



## Children's Booklist 2023: Black Joy

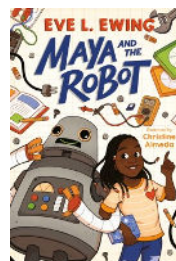
### Chapter Books and Fiction



#### Isaiah Dunn is My Hero

by Kelly J. Baptist

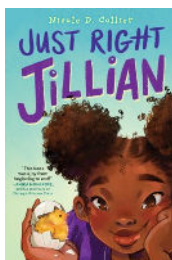
Referring to his late father's journal for advice on how to be the man of the house, young Isaiah taps the support and ideas of two school friends who help him navigate rules and manage without superpowers.



#### Maya and the Robot

by Eve L. Ewing

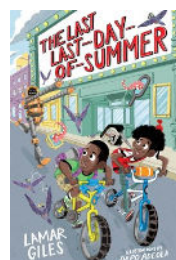
In desperate need of a friend—and a science project—Maya finds a robot named Ralph in Mr. Mac's convenience store, and once she gets him up and running, a new world of connection opens up.



#### Just Right Jillian

by Nicole D. Collier

To keep her promise to her grandmother, fifth-grader Jillian must learn to speak up, break out of her shell and show everyone her true self to win the school's biggest academic competition.



#### The Last Last-Day-of-Summer

by L. R. Giles

When two adventurous cousins accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they discover that the secrets they find hidden between the unmoving seconds, minutes and hours are not as much fun as expected.



#### A Taste of Magic

by J. Elle

12-year-old Kyana just discovered she's a witch! Now she must learn a whole new world while keeping it all a secret from her friends. When her new magic school loses funding, she bakes up a plan to keep it open. Can she keep her magic a secret or will a taste of magic slip into

her bake sale creations?



#### Cookie Monsters

by Erika J. Kendrick

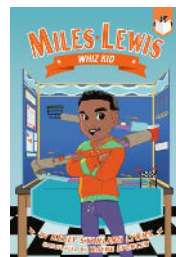
Determined to become Santa Monica's District Cookie Queen, 12-year-old Brooklyn Ace finds her dream going up in smoke when rich and spoiled Piper Parker arrives, until Brooklyn's family and friends rally behind her so she can end up a winner after all.



#### The Enchanted Bridge

by Zetta Elliott

On a mission to Palmara to help all magical creatures return to the human world, Jaxon and his friends must cross an enchanted bridge connecting the two realms that belongs to an unlikely ally they aren't sure they can trust. Book 4 in the *Dragons in a Bag* series.



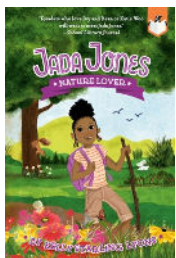
#### Whiz Kid

by Kelly Starling Lyons

When Miles teams up with his friends to enter a citywide science competition, his cousin Cam, who made it to regionals the year before, offers to help, but while everyone else is rocking the project, Miles feels like the weak link.

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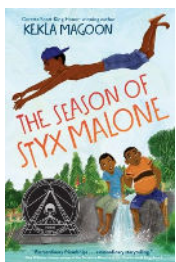
## Chapter Books and Fiction



### Nature Lover

by Kelly Starling Lyons

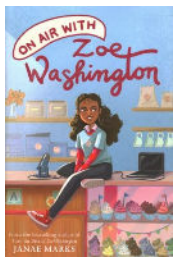
Jada is thrilled when she gets to go on an outdoor class field trip with her grandfather, a nature lover, as a chaperone, and she looks forward to showing him off to her friends--and showing him what she knows



### The Season of Styx Malone

by Kekla Magoon

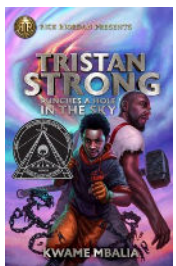
Longing for summertime adventures outside of their small Indiana community, two boys are enthralled by a cool newcomer who enlists their help in a series of escalating trade cons that rapidly put them in over their heads.



### On Air with Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

While building a relationship with her newly exonerated birth father, who is having a hard time re-entering society, Zoe starts a podcast to shed light on the struggles exonerates experience and fundraise for his lifelong dream of opening his own restaurant.

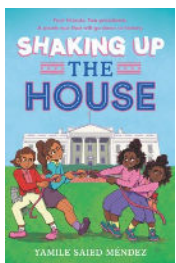


### Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (Series)

by Kwame Mbalia

Haunted by the bus accident that ended his best friend's life, seventh grader Tristan Strong dreads a visit to his grandparents' Alabama farm before a bizarre living doll snatches away his friend's notebook and draws him into a world of burning seas, iron

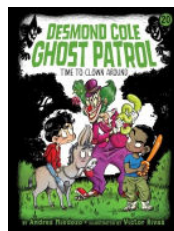
monsters and exhausted black folk heroes.



### Shaking Up the House

by Yamile Saied Méndez

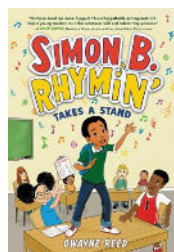
The outgoing First Daughters play a prank on their incoming counterparts, sparking an epic prank war at the White House that spins out of control in this hilarious graphic novel.



### Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol (Series)

by Andres Miedoso

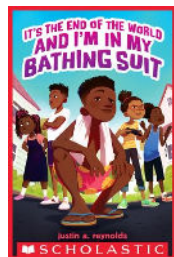
A fearless 8-year-old runs his own ghost patrol, looking for ghosts, monsters, and mischief makers everywhere in this adventure-filled chapter book series that's perfect for emerging readers.



### Simon B. Rhymin' Takes a Stand

by Dwayne Reed

When Simon B. Rhymin' and his crew notice inequality in their school and neighborhood, they use rhymes to help bring their community together



### It's the End of the World and I'm In My Bathing Suit

by Justin A. Reynolds

When the electricity goes out, twelve-year-old Eddie and his friends set out to investigate what is going on when they make the startling discovery that they are the only ones left in their neighborhood--and perhaps the only people left anywhere.



### Starting from Scratch

by Jazz Taylor

Janie believes there's a best way to do everything. When she sticks to a schedule, she and her mom can tackle anything. But Janie's perfect schedule--and her life--are getting shaken up this year. Her new stepmom, Keisha, is moving in, along with her daughter, Makayla. Worst of all? Makayla

brings a cat with her. And Janie hates cats.



### Mia Mayhem (series)

by Kara West

Invited to attend the after-school Program for In-Training Superheroes upon discovering that she has superpowers, 8-year-old Mia Macarooney struggles to balance her regular everyday life with the responsibilities of her secret identity.



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