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**Two Miserable Presidents** Steve Sheinkin 2009-07-07 May 22, 1856: A MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA WALKS INTO THE SENATE CHAMBER, LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. That Congressman, Preston Brooks, was ready to attack Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts over remarks Sumner made slamming senators who supported slavery in Kansas. Brooks lifted his cane to beat Sumner, and here the action in the book stops, so that Steve Sheinkin can explain just where this confrontation started. In the process, he unravels the complicated string of events – the small things, the personal ones, the big issues– that led to The Civil War. It is a time and a war that threatened America's very existence, revealed in the surprising true stories of the soldiers and statesmen who battled it out. *Two Miserable Presidents* is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

**The Port Chicago Disaster** Charles River Charles River Editors 2018-02-21 \*Includes pictures \*Includes accounts about the incident written by witnesses and survivors \*Includes online references and a bibliography for further reading \*Includes a table of contents "The fact that these men were wearing the uniform of the United States Navy made no difference." - Steve Sheinkin, *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* In World War II, hundreds of thousands of American soldiers were killed across the world, whether in Japanese jungles, North African deserts, or European beaches. Given that backdrop, and the sheer magnitude of the war, people understandably became desensitized to incidents and tragedies that cost hundreds of lives. This was undoubtedly the case with the notorious Port Chicago disaster, a munitions explosion in July 1944 that killed over 300 people and injured over 300 more, many of them Navy sailors.

Since the explosion took place just a little over a month after D-Day, not to mention the fact that a majority of the casualties were African-American, little attention was paid to the tragedy. Among those who did, some believed the men had not been trained well enough, while others said that they were being pushed by their officers to race each other in work that should have been done slowly and carefully. The only thing everyone could agree on was that something went very wrong. If anything, the episode not only underscored the Navy's segregation policies but also demonstrated just how pervasive racism was at the time. The disaster was so deadly that 15% of all African-American Naval casualties in the war occurred on and around the dock in California that day, and while many appreciated the work the soldiers did, others denigrated their efforts. In fact, one shocking report contained the following slanderous remarks: "These enlisted personnel were unreliable, emotional, lacked capacity to understand or remember orders or instructions, were particularly susceptible to mass psychology and moods, lacked mechanical aptitude, were suspicious of strange officers, disliked receiving orders of any kind, particularly from white officers or petty officers, and were inclined to look for and make an issue of discrimination. Because of the level of intelligence and education of the enlisted personnel, it was impracticable to train them by any method other than by actual demonstration. Many of the men were incapable of reading and understanding the most simple directions [T]he officers at Port Chicago have realized for a long time the necessity for great effort on their part because of the poor quality of the personnel with which they had to work. They worked loyally, conscientiously, intelligently, and effectively to make themselves competent officers and to solve the problem of loading ships safely with the men provided." In reality, it was not the mental incapacity of the sailors but the unsafe conditions they were exposed to that ultimately caused the disaster. In the wake of the accident, black sailors and civilians alike demanded change, to the extent that some around Port Chicago subsequently refused to load munitions on ships. While the "Port Chicago Mutiny" led to some arrests, the simmering tensions helped spur overall policy changes, and eventually the U.S. Navy began to desegregate its forces in early 1946. *The Port Chicago Disaster: The History of America's Deadliest Homeland Incident during World War II* chronicles the story of the disaster and its aftermath. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Port Chicago disaster like never before, in no time at all.

**I Am Alfonso Jones** Tony Medina 2017-10-15 Alfonso can't wait to play the role of Hamlet in his school's hip-hop rendition of the classic play. But as he is buying his first suit, an off-duty police officer misatkes a clothes hanger for a gun and shoots Alfoso. When Alfonso wakes up in the af

**The Port Chicago 50** Steve Sheinkin 2017 Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

**Timelines from Black History** DK 2021-01-19 Amazing visual timelines take readers through the people and the issues that have shaped Black history Erased. Ignored. Hidden. Lost. Underappreciated. No longer. Delve into the unique, inspiring, and world-changing history of Black people. From Frederick Douglass to Oprah Winfrey, and the achievements of ancient African kingdoms to those of the US Civil Rights Movement, *Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies* takes kids on an exceptional journey from prehistory to modern times. This DK children's ebook boasts more than 30 visual timelines, which explore the biographies of the famous and the not-so-famous - from royalty to activists, and writers to scientists, and

much, much more. Stunning thematic timelines also explain the development of Black history - from the experiences of black people in the US, to the story of postcolonial Africa. Did you know that the richest person ever to have lived was a West African? Or that the technology that made the lightbulb possible was developed by African American inventor, and not Thomas Edison? How about the fact that Ethiopia was the only African country to avoid colonization, thanks to the leadership of a brave queen? Stacked with facts and visually vibrant, *Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legacies, Legends* is an unforgettable and accessible hive of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.

**The Port Chicago Mutiny** Robert L. Allen 2006 During World War II, Port Chicago was a segregated naval munitions base on the outer shores of San Francisco Bay. Black seamen were required to load ammunition onto ships bound for the South Pacific under the watch of their white officers--an incredibly dangerous and physically challenging task. On July 17, 1944, an explosion rocked the base, killing 320 men--202 of whom were black ammunition loaders. In the ensuing weeks, white officers were given leave time and commended for heroic efforts, whereas 328 of the surviving black enlistees were sent to load ammunition on another ship. When they refused, fifty men were singled out and charged--and convicted--of mutiny. It was the largest mutiny trial in U.S. naval history. First published in 1989, *The Port Chicago Mutiny* is a thorough and riveting work of civil rights literature, and with a new preface and epilogue by the author emphasize the event's relevance today.

**Integration of the Armed Forces, 1940-1965** Morris J. MacGregor 1981-12 CMH Pub 50-1-1. Defense Studies Series. Discusses the evolution of the services' racial policies and practices between World War II and 1965 during the period when black servicemen and women were integrated into the Nation's military units.

**Knock Knock** Daniel Beaty 2013-12-17 Every morning, I play a game with my father. He goes knock knock on my door and I pretend to be asleep till he gets right next to the bed. And my papa, he tells me, "I love you." But what happens when, one day, that "knock knock" doesn't come? This powerful and inspiring book shows the love that an absent parent can leave behind, and the strength that children find in themselves as they grow up and follow their dreams.

**Mutiny and Leadership** Keith Grint 2021-03-04 Using contemporary leadership theory to cast a critical light on an array of mutinies throughout history, this book considers the organizational nature of mutinies, explores the contexts in which they can be encouraged or discouraged, and ultimately shows how mutiny can be considered as a permanent possibility.

**Port Chicago** Dean L. McLeod 2007 Looks at the history of Port Chicago, California, an all-American town and naval facility which came into being in 1908 on Suisun Bay in Contra Costa County and was dissolved in 1968 when property was bought and buildings demolished by the Federal Govern

**The Encyclopaedia Britannica** 1911

**Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team** Steve Sheinkin 2017-01-17 "A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team"--

**Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink (Lost #1)** Tod Olson 2016-10-25 World War II, October 21, 1942. A B-17 bomber drones high over the Pacific Ocean, sending a desperate SOS into the air. The crew is carrying America's greatest living war hero on a secret mission deep into the battle zone. But the plane is lost, burning through its final gallons of fuel. At 1:30 p.m., there is only one choice left: an emergency landing at sea. If the crew survives the impact, they will be left stranded without food or water hundreds of miles from civilization. Eight men. Three inflatable rafts. Sixty-eight million square miles of ocean. What will it take to make it back alive?

**Lincoln's Grave Robbers** Steve Sheinkin 2013-01-01 A true crime thriller -- the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body! The action begins in October of 1875, as Secret Service agents raid the Fulton, Illinois, workshop of master counterfeiter Ben Boyd. Soon after Boyd is hauled off to prison, members of his counterfeiting ring gather in the back room of a smoky Chicago saloon to discuss how to spring their ringleader. Their plan: grab Lincoln's body from its Springfield tomb, stash it in the sand dunes near Lake Michigan, and demand, as a ransom, the release of Ben Boyd -- and \$200,000 in cash. From here, the action alternates between the conspirators, the Secret Service agents on their trail, and the undercover agent moving back and forth between the two groups. Along the way readers get glimpses into the inner workings of counterfeiting, grave robbing, detective work, and the early days of the Secret Service. The plot moves toward a wild climax as robbers and lawmen converge at Lincoln's tomb on election night: November 7, 1876.

**Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise** David Ezra Stein 2018-09-11 It's homework time for the little red chicken, who has just learned about something every good story should have: an elephant of surprise. Or could it be an element of surprise (as her amused papa explains)? As they dive in to story after story, looking for the part that makes a reader say "Whoa! I didn't know that was going to happen," Papa is

sure he can convince Chicken he's right. After all, there are definitely no elephants in "The Ugly Duckling," "Rapunzel," or "The Little Mermaid" — or are there? Elephant or element, something unexpected awaits Papa in every story, but a surprise may be in store for the little red chicken as well. Full of the same boisterous charm that made *Interrupting Chicken* so beloved by readers, this gleeful follow-up is sure to delight fans of stories, surprises, and elephants alike.

**Maxi's Secrets** Lynn Plourde 2017 "Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start middle school—but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog"--

**The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia** Candace Fleming 2014-07-08 "[A] superb history.... In these thrilling, highly readable pages, we meet Rasputin, the shaggy, lecherous mystic...; we visit the gilded ballrooms of the doomed aristocracy; and we pause in the sickroom of little Alexei, the hemophiliac heir who, with his parents and four sisters, would be murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1918." —The Wall Street Journal Here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovs—at once an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing. Using captivating photos and compelling first person accounts, award-winning author Candace Fleming (*Amelia Lost*; *The Lincolns*) deftly maneuvers between the imperial family's extravagant lives and the plight of Russia's poor masses, making this an utterly mesmerizing read as well as a perfect resource for meeting Common Core standards. "An exhilarating narrative history of a doomed and clueless family and empire." —Jim Murphy, author of Newbery Honor Books *An American Plague* and *The Great Fire* "For readers who regard history as dull, Fleming's extraordinary book is proof positive that, on the contrary, it is endlessly fascinating, absorbing as any novel, and the stuff of an altogether memorable reading experience." —Booklist, Starred "Marrying the intimate family portrait of Heiligman's Charles and Emma with the politics and intrigue of Sheinkin's *Bomb*, Fleming has outdone herself with this riveting work of narrative nonfiction that appeals to the imagination as much as the intellect." —The Horn Book, Starred Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature Winner of the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award for Nonfiction A Robert F. Sibert Honor Book A YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award Finalist Winner of the Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction

**The Notorious Benedict Arnold** Steve Sheinkin 2010-11-09 Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes. This accessible biography introduces young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale. The Notorious Benedict Arnold is the winner of the 2011 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction.

**Visiting Day** Jacqueline Woodson 2015 A young girl and her grandmother visit the girl's father in prison.

**The Port Chicago 50** Steve Sheinkin 2014-01-21 The Newbery Award-winning and National Book Award finalist author of *Bomb* presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

**A Squiggly Story** Andrew Larsen 2016-09-06 Who says there's only one way to write a story? A young boy wants to write a story, but he only knows his letters, not words. His sister says, "Why don't you start there, with a letter?" So the boy tries. He chooses an easy letter to begin with. The letter I. And to his delight, with just the power of his vivid imagination, and no written words, an amazing story begins to unfold. Right before his eyes. This playful tale about creativity will inspire budding authors everywhere to envision new ways to write stories of their own. With or without words!

**Port Chicago Mutiny** Robert L. Allen 1993-07-01 History of the disastrous explosion at a World War II Navy dock north of Oakland, California that killed hundreds of people, many of them African-American dock workers. Later when the workers mutinied against unsafe working conditions, the "Port Chicago 50" were sentenced at a courts-martial trial to prison. After public outcry, almost all the sentences were reduced.

**Hoop Kings** Charles R. Smith 2004-01-01 A collection of twelve poems that celebrate contemporary basketball stars, including Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, and Kobe Bryant.

**Amina's Voice** Hena Khan 2017-03-14 "A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community"--

**Most Dangerous** Steve Sheinkin 2015-09-22 "The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War"--

**Born to Fly** Steve Sheinkin 2019-09-24 *Born to Fly* is the gripping story of the fearless women pilots who aimed for the skies—and beyond. Just nine years after American women finally got the right to vote, a group of trailblazers soared to new heights in the 1929 Air Derby, the first women's air race across the U.S. Follow the incredible lives of legend Amelia Earhart, who has captivated generations; Marvel Crosson, who built a plane before she even learned how to fly; Louise Thaden, who shattered jaw-dropping altitude records; and Elinor Smith, who at age seventeen made headlines when she flew under the Brooklyn Bridge. These awe-inspiring stories culminate in a suspenseful, nail-biting race across the country that brings to life the glory and grit of the dangerous and thrilling early days of flying, expertly told by the master of nonfiction history for young readers, National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin. Featuring illustrations by Bijou Karman.

**Tunes for Bears to Dance To** Robert Cormier 2013-03-19 Money's tight and Henry is lucky to have the job at Mr. Hairston's grocery store. His parents are both lost in despair following the death of Henry's older brother, and Henry is glad for the opportunity to feel like he's helping. Saving to buy a marker for Eddie's grave, Henry tries to ignore Mr. Hairston's commentary about the customers. But Henry is shocked when he is told he's being laid off. That is, unless he agrees to do one thing, one terrible thing.

**Samurai Rising** Pamela S. Turner 2018-03-13 A samurai fights for honor and survival in a real-life *Game of Thrones*. Stirring narrative nonfiction recounts the rise of Minamoto Yoshitsune from seemingly doomed infant

to immortal warrior-hero (and one of the most famous samurai in Japanese history). Acclaimed author Pamela S. Turner delivers all the drama, romance, and tragedy of the original story—with delightfully dry wit and a healthy dose of modern perspective. Gorgeous ink paintings by celebrated graphic-novelist Gareth Hinds complete this irresistible package.

**Dear Dragon** Josh Funk 2016-09-06 A sweet and clever friendship story in rhyme, about looking past physical differences to appreciate the person (or dragon) underneath. George and Blaise are pen pals, and they write letters to each other about everything: their pets, birthdays, favorite sports, and science fair projects. There's just one thing that the two friends don't know: George is a human, while Blaise is a dragon! What will happen when these pen pals finally meet face-to-face? "When I was a kid, my best friend was Josh Funk. Now he's becoming a friend to a whole new generation."—B.J. Novak, author of The New York Times bestseller *The Book With No Pictures*

**How to Code a Sandcastle** Josh Funk 2018-05-15 From the computer science nonprofit Girls Who Code comes this lively and funny story introducing kids to computer coding concepts. All summer, Pearl has been trying to build the perfect sandcastle, but out-of-control Frisbees and mischievous puppies keep getting in the way! Pearl and her robot friend Pascal have one last chance, and this time, they're going to use code to get the job done. Using fundamental computer coding concepts like sequences and loops, Pearl and Pascal are able to break down their sandcastle problem into small, manageable steps. If they can create working code, this could turn out to be the best beach day ever! With renowned computer science nonprofit Girls Who Code, Josh Funk and Sara Palacios use humor, relatable situations, and bright artwork to introduce kids to the fun of coding.

**Which Way to the Wild West?** Steve Sheinkin 2010-07-06 History—with the good bits put back. Discover the drama, discoveries, dirty deeds and derring-do that won the American West. With a storyteller's voice and attention to the details that make history real and interesting, Steve Sheinkin's *Which Way to the Wild West?* delivers America's greatest adventure. From the Louisiana Purchase (remember: if you're negotiating a treaty for your country, play it cool.) to the gold rush (there were only three ways to get to California—all of them bad) to the life of the cowboy, the Indian wars, and the everyday happenings that defined living on the frontier.

**The Girl I Wanted to Be** Sarah Grace McCandless 2006-06-02 Enjoying the last days of her fourteenth summer on the shores of Lake Michigan, Presley Moran admires two close relatives and begins to confide in her best friend, Jack, when her family becomes increasingly unsettled by a mysterious problem. Original. 50,000 first printing.

**Not If I Save You First** Ally Carter 2018-03-27 Bestselling author Ally Carter returns with an exciting stand-alone novel, about a girl stranded in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness with the boy who wronged her... as an assassin moves in.

**Leon's Story** Leon Walter Tillage 2008-08-11 The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the civil rights movement helped bring about. An ALA Notable Book. Reprint.

**King George: What Was His Problem?** Steve Sheinkin 2009-07-07 New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Honor recipient Steve Sheinkin gives young readers an American history lesson they'll never forget in the fun and funny *King George: What Was His Problem?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the American Revolution*, featuring illustrations by Tim Robinson. A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year A New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing What do the most famous traitor in history, hundreds of naked soldiers, and a salmon lunch have in common? They're all part of the amazing story of the American Revolution. Entire books have been written about the causes of the American Revolution. This isn't one of them. What it is, instead, is utterly interesting, anecdotes (John Hancock fixates on salmon), from the inside out (at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, hundreds of soldiers plunged into battle "naked as they were born") close-up narratives filled with little-known details, lots of quotes that capture the spirit and voices of the principals ("If need be, I will raise one thousand men, subsist them at my own expense, and march myself at their head for the relief of Boston" --George Washington), and action. It's the story of the birth of our nation, complete with soldiers, spies, salmon sandwiches, and real facts you can't help but want to tell to everyone you know. "For middle-graders who find Joy Hakim's 11-volume *A History of US* just too daunting, historian Sheinkin offers a more digestible version of our country's story...The author expertly combines individual stories with sweeping looks at the larger picture—tucking in extracts from letters, memorable anecdotes, pithy characterizations and famous lines with a liberal hand."—Kirkus Reviews Also by Steve Sheinkin: *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* *Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* *Which Way to the Wild West?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About Westward Expansion* *Two Miserable Presidents: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the Civil War* *Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America*

**Courage Has No Color, The True Story of the Triple Nickles** Tanya Lee Stone 2013-01-22 They became America's first black paratroopers. Why was their story never told? Sibert Medalist Tanya Lee Stone reveals the history of the Triple Nickles during World War II. World War II is raging, and thousands of American soldiers are fighting overseas against the injustices brought on by Hitler. Back on the home front, the injustice of discrimination against African Americans plays out as much on Main Street as in the military. Enlisted black men are segregated from white soldiers and regularly relegated to service duties. At Fort Benning, Georgia,

First Sergeant Walter Morris's men serve as guards at The Parachute School, while the white soldiers prepare to be paratroopers. Morris knows that for his men to be treated like soldiers, they have to train and act like them, but would the military elite and politicians recognize the potential of these men as well as their passion for serving their country? Tanya Lee Stone examines the role of African Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought in a little-known attack on the American West by the Japanese. The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, in the words of Morris, "proved that the color of a man had nothing to do with his ability." From *Courage Has No Color* What did it take to be a paratrooper in World War II? Specialized training, extreme physical fitness, courage, and – until the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (the Triple Nickles) was formed – white skin. It is 1943. Americans are overseas fighting World War II to help keep the world safe from Adolf Hitler's tyranny, safe from injustice, safe from discrimination. Yet right here at home, people with white skin have rights that people with black skin do not. What is courage? What is strength? Perhaps it is being ready to fight for your nation even when your nation isn't ready to fight for you. Front matter includes a foreword by Ashley Bryan. Back matter includes an author's note, an appendix, a time line, source notes, and a bibliography.

**Dark Life** Kat Falls 2012-02-01 Dive deep into the vivid underwater world of *Dark Life*! The oceans rose, swallowing the lowlands. Earthquakes shattered the continents, toppling entire regions into the rising water. Now, humans live packed into stack cities. The only ones with any space of their own are those who live on the ocean floor: the *Dark Life*. Ty has spent his whole life living deep undersea. When outlaws attack his homestead, he finds himself in a fight to save the only home he has ever known. Joined by Gemma, a girl from Topside, Ty ventures into the frontier's rough underworld and discovers some dark secrets to *Dark Life*. Secrets that threaten to destroy everything.

**The Port Chicago 50** Steve Sheinkin 2014-01-21 An astonishing World War II military story of civil rights from New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Honor recipient Steve Sheinkin. A National Book Award Finalist A YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Finalist A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks, critically injuring off-duty men in their bunks, and shattering windows up to a mile away. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution. *The Port Chicago 50* is a fascinating story of the prejudice and injustice

that faced black men and women in America's armed forces during World War II, and a nuanced look at those who gave their lives in service of a country where they lacked the most basic rights. This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked into multiple aspects of the common core curriculum, including history and social studies. "Sheinkin delivers another meticulously researched WWII story, one he discovered while working on his Newbery Honor book, *Bomb*...Archival photos appear throughout, and an extensive bibliography, source notes, and index conclude this gripping, even horrific account of a battle for civil rights predating Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr." –Publishers Weekly (starred review) Also by Steve Sheinkin: *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* *Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* *Which Way to the Wild West?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About Westward Expansion* *King George: What Was His Problem?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the American Revolution* *Two Miserable Presidents: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the Civil War* *Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America*

**My Hair is Magic!** M. L. Marroquin 2020-10-06 This little girl knows her hair is great just as it is. When people ask, "Why is your hair so BIG?" she answers, "Why isn't yours?" Her hair is soft, it protects her, it's both gentle and fierce. While some might worry about how it's different and try to contain it, she gives it the freedom to be so extraordinary it almost has a life of its own. Told in bold verse and vivid, fantastical illustrations, these critical questions will ring familiar, and the proud, confident answers show that what really matters is how readers see themselves.

**Bomb** Steve Sheinkin 2012-09-04 In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. *Bomb* is a 2012 National Book Awards finalist for Young People's Literature. *Bomb* is a 2012 Washington Post Best Kids Books of the Year title. *Bomb* is a 2013 Newbery Honor book.