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Dr. Harris is a professor of American Studies at Macalester College and curator of the **Duchess Harris Collection** of ABDO books. She is also the coauthor of the collection, which features popular titles such as ***Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA***, and series including **News Literacy** and **Being Female in America**.

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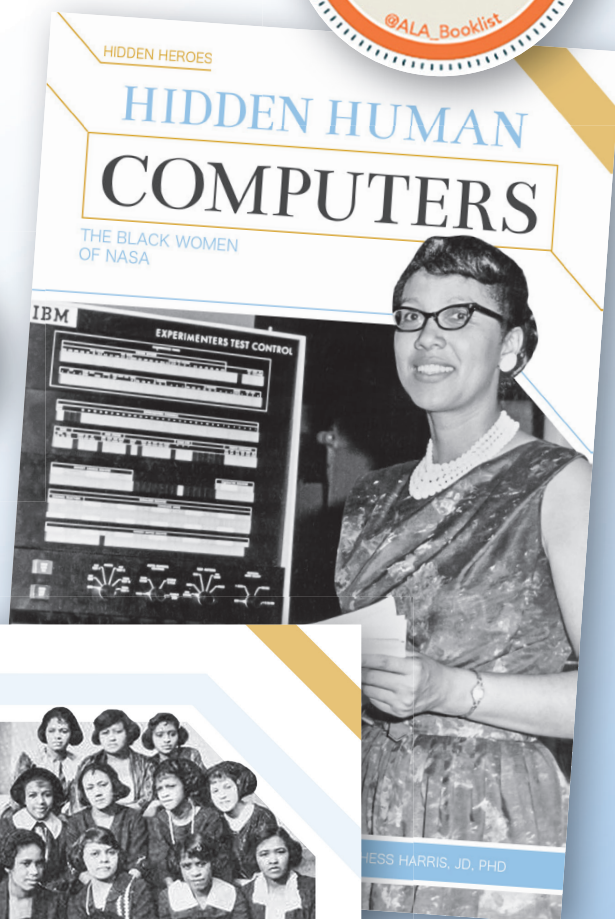
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A group of Tuskegee students. Photo courtesy of

★ STARRED REVIEW ★ *Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA* "For students wanting to know more about the African American female NASA workers depicted in the movie *Hidden Figures*, there's just such a volume in the Hidden Heroes series. Archival photos and sidebars enhance the appealing text. Extensive back matter, including a time line, facts, additional resources, and a glossary, extend the research value. **An essential purchase for STEM collections.**"

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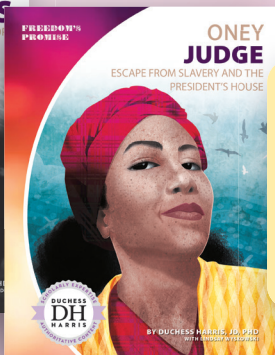
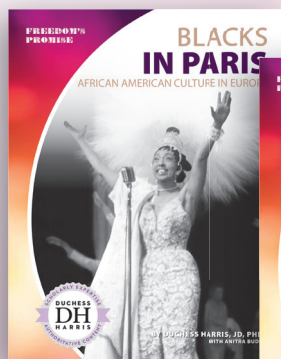
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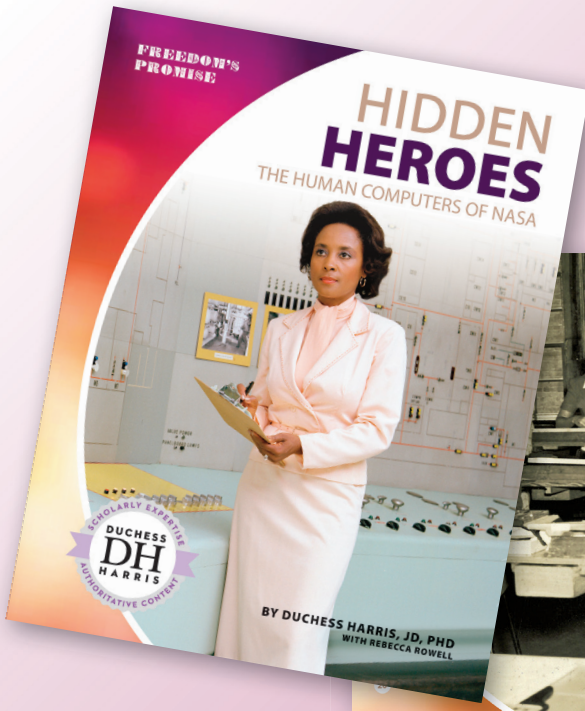


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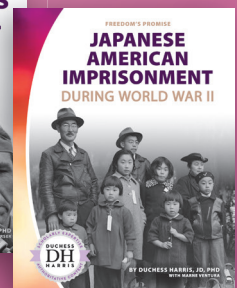
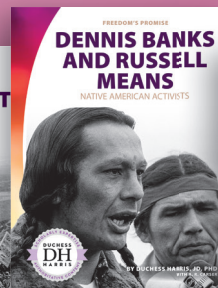
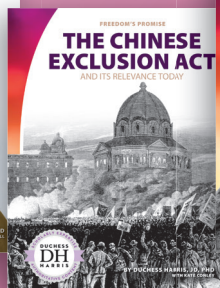
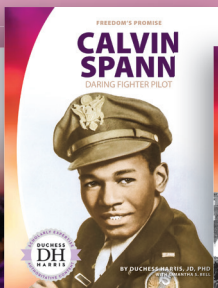
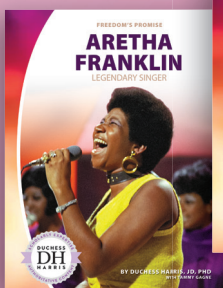
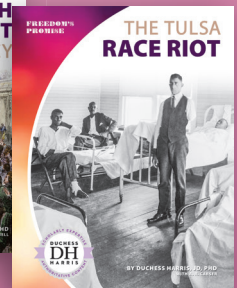
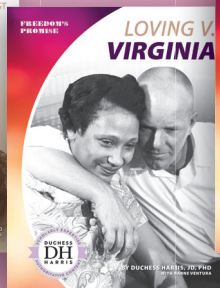
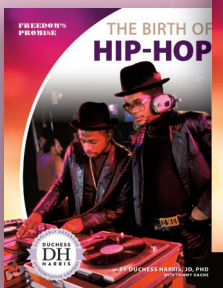
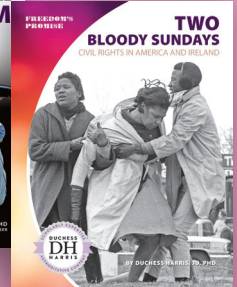
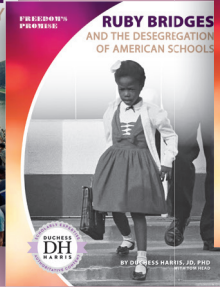
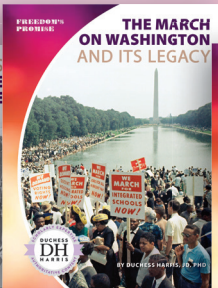
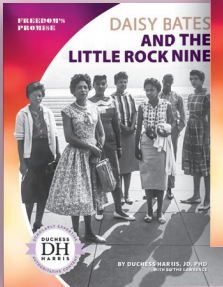
– School Library Journal,
Series Made Simple, November 2019



WORKING AT NASA

On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. It was the first satellite to be launched into space. The United States rushed to meet the challenge. In 1958 the US government changed NACA's focus and its name. The agency was renamed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Its focus would be developing spacecraft. The United States wanted to beat the Soviet Union in the space race. Meanwhile, African American computers fought challenges of their own.

African American women had to pass a class at Hampton Institute in Virginia before they could become computers at NACA.





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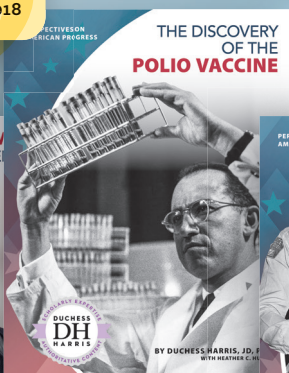
THE WHITE HOUSE

In 1932, FDR won the US presidential election. Roosevelt struggled to find her stride in the White House. Then friend and journalist Lorena Hickok stepped in. Hickok was frustrated. Female journalists did not have easy access to the president. They were banned from the president's press conferences. Hickok asked Roosevelt for help.

Roosevelt came up with an idea. She would hold press conferences as First Lady. Only female journalists would be allowed. Female reporters looked at and wrote about the news from a female perspective. They asked questions men would not think to ask.

Female journalists gathered to listen to Roosevelt's exclusive press conferences.

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Protest Movements

From saving the environment to protecting human rights, protest movements have led the way for change throughout US history. Each movement features landmark events and is driven by influential people and ideas. This series looks at important US movements from the past and today.

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Women's Suffrage



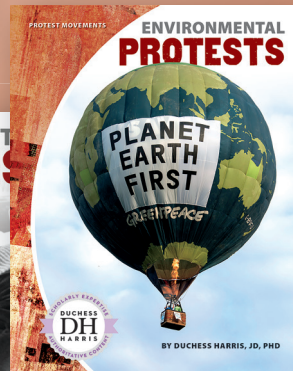
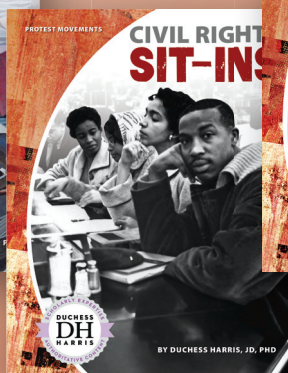
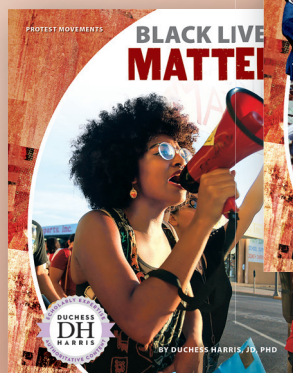
RESISTANCE TO TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY

After the Women's March on Washington, resistance to the new president continued. Organizers planned "A Day without a Woman" for March 8, 2017. Women and supporters were asked to not go to work. Shopping was discouraged, unless it was at a woman- or minority-owned business. Supporters were asked to wear red in support of the movement.

Some women held rallies outside of the House of Representatives on A Day without a Woman.

"This series will fill a void in most school libraries in an exceptional way. Intermediate school librarians will definitely want to add this series to their collections. Highly Recommended."

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How Journalists Work

Uncovering Bias in the News

Why News Matters

Your Personalized Internet

News Literacy

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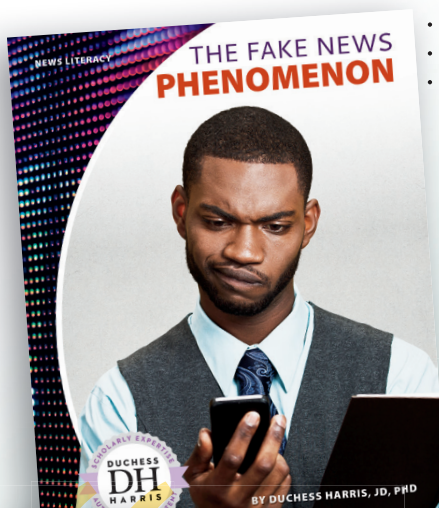
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"The detailed discussions on fake news and its predecessors—yellow journalism and propaganda—are timely and will be of great use to educators and students alike. A welcome resource to strengthen media literacy skills in upper elementary schoolers."

— School Library Journal,
Series Made Simple, April 2018

"Each title does a great job of breaking down each topic into words and concepts that can be easily understood by children, especially those of elementary age. Highly Recommended."

— School Library Connection,
July 2018



THE DANGER OF FAKE NEWS

It was a quiet Sunday afternoon in December 2016 in Washington, DC. At a pizza parlor called Comet Ping Pong, customers enjoyed pizza and played games. Little did they know, their day was about to become very scary.

Shortly before 3:00 p.m., Edgar Maddison Welch entered the restaurant. Welch was 28 years old. He had driven to Washington from Salisbury, North Carolina. As he neared the bar area, Welch raised an assault rifle. He fired a shot toward an employee but missed.

Flowers and signs in support of Comet Ping Pong showed up outside the building in the days following the shooting.

UNCOVERING BIAS IN THE NEWS



Race and American Law

NEW SPRING 2020

Racism in the United States has been written into the country's laws and entrenched in its systems and institutions for centuries, and it still affects people and communities today. This series offers narrative history and analysis of key aspects and issues of the legal history of racism.

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Many places in the South were segregated, including waiting rooms.

DARK DAYS

For black people in the United States, Reconstruction was a failed policy. Southern states ignored African Americans' voting rights. They demanded that black people pay poll taxes and take literacy tests. Many poor blacks were unable to afford poll taxes. Also, many blacks couldn't read or write well enough to pass literacy tests. Throughout the South, blacks were exploited and suffered severe economic hardships.

African Americans were prevented from joining unions. Therefore, they were denied opportunities to learn new skills and trades in the increasingly industrialized South. White labor unions organized strikes. They demanded that blacks be fired from jobs they had held for years. In many instances, the actions resulted in vicious antiblack violence. In 1895, several shipping

firms in New Orleans, Louisiana, announced they were going to replace white workers with unskilled blacks. Fearing the loss of their jobs, gangs of unionized white dockworkers went on the attack, killing six black workers. Few of the white rioters were ever punished.

In 1901, the US Bureau of Labor reported that between 1882 and 1900 there were more than 50 strikes by white workers protesting black employment.¹¹ The success of the strikes prevented blacks from getting better-paying jobs in heavy industry as well as top-skilled employment in service industries, such as waiter and porter jobs. By the turn of the century, racial employment discrimination and African American job loss was widespread throughout the North and South.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Imagine that you were denied employment based on a physical trait you have. How would that make you feel?
- Why do you think Southern whites were slow to adapt to the end of slavery?
- Why do you think so many minority groups in the United States have faced discrimination?

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Citizenship, Race, and the Law

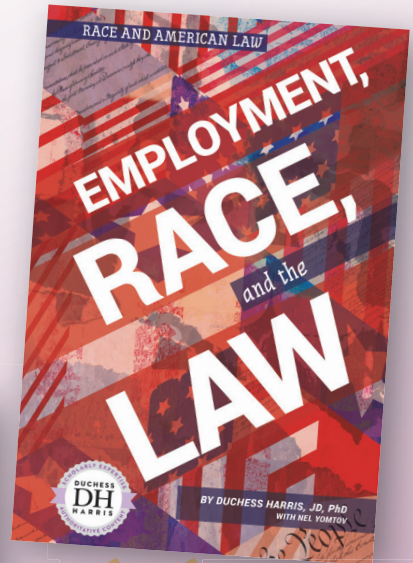
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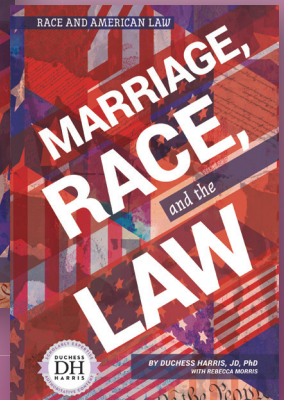
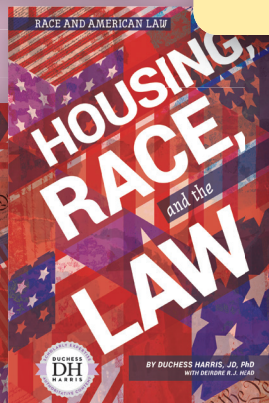
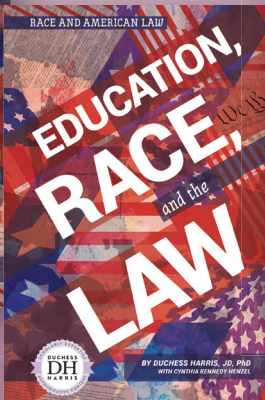
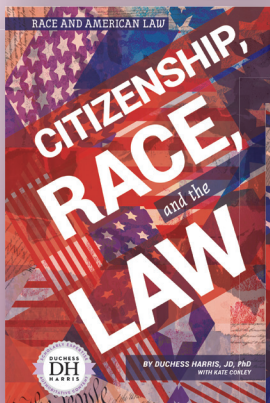
Marriage, Race, and the Law

Voting, Race, and the Law



"Harris' explanations are clear and allow young readers to easily understand complex subjects. The topic overviews are ideal for history, civics, or classroom libraries. Harris' texts are perfect for middle schools where value is placed on content that is not overly simplified but also not too difficult to grasp. Recommended."

— School Library Connection,
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Capital Punishment

For-Profit Prisons

The History of Criminal Law

The History of Law Enforcement

The Juvenile Justice System

*The US Prison System
and Prison Life*

History of Crime and Punishment

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The US criminal justice system has never been bigger or more complex than it is now, and it presents major challenges to communities. This series offers narrative history and analysis of key aspects and issues of the criminal justice system.

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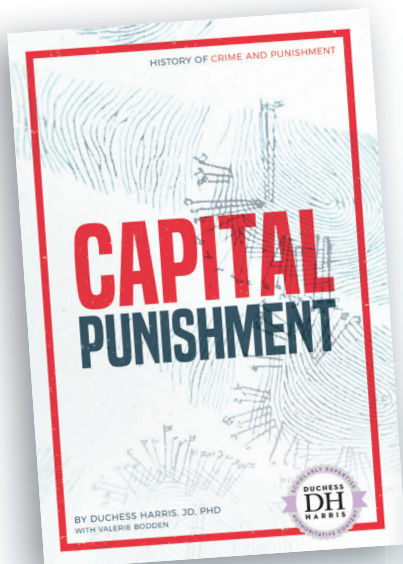
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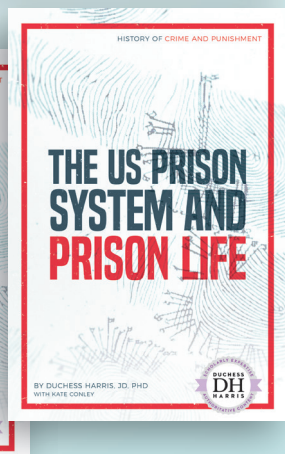
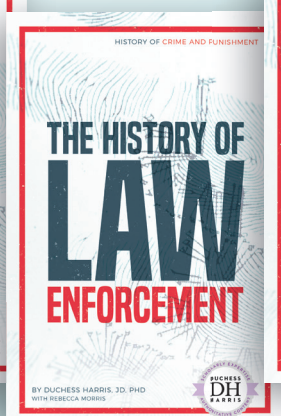
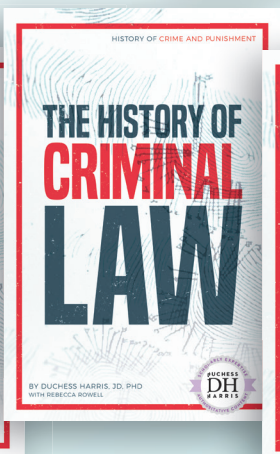
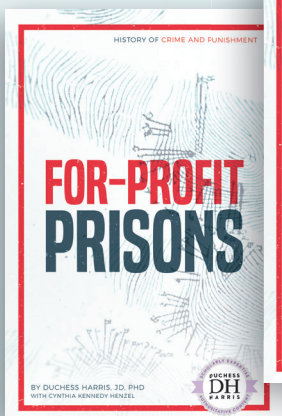
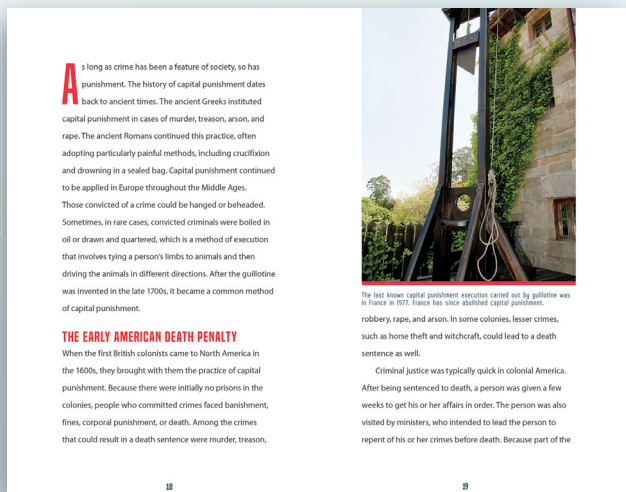
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“This set has a significant amount of informative material about past and current issues within crime and punishment that would lend to a **greater learning** on the subject.”

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January/February 2020



Slavery in America

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Africans began to arrive in North America about four hundred years ago, not of their own free will but rather through force, to serve as slaves in the developing English colonies. This series examines the history of slavery in the United States and why it matters today.

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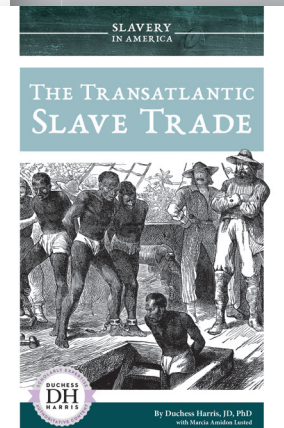
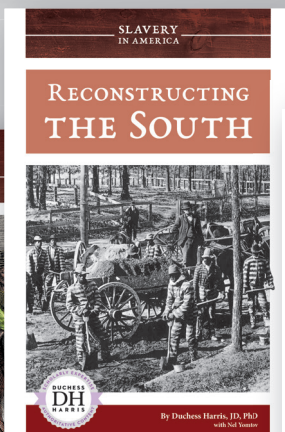
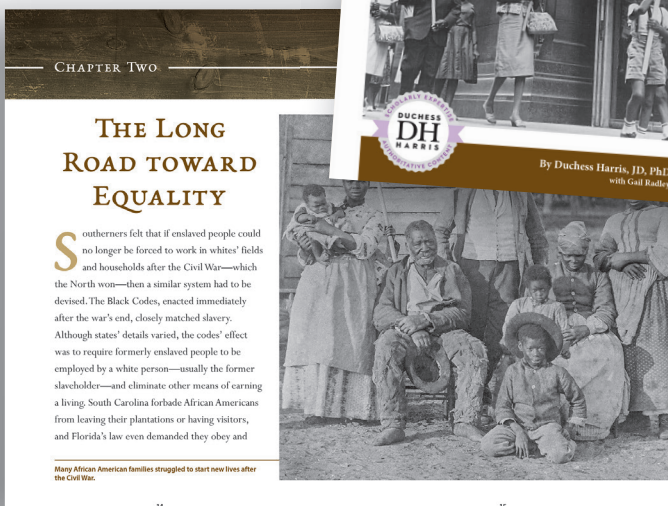
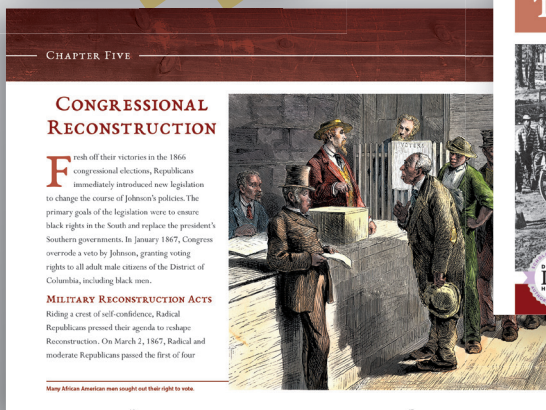
"This series thoughtfully studies how slavery has impacted (and stunted) the growth of the United States. Libraries in need of titles on this topic or looking to update older titles should certainly add this series to their collection. **Recommended.**"

— School Library Connection, January/February 2020

The Impact of Slavery in America

"This well-reasoned historical account discusses the roots and the persistence of racial prejudice."

— Booklist, October 2019



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The Impact of Slavery in America

Reconstructing the South

The Transatlantic Slave Trade



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Being Transgender in America

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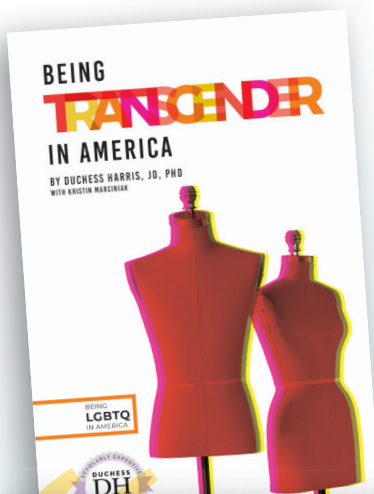
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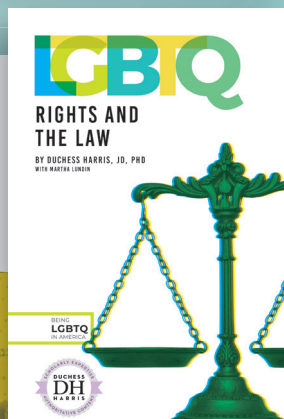
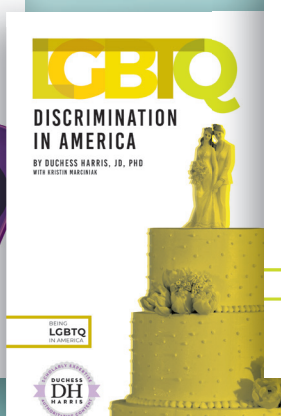
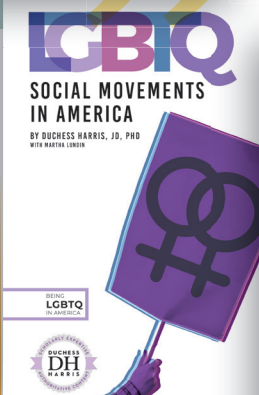
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LEGAL CHALLENGES

Like other minority groups, trans people have often been the focus of legal and cultural discrimination. Implementing nationwide protections, such as federal voting-rights laws and the legalization of same-sex marriage, has traditionally been an important step in reducing bias in the United States. This has not yet happened for trans people. As of January 2019, no federal laws explicitly prohibit discrimination based on gender identity. The lack of federal legal protection extends into all aspects of life, including education, employment, housing, health care, and military service. It has even found its way into the bathroom.

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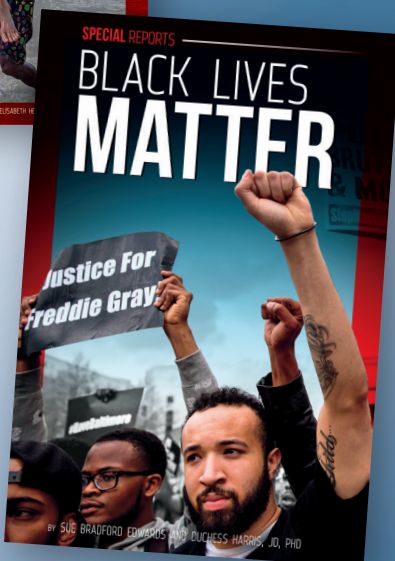
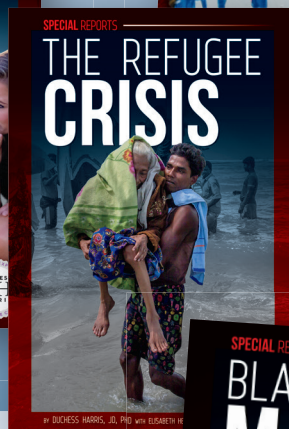
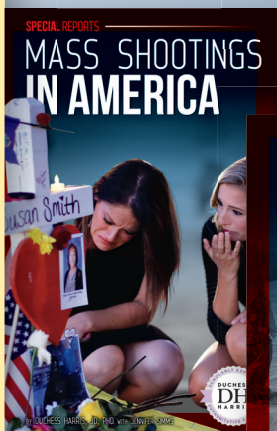
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Class in America

Discussions of social and economic class have taken center stage in the modern American political landscape. With these realities, some are questioning the possibility of the conventional American dream—the belief that with hard work, Americans of any class can achieve anything.

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DEFINING THE MIDDLE CLASS

American society is commonly divided into social classes that are roughly defined by wealth. One of the simplest representations of social classes includes three categories: poverty, the middle class, and the upper class. There are no universal definitions for the divisions. However, both the US government and independent researchers have developed dividing lines between these classes to help them study the makeup of American society.

AMERICA'S LOWER AND UPPER CLASSES

The US government has defined one income level: poverty. This is the lowest income level. In 2012, the poverty level was

One way to define people in the middle class.

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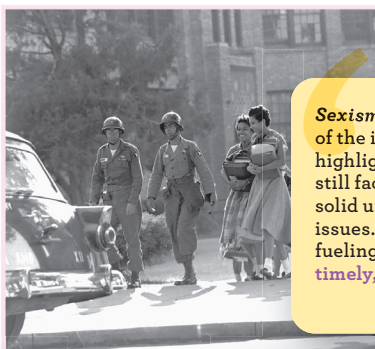
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Elizabeth Eckford, in sunglasses, helped integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

On a September morning in 1957, two 15-year-olds prepared for school in Little Rock, Arkansas. One chose a white cotton skirt with a petticoat, worn by her and her sister just for that day. The other picked a sleek light-green dress with a ribbon at the waist, bought from a downtown department store. Neither knew the other existed, but by the end of that tumultuous day, their fates would be tied together.

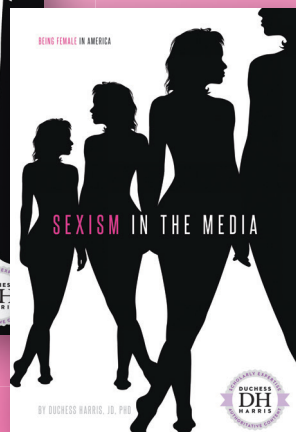
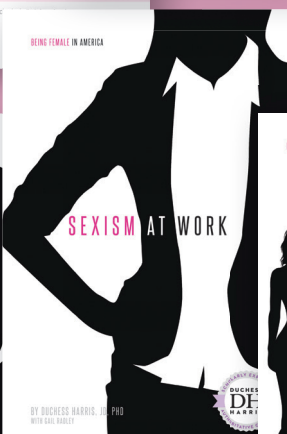
On September 4, 1957, Elizabeth Eckford, wearing white, was one of nine black students to attempt to integrate Central High School. Hazel Bryan, wearing green, was one member of the white mob that screamed and spat at her. Iconic photos captured Eckford's calm walk and Bryan's anger. Eckford and the other students were blocked from entering the school. The walk to and from school that day felt like the longest of Eckford's life. On September 24, President Dwight Eisenhower sent US Army troops to assist



Federal troops escorted the bloc

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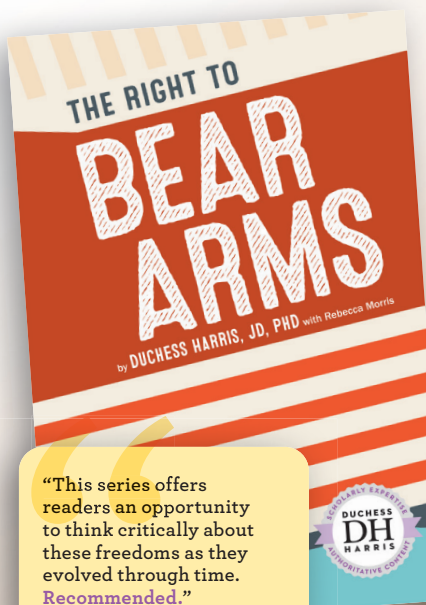
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American Values and Freedoms

Since 1776, the rights of American citizens have continuously evolved, and they remain hotly debated today. This series examines the freedoms and values that Americans hold dear, including their historical importance and the application of these freedoms through the years. The series critically examines these ideals, while encouraging readers to think critically about them too.

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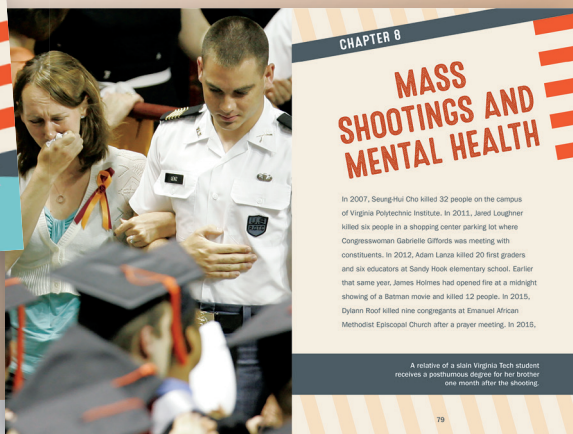
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Race and Policing

Race and Policing examines recent incidents of minorities being mistreated or dying in police custody, delving into the historical institutions and laws that underpin today’s system and exploring what police departments and the communities they serve are doing to improve communication and relationships.

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Race and Sports

With the success of black athletes in sports such as professional football or basketball, at first glance it may seem like American sports are pillars of racial equality. However, a closer examination of the industry and its structure suggests otherwise. This series examines the bias and discrimination against nonwhite athletes that is ensconced (yet often invisible) in American sports.

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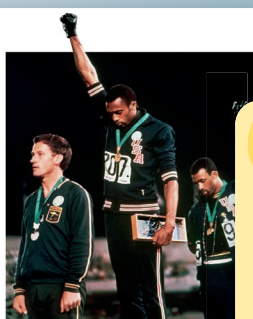
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Reifer Johnson, who won gold in the decathlon at the 1960 Rome Olympics, did not support the 1968 boycott.

It seems of protests by black athletes erupted on college campuses in the spring of 1968. Many black athletes still had to endure racial slurs from teammates, fans, and even their own coaches and trainers. They demanded equality on campus and in housing. Black athletes were often recruited with promises of financial help and tutoring. Sometimes the financial promises were broken. The athletes were encouraged to take a minimum number of hours of classes so they would have more time for practice. This meant that after four years, when their athletic eligibility, scholarship money, and tutoring help ran out, the athletes were not able to graduate.

Black athletes also demanded equal opportunities in college and professional sports. Although black athletes were recruited for their ability to win medals for their colleges and games for their teams, there was little opportunity for them to move into coaching or management. They felt that what they had to offer beyond athletic ability was ignored. In 1968, 23 black athletes at Iowa State announced they would withdraw from school unless the school agreed to hire black coaches. In team sports, they were often denied the opportunity to play certain positions on the field. The most prestigious



From left, Peter Norman of Australia, Tommie Smith, and John Carlos participate in the medal ceremony after the finals of the 200-meter dash in Mexico City.

positions, such as quarterback in football, were exclusively reserved for white players.

As the protests continued, more and more athletes began to lean toward supporting an Olympic boycott.

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A Black Lives Matter protester refuses to leave the street during a demonstration in Baton Rouge.

THE FUTURE OF BLACK LIVES MATTER

The Black Lives Matter movement is evolving to meet the needs of black people and respond to individual incidents of police racial bias. The movement has set forth many specific goals that it hopes will reduce police violence, including requiring quick legal investigations into police shootings of black people. The movement is also focusing on a wide variety of issues affecting African Americans, such as the way poor education contributes to high crime.

The manner in which people express support for Black Lives Matter is also evolving. Tennis star Serena Williams raised her fist in allegiance to the movement at the famous

Wimbledon tournament. Football player Colin Kaepernick started a wave of athletes who knelt during the national anthem to show their support for Black Lives Matter.

The movement's narrative is likely to change as American police change. But activists hope that as the country grows, Black Lives Matter will shift its focus to new areas in which black lives can be improved.

SAY HER NAME

Black women who have experienced negative or even deadly interactions with law enforcement often do not get the attention that black men do. The organizers behind the Say Her Name movement hope to bring attention to police violence against black women. Launched in 2015, the movement highlights dozens of stories in which police harmed or killed black girls and women.

The first story in the report is about Breonna Taylor. She was a woman in her early 30s who was battling on rent. When police arrived at her apartment to evict her, she refused to open the door. The police then broke into her apartment, after Breonna threatened the officers with a kitchen knife, police shot her twice. Breonna died from her wounds.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Black Lives Matter has encouraged people to talk about race?
- Why do you think all Black Lives Matter has been controversial?

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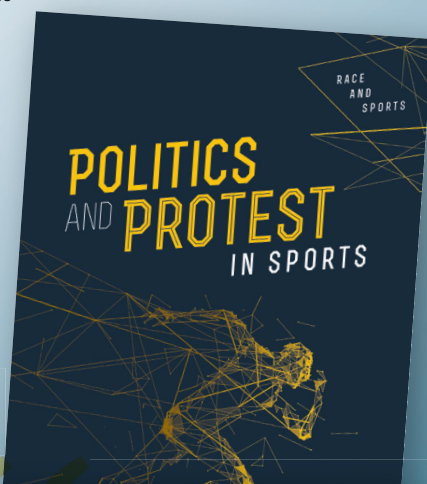
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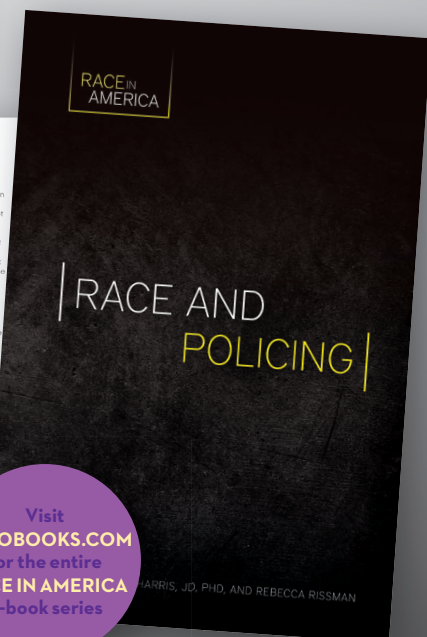
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