

Welcome to the

BEAUTIFUL BLACKBIRD CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

In honor of the legacy of Black children's book creator Ashley Bryan and his classic picture book *Beautiful Blackbird*, the festival brings you a celebration of books and creators from across the African Diaspora. Each book and each read aloud, interview, arts activity, and more declares, in Ashley's words, "Black is beautiful!"

WHERE IS THE FESTIVAL HAPPENING?

Right here in your space. Right in your hands.

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

Any time you want to engage with incredible content from now until August 1, 2022.

ALL AVAILABLE AT [BEAUTIFULBLACKBIRD.COM](https://beautifulblackbird.com)

Produced by Indigo Arts Alliance

FORMATS



Video



PDF

TYPES OF OFFERINGS:

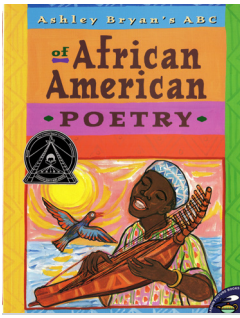
 Art Activity

 Movement Activity

 Writing Activity

 Read Aloud

 Meet the Creator



ASHLEY BRYAN'S ABCs OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY

Edited by Ashley Bryan
Illustrated by Ashley Bryan
Published by Simon & Schuster

Launching 8/2/21

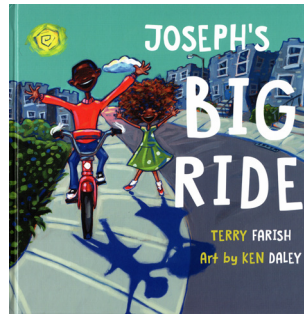
Read Aloud by the Community



Activity: ABC Poem Dance with Veeva Banga



The ABC's of Your Poetry



JOSEPH'S BIG RIDE

Illustrated by Ken Daley
Written by Terry Farish
Published by Annick Press

Launching 8/9/21

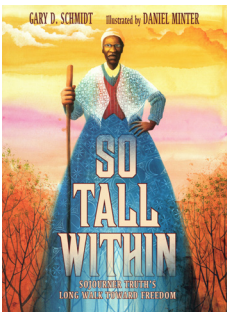
Read Aloud with Atiim Boykin and Interview with Illustrator Ken Daley



Art Activity: Creating a Big Ride with Aminata Conteh



Movement Activity: Move like Joseph and Whoosh!



SO TALL WITHIN: SOJOURNER TRUTH'S LONG WALK TOWARD FREEDOM

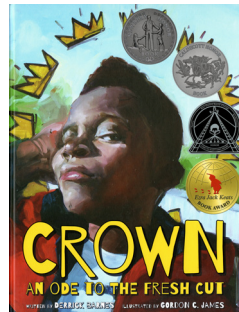
Illustrated by Daniel Minter
Written by Gary D. Schmidt
Published by Roaring Brook Press

Launching 8/16/21

Read Aloud with Atiim Boykin & Samaa Abdurraqib and Interview with Illustrator Daniel Minter



Art Activity: Painting a Journey of Light & Truth with Aminata Conteh



CROWN: ODE TO THE FRESH CUT

Illustrated by Gordon C. James
Written by Derrick Barnes
Published by Agate Publishing

Launching 8/23/21

Read Aloud with Atiim Boykin and Interview with Illustrator Gordon C. James



Art Activity: Shaping Your Own Crown with Aminata Conteh

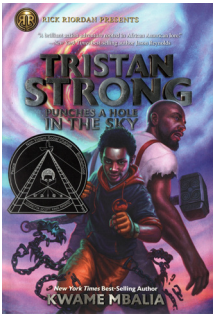


Movement Activity: A Statue of You



ICON KEY

Video PDF Art Activity Movement Activity Writing Activity Read Aloud Meet the Creator



TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY

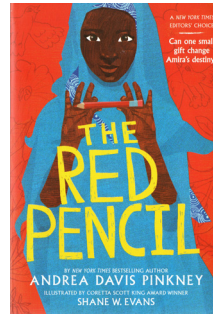
By Kwame Mbalia
Published by Disney Hyperion

Launching 8/30/21

Read Aloud and Interview with Kwame Mbalia



Writing Activity: Creating Characters



THE RED PENCIL

By Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illustrated by Shane E. Evans
Published by Little, Brown

Launching 9/6/21

Read Aloud and Interview with Andrea Davis Pinkney



Writing Activity: Object Writing: The Poetry of Things



YOUR NAME IS A SONG

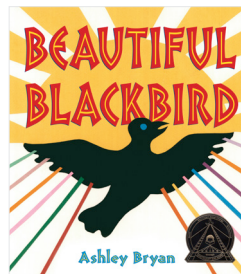
By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illustrated by Luisa Uribe
Published by The Innovation Press

Launching 9/6/21

Read Aloud by Christina W. Richardson and Interview with Author Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow



Art & Movement Activity: Sing & Dance Your Name



OTHER OFFERINGS AT BEAUTIFULBLACKBIRD.COM

Creators Ashley Bryan + Daniel Minter in Conversation



Black Books Matter with Dr. Krista Aronson



Educator's Toolkit



ICON KEY

Video PDF Art Activity Movement Activity Writing Activity Read Aloud Meet the Creator

SHARING CONTENT

Please share any and all materials with your community! Hashtag your posts with #BlackIsBeautiful and #BeautifulBlackbirdFestival and tag festival producers Indigo Arts Alliance on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook.

Read aloud videos live solely on BeautifulBlackbird.com and are not shareable in accordance with publisher agreements. Please drive any interest to the BeautifulBlackbird.com page where they are featured. Thank you!

THANK YOU

The above materials were produced solely by Indigo Arts Alliance with an astonishing line-up of partners, contributors, and community members.

I'm Your Neighbor Books, Founding Partner
Diverse BookFinder, Founding Partner

Videography: Strewn Wonder

🎬 Video, 🖐️ Meet the Creator, 📖 Read Aloud

Sound Design: Ridah Ridah Entertainment

🎬 Video, 🖐️ Meet the Creator, 📖 Read Aloud

Voices: Atiim Boykin 📖 Read Aloud

Voices: Samaa Abdurraqib 📖 Read Aloud

Voices: Christina W. Richardson 📖 Read Aloud

Community Voices: Atiim Boykin, Aminata Conteh, Jill Duson, Rachel Gloria Adams, and a group of brilliant young readers.

Art Activity Host: Aminata Conteh

🎬 Video, 🎨 Art Activity

Alliance Theater

🎨 Art Activity, 🕺 Movement Activity

Center for Maine Contemporary Art

🎨 Art Activity

Portland Ovations

🕺 Movement Activity

Telling Room

✍️ Writing Activity

Veeva Banga Dance

🎬 Video, 🕺 Movement Activity

Wee the People

🎨 Art Activity



#BLACKISBEAUTIFUL #BEAUTIFULBLACKBIRDFESTIVAL