**Picture Book Biography Bibliography – Black History**

**Patricia Hruby Powell <http://talesforallages.com/>**

**Civil Rights and Political – MLK, Jr.**

MLK - *Martin’s Big Words* Rappaport, Doreen (Bryan Collier) Jump at Sun/Hyperion 2001

(1929-1968) whites only, 1955 Montgomery bus strike, I Have a Dream, death **P T B**

MLK - *I Have a Dream* Martin Luther King Jr. (Kadir Nelson) Schwartz & Wade 2012.

1963 parts speech illustrated, March on Washington (complete speech at end) **M**

MLK - *I Have a Dream* Martin Luther King, Jr. (15 Coretta Scott King winner and honor illustrators)

Complete 1963 speech illustrated, foreword by CSK; poignant prejudice illustrations **M**

*\*Coretta Scott* Ntozake Shang (Kadir Nelson) Harper 2008

parallels MLK life, March on Washington **P**

*Rosa* Nikki Giovanni (Bryan Collier) Holt 2005

Starts with sitting near front of bus 1955 Montgomery bus strike **M**

*Looking at Lincoln* Maira Kalman Paulsen 2012

*March: Book I* **John Lewis** & Andrew Aydin (Nate Powell) Top Shelf 2013 **M**

graphic novel; youngest speaker ’64 March on Washington; US House of Rep for Georgia

*Michelle* Deborah Hopkinson (AG Ford) Tegen/Harper 2009. [Michelle Obama]

Courageous, “aspire to be great” **M** (could delete or replace)

*Sojourner Truth’s Step-Stomp Stride* Pinkney (Pinkney). Jump at the Sun/Disney 2009. **M**

(1797-1883) Wronged slave, escapes; spoke, preached bible, dictated her story to abolitionist; fought for women, too! **B**

*Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything* Maira Kalman Paulsen 2014

**Artists**

*Duke Ellington* Andrea Davis Pinkney (Brian Pinkney) Hyperion 1998

(1899-1974) about his music and musicians; not about prejudice **M B**

*\*Ella Fitzgerald* Pinkney (Pinkney) Jump at the Sun/Hyperion 2002 **B**

(1917- 1996) as record label, 4 tracks; scat singing; partly in “verse”; music not prejudice **P/M**

*\*Josephine* Patricia Hruby Powell (Christian Robinson) Chronicle 2014

(1906-1975) illustrated as performance, suffers prejudice, overcomes. **You can do anything) M**

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\**Love to Langston* Tony Medina (R. Gregory Christie) Lee & Low 2001 **MB**

(1902 – 1967) his bio in poems, poet Langston Hughes “jazz…hits my heart in the funny bone”

*When Marian Sang* Pam Muñoz Ryan (Brian Selznick) Scholastic 2002 – stage/written program inspiration of singing/music (opera); prejudice on road; European success ’27-’39, spokesperson for Negros, ends in ’55 Metropolitan Opera stage – timeline continues. discography **M T**

**Others**

*Testing the Ice* [Jackie Robinson] Sharon Robinson (Kadir Nelson) Scholastic 2009

author=daughter, JR looks back on his life, warned he’d be abused (race); about **courage**

**\*=PB Poetry also; P=fewer words; M=more words; T=Timeline (all have author notes)**