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Growing Community

## Ten Stories of the Past Now I Can Read!



**"The Case for Loving"**  
By Selina Alko  
J ER ALK

Mildred and Richard fell in love and got married in Washington, D.C. When they returned home to Virginia, their interracial marriage was considered illegal and they had to fight to be together.



**"Sam the Minuteman"**  
By Nathaniel Benchley  
J ER BEN ABC

When British soldiers show up, Sam's father is ready in one minute. He's a Minuteman. Sam rushes with his dad to the village green to wait and wait for the soldiers to show up. They are ready.



**"Drum Dream Girl"**  
By Margarita Engle  
J ER ENG

Cubans knew that girls could not be drummers. Until Millo came along. She knew with all her heart that's what she wanted to be. But she had to keep it secret.



**"The Great Molasses Flood"**  
By Beth Wagner Brust  
J ER BRU ABC

Maggie Malone always makes up crazy stories, so no one believes her when she says that molasses is flooding the streets! Based on the true Boston event.



**"Ox-Cart Man"**  
By Donald Hall  
J ER HAL

Every year the Ox-Cart Man travels over the hills to the market. There, he sells the items his family has made, buys what they need, and heads home.



**"The Golly Sisters Go West"**  
By Betsy Byars  
J ER BYA ABC

The quirky Golly Sisters, May-May and Rose, are heading West. Their famous act is the best around and they've got brand new dresses.



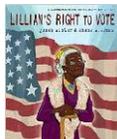
**"Tar Beach"**  
By Faith Ringgold  
J ER RIN

Cassie Louise Lightfoot dreams a fantastic adventure. She flies above her 1939 Harlem neighborhood and delights in the culture there. Partly autobiographical, Ringgold created a masterpiece.



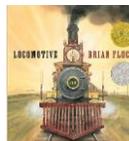
**"The Battle for St. Michaels"**  
By Emily Arnold McCully  
J ER MCC ABC

Caroline is the fastest runner in her town of St. Michaels, so during the War of 1812 she carries word from house to house that the British fleet is on its way. Will she make it in time?



**"Lillian's Right to Vote"**  
By Jonah Winter  
J ER WIN

An elderly African-American woman is on her way to vote. She remembers marching in a protest for the right to vote fifty years earlier. She recalls the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment and her parents voting.



**"Locomotive"**  
By Brian Floca  
J 385.09 FLO

Take a ride on the transcontinental railroad at the beginning of its existence. The illustrations in this Caldecott Medal book exude the thrill and speed of traveling across the country for the first time.

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