

Books For Africa, Title List, Girls Empowerment Collection

Title	Description	Age Range
Mama Africa : How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song	Miriam Makeba, a Grammy Award-winning South African singer, rose to fame in the hearts of her people at the pinnacle of apartheid—a brutal system of segregation similar to American Jim Crow laws. Mama Africa, as they called her, raised her voice to help combat these injustices at jazz clubs in Johannesburg; in exile, at a rally beside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and before the United Nations.	Secondary
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something—and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans . . .	Primary
This Mournable Body	In <i>This Mournable Body</i> , Tsitsi Dangarembga returns to the protagonist of her acclaimed first novel, <i>Nervous Conditions</i> , to examine how the hope and potential of a young girl and a fledgling nation can sour over time and become a bitter and floundering struggle for survival. As a last resort, Tambudzai takes an ecotourism job that forces her to return to her parents' impoverished homestead. It is this homecoming, in Dangarembga's tense and psychologically charged novel, that culminates in an act of betrayal, revealing just how toxic the combination of colonialism and capitalism can be.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
Sulwe	Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, actress Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.	Primary
Becoming: Michelle Obama	An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
HIDDEN FIGURES	The powerful story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in American space program. Young Readers Edition.	Primary/ Secondary
Galaxy Girls: 50 Amazing Stories of Women in Space	Filled with beautiful full-color illustrations, a groundbreaking compendium honoring the amazing true stories of fifty inspirational women who helped fuel some of the greatest achievements in space exploration from the nineteenth century to today—including Hidden Figure's Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson as well as former NASA Chief Astronaut Peggy Whitson, the record-holding American biochemistry researcher who has spent the most cumulative time in space.	Secondary
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World	Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did.	Secondary
TAKING FLIGHT: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina	The extraordinary memoir of an orphan who danced her way from war-torn Sierra Leone to ballet stardom, most recently appearing in Beyonce's <i>Lemonade</i> and as a principal in a major American dance company.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions	Here are fifteen invaluable suggestions--compelling, direct, wryly funny, and perceptive--for how to empower a daughter to become a strong, independent woman.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
GIRLS THINK OF EVERYTHING: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women	In kitchens and living rooms, in garages and labs and basements, even in converted chicken coops, women and girls have invented ingenious innovations that have made our lives simpler and better. Their creations are some of the most enduring (the windshield wiper) and best loved (the chocolate chip cookie). What inspired these women, and just how did they turn their ideas into realities?	Primary/ Secondary

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WE SHOULD ALL BE FEMINISTS	In this personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from the much-admired TEDx talk of the same name—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author’s exploration of what it means to be a woman now—and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
Children of Blood and Bone	Tomi Adeyemi’s West African-inspired fantasy debut, and instant #1 New York Times Bestseller, conjures a world of magic and danger.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
PLEASE, LOUISE	A library card unlocks a new life for a young girl in this picture book about the power of imagination, from Nobel Prize–winning author Toni Morrison. Inspired by Pulitzer Prize–winning author Toni Morrison’s experience working in a library as a young girl, this engaging picture book celebrates the wonders of reading, the enchanting capacity of the imagination, and, of course, the splendor of libraries.	Primary
Me, Frida	Like a tiny bird in a big city, Frida Kahlo feels lost and lonely when she arrives in San Francisco with her husband, the famous artist Diego Rivera. But as Frida begins to explore San Francisco on her own, she discovers the inspiration she needs to become one of the most celebrated artists of all time. Me, Frida is an exhilarating true story that encourages children to believe in themselves so they can make their own dreams soar.	Primary/ Secondary
Ada Twist, Scientist	Inspired by real-life makers Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, this beloved #1 bestseller champions STEM, girl power and women scientists in a rollicking celebration of curiosity, the power perseverance, and the importance of asking “Why?” Has brown skinned girl scientist on cover.	Primary/ Secondary
LOLA AT THE LIBRARY	Lola has a big smile on her face. Why? Because it’s Tuesday--and on Tuesdays, Lola and her mommy go to the library. Join Lola in this cozy celebration of books and the people who love them.	Primary
This Child Will be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President	In this stirring memoir, Sirleaf shares the inside story of her rise to power, including her early childhood; her experiences with abuse, imprisonment, and exile; and her fight for democracy and social justice. This compelling tale of survival reveals Sirleaf’s determination to succeed in multiple worlds: from her studies in the United States to her work as an international bank executive to her election campaigning in some of Liberia’s most desperate and war-torn villages and neighborhoods.	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
Rad Women Worldwide	<i>Rad Women Worldwide</i> tells fresh, engaging, and amazing tales of perseverance and radical success by pairing well-researched and riveting biographies with powerful and expressive cut-paper portraits. The book features an array of	Secondary
Akata Warrior	The newest novel by the author of Akata Witch and the forthcoming Marvel comic book series about Shuri, Black Panther’s sister!“The most imaginative, gripping, enchanting fantasy novels I have ever read!” —Laurie Halse Anderson <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>Speakeasy</i> <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>Speakeasy</i> <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>Speakeasy</i>	Secondary/ Post-Secondary
Hair Love	Based on the Oscar winning short film! It’s up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this story of self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters.	Primary
Justice Makes a Difference -supplied to BFA via author	Through conversations with her grandma and their shared love of books, Justice learns about important women and men throughout history who changed the world: Ella Baker, Shirley Chisholm, Charles Hamilton Houston, Dr. Wangari Maathai, Paul Robeson, and Ida B. Wells. Justice learns how each leader was a champion for advancing justice and improving the world, and she dreams of becoming a change maker, too—“Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire,” a superhero with a law degree and an afro!	Primary/ Secondary
Play Like a Girl- supplied to BFA via author	Growing up and living in Kibera, Kenya, Abdul Kassim was well aware of the disproportionate number of challenges faced by women due to the extreme gender inequalities that persist in the slums. After being raised by his aunts, mother, and grandmother and having a daughter himself, he felt that he needed to make a difference. In 2009, Abdul started a soccer team for girls called Girls Soccer in Kibera (GSK) with the hope of fostering a	Primary/ Secondary
SANDA: The Girl with the Magical Smile - supplied to BFA via author	On an island in the middle of Lake Victoria, a yearly cultural tradition is about to take place: young girls will practice the generations-old art of teeth carving as they come of age. Sanda, a young girl who’s held onto her joyful spirit in spite of her abusive aunt Nandele, is eager to participate in the festivities. She wants not just any carving, but a life-changing experience—a new smile of her own, one whose carved teeth will make her brave and beautiful.And so, she sets out with her best friend and cousin Mune, in a journey that will teach her the value of the most important kind of beauty—beauty from within.	Primary
Facing the Giants	A journey to freedom from domestic abuse, aimed to be utilized as a manual to encourage women and girls, including men who support them.	Adult

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Queen Nandi
Change Sings

Who was Queen Nandi? She is referred to as one of the greatest mothers that ever lived. As a queen mother, she saw her son Shaka become one of the greatest kings of the Zulu people.

Poems by Amanda Gorman

Primary