



The Brown Bookshelf was founded in 2006 to promote awareness of the myriad Black voices writing for young readers. Our flagship initiative is [28 Days Later](#), a month-long showcase of the best in Picture Books, Middle Grade, and Young Adult novels written and illustrated by Black creators. BBS also offers curricular resources, children’s publishing interviews and profiles, and feature articles highlighting the issues at the forefront of inclusion and diversity in children’s publishing. Below, you’ll find a sampling of 28 Days Later spotlight books and profiles to use in your classroom and school community. Additional resources can be found online at <https://thebrownbookshelf.com/>.

Most recently, hundreds of industry professionals, educators, and more signed on to our [“Declaration in Support of Children.”](#) (Link: <https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/11/14/a-declaration-in-support-of-children/>).

Our work continues. As we note in the Declaration, “with paintbrushes and pens in hand, we, the undersigned, will continue to press toward the goals of equality, justice, and peace. We will write. We will draw. We will listen to the children.”

Picture Books

As Fast As Words Could Fly, Pamela Tuck

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2014/02/09/day-9-pamela-tuck/>

Visiting Langston, Willie Perdomo

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2013/02/25/day-25-willie-perdomo/>

Princess Hair, Sharee Miller

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/02/15/day-15-sharee-miller/>

Imani’s Moon, JaNay Brown Wood

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2015/02/02/day-2-janay-brown-wood/>

Little Melba and Her Big Trombone, Katheryn Russell-Brown

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2015/02/08/day-8-katheryn-russell-brown/>

Chapter Books/Young MG

Anna Hibiscus series, Atinuke

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2012/02/10/day-10-atinuke/>

Sassy, Sharon Draper

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2009/02/01/sharon-draper/>

Akissi, Marguerite Aboutet

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/02/09/day-9-marguerite-aboutet/>

Miami Jackson series, Patricia McKissack

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2008/02/08/patricia-c-mckissack/>

Middle Grade

The Diary of B.B. Bright, Possible Princess, Alice Randall and Caroline Randall Williams
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2013/02/12/day-12-alice-randall-and-caroline-randall-williams/>

You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen, Carole Boston Weatherford, Jeffery Weatherford
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/08/16/you-can-fly-guest-post-by-jeffery-weatherford/>

The Book of Wonders, Jasmine Richards
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2013/02/18/day-18-jasmine-richards/>

One Shadow on the Wall, Leah Henderson
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2017/02/08/day-8-leah-henderson/>

Hoodoo, Ronald L. Smith
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/02/11/day-11-ronald-smith/>

Riding Chance, Christine Kendall
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2017/02/14/day-14-christine-kendall/>

Young Adult

Pointe, Brandy Colbert
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2015/02/26/day-26-brandy-colbert/>

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom, Lynda Blackmon Lowery
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/02/19/day-19-lynda-blackmon-lowery/>

Shackles from the Deep, Michael Cottman
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2017/02/11/day-11-michael-h-cottman/>

Overtured, Lamar Giles
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2014/02/08/day-8-lamar-giles/>

X: A Novel, Kekla Magoon & Ilyasah Shabazz
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2010/02/03/kekla-magoon/>
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2014/02/01/day-1-ilyasah-shabazz/>

Piecing Me Together, Renée Watson
<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2016/02/06/day-6-renee-watson/>