

Book Ideas for *And in this Corner Cassius Clay: The Making of Muhammad Ali*

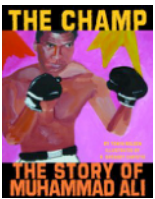
by Idris Goodwin

At the sound of the bell, young Cassius Clay takes his first step into the ring and starts becoming the man the world would come to know as Muhammad Ali. Before he became one of the world's greatest boxers and civil rights advocates, he was as 12-year old boy navigating friendship, family and learning to fight for himself and his community in the segregated South of the 1950's. Step into the ring with Cassius (and his world-famous rhymes and sense of humor) and learn about his journey to becoming an American hero.

★ **BIG IDEA:** Determination

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NONFICTION

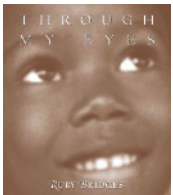


[The Champ: The Story of Muhammad Ali](#) (2004)

by Tonya Bolden

A biography of the legendary boxer, who began his career as Cassius Clay, discussing his prowess in the ring, his conversion to Islam, and his life after boxing.

Grades 2-5

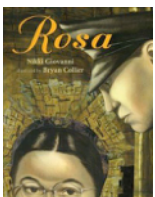


[Through My Eyes](#) (1999)

by Ruby Bridges

Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Grades 4-6

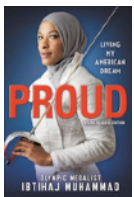


[Rosa](#) (2005)

by Nikki Giovanni

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a Montgomery, Alabama city bus and refused to give up her seat to a white man, an act that ignited a movement that changed modern history.

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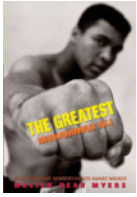


[Proud: Living My American Dream](#) (2018)

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Shares the life story of the Olympic fencer, including how she overcame feeling out of place in her sport and how she became the first American woman to compete in the Olympics wearing a hijab

Grades 6-12

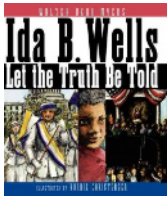


[The Greatest: Muhammad Ali](#) (2018)

by Walter Dean Myers

A portrait of one of the world's greatest boxers chronicles his childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinsons' disease.

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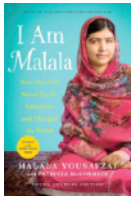


[Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told](#) (2008)

by Walter Dean Myers

Wells was born into slavery in 1862 in Mississippi. Myers follows her remarkable life from raising her siblings after the death of her parents, to her rise to national fame as a writer and speaker who worked tirelessly on behalf of African Americans and suffrage, and against the horrors of lynching.

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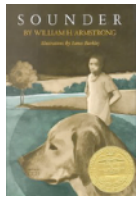
[I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World](#) (2014)

by Malala Yousafzai

Documents the educational pursuits of the Nobel Peace Prize nominee who became an international symbol of hope and inspiration when she challenged the traditions of her Pakistan community, offering insight into the influential role of her courageous father.

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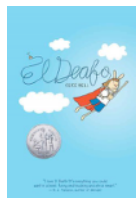


[Sunder](#) (1969)

by William H. Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of his devoted dog Sunder.

Grades 7-9



[El Deafo](#) (2014)

by Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Grades 4-6



[A Thousand Never Evers](#) (2008)

by Shana Burg

As the civil rights movement in the South gains momentum in 1963--and violence against African Americans intensifies--the black residents, including seventh-grader Addie Ann Pickett, in the small town of Kuckachoo, Mississippi, begin their own courageous struggle for racial justice.

Grades 5-8

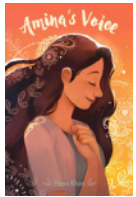


[Weedflower](#) (2006)

by Cynthia Kadohata

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

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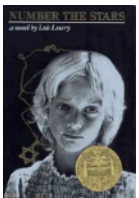


[Amina's Voice](#) (2017)

by Hena Khan

Amina, a Pakistani-American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis.

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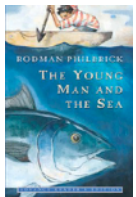


[Number the Stars](#) (1998)

by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Grades 3-7



[The Young Man and the Sea](#) (2004)

By W. R. Philbrick

After his mother's death, twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman decides that it is up to him to earn money to take care of himself and his father, so he undertakes a dangerous trip alone out on the ocean off the coast of Maine to try to catch a bluefin tuna.

Grades 5-8



[Amal Unbound](#) (2018)

by Aisha Saeed

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

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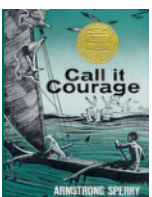


[Flygirl](#) (2009)

by Sherri L. Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Grades 6-10



[Call it Courage](#) (1940)

By Armstrong Sperry

The Chief's son, Mafutu, sets out on a voyage of discovery with his faithful dog, Uri, and finds his courage after being driven out of his village for showing fear.

Grades 5-9