

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOOKLIST

January 2014

The following listing of titles for the January 20, 2014 holiday was compiled by, Lisa Peters, Wolfner Library's Youth Services Librarian in Missouri.

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Kindergarten to Grade 3

A Ti Te Canto: Una Carta a Mis Hijas by Barak Obama by Doreen Rappaport

Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters. President Obama praises thirteen Americans--including Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez--whose contributions shaped our country. Expresses hope that these heroes will inspire his daughters and all children to develop their own unique talents and build up our nation. Spanish language. 2011.

[Download A Ti Te Canto: Una Carta a Mis Hijas, DB 76951.](#) Read by Tony Chioldes. Reading time 21 minutes.

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport

An introductory biography of the American civil rights leader using his own words to portray his ideals and message to United States citizens and people all over the world. Coretta Scott King Honor Book. 2001. BR 14023.

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Grades 2 to 4

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by David A. Adler

Describes the life and accomplishments of the civil rights leader and minister who died in 1968. First chapter book. 2001.

[Download Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., DB 53739](#). Read by Bill Wallace.

Reading time: 12 minutes.

Martin Luther King by Rosemary Bray McNatt

Born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King Jr. became a minister and a civil rights leader. His nonviolent opposition to racial segregation included marches, boycotts, sit-ins, and speeches.

[Download Martin Luther King, BR 10385](#).

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by Christine King Farris

Author fondly recalls childhood memories of her younger brother Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights activist. She describes their childhood games and pranks and upbringing in the segregated South. Shares inspirational family stories that influenced Dr. King's outlook. 2003. BR 16360.

Grades 3 to 6

Dare to Dream: Coretta Scott King and the Civil Rights Movement

by Angela Shelf Medearis

Medearis uses Mrs. King's autobiography as the main source for this account. She discusses Mrs. King's early childhood, school days, and ambition to be an opera singer; her marriage to Martin Luther King Jr.; their work in the civil rights movement; and finally Mrs. King's continuation of that work after Dr. King was killed.

[Download Dare to Dream, DB 41326](#). Read by Carole Jordan Stewart.

Reading time: 1 hour, 6 minutes.

Heroes for My Son by Brad Meltzer

The author profiles some fifty men and women as examples to live by for his eight-year-old son. Includes the Wright Brothers; Frank Shankwitz, creator of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and a boy with cerebral palsy whose father pushes his wheelchair in races. Uncontracted braille. 2010. BR 19080.

Grades 4 to 7

I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King

Presents the complete text of the historic speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C. In it, he expresses hope for social justice and equality in the future. Includes a short biography of the civil rights leader and a foreword by his wife, Coretta Scott King. Print/braille. BR 11050.

I Have a Dream: The Story of Martin Luther King by Margaret Davidson

Martin Luther King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time black people in the South were not allowed to vote, could ride only in the back of the bus, and had to go to separate schools. He decided that when he grew up he would change segregation laws and eliminate prejudice. He became a leader of the civil rights movement. 1986. BR 50981.

Grades 5 to 8

Freedom Walkers the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Russell Freedman

Examines key figures and events in the 1955-1956 protests against racial segregation on public buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Discusses Rosa Parks's arrest and Martin Luther King Jr.'s role in the organized African American boycott of city bus travel that sparked a nationwide struggle over civil rights. 2006.

[Download Freedom Walkers the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, DB 64924.](#) Read by Miriam Wagner. Reading time 2 hours, 30 minutes.

I Have a Dream: The Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by James Haskins and Martin Luther King.

A straightforward biography of the leader of the civil rights movement that focuses on his impact on the nation and his belief in nonviolence. Includes excerpts from King's speeches, sermons, letters, and writings, and an introduction by Rosa Parks. BR 09472.

Marching for Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary by Elizabeth Partridge

Traces the 1965 protests against voting discrimination in Alabama led by Martin Luther King Jr. Discusses ordinary kids placing themselves at risk of being beaten and sprayed with tear gas to participate in the civil rights struggle in Selma and the five-day march to Montgomery. 2009.

[Download *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary*, BR 19077.](#)

[Download *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary*, DB 70496.](#) Read by Bob Moore. Reading time 1 hour, 59 minutes.

Grades 6 to 9

Coretta Scott King by Lisa Renee Rhodes

A biography of Coretta Scott King, political activist and widow of Martin Luther King Jr., the slain civil rights leader. Discusses her childhood in rural Alabama, her marriage, and her crusade to keep her husband's message of peace and equality alive after his murder in 1968. 1998.

[Download *Coretta Scott King*, DB 53335.](#) Read by John Hammock. Reading time: 4 hours, 2 minutes.

A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968 by Diane McWhorter

Concise history of the civil rights struggle by a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who in 1963 was a sixth-grader living in Birmingham, Alabama. The author recalls events from the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision to Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968. Some strong language. 2004.

[Download *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968*, BR 15855.](#)

[Download *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968*, DB 60128.](#) Read by Erin Jones. Reading time 4 hours, 37 minutes.

M.L.K.: Journey of a King by Tonya Bolden

Biography of the Nobel Peace Prize-winner, civil rights activist, and Baptist minister Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968). Focuses on King's vision of a community where all people live in harmony and his commitment to nonviolence as he confronted racial hatred and persecution in a segregated era. 2007.

[Download M.L.K.: Journey of a King, DB 65507](#). Read by Bill Quinn. Reading time: 3 hours, 4 minutes.

Marching to the Mountaintop: How Poverty, Labor Fights, and Civil Rights Set the Stage for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Final Hours by Ann Bausum

Recounts the 1968 sanitation worker's strike in Memphis, Tennessee, that was sparked by low wages, unsafe working conditions, and a racially charged climate. Discusses Martin Luther King Jr.'s involvement with the movement and his assassination. 2012.

[Download Marching to the Mountaintop, DB 75003](#). Read by John Haag. Reading time: 3 hours, 50 minutes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. by Robert E. Jakoubek

On April 4, 1968, an assassin's bullet stole the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., the foremost leader of the civil rights movement. This book traces King's life from his strict but loving upbringing and early encounters with racism to the Montgomery bus boycott that thrust him into a leadership role, to the March on Washington and his famous speech, to his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, and to his tragic death. 1989.

[Download Martin Luther King, Jr., DB 33737](#). Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time 3 hours, 56 minutes.

We are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin by Larry Dane Brimner

Portrays the beliefs and courage of Bayard Rustin (1912-1987), a nonviolent activist in the civil rights movement. Discusses his Quaker upbringing, education, political involvement, and work with other African American leaders including Martin Luther King Jr. 2007.

[Download We are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin, DB 66421](#). Read by Bill Quinn. Reading time 1 hour, 3 minutes.

Senior High and Adult

A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Collection of eleven speeches made by King. Includes "The Birth of a New Nation," which helped galvanize the civil rights movement, the famous "I Have a Dream," and his final oration, "I've Been to the Mountaintop." Each speech is introduced by a well-known leader, activist, or theologian. Commercial audiobook. 2001.

[Download A Call to Conscience, DB 62330](#). Read by Martin Luther King, Jr. Reading time: 7 hours, 37 minutes.

Children of the Dream: The Psychology of Black Success by Audrey Edwards

Profiles and sociopsychological commentary of more than forty "children of the dream," successful African Americans who came of age between the Brown v. Board of Education decision and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapters include "The Integration Generation" and "A Dream Deferred?" Some strong language. 1992.

[Download Children of the Dream: The Psychology of Black Success, DB 38312](#). Read by Kerry Dunkin. Reading time 10 hours, 56 minutes.

Historic Speeches of African Americans by Warren J. Halliburton
Excerpts from noted speeches focus on slavery, emancipation and reconstruction, renewed racial strategies, the civil rights revolution, and assessment after the revolution. Speakers include Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm, Angela Davis, and Jesse Jackson. 1993.

[Download Historic Speeches of African Americans, BR 10539](#).

A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Eleven of King's sermons, including his earliest recorded homily "Rediscovering Lost Values" and "Remaining Awake during a Great Revolution," delivered at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., just days before his assassination. Each sermon is introduced by well-known ministers such as the Reverend Billy Graham and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Commercial audiobook. 1998.

[Download A Knock at Midnight, DB 62329](#). Read by Martin Luther King, Jr. Reading time: 7 hours, 43 minutes.

The Measure of a Man by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Two meditations by the well-known American civil rights leader: "What Is Man?" and "The Dimensions of a Complete Life," plus an excerpt from his April 3, 1968, speech. King calls upon his Christian heritage as he reflects on the nature of human existence and the moral duties of the individual. BR 10575.

[Download The Measure of a Man, DB 42398](#). Read by Gordon Gould.

Reading time: 38 minutes.

Strength to Love by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fifteen sermons by the African American pastor who dedicated his life to civil rights. Three were written in Georgia prisons, and all express Dr. King's Christian views and his application of biblical truths to intellectual uncertainties, emotional involvements, and spiritual weaknesses.

[Download Strength to Love, DB 44735](#). Read by John Stratton. Reading

time: 5 hours, 43 minutes.

A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Collects documents generally recognized as composed or presented by the 1960s American civil rights leader, who championed nonviolent tactics. Entries are grouped by genre: philosophy, sermons and public addresses, essays, interviews, and books. The table of contents gives the date of each entry. Editor James M. Washington provides a general introduction and notes.

[Download A Testament of Hope, DB 42395](#). Read by Bob Moore. Reading

time: 33 hours, 24 minutes.

The Trumpet of Conscience by Martin Luther King, Jr.

These five essays, delivered as radio lectures by King in November and December 1967, portray a nightmarish America of reality and the egalitarian America of his visions. They express his hopes for the future of nonviolence as a means to social revolution even in a climate of riot. BR 10772.

[Download The Trumpet of Conscience, DB 43333](#). Read by Bob Moore.

Reading time: 1 hour, 50 minutes.

Why We Can't Wait by Martin Luther King, Jr.

The black pastor and civil rights leader wrote this now-classic account four years before his assassination. He reviews the background of the civil rights demands that culminated in the March on Washington in 1963. With deep conviction he defends the justice and practicality of nonviolence as a weapon for winning not only civil and human rights but also world peace. 1963.

[Download Why We Can't Wait, DB 21674](#). Read by P. Jay Sidney. Reading time: 5 hours, 27 minutes.