**Picture Book Biography Bibliography – Written as Poetry (or verse)**

**Patricia Hruby Powell** [www.talesforallages.com](http://www.talesforallages.com)

*Josephine: The Dazzling Life of* ***Josephine Baker***Patricia Hruby Powell. Chronicle 2014

CCSS.ELA Literacy RI.1.2 - RI.6.2 Curriculum Guide at http://talesforallages.com/books/josephine/

***Blackbeard****: The Pirate King* J. Patrick Lewis (art: Wyeth, Nicholls, etc) Nat’l Geo. 2005

Individual poems and extra notes for each swashbuckling yarn or myth **TMB**

*Self-Portrait with Seven Fingers: The Life of* ***Marc Chagall*** *in Verse* J. Patrick Lewis & Jane Yolen. (**Marc Chagall** ;-) Creative Editions 2011. [*with 7 fingers*=Yiddish, do it well] poems suggest is poet-mind plus prose bio of MC throughout **M** **B**

***Emily Dickinson’s*** *Letters to the World*. Emily Dickinson and (Jeanette Winter). FSG 2002.

As if told (introduced) by sister Lavinia; partial (& complete) Dickinson poems=memoir **M**

*The Story of* ***Emma Lazarus****: Liberty’s Voice*. Erica Silverman (Stacey Schuett) Dutton 2011 **M**

(1849 -1887) Statue of Liberty poet; strong woman overcoming obstacles; American freedom; mostly bio, and her one poem **B**

*Our* ***Abe Lincoln****: Old Tune New Lyrics* Jim Aylesworth (Barbara McClintock) Scholastic 2009. Song: *Old Gray Mare*, illustrated like school pageant **P T**

*\*I and I:* ***Bob Marley***. Tony Medina (Jesse Joshua Watson). Lee & Low 2009.

(1945-1981) great poems; end matter gives history of Jamaica international black history. **M**

*\*Twelve Rounds to Glory:* ***Muhammad Ali*** *–*Charles R. Smith Jr. (Bryan Collier) Candlewick 2007 – Cassius Clay (1942 -) rap-inspired verse, told 2nd person, boastful – timeline **MT**

*The Pot That Juan Built.* Nancy Andrews-Goebel (David Diaz) Lee & Low 2002.

**Juan Quezada** premier potter of MX: House that Jack Built; extra info throughout; luminous illustrations; shows how one person can transform a whole community **P**

*When* ***Stravinsky*** *Met* ***Nijinsky****: Two Artists, Their Ballet, and One Extraordinary Riot* Lauren Stringer. Houghton/Harcourt 2013. (S=1882-1971) (N 1889-1950)

They dared to be different: Rite of Spring – Paris 1913 – illustrations are dance/music! **P B**

*\*Harriet and the Promised Land* Jacob Lawrence. S&S 1992 [**Harriet Tubman**]

(1820-1913) escaped slave leading slaves from south to North (19x) – JL is celebrated AA painter **P**

***Walt Whitman****: Words for America* Barbara Kerley (Brian Selznick) Scholastic 2004 **M T B**

(1819 - 1892) Civil War years, making of American poetry, wide open, inspiring humble

alphabetical by subject of biography

**\*=PB Black History also; P=fewer words; M=more words; T=timeline; B=bibliography**

**all these books have author notes**