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Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

A brief picture book on the career of this jazz musician and composer who, along with his orchestra, created music that was beyond category.

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Early Elementary (K-3), Late Elementary (4-6)

Book Type: Nonfiction, Biography

Awards: Caldecott Medal, Coretta Scott King Award

Publisher: Hyperion Books for Children, 1998, New York, NY

A-tisket, a-tasket

by Ella Fitzgerald & Van
Alexander

An illustrated picture book of Ella Fitzgerald's rendition of the nursery rhyme. Cut paper, mixed media and computer techniques form the city-scape backgrounds.

Topics: African American History, Women's History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2003, New York, NY

I See the Rhythm

by Toyomi Igus

An overview of jazz from its African origins through to hip-hop. Each two-page section includes a prose poem, a historical timeline, and a painting.

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Late Elementary: 4-6, Middle School, High School

Book Type: Nonfiction

Awards: Coretta Scott King Award

Publisher: Children's Book Press, 1998, San Francisco, CA

Jazz Anecdotes

by Bill Crow

A compilation of stories, interviews, biographies, and other sources and organized them by general topics (importance of a good nickname, stage fright, etc).

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: High School

Book Type: Nonfiction

Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1990, New York, NY

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Jazz Baby

by Carole Boston
Weatherford

Young children tap their feet, clap the beat, and are introduced to the rhythm of jazz as they read or listen to this story told in rhyme.

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Preschool, Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Lee and Low Books, 2002, New York, NY

Lookin' for Bird in the Big City

by Robert Burleigh

A story of Miles Davis as a teenager searching for Charlie Parker in New York City.

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Harcourt, Inc., 2001, New York, NY

Scott Joplin

by Katherine Preston

A biography of Scott Joplin with suggested additional reading, a chronology, compositions and selected discography.

Topics: African American History, 20th-Century History

Age Groups: Late Elementary: 4-6, Middle School

Book Type: Nonfiction, Biography

Publisher: Chelsea House Publishers, 1988, New York, NY