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Becoming Billie Holiday Carole Boston Weatherford, 2022-01-11 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Award The stunning voice and hard life of legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday is revealed through evocative accessible poetry written by Children's Literature Legacy Award winner Carole Boston Weatherford In 1915 Sadie Fagan gave birth to a daughter she named Eleanora The world however would know her as Billie Holiday possibly the greatest jazz singer of all time Eleanora's journey to become a legend took her through pain poverty and run ins with the law By the time she was fifteen she knew she possessed something that could possibly change her life a voice Eleanora could sing Her remarkable voice led her to a place in the spotlight with some of the era's hottest big bands Through a sequence of raw and poignant poems New York Times best selling and award winning poet Weatherford chronicles the singer's young life her fight for survival and the dream she pursued with passion **Becoming Ella Fitzgerald** Judith Tick, 2023-12-05 An NPR Books We Love Pick of the Year A Kirkus Best Nonfiction Book of the Year A radiant rich no stone unturned biography Paula J Giddings author of *When and Where I Enter* A landmark biography that reclaims Ella Fitzgerald as a major American artist and modernist innovator Ella Fitzgerald 1917-1996 possessed one of the twentieth century's most astonishing voices In this first major biography since Fitzgerald's death historian Judith Tick offers a sublime portrait of this ambitious risk taker whose exceptional musical spontaneity made her a transformational artist *Becoming Ella Fitzgerald* clears up long enduring mysteries Archival research and in depth family interviews shed new light on the singer's difficult childhood in Yonkers New York the tragic death of her mother and the year she spent in a girls reformatory school where she sang in its renowned choir and dreamed of being a dancer Rarely seen profiles from the Black press offer precious glimpses of Fitzgerald's tense experiences of racial discrimination and her struggles with constricting models of Black and white femininity at midcentury Tick's compelling narrative depicts Fitzgerald's complicated career in fresh and original detail upending the traditional view that segregates vocal jazz from the genre's mainstream As she navigated the shifting tides between jazz and pop she used her originality to pioneer modernist vocal jazz Interpreting long lost setlists reviews from both white and Black newspapers and newly released footage and recordings the book explores how Ella's transcendence as an improviser produced onstage performances every bit as significant as her historic recorded oeuvre From the singer's first performance at the Apollo Theatre's famous Amateur Night to the Savoy Ballroom where Fitzgerald broke through with Chick Webb's big band in the 1930s Tick evokes the jazz world in riveting detail She describes how Ella helped shape the bebop movement in the 1940s as she joined Dizzy Gillespie and her then husband Ray Brown in the world touring Jazz at the Philharmonic one of the first moments of high culture acceptance for the disreputable art form Breaking ground as a female bandleader Fitzgerald refuted expectations of musical Blackness deftly balancing artistic ambition and market expectations Her legendary exploration of the Great American Songbook in the 1950s fused a Black vocal aesthetic and jazz improvisation to revolutionize the popular repertoire This hybridity often confounded

critics yet throughout the 1970s and 1980s Ella reached audiences around the world electrifying concert halls and sold millions of records A masterful biography *Becoming Ella Fitzgerald* describes a powerful woman who set a standard for American excellence nearly unmatched in the twentieth century *Becoming a Cosmopolitan* Jason D Hill,2023-06-14 The philosopher and author of *Beyond Blood Identities* offers a new paradigm of persona freedom and moral self possession As a Jamaican immigrant arriving in the United States at the age of twenty Jason Hill noticed how often Americans identified themselves in terms of race and ethnicity He observed for example the reluctance of West Indians to joins black causes for fear of losing their identity He began to ask himself what sort of world he wanted to live in a quest that in time led him to the idea of the cosmopolitan In *Becoming a Cosmopolitan* Jason D Hill argues that we need a new understanding of the self He revives the idea of the cosmopolitan the person who identifies the world as home Arguing for the right to forget where we came from Hill proposes a new moral cosmopolitanism for the new millennium *Becoming Ecological* James G. Kelly,2006-02-02 Throughout he presents examples of how to plan and carry out research and practice in the community The principles underlying the examples both enhance the relevance of the research and practice and increase the potential of community residents to use the findings for their own purposes Jacket **DiVERSE** Linda Weste,2024-12-12 Bringing together interviews with some of the most highly esteemed verse novelists writing for young adults and children today DiVERSE develops an understanding of the poetics of the verse novel genre With poignant conversations with 28 verse novelists illuminating how writers combine elements of poetry and narrative to craft poetic stories this collection provides the means to appreciate the verse novel s diversity in its many variations and attests to recent shifts in the genre towards inclusive storytelling Getting into the nuts and bolts of process inspiration technique and the verse novel as a form the writers discuss themes in their best loved works such as representation of diverse voices identities and lived experiences empowering stories of girls and women stories of LGBTIQ Black First Nations People of Colour Asian Minoritised Ethnic and people self identifying as having a disability body positive messaging and resilience and characters between countries cultures identities and languages A reference text and a writing resource the book also includes lists of must read verse novels and a broad introduction from editor Linda Weste Featuring authors from the UK Australia and the US the writers interviewed include Margarita Engle Kirli Saunders Carole Boston Weatherford Rajani LaRocca Safia Elhillo Jasmine Warga Melanie Crowder Aida Salazar Cordelia Jensen Thanh Lai Dean Atta Lucy Cuthew Rukhsanna Guidroz Mariko Nagai Ishle Yi Park Jion Sheibani Jasminne Mendez Ann E Burg Marilyn Hilton Reem Faruqi Sarah Tregay Holly Thompson Chris Baron Stephanie Hemphill Chun Yu Leza Lowitz Helen Frost **Novels in Verse for Teens** Lisa Krok,2020-02-24 This valuable guide advises teachers and librarians how to use novels in verse in functional hands on ways with teens including reluctant readers Novels in verse are popular and have recently won some important awards They are of great value to teachers and librarians as a way of reaching all teens including marginalized teens and those who may be struggling or reluctant readers

This guide shows readers how to pair books with teens based on their needs interests and specific situations After teens are paired with books this guide suggests activities to further engage them with the poetry Activities are tied to Common Core and AASL standards for ease of lesson planning for teachers Verse novels address a widely diverse demographic and a variety of topics including various cultures religions racism LGBTQ themes mental illness poverty homelessness sexual assault self harm suicide domestic violence family dynamics disabilities refugees English language learners and more Novels in verse provide a more modern practical alternative to some older classics that may not appeal to many teens or that may intimidate them by their sheer number of words per page This book provides a one stop resource for choosing and using novels in verse with teen readers Becoming His Father's Son Ink Noir, Denise Dennis, Gregory P. Miller, 2005-11 Set in Philadelphia and revolving around a suspenseful legal case the novel *Becoming His Father's Son* tells the story of Alex Hamilton's redemption A successful Ivy League educated African American attorney Alex feels superior to other African Americans In fact he has achieved his success by winning racial discrimination cases using questionable tactics for wealthy corporate clients In stark contrast to Alex his physician father Dr Nate Hamilton has been practicing medicine in the inner city for thirty years often giving free treatment to patients who cannot afford to pay Dr Nate the son of a sharecropper grew up poor in Alabama and worked his way through college and medical school unlike Alex who has lived a life of privilege Alex and Nate haven't spoken to each other in years a situation that grieves Alex's mother May Hamilton When Dr Nate is accused of Medicare fraud and stands to lose everything he has worked for he turns to his son for help Alex makes a critical choice to defend his father a decision based on love and it irrevocably changes his life His law partners scheme to maneuver him out of the firm when they learn of his father's indictment and Alex begins to question all his former assumptions As they work on the defense case Nate reveals to Alex family secrets he had until then kept to himself and father and son achieve a new understanding The story ends with a suspenseful courtroom trial the trial of Alex's life and a surprise twist at the conclusion A collaboration of Gregory P Miller a senior partner in the law firm of Miller Alfano and Raspanti and author Denise Dennis *Becoming His Father's Son* follows the story from Independence Hall to the North Philadelphia ghetto The novel holds the readers interest until the last page is turned **A Negro League Scrapbook** Carole Boston Weatherford, 2022-08-30 Featuring lively verse fascinating facts and archival photographs here is a celebration of the Negro Leagues and the great players who went unrecognized in their time written by Children's Literature Legacy Award winner Carole Boston Weatherford Imagine that you are an outstanding baseball player but banned from the major leagues Imagine that you are breaking records but the world ignores your achievements Imagine having a dream but no chance to make that dream come true This is what life was like for African American baseball players before Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier Meet Josh Gibson called the black Babe Ruth who hit seventy five home runs in 1931 James Cool Papa Bell the fastest man in baseball legendary Satchel Paige who once struck out twenty four batters in a single game and of course

Jackie Robinson the first black player in Major League Baseball and one of the greatest players of all time Written by acclaimed author Carole Boston Weatherford with a foreword by Buck O Neil a Negro leagues legend whose baseball contributions spanned eight decades this book is a home run for baseball and history lovers and makes a great gift for both boys and girls **Becoming a Reflective Practitioner** Christopher Johns,2017-04-24 Christopher Johns is an

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the singer actor and fearless anti racism activist is so engaging that readers will crave a sequel Kirkus Reviews A son of poor Jamaican immigrants who grew up in Depression era Harlem Harry Belafonte became the first black performer to gain artistic control over the representation of African Americans in commercial television and film Forging connections with an astonishing array of consequential players on the American scene in the decades following World War II from Paul Robeson to Ed Sullivan John Kennedy to Stokely Carmichael Belafonte established his place in American culture as a hugely popular singer matinee idol internationalist and champion of civil rights black pride and black power In Becoming Belafonte Judith E Smith presents the first full length interpretive study of this multitalented artist She sets Belafonte s compelling story within a history of American race relations black theater and film history McCarthy era hysteria and the challenges of introducing multifaceted black culture in a moment of expanding media possibilities and constrained political expression Smith traces Belafonte s roots in the radical politics of the 1940s his careful negotiation of the complex challenges of the Cold War 1950s and his full flowering as a civil rights advocate and internationally acclaimed performer in the 1960s In Smith s account Belafonte emerges as a relentless activist a questing intellectual and a tireless organizer and a performer who never shied away from the dangerous crossroads where art and politics meet

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