# Juneteenth Booklist





# The Juneteenth Story

by Alliah L. Agostini
Using engaging text, this colorful picture
book introduces this day of remembrance
and celebration to readers. Also included
are the author's personal story and a
timeline that provides historical
context. (Ages 7 – 10)



## Juneteenth: A Children's Story

by Opal Lee

The "Grandmother of Juneteenth" presents a simplified story about the history of this national holiday. Her sparkling personality shines through her writing. (Ages 7 – 10)



# Juneteenth for Mazie

by Floyd Cooper Framed around a loving conversation between a father and daughter, this beautiful picture book celebrates a young

girl's ancestors and her bright future. (Ages



## **Juneteenth**

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson In this nonfiction book, engaging text and dramatic illustrations introduce the history of Juneteenth in a format appropriate for newly independent readers. (Ages 7 – 10)



### Opal Lee and What it Means to Be Free

by Alice Faye Duncan Illustrated with vibrant artwork, this joyful picture book introduces educator and activist Opal Lee who called for Juneteenth to be a national holiday. Additional interesting facts provide background information. (Grades K – 2)



# Free at Last

by Sojourner Kincaid Rolle
This stirring, free-verse poem honoring
Juneteenth is made into a picture book with
gorgeous warm-hued artwork.
Includes an author's note. (Ages 7 – 10)

Build a House

#### **Build a House**

by Rhiannon Giddens In this celebration of Black culture, this Grammy Award-winning author presents a beautifully illustrated picture book about a resilient family originally written as a song. (Ages 4-8)



#### A Flag for Juneteenth

by Kim Taylor

Young Huldah, turning 10 the day before the news came to Texas in 1865 that all enslaved people are free, celebrates with her community by making a beautiful quilt. (Ages 4-8)



# What Is Juneteenth?

by Kirsti Jewel

Part of the popular "What Was?" series, this illustrated book offers an informative and engaging overview of the holiday and how it ties into Black history and culture. A timeline and historical photos add more detail to the text. (Ages 8 – 12)



#### **Juneteenth**

by Kevin P. Winn

Part of the "Racial Justice in America: Histories" series, this book introduces Juneteenth with historical photos and paintings, facts about how it's been celebrated through history, and its meaning and legacy. (Grades 5 – 8)



#### All Different Now

by Angela Johnson

(Ages 5 - 9)

Told through the eyes of a young girl, this picture book reimagines the day enslaved people laboring in a Texas cotton field in 1865 learned that they were free. Expressive text and watercolors capture a moment that would change countless lives.



# Juneteenth: Our Day of Freedom

by Sharon Dennis Wyeth In this early reader, shorter blocks of text supported by illustrations help younger kids read about this historical celebration all by themselves. (Ages 4 – 6)