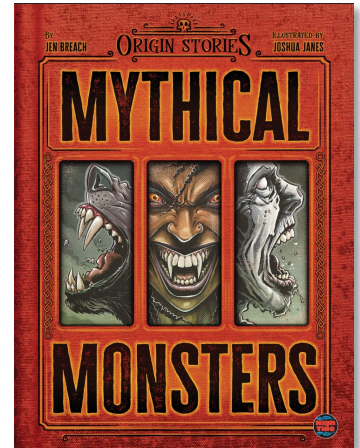


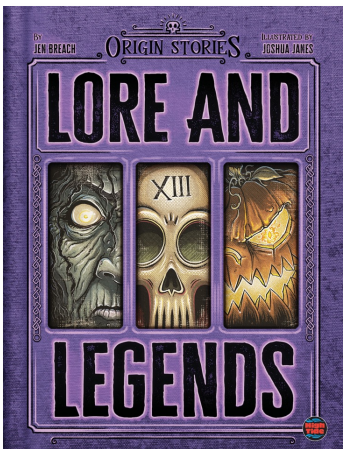
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After a factory fire killed 146 workers in 1911, Morgan invented a gas mask to help save people in smoke-filled emergencies. But because he was Black, no one wanted to buy his invention. He found a way around that.

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As a young Irish girl in the 1950s, everyone expected JOCELYN BELL BURNELL to take cooking classes. But she dreamt of becoming an astronomer, so her parents made sure she was allowed to take science classes. Classmates made fun of her for being the only girl in her honors science class.

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity! — Louis Pasteur, scientist

racism (RAY-siz-m): the systemic oppression of a racial group to the social, economic, and political advantage of another.

tenacity (di-tur-muh-NAY-shuhn): a strong will to do something

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Mexican artist FRIDA KAHLO spent a lot of time in a body cast after being injured in a bus accident when she was a teenager, but she did not take this setback lying down. Instead, she taught herself to paint in bed on an easel that fit over her lap.

Kahlo turned her pain into art. Since she was often alone, she created a lot of self-portraits. Her love of Mexico inspired her to paint its culture too. Kahlo's fame grew slowly. She was well into her 40s when she had her first, and only, solo art exhibit one year before she died. Today, her paintings sell for millions of dollars. Kahlo is remembered for her bold colors, passionate portraits—and resilience.

Painter Claude Monet's art was mocked and rejected by art galleries during his early career. His paintings didn't sell, and sometimes he didn't have enough money for painting supplies. But he was courageous and driven enough to keep painting. Today, Monet's paintings are some of the most famous in the world.

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Since 1876, Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, has sent seven dentists, and professionals. Donning their white coats, they carry the legacy the wearing the M. Meharry medical college graduates are serving under communities for Meharry or rural comm they graduate

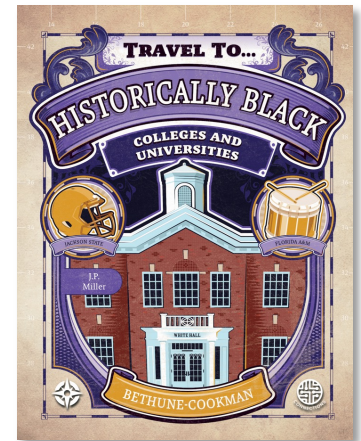
HBCUs—CULTURAL INFLUENCERS
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

You hear them way before you see them—HBCU marching bands! The soulful musicality, the high-stepping drum majors, and the dance teams are the heart of HBCU culture. The unmatched precision, sound, and showmanship of Tennessee State University's marching band earned it the undisputed title of Aristocrat of Bands (AoB).

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Orah Wiley, six-time Oscar
Movie Producer/Philanthropist

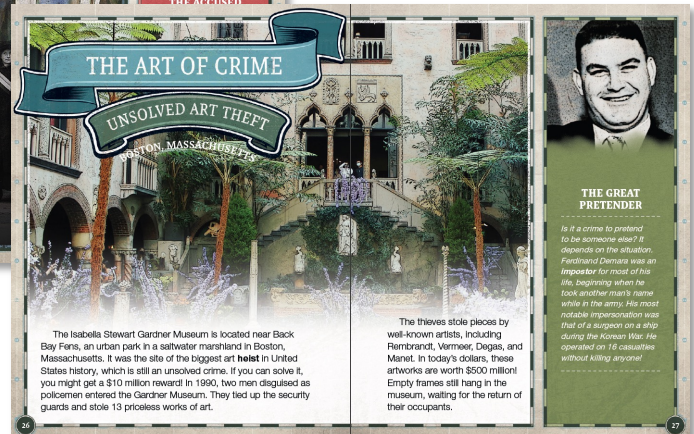
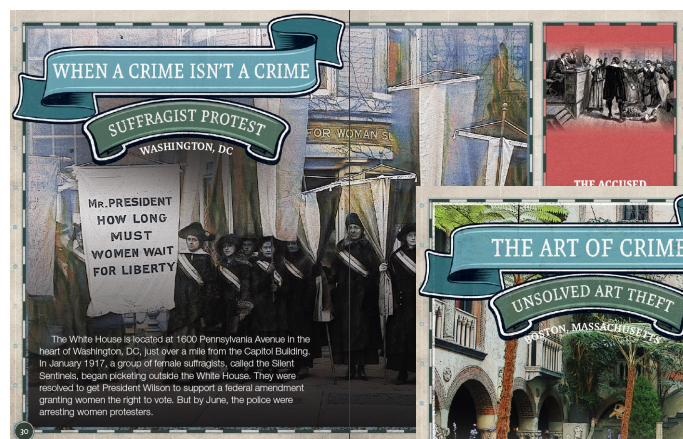
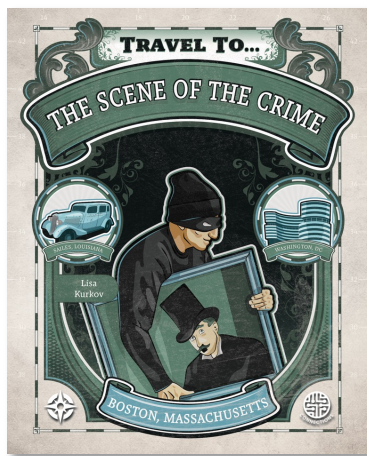


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Written by Black Authors Matter Award Winner and Tennessee State alum, J.P. Miller.

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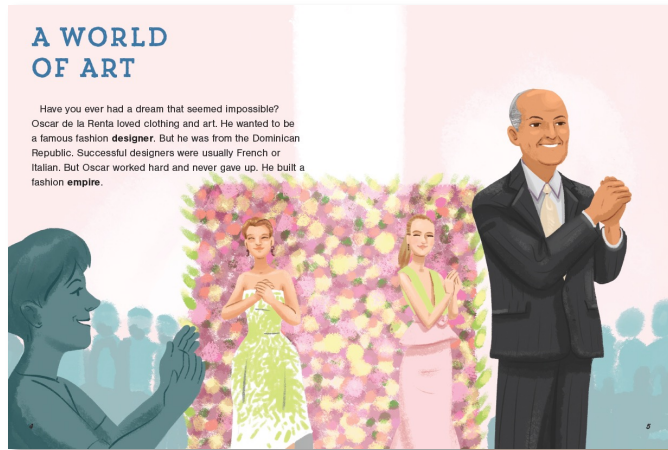


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LEADERS LIKE US

Serena Auñón-Chancellor

BY ANNETTE M. CLAYTON
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ROCKETING TO SUCCESS

Serena became an astronaut candidate, which is an astronaut in training. There was still so much to learn! For two years Serena trained. She learned everything...

from space station systems...
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 ...to wilderness survival skills.

Serena was prepared.

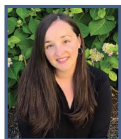


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Annette M. Clayton grew up in a lively and diverse household. With a father from Puerto Rico and an Irish mother, celebrating both cultures ignited her passion for promoting diverse voices in kidlit.



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