

## Fiction

*The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings* by William Brashler (adult title)  
Bingo Long, a character based loosely on Satchel Paige forms his own barnstorming league because he is fed up with the unethical treatment of black athletes. This novel will whisk readers back to the early days of the Negro Baseball League.

*Finding Buck McHenry* by Alfred Slote  
Perfect for reluctant readers, this novel tells the story of Jason, who believes that the school custodian is Negro Baseball League Buck McHenry and tries to recruit him to be the school's baseball coach.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
This classic novel beautifully depicts the social climate of the South during the Jim Crow era. Atticus Finch is called to defend a black man accused of raping a white woman in small-town Maycomb.

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines  
Wrongfully accused of a murder, Jefferson is sentenced to death. Knowing that a black man in a white town can never be proved innocent, his godmother sends mentors to the prison to teach Jefferson to hold his head high in spite of his eventual fate.

*The Sacred Place* by Daniel Black (adult)  
After making a purchase at the local store, city boy Clement refuses to place his money into the cashier's hand - an outrageous act for a young black man in a small rural town. Word spreads like fire through the town and its citizens are outraged but met with the defiance of black residents who are sick of the long history of lynchings, fear and bigotry.

*Alligator Bayou* by Donna Jo Napoli  
Segregated from both black and white communities, young Italian immigrant Calogero must come to terms with overt racism in the small Louisiana town in which he lives. Dealing with hypocrisy and the harsh reality of the Jim Crow south, Calo tries to focus on staying out of the racial tension.

*Such Sweet Thunder* by Vincent Carter (adult title)  
Flashing back to memories of his childhood while serving in WWII, a young black man named Amerigo is transported to his former life in Jim Crow south. His memories are more joyful than the reader would expect, remembering his close-knit family and persevering through such intense adversity.

*Casey at the Bat* by Ernest L. Thayer, Illustrated by Joe Morse (graphic novel)  
In this graphic novel re-telling of the classic poem *Casey at the Bat* the setting has been changed to a modern urban landscape.