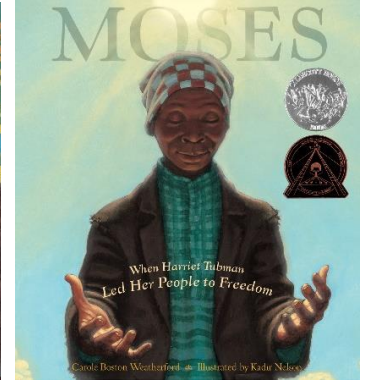
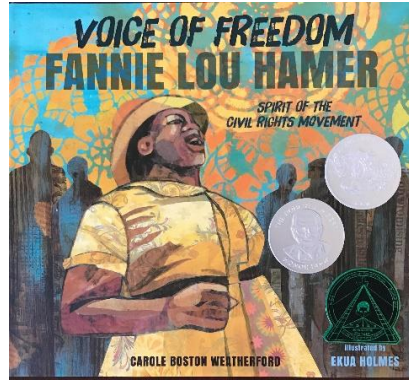
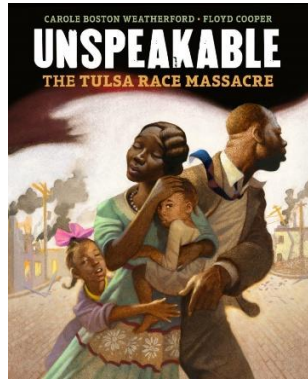


## Carole Boston Weatherford—Poet, Author & Professor



Hailed by *Huffington Post* as a “master of picture book nonfiction,” Carole Boston Weatherford is a Newbery Honor author, *New York Times* best-seller and two-time NAACP Image Award winner. Since her 1995 debut, she has published 50-plus books including these Caldecott Honor winners: *Freedom in Congo Square*, *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement*, and *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*. Six of her books have won Coretta Scott King Awards or Honors.

The Baltimore-born daughter of educators, Carole at age six dictated her first poem to her mother. Her father, a high school printing teacher, published some of her early poems on the press in his classroom. By middle school, she had transferred from an all-black public school to an exclusive private school. There, her eighth-grade teacher wrongfully accused her of plagiarism. That slight left her determined to use her writing to amplify marginalized voices. Now, her words stand as monuments to icons and unsung heroes alike.

Growing up, Carole found few Black characters in books. But when she became a mother, she shifted from writing for adults to creating children’s literature. Family stories, fading traditions and forgotten struggles inform her poetry, nonfiction and historical fiction.

Carole has celebrated music in books like *Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane*; *The Legendary Miss Lena Horne*; *The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop*; *How Sweet the Sound: The Story of Amazing Grace*; *By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music*; and *R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul*. She collaborated with her son, illustrator Jeffery Weatherford, on the verse novel *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*.

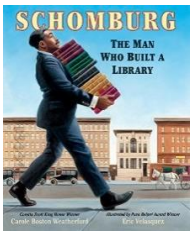
With an M.F.A. in creative writing from University of North Carolina-Greensboro and an M.A. in publications design from the University of Baltimore, Carole is a professor at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. Her career achievements have been recognized with the Nonfiction Award from the Children’s Book Guild, the North Carolina Literature Award, the Ragan-Rubin Award from North Carolina English Teachers Association and a place in the North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame. She is a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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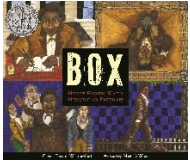
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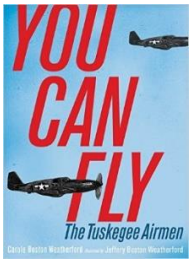
### ***Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* (2017)**

A verse biography of Harlem Renaissance bibliophile Arturo Schomburg whose collection anchors the present-day Schomburg Center. SCBWI Golden Kite Award, We Need Diverse Books Walter Award. International Literacy Association Social Justice Award and North Carolina Young People's Literature Award



### ***BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom* (2020)**

A middle grade verse biography about a daring escape from slavery. Newbery Honor



### ***Beauty Mark: A Verse Novel of Marilyn Monroe* (2020)**

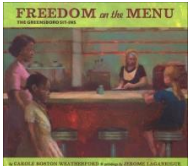
A young adult/adult verse biography. 2 starred reviews

### ***R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul* (2020)**

A picture book biography that riffs on Franklin's hit song. Coretta Scott King Award

### ***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen* (2016)**

A middle grade/young adult verse novel. ALSC/American Library Association Notables

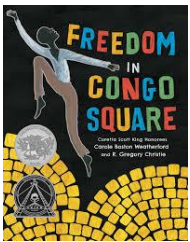


### ***Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* (2015)**

A picture book biography. NAACP Image Award

### ***Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You* (2018)**

Picture book inspiring young activists to follow King's example of service. Starred review

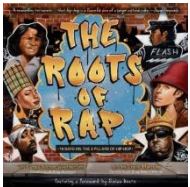


### ***Freedom in Congo Square* (2016)**

A rhyming history of how Blacks in New Orleans preserved African traditions, leading to the birth of jazz. Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King Honor and Charlotte Zolotow Award

### ***Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* (2016)**

A middle grade biography of the voting rights activist. Caldecott Honor, Robert Sibert Honor and Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor

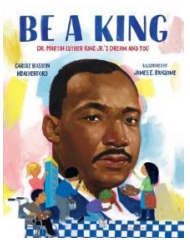


### ***The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop* (2019)**

A rhyming history of hip hop. 4 starred reviews

### ***Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* (2006)**

Tubman's mission unfolds through conversations with God. Caldecott Honor Medal, Coretta Scott King Award for illustration, and NAACP Image Award

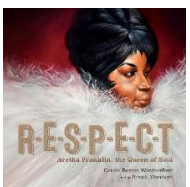


### ***Becoming Billie Holiday* (2008)**

A young adult verse biography. Coretta Scott King Author Honor

### ***Birmingham, 1963* (2007)**

A middle-grade elegy about the church bombing. Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award and Jefferson Cup from Virginia Library Association



### ***The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights* (2016)**

Picture book on how faith inspired the freedom struggle. Best Religious Book of the Year

### ***Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins* (2004)**

Fictional picture book on the student-led protests. North Carolina Juvenile Literature Award