

# ZAWADI BOOKS SUGGESTED READING LIST

## Board Books

Curls by Ruth Forman  
Every Little Thing by Bob Marley  
Hey, Black Child by Useni Perkins  
One Love by Bob Marley  
Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

## Picture Books (suggested ages 5–10)

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water  
by Nicole Hannah-Jon  
The Year We Learned to Fly by Jacqueline Woodson  
I Am Smart, I Am Blessed, I Can Do Anything  
by Alissa Hatem  
Your Legacy by Schele Williams  
All Are Welcome by Alexander Penfold  
The ABC's of Black History by Rio Cortez  
28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the  
World by Charles R. Smith, Jr.  
King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes  
Somebody Else by LaGaze Rodgers  
I Love My Nappy Hair by Elizabeth Festus

## Books (suggested ages 11–16)

The Girl from the Tar Paper School by Jeri Canfield  
Becoming (adapted for young readers)  
by Michelle Obama  
Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge  
by Erica Armstrong  
Black Women in Science by Kimberly Pellum  
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose  
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas  
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas  
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and  
Kwame Alexander  
Dear Justyce by Nic Stone  
Booked by Kwame Alexander  
Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper  
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper  
Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson  
Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy  
by Emmanuel Echo  
Eye on History by Eva M. Doyle  
The Revolution Will Rhyme (poetry)  
by Jillian Hanesworth  
She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman  
by Erica Dunbar  
The Hill We Climb (poetry) by Amanda Gorman

## Adult Books

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison  
The Underground Railroad: A Novel by Colson Whitehead  
Becoming by Michelle Obama  
A Promised Land by Barack Obama  
Autobiography of Malcolm X  
by Alex Haley and Malcolm X  
Miseducation of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson  
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
The 1619 Project by Nicole Hannah-Jones  
Caste by Isabel Wilkinson  
Where Do We Go From Here? by Martin Luther King, Jr.