

BOOKS FOR YOUR WAX MUSEUM PROJECT

[Baseball's Leading Lady](#)

By Andrea Williams *J Biograph Manley*
The true story of Effa Manley, the first and only woman in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and her ownership role in the Negro Leagues leading up to the integration of Major League Baseball.

[Just Jerry](#)

By Jerry Pinkney *J Biograph Pinkney*
Jerry Pinkney--creator of Caldecott Medal-winning *The Lion & the Mouse* and *The Little Mermaid*--drew everywhere, all the time.

[Beyond Possible](#)

By Nimsdai Purja *J Biograph Purja*
Join Nepalese climber Nimsdai as he recounts his journey to scall all 8,000 meter mountains in seven months and what enabled him to go beyond what people thought was possible.

[Outspoken: Paul Robeson, Ahead of His Time](#)

By Carole Boston Weatherford *J Biograph Robeson*
Paul Robeson became internationally renowned as a singer and actor, and as his fame grew, so did his unflinching activism against racial injustice.

[Carlos Santana](#)

By Gary Golio *J Biograph Santana*
From his early exposure to mariachi to his successful fusing of rock, blues, jazz, and Latin influences, here is the childhood story of a legendary musician.

[Swinging into History](#)

By Karen L Swanson *J Biograph Stone*
Nothing could stop Toni "Tomboy" Stone from playing baseball-not even her parents.

[Who Was Jim Thorpe?](#)

By James Buckley *J Biograph Thorpe*
While most athletes excel in just one sport, Jim Thorpe was different. Born in Oklahoma in 1887, he played both professional football and baseball, and ran track and field. Jim was not only a sports icon but also a trailblazer. Raised as part of the Sac and Fox tribal nation, he was the first Native American person to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States.

[The Lady and the Octopus](#)

By Danna Staaf *J Biograph Villepre*
Follow the remarkable journey of Jeanne Villepreux -Power from her childhood in a small French village to her life as a naturalist in 19th century Messina, Sicily, where she conducted groundbreaking research and invented aquariums.

[Who Was Ida B. Wells?](#)

By Sarah Fabiny *J Biograph Wells*
The story of how a girl born into slavery became an early leader in the civil rights movement and the most famous Black female journalist in nineteenth-century America.

[Edie for Equality](#)

By Michael Genhart *J Biograph Windsor*
This is a story about a great injustice and how Edie Windsor boldly stood up for what was right and went up against the highest court in the United States.

[Muhammad Najem, War Reporter](#)

By Muhammad Najem *J Graphic Najem*
A graphic memoir by young Syrian Muhammad Najem, who rose to international notoriety during the Syrian Civil War due to his on-the-ground reporting using social media.

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[She Persisted: Pura Belpré](#)

By Meg Medina

J Biograph Belpré

Pura Belpré grew up in Puerto Rico surrounded by stories. When she moved to New York and was offered the chance to work at the New York Public Library... She persisted in bringing Spanish and bilingual storytelling and books to libraries across the city and across the country, and she wrote books and stories of her own to bring even more of her culture to people everywhere.

[Who Was Shirley Chisholm?](#)

By Crystal Hubbard

J Biograph Chisholm

Read all about the first Black woman to be elected to Congress!

[Call Me Roberto!](#)

By Nathalie Alonso

J Biograph Clemente

This nonfiction picture book by MLB.com reporter Nathalie Alonso and award-winning illustrator Rudy Gutierrez shows the emotional highs and lows of Roberto Clemente (a black man from Puerto Rico) and his career as he fought racism-from fans, reporters, and other figures in the sport-to become one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

[How Do You Spell Unfair?](#)

By Carole Boston Weatherford

J Biograph Cox
In 1936, eighth grader MacNolia Cox became the first African American to win the Akron, Ohio, spelling bee. And with that win, she was asked to compete at the prestigious National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, where she and a girl from New Jersey were the first African Americans invited since its founding.

[Celia Cruz](#)

By Claudia Romo Edelman

J Biograph Cruz

Meet the Queen of Salsa, Celia Cruz--once just a girl from Havana, Cuba, who loved to sing. Her soulful voice, compelling charm, and unstoppable determination led to her meteoric rise to fame, opening the door for Latinx performers everywhere.

[Everywhere Beauty is Harlem](#)

By Gary Golio

J Biograph DeCarava

"Life is how you look at it." And for Black photographer Roy DeCarava, life in his neighborhood was beautiful. Follow Roy through 1940s Harlem, as he takes out his camera, pops in a roll of film, and opens his eyes to the beauty all around him.

[Spying On Spies](#)

By Marissa Moss

J Biograph Friedman

One of the founders of US cryptology who would eventually become one of the world's greatest code breakers, Elizebeth Smith Friedman (1892-1980) was a brilliant mind behind many important battles throughout the 20th century, saving many lives through her intelligence and heroism.

[At Last She Stood](#)

By Erin Entrada Kelly

J Biograph Guerrero

World War II spy, Filipino guerrilla fighter, war hero, Medal of Freedom recipient, leprosy survivor, teacher, peacemaker . . . The legendary and inspiring life and work of Josefina "Joey" Guerrero.

[Race to the Frozen North](#)

By Catherine Johnson

J Biograph Henson

When Matthew Henson ran away from home, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole, but back in America his achievements were overlooked because he was black.

[Who Was Langston Hughes?](#)

By Billy Merrell

J Biograph Hughes

Langston pioneered Jazz Poetry and published nearly twenty poetry books during his lifetime as well as novels, books for children, nonfiction books, and plays. He was an activist and a major figure of the Harlem Renaissance period.

[Who Was Coretta Scott King?](#)

By Gail Herman

J Biograph King

The wife of Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King was a civil rights leader in her own right, playing a prominent role in the African American struggle for racial equality in the 1960s.

[The Longest Shot](#)

By George Chiang

J Biograph Kwong

Larry Kwong became the first player of Asian descent in the NHL when he played one shift with the New York Rangers in 1948.

[Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams](#)

By Katherine Paterson

J Biograph Paterson

Learn the story of Jella Lepman, who escaped the Nazi regime in Germany and returned after the war to build a traveling library for children that evolved into the International Youth Library in Munich.

[Forest Fighter](#)

By Anita Ganeri

J Biograph Mendez

A picture book that tells the important story of Chico Mendes, who led the fight to protect the Amazon rainforest and demand fair treatment for the people whose livelihoods depended on it.

[Skybound!: Starring Mary Myers as Carlotta, Daredaivil Aeronaut and Scientist](#)

By Sue Ganz-Schmitt

J Biograph Myers

In this STEAM picture book, take to the skies with Mary Myers, aka "Carlotta," an aeronaut and inventor whose careful scientific work improved balloons and our understanding of flight, weather patterns, and the atmosphere.

[Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code](#)

By Joseph Bruchac

J Biograph Nez

Chester Nez was a boy told to give up his Navajo roots. He became a man who used his native language to help America win World War II.

[Holding Her Own](#)

By Traci N. Todd

J Biograph Ormes

Jackie Ormes made history. She was the first Black woman cartoonist to be nationally syndicated in the United States. She was also a journalist, fashionista, philanthropist, and activist, and she used her incredible talent and artistry to bring joy and hope to people everywhere.