

# Bicentenary Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

## Books for Young Readers

### **Ann Grifalconi. *The Village that Vanished***

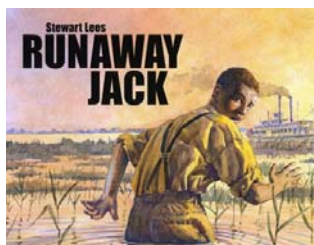
Young Abikanile and all of the villagers of Yao feel safe hidden deep within the African jungle. But word has come that the slavers are on their way. Abikanile looks to her mother and her grandmother for strength and guidance. But as the villagers retreat into the forest, Abikanile finds that she too has the courage to help her people stay safe and free.

**Category:** Picture Books      **Interest age:** 4–8

### **Stewart Lees. *Runaway Jack***

A dramatic story that takes an unsentimental look at the life of runaway slaves. Set in the American South, the story tells of Jack and his sister, Molly, who are sold into slavery on a tobacco plantation. Jack is forced to flee for his life, hiding in the marshlands before stowing away on a Mississippi paddle-steamer.

**Category:** Picture Books      **Interest age:** 4–8



### **Emma Lynch. *The Life of Harriet Tubman***

A biography aimed at young readers.

**Category:** Children's Non-Fiction J920      **Interest age:** 5–7

### **Andrew Matthews. *The Runaway Slave: A Tale of the British Slave Trade***

A moving tale about Jonathan, a slave who is separated from his father and beaten by his cruel master until he decides to seek freedom with the help of Mr Tomlinson.

**Category:** Young Readers      **Interest age:** 8–10

### **Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. *Almost to Freedom***

Tells the story of a young girl's dramatic escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad, from the perspective of her rag doll.

**Category:** Picture Books      **Interest age:** 6+

### **Paul Thomas. *Olaudah Equiano: From Slavery to Freedom***

In 1807 Parliament passed a law that finally ended slavery in Britain. One of the most important people in getting this law passed was a brave and brilliant man who died ten years before. His name was Olaudah Equiano and this is his story.

**Category:** Children's Non-Fiction J326      **Interest age:** 6–10

### **Mildred Pitts Walter. *Alec's Primer***

Based on the true story of Alec Turner (1845-1923). As a young boy born into slavery in Virginia, Alec is forbidden to learn to read. Naturally he is frightened when Zephie, his owner's granddaughter, offers to teach him. But, just as Zephie predicts, Alec learns to master the alphabet from the primer and eventually becomes a free man.

**Category:** Picture Books      **Interest age:** 4–8

### **Carole Boston Weatherford. *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led her People to Freedom***

A poetic account, in picture-book format, of how Harriet Tubman's religious faith inspired her escape to freedom and her role in the Underground Railroad.

**Category:** Children's Non-Fiction J920      **Interest age:** 6–10

Also on order:

### **Gwenyth Swain. *Sojourner Truth***

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