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**Title:** Who Was Albert Einstein?

**By:** Jess Brallier

**Illustrated by:** Robert Andrew Parker

**Back Cover:**

“Who was Albert Einstein?

* One of the most brilliant human beings who ever lived.
* A scientist whose discoveries and theories led to TV…and the atom bomb.
* A peace-loving guy with really crazy hair.

Find out more about the real Albert Einstein in this fun and exciting illustrated biography!”

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**Who Was Albert Einstein?**

*“For an idea that does not at first seem insane, there is no hope.”*  - Albert Einstein

**Chapter 1 Born to Think**

*“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”* –Albert Einstein

**Vocabulary:** Ulm, Germany, generators, electricity, pestered, encircles, compass, duets, accompany, Munich, mechanics, veterinarians, destined

**Hyphenated Words:** rough-and-tumble, wheel-less

**Chapter 2 What’s to be Done with a Genius?**

**Vocabulary:** strict, stunned, sergeants, brilliant, Italy, expelled

**Chapter 3 Albert Takes a Very Deep Breath…and Keeps Thinking**

*“One is born into a herd of buffaloes and must be glad if one is not trampled underfoot before one’s time.”*  - Albert Einstein

**Vocabulary:** civilized, Nicholas Copernicus, Polish astronomer, Galileo Galilei, theories, magnetism, ether, marvel, solitude, monotony, stimulates, physics, Switzerland, Zurich, theories, physics, patent, devastated

**Hyphenated Words:** open-minded

**Chapter 4 The Best Years**

**Vocabulary:**  miniature, invention, patent, gadget, published, groundbreaking, length, width, depth, dimensions, steady, secure, confident, achievement, decades, convinced, relativity, concepts, images, gravitational, theories, startling, proven, solar eclipse, eccentric, absentminded, marvelous, isobar, formula, energy, mass, matter

**Hyphenated Words:** battery-powered, back-scratcher, already-invented, yo-yo

**Chapter 5 Albert Hits High Gear**

*“If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y plus Z. X is work. Y is play. Z is keeping your mouth shut.”* – Albert Einstein

**Vocabulary:** Berlin, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Nobel Prize, abandoned, distinguished, inherited, trait, existence, sacrificing, impersonal, photoelectrical, tension, burst, challenging, eclipse, stalemate, conscience, ridiculous, committed, promoting, South America, West Africa, intense, genius, influence

**Hyphenated Words:** peace-loving, fire-eaters

**Chapter 6 War…Again**

*“Unless the cause of peace based on law gathers behind it the force and zeal of a religion, it hardly can hope to succeed.” –* Albert Einstein

**Vocabulary:** Jewish, Israel, Palestine, dissolved, immersed, pier, charmed, Nazis, pacifists, Middle East, Asia, Japan, Spain, Oxford, Cambridge, Sorbonne, Harvard, Hitler, defeat, treaty, Chancellor, Caputh, Germany, seized, Belgium, England, Institute of Advance Study, Princeton, New Jersey, startling, converted, massive, atomic bomb, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Italy, France, battlefronts, Hiroshima, ceased, vaporized, charred, Nagasaki, justification, solemn, mass, energy, Princeton, New Jersey, The Unified Field Theory, petrified, rendered, swerve, Switzerland

**Chapter 7 Albert’s Time Is Up**

*“Everything is determined, the beginning as well as the end, by forces over which we have no control. It is determined for the insect as well as for the star. Human beings, vegetables or cosmic dust, we all dance to a mysterious tune, intoned in the distance by an invisible player.”* – Albert Einstein

**Vocabulary:** insisted, hesitated, Jewish nation of Israel, equation, eternity, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, photographs, mourned

**Chapter 8 A Final Thought**

**Vocabulary:** donate, cremate, autopsy, Thomas Harvey, formaldehyde, Wichita, Kansas

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**Title:** Who Was Dr. Seuss?

**By:** Janet B. Pascal

**Illustrated by:** Nancy Harrison

**Back Cover:**

“Who was Dr. Seuss?

* A boy who loved zoos and drawing silly animals
* A college student voted “least likely to succeed”
* An author and illustrator who changed children’s books forever

Find out more about the real Dr. Seuss in this fun and exciting illustrated biography!”

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I Speak for the Trees

*Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*

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**Who Was Dr. Seuss? (pages 1 & 2)**

“In 1985, Princeton University awarded honorary degrees to six people. An honorary degree is given to a person who has done something important for the world. The students were most excited about one of the people being honored. When a tall, thin man with a gray beard stood up, they all leaped to their feet. “I am Sam,” they chanted. “Sam-I-am.” Then they recited, from memory, all of *Green Eggs and Ham*. It was a special way to show Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, how much his books meant to them.

 Among the Princeton students that year was Michelle Robinson. Many years later, she married Barack Obama and became the First Lady of the United States. In 2010 she chose another Dr. Seuss book *The Cat in the Hat*, to read aloud to the nation’s schoolchildren. The First Lady knew that books for beginning readers used to be solemn and boring. Then Dr. Seuss appeared with his bouncy rhymes and wild and crazy characters like the Cat in the Hat, Horton, and the Grinch. Learning to read was never the same again.”

**Chapter 1 Goofy Machines**

**Vocabulary:** wordplay, spare, exaggerating, Wynnmph, Springfield, Massachusetts, Germany, Europe, Liberty bonds, Theodore Roosevelt, bellowed, slunk, Prohibition, manufacture, The Eighteenth Amendment, activists, mafia, smuggling, gangsters, Al Capone, folk heroes, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire

**Chapter 2 A Very Fine Flying Cow**

**Vocabulary:** magazine, editor in chief, Oxford University, England, lectures, doodled, illustrator, New Jersey

**Chapter 3 Boids and Beasties**

**Vocabulary:** *Saturday Evening Post,* cartoon, elegant, parasols, New York City, whack, salary, parlor, advertising campaigns, Great Depression, Flit, Manhattan, horse stable

**Chapter 4 What I Saw on Mulberry Street**

**Vocabulary:** editor, quotations, sequel, throbbing, chanting, publishers, rejected, moral, grateful

**Chapter 5 An Elephant up a Tree**

**Vocabulary:** reviewers, inspired, Peru, resist, doodles, World War II, Germany, Adolf Hitler, Nazis

**Chapter 6 Private SNAFU**

**Vocabulary:** political cartoons, criticized, ostriches, ally, Japan, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, enlisted, clumsy, Hollywood, California, SNAFU (Situation Normal, All Fouled Up), promoted, Oscars, postwar, generations, isolationists, Paris

**Chapter 7 a Moose, a Nerd, and the Whos**

**Vocabulary:** quarrel, avoided, La Jolla, Uber Gletch, cuckoo clock, John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline, Life magazine, villains, prejudice, studio, rigged, Dartmouth, honorary doctorate, Oxford, boasted, nerd

**Chapter 8 The Cat in the Hat arrives**

**Vocabulary:** rhyme, convinced, P.D. Eastman, Marshall McClintock, Stan and Jan Berenstain, Bennett Cerf, USSR, communist

**Chapter 9 Grinches and Turtles and Sneetches**

**Vocabulary:** obvious, animator, Chuck Jones, version, tyrant, burp, civil rights, elephant seals, Mexico, Peru, mummies, Australia, Africa, Hawaii, vulgar, rude, slangy, translate, languages, Chinese, Swedish, Spanish, Hebrew, Maori, Latin Japanese, Greek, Yiddish, prose

**Chapter 10 I Speak for the Trees**

**Vocabulary:** shielded, publicity, companion, assumed, lecture, Kenya, Africa, truffula, safari, ambling, censorship, humanity, Cold War

**Chapter 11 *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!***

**Vocabulary:** Pulitzer Prize, hoax, summing, mourned

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**Title:** Who Was Pablo Picasso?

**Written and Illustrated by:** True Kelley

**Back Cover:** “Who was Pablo Picasso?

* A child who could draw before he could talk
* A pet-lover who had a mouse, a turtle, a monkey, and many cats and dogs
* The most famous artist of the 20th century

Find out more about the real Pablo Picasso in this fun and exciting illustrated biography!

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**Who Was Pablo Picasso?**

**Vocabulary:** posters, sculptures, ceramics, drawings, collages, prints, poetry, theater sets, costumes, dove, peace, *Guernica*, brutality

**Chapter 1 The Boy Wonder**

**Vocabulary:** Malaga, Spain, *lapiz* (pencil), spirals, bullfight, diphtheria, Barcelona, models, posed, realistic, exhibit, Madrid, Royal Academy of San Fernando, Prado Art Museum, El Greco, Francisco Goya, scarlet fever

**Chapter 2 The Young Artist**

**Vocabulary:** Els Quatre Gats (The Four Cats), modernists (modern artists), portraits, Paris, Carles Casagemas, Monet, Degas, Cezanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec, pastels, political cartoons, Max Jacob, canvases, beggars

**Chapter 3 Life in Paris**

**Vocabulary:** jugglers, acrobats, traveling circus, Les Saltimbangues (The Family of Acrobats), Fernande Olivier, dachshund, rascal, Las Meninas, noble, intense, complicated, charming, Leo Stein, Gertrude Stein, Henri Matisse, competitors, Gertrude Stein, primitive

**Chapter 4 Pablo’s Shocking Paintings**

**Vocabulary:** *Les Demoiselles D’Avignon*, angular, distorted, critic, D.H. Kahnweiler, Georges Braque, Paul Cezanne, *The Sea at L’Estaques*, cubism, *Portrait of Ambroise Vollard*

**Chapter 5 Something New**

**Vocabulary:** villa, Eva Gouel, *Ma Jolie* (My Pretty Girl), collages, *Still Life with Chair Caning*, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, Great War- World War I, Archduke, Germany, France, United States, drafted, gallery, confiscated, tuberculosis, *Harlequin,* easel, bleak

**Chapter 6 Falling in Love Again and Again**

**Vocabulary:** playwright, Jean Cocteau, ballet, Rome, circus, *Parade*, Olga Khokhlova, resorts, Paulo, jagged, *Three Women at the Spring*, *Three Musicians*, centaurs, fauns, Italy, surrealist, *Woman in Red Armchair,* etchings, bullfighting, Minotaur, Julio Gonzales, abstract, welded, stables, plaster, *Head of a Woman*, colanders, subway, Marie-Therese, Maya, Dora Maar, Claude, Paloma, Francoise, Jacqueline

**Chapter 7 War and Peace**

**Vocabulary:**Spanish Civil War, General Francisco Franco, dictator, native, Guernica, severed, amid, chaos, symbolize, portrayal, Poland, Royan, defiance, leeks, scarce, Eiffel Tower, liberated, World War II, dove, peace

**Chapter 8 Pots and Pans**

**Vocabulary:** Vallauris, pottery, ceramics, *Bull’s Head, Woman with Baby Carriage, The Ape and Her Young, Goat*

**Chapter 9 Busy to the End**

**Vocabulary:** The Artist and Model Series, Velazquez, *Las Meninas*, celebrity, secluded, linoleum block prints, sheet metal, *The Footballer*, brayer, devoted, Barcelona, Paris, boggles, genius, originality, passion, plot, Christopher Marlowe, Queen Elizabeth I, nobleman, Earl of Oxford, brogger, Stratford, apprentice, Anne Hathaway

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**Title:** Who Was William Shakespeare?

**By:** Celeste Davidson Mannis

**Illustrated by:** John O’Brien

**Back Cover:** “Who was William Shakespeare?

* An actor and theater owner
* A man who remains a mystery to this day
* The greatest playwright of all time

Find out more about the real William Shakespeare in this fun and exciting illustrated biography!”

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**Who Was William Shakespeare?**

**Vocabulary:** playwright, glove-maker, Stratford-upon-Avon

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** black death, bubonic plague, nobility, steady, prosperous, Ferdinand Magellan (Portuguese explorer), Nicolaus Copernicus (Polish astronomer), bustling, Avon River, high bailiff, Coventry, troupe, shillings, presto, spellbound, drifted, dazzled, festivities, Queen Elizabeth I, Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, hornbook, Aesop’s Fables, Plautus, Latin, debates, *As You Like It*

**Chapter 2 Marriage and Children**

**Vocabulary:** Shottery, Hamnet, Judith, Susanna, famine, Catholics, Church of England, suspicion

**Chapter 3 Found Again!**

**Vocabulary:** droves, Thames River, jutted, filthy, scurried, barge, aglitter, commoners, glimpse, silk, brocades, mingled, gruesome, traitors, hideous, Venice, China, mingled, bearbaiting, James Burbage, Theatre, Latin, arena, galleries, thatching, sixpence, groundlings, hazelnuts, mead, plague, tempting, pickpockets, Curtain, Rose, Swan, University Wits, rage, blank verse, rhythm, iambic pentameter, Christopher Marlowe, Cambridge University, rivals, tavern, brawl, scroll, versatile

**Chapter 4 Upstart Crow**

**Vocabulary:** Robert Green, University Wit, “upstart crow”, scholars, *The Two* *Gentlemen of Verona*, Italy, ultimate, King of Spain, fleet, *Henry VI*, War of the Roses, Lancasters, Yorks, The Spanish Armada, conquest, English Channel, bulky, nimble, maneuver, hunchbacked, Richard III, kernel, regret, appealed, *Titus Andronicus*, Goths, archenemy, *The Taming of the Shrew*, Petruchio, Kate, Elizabethan England, Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, The Black Death, Bubonic Plague, Asia

**Chapter 5 The Plague and a Patron**

**Vocabulary:** filthy, quill, *Venus and Adonis*, mortal, Ovid, Trojan War, Richard Field, Earl of Southampton, patron, John Harrison, reputation, sonnets, crackled

**Chapter 6 The Chamberlain’s Men**

**Vocabulary:** tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, fanciful, bickering, pixie, John Shakespeare, coat of arms, status symbol, social class, acquire, shield-shaped, motto, crest, *The Merchant of Venice,* Shylock, flaws, John Falstaff, comic role, legend, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

**Chapter 7 The Globe**

**Vocabulary:** Southwark, pillars, marble, Hercules, black flag=tragedy, white flag=comedy, red flag=a history play, The Globe Theater, cannonball, engulfed, *Julius Caesar*, emperor, Earl of Essex, coup, rebellion, *Richard II*, executed, outrageous, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, chambers, heir, famine, Denmark, avenge, soliloquies, flaw, indecision, *Othello, King Lear, Macbeth,* Desdemona, controversy, integrity, prejudice, century, James, King of Scotland, James I of England, King’s Men, predictions, tortured, sleepwalks, defying, Gunpowder Plot, foiled, flattery, Cordelia, banished

**Chapter 8 Home Again**

**Vocabulary:** New Place, *The Tempest*, duke, Prospero, Miranda, enchanted

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**Title:** Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?

**By:** Margaret Frith

**Illustrated by:** John O’Brien

**Back Cover:** “Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?

* A curious child who fed worms to a friend to see if she would fly like a bird
* A boy who left school at the age of twelve and was hard of hearing all his life
* The man who changed the world when he invented the electric lightbulb

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**Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?**

**Vocabulary:** Milan, Ohio, curious, inventions, electric light, recorded music, movies

**Chapter 1 Always Curious**

**Vocabulary:** birch, timber, Canada, Lake Erie, Huron River, planks, chugging, canal, Port Huron, Michigan, St. Clair River, scarlet fever, drift, addled, Volta’s Battery, copper, zinc, Samuel Morse, Charlestown, Massachusetts, code, France, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, “What Hath God Wrought?”, telegraphic alphabet, dots and dashes, telegrams, telegraphy, notched, decoded

**Chapter 2 Young Inventor**

**Vocabulary:** Grand Trunk Railroad, Port Huron, Detroit, Michigan, *Grand Trunk Herald*, subscription, chemicals, Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, Shiloh, Tennessee, Western Union, *Hamlet*, Boston, Massachusetts, jot, electric voting machine, patent, U.S. Congress, investors, New York City

**Chapter 3 Tom and His “Boys”**

**Vocabulary:** Wall Street, Newark, New Jersey, Newark Telegraph Works, Mary Stilwell, draftsmen, machinists, sketches, quadruplex, electric pen, stencil, roller, Menlo Park, bustle, contraptions, cultivate, publicity, Alexander Graham Bell, Scotland, telephone, “Watson, Come Here. I Want You.”, transmitter, vibrates, carbon, lampblack, soot, phonograph

**Chapter 4 His Invention Factory**

**Vocabulary:** magazine *Scientific American*, fanfare, metal cylinder, tinfoil, hollow, diaphragm, indentations, National Academy of Sciences, Matthew Brady (famous Civil War photographer), clamp, blurry, battlefields, President Rutherford B. Hayes, dictating, Ediphone, penny arcades, audiotapes, cylinders, “The Wizard of Menlo Park”

**Chapter 5 Turning on the Light**

**Vocabulary:** Wyoming, eclipse, tasimeter, cowcatcher, Platte River, miners, drilling, ore, Connecticut, arc, carbon rods, Fredonia, New York, General Lafayette, American Revolution, marvel, filament, incandescent lighting, boasting, Pearl Street, Manhattan, Edison Electric Light Company, oxygen, filament, glassblower, platinum, organ, ecstatic, generator, stunned

**Chapter 6 Making Moving Pictures**

**Vocabulary:** Mina Miller, Ohio, harvesting, grain, Glenmont, West Orange, New Jersey, chum, lavish, Orville Wright, Helen Keller, Henry Ford, galleries, plaques, cylinder, mechanism, Paris, Universal Exhibition, Eiffel Tower, rivets, sway, Chrysler Building, Empire State Building, The French Revolution, Gustave Eiffel, Statue of Liberty, “photographic gun”, Kinetoscope (Moving View), Black Maria (first motion picture studio), Daguerreotype (photographic process), Frenchman Louis J.M Daguerre, American George Eastman, Kodak Box Camera, darkroom, pulley, boxing, heavy-weight champion “Gentleman Jim” Corbett, Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show, Annie Oakley

**Chapter 7 Always Inventing**

**Vocabulary:** swirling, concentrate, iron ore, Minnesota, cement, New York’s Yankee Stadium, Panama Canal, burst, electric car, Henry Ford, Model T, Assembly Line, torpedoes, Harvey Firestone, John Burroughs, Great Smoky Mountains, New England, Ft. Myers, Florida, ailments, diabetes, declined, President Herbert Hoover

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**Title:** Who Was Louis Armstrong?

**By:** Yona Zeldis McDonough

**Illustrated by:** John O’Brien

**Back Cover:** “Who Was Louis Armstrong?

* A poor boy from New Orleans who stooped school after fifth grade
* A singer, songwriter, composer, cornet player, trumpet player, and actor who wrote books about his life
* A jazz musician beloved around the world

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**Who Was Louis Armstrong?**

**Vocabulary:** New Orleans, peddled, errands, reform school, cornet, jazz, composed

**Chapter 1 A Rough and Tumble Start**

**Vocabulary:** Storyville (Battlefield), crime, Mayann Armstrong, Beatrice, Josephine, slave, strict, swatted, grateful, Jim Crow Laws, adored, ladle, satchel, Russia, drift, Joe Oliver, Louisiana, Chicago, New York City, bugle, banjo, piano, trombone, improvisation, trumpet, violin, alto saxophone, slide trombone, double bass, clarinet, guitar, syncopation, pawnshop, loaned, Juvenile Court, Colored Waifs’ Home for Boys

**Chapter 2 A Home Away from Home**

**Vocabulary:** honeysuckle, Professor Peter Davis, tambourine, promoted, eager, Franz Liszt, Johann Sebastian Bach, Gustav Mahler, peppermint candy, gingerbread cakes, turpentine, appeal

**Chapter 3 Making Music**

**Vocabulary:** hauled, Cloverdale Milk Company, wages, trio, errands, World War I, France, England, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Italy, Russia, United States, Daisy Parker, balcony, shimmy, Steckfus Steamboat Line, port, steamer, *Dixie Bell*, Mississippi River, orchestra, poverty, Tuxedo Brass Band, bold, The Great Migration, recruiters, *Chicago Defender*, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Georgia, Alabama, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Detroit

**Chapter 4 King of Jazz**

**Vocabulary:** casket, Lincoln Gardens, Creole Jazz Band, King Oliver’s Band, duets, improvise, variations, succession, Lil Hardin, Tennessee, classical music, Roseland Ballroom at Broadway and Fifty-First Street in New York City, Harlem in Manhattan, Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey, bandleaders, Duke Ellington, conductor, composer, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson (piano player), Don Redman (saxophone player), Charlie Parker (saxophonist), Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan, Lake Idlewild, Michigan, silent movies, Jimmy Tate

Page 58 – definitions to: ballad, bebop, blues, cat, cool jazz, frets, ragtime, gig, riffs, scatting, soul-jazz, swing

gravelly, Bing Crosby, pranks, Niagara Falls, Eastman Kodak Box Camera, Broadway

**Chapter 5 Ups and Downs**

**Vocabulary:** Tommy Rockwell, soloist, Audubon, *Hot Chocolates*, Harlem, Fats Waller, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, Broadway’s Hudson Theater, Great Depression, stock market crash of 1929, slot, Hollywood, California, ascot tie, dialogue, Johnny Collins, Louis Armstrong Special (cigar), Armstrong’s Secret Nine (baseball team), Suburban Gardens, Paris, France, autobiography – *Swing That Music*, song “Jeepers Creepers”, movie – *Going Places*, Academy Award

**Chapter 6 A Question of Color**

**Vocabulary:** World War II, Germany, Italy, South Pacific, Japan, military bases, Europe, Asia, Atlantic, Pacific, Lucille Wilson, Queens, segregation, integrated, Louis Armstrong and His All Stars, Asia, Europe, *TIME* magazine, Mardi Gras, betrayed, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, pioneered, Africa, ancestors, Ghana, sedan chair, governor of Arkansas

**Chapter 7 Hello and Good-bye**

**Vocabulary:** Nigeria, Central Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Rhodesia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, song- “Hello Dolly”, song- “What a Wonderful World”, Barbra Streisand, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, memoirs, hailed, President Richard Nixon, Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue

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**Title:** Who Was Jackie Robinson?

**By:** Gail Herman

**Illustrated by:** John O’Brien

**Back Cover:** “Who Was Jackie Robinson?

* A boy who always stood up for himself
* A teenage sports superstar
* An African American who changed the face of baseball forever

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**Who Was Jackie Robinson?**

**Vocabulary:** National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, New York, Brooklyn Dodgers, World Series, grateful, plaque, stats, Jim Crow Laws

**Chapter 1 Born in the South**

**Vocabulary:** Cairo, Georgia, sharecroppers, hoe, harvest, California, Los Angeles

**Chapter 2 A New Home**

**Vocabulary:** Pasadena, balcony, dodgeball, Great Depression, shrug

**Chapter 3 All-Around Athlete**

**Vocabulary:** Pepper Street Gang, swipe, *Pasadena Post*, Berlin, Germany, Jesse Owens, protest, Adolf Hitler, inspired

**Chapter 4 College Star**

**Vocabulary: (**UCLA) University of California Los Angeles, Pacific Coast Conference, excelled, gridiron, invading, Europe, World War II

**Chapter 5 Ready for Change**

**Vocabulary:** Rachel Isum, conceited, semipro, Honolulu, Hawaii, portholes, Pearl Harbor, fleet, Great Britain, France, US Army

**Chapter 6 Army Days**

**Vocabulary:** Fort Riley, Kansas, Officer Candidate School, second lieutenant, Fort Hood, Texas, Kentucky, Kansas City Monarchs

**Chapter 7 The Monarchs and the Negro League**

**Vocabulary:** Mississippi, Satchel Paige< Jackie Robinson, consecutive, Cleveland Indians, Josh Gibson, Babe Ruth, James Thomas “Cool Papa” Bell, bunt, era

**Chapter 8 Game Change**

**Vocabulary:** Comisky Park, scout, Brooklyn Dodgers, Branch Rickey, Brooklyn, New York, Montreal, Royals, trolley, pennant, Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, Carl Furillo, Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe, umpires, cleats

**Chapter 9 Spring Training**

**Vocabulary:** Daytona Beach, Florida, Montreal Royals, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Johnny Wright, DeLand, jeer, New Jersey, Jersey City Giants, bunt, mobbed

**Chapter 10 The Minors**

**Vocabulary:** Syracuse, New York, Minor League Championship, Louisville Colonels, integrated

**Chapter 11 The Majors**

**Vocabulary:** Cuba, Dodgers, Leo Durocher, Branch Rickey

**Chapter 12 Number 42**

**Vocabulary:** Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, Boston Braves, Louisville Slugger, arched, Philadelphia Phillies, Eddie Stanky, Cincinnati, glance, *Time Magazine*, Rookie of the Year, pennant, American League

**Chapter 13 Glory Years**

**Vocabulary:** Queens, Connecticut, movie – *The Jackie Robinson Story*, Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella, Cleveland Indians, St. Louis Browns, umpires, rival, Dodgers, Yankees, Yogi Berra, Brooklyn Bums, Bronx Bombers, Highlanders, legacy, pinstripes, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe Demaggio, Mickey Mantle

**Chapter 14 Beyond Baseball**

**Vocabulary:** New York Giants, devote, Washington D.C., Martin Luther King Jr., inequalities, reflecting pool, Washington Monument, President Lyndon Johnson, Civil Rights Act of 1964, segregation, protest, (NAACP) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Yale University School of Nursing, collapsed, Pasadena, gazed, diabetes, Vietnam War, addiction, glorious

**Chapter 15 The Legend Lives On**

**Vocabulary:** National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, New York, plaque, extraordinary, renowned, electrifying, tremendous, courage, poise, intense, adversity, President Medal of Freedom, Helen Keller, Neil Armstrong, Apollo 11, astronauts, President John F. Kennedy, statistics

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**Title:** The Disappearing Alphabet

**By:** Richard Wilbur

**Illustrated by:** David Diaz

**Back Cover:** “Have you ever thought about what would happen if the alphabet began to disappear? Pulitzer Prize – winning poet Richard Wilbur gives us twenty-six good reasons to let it fade away.”

“Delightful…A winner that belongs in every library.” – ***School Library Journal* (starred review)**

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“If the alphabet began to disappear,

Some words would soon look raggedy and queer

(Like QUIRREL, HIMPANZEE, and CHOOCHOO-TRAI),

While others would entirely fade away;

And since it is by words that we construe

The world, the world would start to vanish, too!

Good heavens! It would be an awful mess

If everything dissolved to nothingness!

Be careful, then, my friends, and do not let

Anything happen to the alphabet.”

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**Title:** Joyful Noise Poems for Two Voices

**By:** Paul Fleischman

**Illustrated by:** Eric Beddows

**Winner of the Newbery Medal**

**Back Cover:**

*I was born in a*

*Fine old edition of Schiller*

 *While I started life*

 *in a private eye thriller*

*We’re book lice We’re book lice*

*who dwell who dwell*

*in these dusty bookshelves in these dusty bookshelves*

“Written to be read aloud by two voices – sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneous – here is a collection of irresistible poems that celebrate the insect world, from the short life of the mayfly to the love song of the book louse. Funny, sad, loud, and quiet, each of these poems resounds with booming, boisterous, joyful noise.”

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*Water Boatmen*

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*Cicadas*

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*Whirligig Beetles*

*Requiem*

*House Crickets*

*Chrysalis Diary*

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**Title:**  Casey At The Bat – A Ballad of the Republic, Sung in the Year 1888

**By:** Ernest Lawrence Thayer

**Illustrated by:** Patricia Polacco

**Back Cover:**

**“**Patricia Polacco’s spirited illustrations capture all the fun and action-packed drama of Thayer’s immortal ballad.”

“The poem is launched with bright, bold illustrations that milk all the humor from the situation…Fresh and funny, this rendition should attract a whole new audience to the poem.” – *Booklist*

“The bold, cartoon-like illustrations are full of enthusiastic action and humor, and should have great appeal to children.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

**Vocabulary:** arrogantly, growled, umpire, barked, keenest, ump, Little League, stadium, brilliant, patrons, straggling, despair, whack, preceded, former, hoodoo, multitude, grim, melancholy, wonderment, despised, rumbled, dell, recoiled, pride, bearing, doffed, writhing, defiance, sneer, hurtling, haughty, grandeur, muffled, stern, charity, visage, tumult, bade, fraud, scornful, awed, stern, fled, clenched, shattered, favored, ballad

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**Title:** Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms

**By:** Marvin Terban

**Back Cover:** “The essential student resource! Cat got your tongue? Penny for your thoughts? Come again? Every day, idioms bring color to our speech. Since they don’t really mean what they say, idioms can stump even the native English-speaker. Author Marvin Terban makes understanding idioms as “easy as pie” with the revised Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms. This essential resource features:

* Explanations for more than 700 everyday American idioms
* Kid-friendly sample sentences
* Alphabetical listings and an easy-to-use index

If you think idioms are a “tough nut to crack,” pick up the Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms and they’ll soon be a “piece of cake.”

“From ‘ace up your sleeve’ to ‘you can’t teach an old dog new tricks,’ this introduction to idiomatic phrases, sayings, and expressions is clear and easy to use.” –***School Library Journal***

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**Title:** The King Who Rained

**By:** Fred Gwynne

**Back Cover:** “Did you ever hear such a bunch of fairy tails?”

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**Title:** Frindle

**By:** Andrew Clements

**Back Cover:** “Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school – and he’s always had plenty of great ideas. But it looks like Nick’s days of classroom shenanigans are over – thanks to his no-nonsense teacher, Mrs. Granger. That is, until Nick learns an interesting tidbit about how words are created. This inspires his greatest plan yet: invent a new word. From now on, a *pen* is no longer a *pen* – it’s a *frindle*. But what happens when the word starts to catch on…around school, around town? Suddenly, *frindle* doesn’t belong to Nick anymore. The word is spreading and there’s nothing Nick can do to stop it…”

“A captivating tale – one to press upon children, and one they’ll be passing among themselves.” – ***Kirkus,* Pointered Review**

**Chapter 1 Nick**

**Vocabulary:** tropical island, New Hampshire, thermostat, hula, chestnut, spiking, South Seas, jolt, hawk, chirp, annoying, pounced, promptly, crimson

**Chapter 2 Mrs. Granger**

**Vocabulary:** monopoly, reputation, tidy, cameo, twinkle, altar, properly, essential, command, ideal, acquire, expanded, groaned, frantically

**Chapter 3 The Question**

**Vocabulary:** acquainted, chatter, tremble, circular, orchestra, procedures, delaying, launch, guaranteed, grenade

**Chapter 4 Word Detective**

**Vocabulary:** groan, grumble, origins, complex, profound, embodies, unparalleled, etymological, superb, lexicographic, plopped

**Chapter 5 The Report**

**Vocabulary:** cranked, maximum, William Shakespeare, jumble, harsh, fluorescent, carnival, gulped, primly, London, England, shushed, icy, screech, linoleum, annoyed, complex, applause, launched, bait, France, chien, Germany, hund, jammed, blur

**Chapter 6 The Big Idea**

**Vocabulary:** cassette, absorbed, stumbled, clattered, squinted, agents, oath

**Chapter 7 Word Wars**

**Vocabulary:** blurted, gulped, maroon

**Chapter 8 Mightier than the Sword**

**Vocabulary:** auditorium, detention, quills, spark, abruptly

**Chapter 9 Chess**

**Vocabulary:** silk, couch, forbidding, rebellion, stumped, vandalism, twilight

**Chapter 10 Freedom of the Press**

**Vocabulary:** burglary, rowdy, paces, prank, squirmed, straining, flecked, merely, fad, puckered

**Chapter 11 Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**

**Vocabulary:** masterminded

**Chapter 12 Airwaves**

**Vocabulary:** hardware, awkward, investment, preliminary, trademark, stock, Boston, New York, squinted, gulped, controversial, edit, anchorman, Dublin, Ireland, trademark, application, lawsuit, Massachusetts, Los Angeles, Chicago, profit, Hong Kong, Japan, media, shrink, fuss, deposited, automatically

**Chapter 13 Ripples**

**Vocabulary:** imported, Japan, Europe, celebrity, limousine

**Chapter 14 Inside Nick**

**Vocabulary:** consumers, rascal, tilted, clamming, commotion, delay

**Chapter 15 And the Winner Is…**

**Vocabulary:** oblong, stooped, plucked, shiver, prank, glared, chuckled, oblong, velvet, engraved

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**Title:** We Are the Ship – The Story of Negro League Baseball

**Words and Paintings by:** Kadir Nelson

**Back Cover:** “The great pitcher Walter Johnson once said: “There is a catcher that any big league club would like to buy for $200,000. His name is Gibson…He can do everything. He hits the ball a mile. And he catches so easy he might as well be in a rocking chair…Too bad this Gibson is a colored fellow.”

“In our day baseball used to look a lot different than it does today. Back then there were separate leagues for white and black baseball players. Each league had its share of superstars. The white leagues had talented players like Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, and Dizzy Dean; and we had our stars: Oscar Charleston, Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell, and the great Satchel Paige. Although we couldn’t play in the white major leagues, we hoped to create a successful negro major league that would one day rival the white majors. It took almost thirty years, but we did it. This is our story.”

**Book Jacket:** “We are the ship; all else the sea.” – *Rube Foster, founder of the Negro National League*

“The story of Negro League baseball is the story of gifted athletes and determined owners; of racial discrimination and international sportsmanship; of fortunes won and lost; of triumphs and defeats on and off the field. Most of all, the story of the Negro Leagues is about the unsung heroes who overcame segregation, hatred, terrible conditions, and low pay to do the one thing they loved more than anything else in the world: play ball.

 Using an “everyman” player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through its decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947. The voice is so authentic, you will feel as if you are sitting on dusty bleachers listening intently to the memories of a man who has known the great ballplayers of that time and shared their experiences. But what makes this book so outstanding are the dozens of oil paintings – breathtaking in their perspectives, rich in emotion, and created with understanding and affection for these lost heroes of our national game.

 *We Are the Ship* is a tour de force for baseball lovers of all ages.”

“He could squat down on his honkers and throw you out.” – *Crush Holloway, outfielder for the Indianapolis ABCs, on Biz Mackey*

*“*Cool could turn out the light and be under the covers before the room went dark.” – *Satchel Paige, legendary Negro League pitcher, on Cool Papa Bell*

“Jackie was an excellent choice because of his intelligence. That, put together with his ability, made him a natural.” – *Chet Brewer, pitcher for the Kansas City Monarchs, on Jackie Robinson*

“Baseball got me outta that celery field.” – *John Jordan “Buck” O’Neil, first baseman for the Kansas City Monarchs*

“I don’t’ break bats, son. I wear them out.” – *Josh Gibson, catcher for the Homestead Grays*

“He’d cut your throat up here with a fastball.” – *Frank Forbes, Negro League umpire, on Smokey Joe Williams*

“Baseball is like everything else. You got to study every angle to win.” – *Judy Johnson, third baseman for the Hilldale Daisies*

“If we had played according to the money we made, I guess none of us would have been ballplayers long.” – *Gene Benson, outfielder for the Philadelphia Stars*

“We are the ship; all else the sea.” – *Rube Foster, founder of the Negro National League, owner of the Chicago American Giants*

**1st Inning Beginnings**

*“I ain’t ever had a job, I just always played baseball.” –* Satchel Paige

**Vocabulary:** wit, Abner Doubleday, Cooperstown, New York, Chicago, Irish, Italian, German, Cuban, Puerto Rican, African American, professional teams, organized leagues, disgracefully, roster, manager, targets, opposing, pitchers, base runners, protective gear, catcher, Bud Fowler, spiked, shins, staves, prohibited, genuine, leagues, Great Migration of Negroes, Andrew “Rube” Foster, Chicago American Giants, bunt, dugout, fastball, curveball, White Sox, Pullman cars, hitched, integrate, American League, National League, Negro League, raids, conduct, dispute, dignity, rival, pennant

**2nd Inning A Different Brand of Baseball: Negro League Game Play**

*“We played tricky baseball.”* – Cool Papa Bell, legendary Negro League outfielder

**Vocabulary:** precision, applaud, Baltimore Elite Giants, the Philadelphia Stars, the Birmingham Black Barons, the Cleveland Buckeyes, the New York Cubans, the Atlanta Black Crackers, shadow ball, infielders, buffoonery, Indianapolis Clowns, Hank Aaron, spitters, shine-balls, emery balls, cut balls, Willie Wells, batting helmets, spike, cleats, snatched, Cuba, Mexico, Wilson ball, center-field, stats

**3rd Inning Life in the Negro Leagues**

*“It was a rough life – ride, ride, ride, and ride.” –* Hilton Smith, pitcher

**Vocabulary:** unsavory, contend, quartet, segregated, inexplicably, barnstormed, Ku Klux Klan, recruits, rookie, squawk, jet lag

**4th Inning Racket Ball: Negro League Owners**

*“Baseball really is an expensive thing to operate.”* – Effa Manley, co-owner of the Newark Eagles

**Vocabulary:** stock market crash, spiraling, Great Depression, collapsed, drifted, Rube Foster, Eastern League, raiding, despite, racketeers, stockbrokers, Gus Greenlee, Pittsburgh Crawfords, lottery, bets, predicting, random, Crawford Grill, Lena Horne, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, Duesenberg, John Henry Lewis, Homestead Grays, steelworker, Cumberland Posey, powerhouse, Santo Domingo, Louis Armstrong, “Secret Nine”, heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, Cab Calloway (swing orchestra conductor), Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, decent, unrestricted, Cum Posey, J.L. Wilkinson, Kansas City Monarchs, portable lighting system, dynamos, generators, canvas, carriage, Wilbur “Bullet” Rogan

**5th Inning The Greatest Baseball Players in the World: Negro League All-Stars**

*“The greatest untapped reservoir of raw material in the history of our game is the black race.”* – Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers

**Vocabulary:** George “Mule” Suttles, Newark Eagles, Norman “Turkey” Stearnes, Jud Wilson, Oscar Charleston, Ty Cobb, spikes, Buck Leonard “Black Gehrig”, Dick Seay, Newt Allen, Pop Lloyd “The Black Wagner”, superb, Cuba, Willie Wells, Ray Dandridge “Squatty”, bowlegged, Judy Johnson, Ted Page, Jimmie Crutchfield, Turkey Stearnes, Cool Papa Bell, bunt, Jesse Owens, Olympic sprinter, Griffith Stadium, Washington D.C., knuckleballer, easygoing, “Pepper” Basset, Josh Gibson, Quincy Trouppe, Roy Campanella, Raleigh “Biz” Mackey, Brooklyn Dodgers, mound, fireballers, Smokey Joe Williams, Willie Foster, Andy Cooper, Leroy “Satchel” Paige, train depot, dangle, biceps, demon, rivals, “Black Babe Ruth, “White Josh Gibson”

**6th Inning Latin America: Baseball in Paradise**

*“The crowds were big and the fans red-hot.”* – “Schoolboy” Johnny Taylor, pitcher, New York Cubans

**Vocabulary:** Latin America, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Martin Dihigo, Joe DiMaggio, Jose Mendez, Cristobal Torriente “Black Christy Mathewson”, autographs, Willard Brown, Santurce, rickety, cantina, plazas, bullfights, pesos, banned, produce, miseries, spike, yams

**7th Inning Good Exhibition: The Negro Leagues V. The White Leagues**

*“When we played head-to-head it was nip-and-tuck. They won some and we won some.”*  - Gene Benson, outfielder for the Philadelphia Stars

**Vocabulary:** Brooklyn Bushwicks, Chappy Gray, prime, Enid, Oklahoma, dedication, House of David, religious colony, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal, slugger, Cleveland Indians

**8th Inning Wartime Heroes: World War II and the Negro League All-Star Game**

*“If you were anybody, you were at the East-West Game.”* – Buck O’Neil

**Vocabulary:** draft, Bullet Rogan, Jackie Robinson, barracks, commissary, combat, boxing champ Joe Louis, ammunition, Homestead Grays, Washington Senators, thrived, *Saturday Evening Post*, Chicago’s Comiskey Park, Gus Greenlee, *Pittsburgh Courier, Kansas City Call, Baltimore Afro-American, Chicago Defender,* East-West Game, high-class affair, bandits, negotiated

**9th Inning Then Came Jackie Robinson**

*“There was never a man in the game who could put mind and muscle together quicker and with better judgment than (Jackie Robinson).” –* Branch Rickey

**Vocabulary:** Chet Brewer, opposing, summoned, bullpen, John McGraw, Baltimore Orioles, Charlie Grant, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Bill Veeck, Philadelphia Phillies, Buck Leonard, Montreal Royals, court-martialed, Venezuela, eloquent, pennant, *The Sporting News*, Ray, “Squatty” Dandridge

**Extra Innings The End of the Negro Leagues**

*“If we get you boys, we’re going to get the best ones. It’s going to break up your league.”* – Clark Griffith, owner of the major league Washington Senators

**Vocabulary:** Monarchs, debut, plantation