.



Shetterly, Margot Lee. [Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race](#). Illus. by Laura Freeman. J-Biography 510.925209 SHET  
Readers meet Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four groundbreaking women who made incredible contributions to science despite the everyday challenges they faced, including gender and racial barriers.



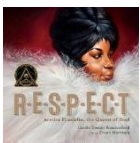
Slade, Suzanne. [Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks](#). Illus. by Cozbi A. Cabrera. J-Biography 811.54 BROO  
Written in free verse, this beautifully illustrated biography pays tribute to Brooks, who began writing poetry during her childhood and became the first Black individual to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1950.



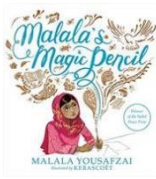
Tonatiuh, Duncan. [Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation](#). J 379.263 TONA  
Forced to attend an inferior "Mexican" school in her neighborhood, Sylvia became the center of a landmark desegregation case in California in 1946, years before the Brown v. Board of Education ruling. An important story of activism and community, told with concise text and vivid multi-media artwork.



Valdez, Patricia. [Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles](#). Illus. by Felicity Sala. J-Biography 590.72 PROC  
This trailblazing herpetologist made inroads into the male-dominated world of Britain's Natural History Museum and the London Zoo. And she even had a pet crocodile!



Weatherford, Carole Boston. [RESPECT: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul](#). Illus. by Frank Morrison. J-Biography 782.421644 FRAN  
Each spread of this gorgeous picture book pairs an important word from Franklin's life with a rhyming couplet and dynamic painting to present a riveting portrait of a legendary singer with a soaring voice and passion for activism.



Yousafzai, Malala. [Malala's Magic Pencil](#). Illus. by Kerascoët. J-Biography 371.822 YOUS  
Yousafzai, activist for girls' education and the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, describes her life in Pakistan, beginning with her wish for a magic pencil to make everyone happy and her eventual realization that there are other ways to make the world right.