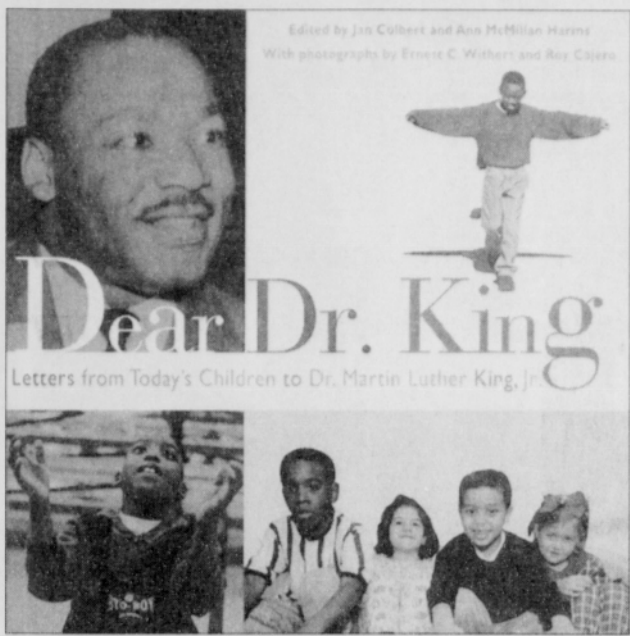


Martin Luther King Reading List



Dear Dr. King: Letters from Today's Children to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan Colbert and Ann McMillan Harms, editors. *Jump at the Sun*
A Memphis schoolteacher and a Memphis parent had an idea that black and white children should write letters to Dr. King. The writers range in age from 6 to 12 years old. These are very personal letters, children telling of themselves, others asking Dr. King questions. Some of these letters were read on *The Oprah Show*. (Ages 9-12)

If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King

By Ellen Levine.
Scholastic; ISBN: 059042582X (January 1994)
This book is more than just a biography of Dr. King, but really an introduction to many of the aspects of the Civil Rights movement of the '50s and '60s. Topics like segregation, white supremacy, the Montgomery bus boycott all come up in the book and teach an important part of our history. (Grades 3-8)

A Picture Book of Martin Luther King Jr.

By David Adler. Illustrated by Robert Casilla
Holiday House; ISBN: 0823408477 (June 1991)
This beautifully illustrated picture book tells of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and death. Included is a timeline of important dates. (Ages 4-8)



My Dream of Martin Luther King

By Faith Ringgold
Dragonfly; ISBN: 0517885778 (December 1998)
Faith Ringgold narrates this story, telling of a dream she had about Martin Luther King. She includes glimpses of his childhood, and goes into his adult activities such as protests, segregation, and even to his assassination. The illustrations are in folk-modern painting. (Ages 4-8)



Meet Martin Luther King Jr.

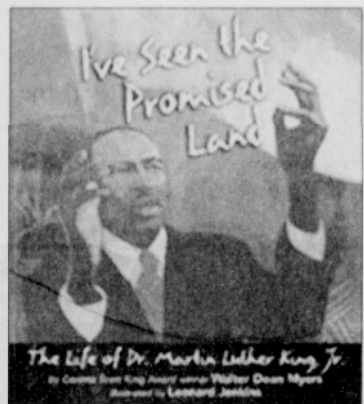
by James Tertius DeKay.
Random House; ISBN: 0375803955; (January 2001)
This biography of Martin Luther King Jr. tells children of his civil rights leadership and his peaceful resistance. The book contains 30 photos and text that discusses the life of Dr. King. (Ages 4-8)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Helen Frost.
Pebble Books; ISBN: 0736805435 (January 2000)
This colorful little book introduces young readers to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There are photos, simple text, and a word list included. (Grades 1-2)

Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King

By Jean Marzollo. Illustrated by J. Brian Pinkney
Scholastic Trade; ISBN: 0590440659 (January 1993)
This picture book uses illustrations and simple text to explain some of the laws that Dr. King helped to change in our country. (Ages 4-8)



I've Seen the Promised Land: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Walter Dean Myers. Illustrated by Leonard Jenkins.
Amistad Press, 2003 ISBN 0060277033
Set against key moments in the civil rights movement, here is the story of the powerful, eloquent spiritual leader and his belief that nonviolence could be used to overcome racial discrimination. A vivid and striking image of the man who moved American society closer to the ideals of freedom and fairness. (Ages 4-8)

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Bryan Collier.
Jump at the Sun; ISBN: 0786807148 (September 2001)
Many reviewers mention the "simple yet gripping text" or "sparse and direct text." This book sends a very moving and powerful message. Caldecott Honor book, Coretta Scott King Award, New York Times Best Illustrated Book. (Ages 4-8)

Time Trap: Martin Luther King

By Margo Sorenson.
Perfection Learning; ISBN 0-7891-233-1 (1996)
Aleesa and Kenneth, two classroom enemies, are paired to work on a school project about the 1960s. As they begin their research, they find themselves transported to March 1968, in a race to stop an American tragedy, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. What can they do to change history? (Ages 7-14)



I Have a Dream

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Introduction by Coretta Scott King.
Illustrated by 15 award-winning illustrators.
Scholastic, 1997 ISBN 0-5902-0516-1
On Aug. 28, 1963, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his most memorable and inspiring speech to a country divided by riots over racial injustice. With the words "I have a dream," King invoked his vision of a racially harmonious America, where "little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." This elegant gift edition of Dr. King's unforgettable speech is the perfect way to share his powerful message of hope and compassion. Featuring the complete text and a foreword by King's daughter, the Reverend Bernice A. King, *I Have a Dream* presents a moving portrait of a visionary at the peak of his influence. (All ages)

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