Created for 3rd - 12th grade students and educators, the book selections are curated to provide enrichment about African American history and culture based on the permanent and temporary exhibitions within the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC).
Sports: Leveling the Playing Field explores the contributions of athletes, both on and off the field. Some athletes have been symbolic figures of black ability, while others have taken their activism beyond the court to the courtroom, boardroom, and the newsroom.
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SPORTS: LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

SOJOURNERS
THIRD TO FIFTH GRADE

A Nation's Hope: the Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis
Charles R. Smith Jr.
Nonfiction

Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream
Crystal Hubbard
Nonfiction

Clemente
Willie Perdomo
Nonfiction

Mamie on the Mound: A Woman in Baseball's Negro Leagues
Leah Henderson
Nonfiction

Twice as Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf Course Designed, Built, and Owned by an African American
Richard Michelson
Nonfiction

The Crossover
Kwame Alexander
Poetry

Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby
Crystal Hubbard
Nonfiction

Ice Breaker: How Mabel Fairbanks Changed Figure Skating
Rose Viña
Nonfiction

NAVIGATOR
SIXTH TO EIGHTH GRADE

Strong Inside (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line
Andrew Maraniss
Nonfiction

Mamie on the Mound: A Woman in Baseball's Negro Leagues
Leah Henderson
Nonfiction

The John Carlos Story: The Sports Moment That Changed the World
Leah Henderson
Nonfiction

Becoming Kareem: Growing up on and Off the Court
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Nonfiction

Who Are Venus and Serena Williams?
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Nonfiction

Speed to Glory: The Cullen Jones Story
Natalie Davis Miller
Nonfiction

Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America
Sharon Robinson
Nonfiction
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#### INNOVATORS

**Ninth to Twelve Grade**

**Tigerbelle: The Wyomia Tyus Story**  
Wyomia Tyus and Elizabeth Terzakis  
Nonfiction

**A Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America’s First All-Black High School Rowing Team**  
Arshay Cooper  
Nonfiction

**Proud (Young Readers Edition): Living My American Dream**  
Ibtihaj Muhammad  
Nonfiction

**Blood, Sweat, and Tears: Jake Gaither, Florida A&M, and the History of Black College Football**  
Derrick E. White  
Nonfiction

**Grace, Gold, and Glory My Leap of Faith**  
Gabrielle Douglas and Michelle Burford  
Nonfiction

**A Kind of Grace: The Autobiography of the World’s Greatest Female Athlete**  
Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Sonja Steptoe  
Nonfiction

**The Mamba Mentality: How I Play**  
Kobe Bryant  
Nonfiction

#### EDUCATORS

**Third to Twelve**

**Behind the Line of Scrimmage: Inside the Front Office of the NFL**  
Michael Huyghue  
Nonfiction

**Olympic Pride, American Prejudice: The Untold Story of 18 African Americans Who Defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to Compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics**  
Deborah Riley Draper and Travis Thrasher  
Nonfiction

**We Will Win the Day: The Civil Rights Movement, the Black Athlete, and the Quest for Equality**  
Louis Moore  
Nonfiction

**Integrating the Gridiron: Black Civil Rights and American College Football**  
Lane Demas  
Nonfiction

**Out of the Shadows: A Biographical History of African American Athletes**  
David K. Wiggins  
Nonfiction

**Hard Driving: The Wendell Scott Story**  
Brian Donovan  
Nonfiction

**A Spectacular Leap: Black Women Athletes in Twentieth-Century America**  
Jennifer H. Lansbury  
Nonfiction