

Biographies Written for Children and Teens

I have tried to screen the following list for biographies that are written specifically for students (not adults except that a few appropriate adult biographies are included in the "longer text" section) and those that are fairly current. I have also tried to assure that these are biographies and not fictionalized accounts (which are also valuable in developing interest but have a different purpose), but it is possible that some do not fit the screening criteria since I have not read all on the lists. There are numerous biographies in publisher series, but I avoided including them as they are easier to locate. My concentration was on those of which teachers/parents may not be aware. Not all biographies will include the full life of the person; they may focus instead on one event or experience.

I have not listed them by age level because those in the shorter text category are effective in read-alouds to spur interest with the older students. The longer text selections range from about 48 pages (while still relatively short, the content is more detailed) to 200 pages with a range of reading levels.

Some short synopses are available at <http://www.gap-system.org/~history/Miscellaneous/Popular.html>

Shorter Text

Collective

Heroes and Sheroes by J. Patrick Lewis
Pioneers in Cell Biology by Elizabeth R. Cregan
What Presidents are Made Of by Hanoch Piven

Animal

The Donkey of Gallipoli: A True Story of Courage in World War I by Mark Greenwood
Morris and Buddy: The Story of the First Seeing Eye Dog by Becky Hall
Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, & a Miracle by Major Brian Dennis
Old Abe, Eagle Hero: The Civil War's Most Famous Mascot by Patrick Young

Aaron, Hank

Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way by Peter Golenbock

Aguilar, Josefina

Josefina by Jeanette Winter

Alcott, Louisa May

Louisa May & Mr. Thoreau's Flute by Julie Dunlap

Anderson, Marian

When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan

Anderson, Walter

The Secret World of Walter Anderson by Hester Bass

Anning, Mary

The Fossil Girl: Mary Anning's Dinosaur Discovery by C. Brighton
Mary Anning and the Sea Dragon by Jeannine Atkins
Rare Treasure: Mary Anning and Her Remarkable Discoveries by Don Brown
Stone Girl, Bone Girl by Laurence Anholt

Armstrong, Louis

If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong by Roxanne Orgill

Audubon, John James

The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon by Jacqueline Davies
Into the Woods: John James Audubon Lives His Dream by Robert Burleigh

Balanchine, George (and Igor Stravinsky)
Ballet of the Elephants by Leda Schubert

Bardsley, John
Sparrow Jack by Modicai Gerstein

Bartholdi, Frederic-Auguste
Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Pegi Deitz Shea
The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Betsy and Guilio Maestro

Bartram, William
The Flower Hunger: William Bartram, America's First Naturalist by Deborah Kogan Ray

Basho
Grass Sandals: The Travels of Basho by Diane Spivak

Battuta, Ibn
Traveling Man: The Journey of Ibn Battuta, 1325-1354 by James Rumford

Bentley, Wilson
My Brother Loved Snowflakes by Mary Bahr
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Bloomer, Amelia
You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer! by Shana Corey

Borglum, Gutzon (and others)
Who Carved the Mountain? The Story of Mount Rushmore by Jean L. S. Patrick

Bourgeois, Louise
The Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

Brontes
The Brontes: Scenes from the Childhood of Charlotte, Branwell, Emily, and Anne by Catherine Brighton

Brown, Barnum
Barnum Brown: Dinosaur Hunter by D. Shelton

Brown, Henry
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

Byrd, Admiral Richard
Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic by Robert Burleigh
Something to Tell the Grandcows by Eileen Spinelli

Calder, Alexander
Sandy's Circus: A Story about Alexander Calder by Tanya Lee Stone

Carson, Rachel
Rachel Carson: Preserving a Sense of Wonder by Joseph Bruchac

Carver, George Washington
George Washington Carver by Tonya Bolden

Champollion, Jean-Francois
Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs by James Rumford

Chavez, Cesar
Cesar Chavez: The Struggle for Justice by Richard Griswold del Castillo

Cesar: Si, Se Puede! Yes, We Can! by Carmen Bernier-Grand
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull

Clemente, Roberto

Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates by Jonah Winter

Coleman, Elizabeth

Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes

Coltrane, John

Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane by Sean Qualls

Columbus, Christopher

Encounter by Jane Yolen

Columcille

Across a Dark and Wild Sea by Don Brown

Cousteau, Jacques

Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau by Jennifer Berne

Cruz, Celia

Celia Cruz: Queen of Salsa by Veronica Chambers

My Name is Celia by Monica Brown

Darwin, Charles

Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters by Alice B. McGinty

David-Neel, Alexandra

Far Beyond the Garden Gate: Journey to Lhasa by Don Brown

Desmond, Viola

Viola Desmond Won't be Budged by Jody Nyasha Warner

Dickens, Charles

Mr. Dickens Hits Town by Jan Mark

Douglass, Frederick

Frederick Douglass: Writer, Speaker, and Opponent of Slavery by Suzanne Slade

Drew, Charles

Charles Drew: Doctor Who Got the World Pumped Up to Donate Blood by Mike Venezia

Earhart, Amelia

Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator by Shelley Tanaka

You Can't Do That, Amelia! By Boyds Mills

Ederle, Gertrude

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle by David A. Adler

Edison, Thomas

The Importance of Thomas Edison by K. C. Anderson

Tom Edison's Bright Ideas by J. Keller

Einstein, Albert

Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein by Don Brown

Ellington, Duke

Duke Ellington by Andrea Davis Pinckney

Ferris, George

Ferris Wheel! George Ferris and His Amazing Invention by Dani Sneed

Franklin, Benjamin

Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares by Frank Murphy

Fraser, James Earle

The Buffalo Nickel by Taylor Morrison

Galileo

Starry Messenger by Peter Sis

Gee, Maggie

Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee by Marissa Moss

Geisel, Theodore

The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss by Kathleen Krull

Gibson, Althea

Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson by Sue Stauffacher

Gibson, Joshua

Coming Home: A Story of Josh Gibson, Baseball's Greatest Home Run Hitter by Nanette Mellage

Gillepsie, Dizzy

Dizzy by Jonah Winter

Graham, Martha

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

Guthrie, Woody

Woody Guthrie: Poet of the People by Bonnie Christensen

Handel, George Frideric

Handel, Who Knew What He Liked by M. T. Anderson

Harrison, John

Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude by Louise Borden

Hawking, Stephen

Stephen Hawking: Cosmologist Who Gets a Big Bang Out of the Universe by Mike Venezia

Hawkins, Waterhouse

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by Barbara Kerley

Henson, Matthew

Keep On! The Story of Matthew Henson, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole by Deborah Hopkinson

Hughes, Langston

Coming Home: From the Life of Langston Hughes by Floyd Cooper

Langston Hughes: American Poet by Alice Walker

Langston's Train Ride by Robert Burleigh

Hurston, Zora

Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree by William Miller

Jobs, Steve and Steve Wozniak

Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak: Geek Heroes Who Put the Personal in Computers by Mike Venezia

Johnson, Mamie "Peanut"

A Strong Right Arm by Michelle Y. Green

Judge, Oney

The Escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington's Slave Finds Freedom by Emily Arnold McCully

Kahlo, Frida

Frida: Viva la Vida! Live Life! by Carmen Bernier-Grand

Ka'iulani, Princess

The Last Princess: The Story of Princess Ka-iulani of Hawai'i by Fay Stanley

King, Martin Luther Jr.

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by Christine King Farris

Kingsley, Mary

Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa by Don Brown

Knight, Margaret

Margaret Knight, Girl Inventor by M. T. Brill

Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor by Emily Arnold McCully

Korczak, Janusz

The Champion of Children: The Story of Janusz Korczak by Tomek Bogacki

Koufax, Sandy

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax? By Jonah Winter

Lartigue, Jacques-Henri

Jacques-Henri Lartigue: Boy with a Camera by John Cech

Law, Ruth

Ruth Law Thrills a Nation by Don Brown

Law, W. W.

Delivering Justice: W. W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights by Jim Haskins

Leakey, Mary

Mary Leakey: Archaeologist Who Really Dug Her Work by Mike Venezia

Lewis, John

John Lewis in the Lead: A Story of the Civil Rights Movement by Kathleen Benson

Lincoln, Abraham

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters

Abe Lincoln Remembers by Ann Turner

The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary by Candace Fleming

Lomax, John

Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and His Cowboy Songs by Deborah Hopkinson

Love, Nat

The Story of Nat Love by Robert Miller

Maathai, Wangari

Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai by Claire A. Nivola

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter

Mandela, Nelson

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom by Chris van Wyk

Manjiro

Manjiro: The Boy Who Risked His Life for Two Countries by Emily Arnold McCully

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel Garcia Marquez by Monica Brown

Matisse, Henri

Henri Matisse: Drawing with Scissors by Keeisa Johnson and Jane O'Connor

McCoy, Elijah

The Real McCoy: The Life of an African-American Inventor by Wendy Towle

Mendel, Gregor

Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas by Cheryl Bardoe

Montezuma, Carlos

A Boy Named Beckoning: The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero by Gina Capaldi

Moondyne Joe

The Legend of Moondyne Joe by Mark Greenwood

Morris, Esther

When Esther Morris Headed West: Women, Wyoming, and the Right to Vote by Connie Wooldridge

Mortenson, Greg

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth

Moss, Cynthia

Elephant Woman: Cynthia Moss Explores the World of Elephants by L. Pringle

Muir, John and Stickeen (his dog)

John Muir: America's First Environmentalist by Kathryn Lasky

John Muir and Stickeen: An Icy Adventure with a No-Good Dog by Julie Dunlap and Marybeth Loribiecki

Stickeen: John Muir and the Brave Little Dog as retold by Donnell Rubay

Norgay, Tenzing

Tiger of the Snows. Tenzing Norgay: The Boy Whose Dream was Everest by Robert Burleigh and Ed Young

Oakley, Annie

Shooting for the Moon by Stephen Krensky

O'Keeffe, Georgia

Georgia's Bones by Jen Bryant

My Name is Georgia by Jeanette Winter

Olmsted, Frederick Law

The Man Who Made Parks: The Story of Parkbuilder Frederick Law Olmsted by Frieda Wishinsky

Paige, Satchel

Satchel Paige by Lisa Cline-Ransome

Parks, Gordon

Gordon Parks: No Excuses by Ann Parr

Parks, Rosa

Rosa's Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights by Jo S. Kittinger

Pinchot, Gifford

Midnight Forests: A Story of Gifford Pinchot and Our National Forests by Gary Hines

Pollack, Jackson

Action Jackson by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

Potter, Beatrix

Beatrix by Jeanette Winter

Presley, Elvis

Shake Rag: From the Life of Elvis Presley by Amy Littlesugar

Quimby, Harriet

The Daring Miss Quimby by Suzanne George Whitaker

Ramsey, Alice

Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure by Don Brown

Reinhardt, Django

Django: The World's Greatest Jazz Guitarist by Bonnie Christensen

Remington, Frederick

The Life and Work of Frederick Remington by E. Giesecke

Rey, H. A.

H. A. Rey by Cari Meister

Rivera, Diego

Diego by Jonah Winter

Diego: Bigger than Life by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Rivera, Tomas

Tomas and the Library Lady by Pat Mora

Robinson, Bill "Bojangles"

Rap a Tap Tap by Leo and Diane Dillon

Robinson, Jackie

Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson by Sharon Robinson

Roosevelt, Alice

Mind Your Manners, Alice Roosevelt! By Leslie Kimmelman

What to Do about Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy! by Barbara Kerley

Roosevelt, Eleanor

Eleanor, Quiet No More by Doreen Rappaport

Rudolph, Wilma

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull

Sacagawea

Sacagawea by Louise Erdrich

Saladin

Saladin: Noble Prince of Islam by Diane Stanley

Schaller, George

A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beast by Pamela Turner

Sequoyah

Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing by James Rumford

Shackleton, Ernest

Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper

Sitting Bull

A Boy Called Slow by Joseph Bruchac

Smith, Margaret Chase

Margaret Chase Smith: A Woman for President by Lynn Plourde

Sockalexis, Louis

Louis Sockalexis: Native American Baseball Pioneer by Bill Wise

Sojourner Truth

Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth by Anne F. Rockwell

Soyer, Alexis

Adventurous Chef: Alexis Soyer by Ann Arnold

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady

Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote by Tanya Lee Stone

Stetson, John

Boss of the Plains: The Hat that Won the West by Laurie Carlson

Stevenson, Robert Louis

The Voyage of the Ludgate Hill: Travels with Robert Louis Stevenson by Nancy Willard

Strauss, Joseph Baermann (indirectly—primarily about the workers)

Pop's Bridge (Golden Gate) by Eve Bunting

Sugihara, Chiune

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story by Ken Mochizuki

Tallchief, Maria

Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina by Maria Tallchie and Rosemanry Wells

Tatum, Art

Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum by Robert Andrew Parker

Tecumseh

Tecumseh 1763-1813 by Rachel A. Koestler-Grack

Thoreau, Henry David

Henry David's House by Steven Schnur

Walking with Henry: Based on the Life and Works of Henry David Thoreau by Thomas Locker

Thorpe, Jim

Jim Thorpe's Bright Path by Joseph Bruchac

Tubman, Harriet

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder

Van Gogh, Vincent

The Yellow House: Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin Side by Side by Susan Goldman

Washington, Booker T.

More than Anything Else by Marie Bradby

Washington, George

Farmer George Plants a Nation by Peggy Thomas

Weiss, Alta

Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah Hopkinson

Wells, Ida B.

Princess of the Press: The Story of Ida B. Wells-Barnett by Angela Shelf Medearis

Whitman, Walt

Walt Whitman: Words for America by Barbara Kerley

Williams, Daniel Hale

Daniel Hale Williams: Surgeon Who Opened Hearts and Minds by Mike Venezia

Williams, William Carlos

A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams by Jen Bryant

Wong, Anny May

Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story by Paula Yoo

Wood, Grant

Artist in Overalls: The Life of Grant Wood by John Duggleby

Wright, Patience

Patience Wright: America's First Sculptor and Revolutionary Spy by Pegi Deitz Shea

Wright, Richard

Richard Wright and the Library Card by William Miller

Wright, Wilbur and Orville

My Brothers' Flying Machine: Wilbur, Orville, and Me by Jane Yolen

To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers by W. C. Old and R. A. Parker

Wright Brothers: Inventors Whose Ideas Really Took Flight by Mike Venezia

York

My Name is York by Elizabeth van Steenwyck

Biographies for Children/Teens—Longer Text

Collective Biographies (information will not be as extensive nor in depth)

50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet by Dennis Denenberg and Lorraine Roscoe

100 Scientists Who Shaped World History by John Tiner

Adventurous Women: Eight True Stories about Women Who Made a Difference by Penny Colman

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone

Amazing Women of the Civil War: Fascinating Stories of Women Who Made a Difference by Garrison Webb

America through the Lens: Photographers Who Changed the Nation by Martin Sandler

American Eye: Eleven Artists of the Twentieth Century by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

American Revolutionaries: A History in Their Own Words 1750-1800 by Milton Meltzer

American Women Inventors by Carol Ann Camp

Astonishing Ancient World Scientists: Eight Great Brains by Amy Graham

Born to Be a Cowgirl: A Spirited Ride through the Old West by Candace Savage

Borrowed Names (poems about women) by Jeannine Atkins

Brainstorm! The Stories of Twenty American Kid Inventors by Tom Tucker and Richard Loehle

Bright Boys by Jay W., Forrester

Brilliant African-American Scientists: Nine Exceptional Lives by Jeff C. Young
Champions: Stories of Ten Remarkable Athletes by Bill Littlefield and Bernie Fuchs
Champions of the Ocean by Fran Hodgkins
Earth Movers: Champions of the Wilderness by Bruce and Carol L. Malnor
Extraordinary Ordinary People: Five American Masters of Traditional Arts by Alan Govenar
Extraordinary People of the Harlem Renaissance by Stephen Hardy and Sheila Hardy
Founding Mothers: Women in America in the Revolutionary Era by Linda DePauw
Girls and Young Women Inventing: Twenty True Stories about Inventors, Plus How You Can Be One Yourself by Frances Karnes, Suzanne Bean, and Rosemary Walker
Girls Who Looked Under Rocks: The Lives of Six Pioneering Naturalists by Jeannine Atkins and Paula Conner
Great Peacemakers: True Stories from Around the World by Heather Chase
Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet by Harriet Rohmer
In the New Country: Eight Remarkable Women of the West by Liza Ketchum
Jazz ABZ: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits by Wynton Marsalis
Ladies First: 40 Daring American Women Who Were Second to None by Elizabeth Kimmel
Legends and Legacies: Personal Journeys of Women Physicians and Scientists at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center by Elizabeth L. Travis
Outward Dreams: Black Inventors and Their Inventions by Jim Haskins
Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War by Ina Chang
Shout, Sister, Shout! Ten Girl Singers Who Shaped a Century by Roxanne Orgill
Signers: The Fifty-Six Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence by Dennis Fradin
The Sky's the Limit: Stories of Discovery by Women and Girls by Catherine Thimmesch
Society's Sisters: Stories of Women Who Fought for Social Justice in America by Catherine Gourley
Sophisticated Ladies: The Great Women of Jazz by Leslie Grouse
Teens Take It to Court: Young People Who Challenged the Law—and Changed Your Life by Thomas Jacobs
Ten Kings and the Worlds They Ruled by Milton Meltzer
Ten Queens: Portraits of Women in Power by Milton Meltzer
Those Courageous Women of the Civil War by Karen Zeinert
Trailblazers: Twenty Amazing Western Women by Karen Mulford
Uncommon Champions: Fifteen Athletes Who Battled Back by Marty Kaminsky
Vhorses: A Celebration of Outstanding Women by J. Patrick Lewis
Visions: Stories about Women Artists by Leslie Sills, et al
Warriors Don't Cry (Little Rock Nine) by Melba Beals

Animals

Exiled: Memoirs of a Camel by Kathleen Karr
Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People, and War by Yukio Tsuchiya
Rare Breed of Love: The True Story of Baby and the Mission She Inspired to Help Dogs Everywhere by Jana Kohl

Aaron, Hank

I Had a Hammer: The Hank Aaron Story by Hank Aaron and Lonnie Wheeler

Abbott, Berenice

Berenice Abbott Photographer: An Independent Vision by George Sullivan

Adams, Ansel

Ansel Adams: America's Photographer by Beverly Gherman

Adams, John and Abigail

Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution by Natalie Bober
Dearest Friend: A Life of Abigail Adams by Lynne Withey
John and Abigail Adams: An American Love Story by Judith St. George

Adams, Samuel

Samuel Adams: The Father of American Independence by Dennis Fradin

Adamson, Joy

Wild Heart: The Story of Joy Adamson by Anne Neimark

Addams, Jane

Jane Addams: Champion for Democracy by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin

Ailey, Alvin

Alvin Ailey: Celebrating African-American Culture in Dance by Barbara Cruz

Albright, Madeleine

Madam Secretary: A Memoir by Madeleine Albright

Madeleine Albright: A Twentieth Century Odyssey by Gloria Whelan

Alcott, Louisa May

Beyond Little Women: A Story about Louisa May Alcott by SS. B. Aller and Q. Wang

Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women by Cornelia Meigs

Fruitlands: Louisa May Alcott Made Perfect by Gloria Whelan

The Story of Louisa May Alcott by R. Ridlon

Anastasia

Anastasia: The Last Grand Duchess by Carolyn Meyer

Anastasia's Album by Hugh Brewster

Anderson, Marian

The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman

Andrews, Roy

Dragon Bones and Dinosaur Eggs: A Photobiography of Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews by Ann Bausum

Angelou, Maya

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Archimedes

Eureka Man: The Life and Legacy of Archimedes by Alan Hirschfeld

The Sand Reckoner by Gillian Bradshaw

Armstrong, Lance

It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life by Lance Armstrong and S. Jenkins

Armstrong, Neil

First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong by J. Hansen

Ashe, Arthur

Days of Grace: A Memoir by Arthur Ashe and A. Rampersand

Audobon, John

On the Frontier with Mr. Audobon by Barbara Brenner

Avi

Avi by M. Sommers

Babbage, Charles

Charles Babbage and the Engine of Perfection by Bruce Collier and James MacLachlan

Baker, Russell

Growing Up by Russell Baker

Balanchine, George

I Remember Balanchine: Recollections of the Ballet Master by Those Who Knew Him by Francis Mason

Bancroft, Ann & Arnesen, Live

Ann and Liv Cross Antarctica: A Dream Come True! by Zoe Alderfer Ryan

Banneker, Benjamin

Benjamin Banneker by Kevin Conley

Benjamin Banneker: Astronomer and Mathematician by Laura Baskes Litwin

Benjamin Banneker: Mathematician and Stargazer by Rose Blue and Corrine J. Naden

Barakat, Ibtisam

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat

Barrie, J. M.

J. M. Barrie: The Magic Behind Peter Pan by Susan Aller

Barton, Clara

Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield by Time for Kids with Anna Prokos

Bates, Daisy

The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine by Judith and Dennis Fradin

Beals, Melba Patillo

Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High by Melba Beals

Beethoven, Ludwig

Bold Composer: A Story about Ludwig Van Beethoven by J. Pinkerton

Bell, Alexander Graham

Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life by Elizabeth MacLeod

Berlin, Irving

Say It with Music: A Story about Irving Berlin by T. Streissguth

Bibb, Henry

My Name is Henry Bibb: A Story of Slavery and Freedom by Afua Cooper

Bird, Larry

Drive: The Story of My Life by Larry Bird

Bishop, Stephen

Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop and Mammoth Cave by Elizabeth Mitchell

Blackwell, Elizabeth

First Woman Doctor: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell, M.D. by Rachel Baker

Blake, James

Breaking Back: How I Lost Everything and Won Back My Life by James Blake

Bly, Nellie

Bylines: A Photobiography of Nellie Bly by Sue Macy

Nellie Bly: Reporter for the World by Martha Kendall

Nellie Bly: Daredevil, Reporter, Feminist by Brooke Kroeger

Bombeck, Erma

Erma Bombeck: A Life in Humor by S. Edwards

Boone, Daniel

The Court-Martial of Daniel Boone by Allan W. Eckert

Booth, Edwin and John Wilkes

Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by James Giblin

Bourgeois, Louise

Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois by Elizabeth Partridge

Boyle, Robert

Robert Boyle: Pioneer of Experimental Chemistry by M. Gow

Bradford, William

William Bradford, Rock of Plymouth by Kieran Doherty

Brahe, Tycho

Tycho Brahe: Astronomer by M. Gow

Braille, Louis

Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind by Margaret Davidson

Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille by Russell Freedman

Breazeal, Cynthia

Robo World: The Story of Robot Designer Cynthia Breazeal by J. D. Brown

Bridges, Ruby

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

Bridgman, Laura

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer by Sally Hobart Alexander

Brokaw, Tom

A Long Way from Home: Growing Up in the American Heartland by Tom Brokaw

Brooks, Gwendolyn

Gwendolyn Brooks: Poet from Chicago by Martha Rhynes

Gwendolyn Brooks: "Poetry is Life Distilled" by Christine Hill

Brown, Clara

One More Valley, One More Hill by Linda Lowery

Brown, John

Fiery Vision: The Life and Death of John Brown by Clinton Cox

Brown, Linda

Linda Brown, You Are Not Alone: The Brown v. Board of Education Decision by Joyce Carol Thomas

Bryan, Ashley

Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life's Song by Ashley Bryan

Buck, Pearl S.

Between Two Worlds: A Story about Pearl Buck by B. Mitchell and K. Ritz

Calamity Jane

Calamity Jane: Her Life and Legend by Doris Faber

Campbell, Mary

Beaded Moccasins: The Story of Mary Campbell by Lynda Durrant

Carrey, Jim

Jim Carrey: The Joker is Wild by M. Knelman

Carson, Rachel

Rachel Carson: Voice for the Earth by Ginger Wadsworth

Up Close: Rachel Carson by Ellen Levine

Who on Earth is Rachel Carson? Mother of the Environmental Movement by Scherer and Fletcher

Carter, Jimmy

An Hour Before Daylight: Memoirs of a Rural Boyhood by Jimmy Carter

Carvalho, Solomon

Photo Odyssey: Solomon Carvalho's Remarkable Western Adventure 1853-54 by Arlene Hirschfelder

Carver, George Washington

Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson

The Groundbreaking, Chance-Taking Life of George Washington Carver and Science and Invention in America by Cheryl Harness

Cather, Willa

Writer of the Plains: A Story About Willa Cather by Tom Streissguth

Catherine the Great

Catherine the Great: Empress of Russia by Zu Vincent

Catlin, George

Painting the Wild Frontier: The Art and Adventures of George Catlin by Susanna Reich

Chavez, Cesar

Cesar Chavez: A Voice for Farmworkers by Barbara Cruz

Charles, Ray

Uh Huh! The Story of Ray Charles by John Duggleby

Chief Joseph

With One Sky Above Us: The Story of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians by Nancy Plain

Choona

The Long March by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

Cisneros, Sandra

Sandra Cisneros: Latina Writer and Activist by C. Mirriam-Goldberg

Clark, Eugenie

Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark by A. McGovern

Clemenc, Annie

Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution by Jerry Stanley

Clemente, Roberto

Pride of Puerto Rico: The Life of Roberto Clemente by Paul Walker

Roberto Clemente: Baseball's Humanitarian Hero by Heron Marquez

Columbus, Christopher

Columbus and the World Around Him by Milton Meltzer

Colvin, Claudette

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

Confucius

Confucius: The Golden Rule by Russell Freedman

Connor, Bart

Winning the Gold by Bart Connor

Cooper, Anderson

Dispatches from the Edge: A Memoir of War, Disaster, and Survival by Anderson Cooper

Cope, Edward and Othniel Marsh

Dinosaur Bone War: Cope and Marsh's Fossil Feud by E. Kimmel

Copernicus

Copernicus: Founder of Modern Astronomy by C. M. Andronik

Cousteau, Jacques

Jacques Cousteau: The Sea King by Brad Matsen

Craft, Ellen and William

5,000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery by Dennis Fradin and Judith Fradin

Crandall, Prudence

The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students by Suzanne Jurmain

Crazy Horse

Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman

cummings, e. e.

e. e. cummings: a poet's life by Catherine Reef

Cunxin, Li

Dancing to Freedom :The True Story of Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin

Curie, Marie

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