**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: HIS LIFE – HIS DREAM**

**Picture Books**

**Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr.** Jean Marzollo and Brian Pinkney.
A beautifully rendered study of King’s life, told in simple, straightforward language for even the youngest of readers while the illustrations convey both the strength and gentleness of King’s character.

**I Have a Dream (Book & CD).** Kadir Nelson.
“My father’s dream continues to live on from generation to generation, and this beautiful and powerful illustrated edition of his world-changing “I Have a Dream” speech brings his inspiring message of freedom, equality, and peace to the youngest among us.” – Dr. Bernice A. King.

**March On!: The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World.** Christine King Farris.
What was it like to be part of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, August 28, 1963? March On! describes with powerful detail the thousands who came, the leaders, the rights they fought for, and the power of their words.

**Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song.** Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney.
“With Martin’s sermons and Mahalia’s songs, folks were free to shout, to sing their joy.” The stories of these two powerful voices and lives are told side-by-side, following the journey from their youth to a culmination at the historical event when they united as one.

**Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Doreen Rappaport.
An accessible introduction for young readers to learn about one of the world’s most influential leaders. Weaves the immortal words of Dr. King into a captivating narrative to tell the story of his life. With stunning art by acclaimed illustrator Bryan Collier.

**My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Martin Luther King III.
What was it like growing up as a son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? King III gives an intimate look at the man and the father behind the civil rights leader. His remembrances show both the warm, loving family and a momentous time in American history.

**Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change.** Michelle Cook.
Part historical, part poetry, and entirely inspirational. Takes the reader through the cumulative story of the US Civil Rights Movement, expanding the popular slogan beyond these three heroes to include more key players in the struggle for equality.
Early Readers

**DK Readers: Free At Last: The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr.** Angela Bull. Full of qualities of life, love, truth, justice and equality. Filled with information and facts yet readable.

**National Geographic Readers: Martin Luther King, Jr.** Kitson Jazynka. In this level two biography, difficult concepts are made understandable and transitioned into a more approachable manner. This includes the use of sidebars, timetables, diagrams and fun facts to hold the interest of the young reader.

**We March.** Shane W. Evans. Combined with simple yet compelling illustrations, the thrill of the day is brought to life for even the youngest reader to experience.

**Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?** Bonnie Bader. Clearly written text that explains this tumultuous time in history and 80 black-and-white illustrations celebrates the vision and the legacy of a remarkable man.

Informational Illustrated Texts

**Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America.** Brian and Andrea Davis Pinkney. From the time of slavery to the modern day, accessible stories of 10 men from different eras showing their childhood influences, the times and places they lives, their accomplishments and motivations, and the legacies they have left for future generations.

**Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.** Kadir Nelson. Told through the unique point of view of a one-hundred-year-old African-American female narrator, this inspiring book demonstrates that in gaining their freedom and equal rights, African Americans helped our country achieve its promise of liberty and justice. Includes a section on MLK and the Civil Rights Movement with stunning illustrations.

**We Are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin.** Larry Dane Brimner. Rustin's story is set against the history of segregation in his time and focuses on his leadership role alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., largely unacknowledged, in the struggle for civil rights. His gay identity gets a brief mention in the afterword.