



# Great African-American Reads for Teens

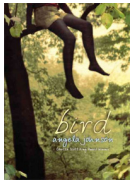


## **Copper Sun by Sharon M. Draper**

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

## **Darkness Before Dawn by Sharon Draper**

Recovering from the recent suicide of her ex-boyfriend, senior class president Keisha Montgomery finds herself attracted to a dangerous, older man.



## **Bird by Angela Johnson**

Devastated by the loss of a second father, thirteen-year-old Bird follows her stepfather from Cleveland to Alabama in hopes of convincing him to come home, and along the way helps two boys cope with their difficulties.

## **Beacon Hills High by Mo'Nique with Sherri McGee McCovey**

Thrilled by her acceptance into the school her closest friends are attending, thirteen-year-old Eboni is crushed when her father's new job forces the family to relocate to Los Angeles.

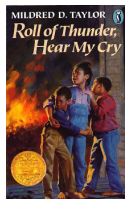


## **Crystal by Walter Dean Myers**

Sixteen-year-old Crystal has difficulty trying to reconcile her personal and school life with the sexy, sophisticated persona her career as a quickly advancing high-fashion model has forced upon her.

## **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor**

An amazing tale of a black family filled with hope and courage against a backdrop of the South in the height of the sharecropping era. Nine year-old Cassie Logan shares the triumphs and sorrows of her hard-working family and the racism they encounter as one of the few landowners, black or white.



## **Broken China by Lori Aurelia Williams**

**China** Cup Cameron, a fourteen-year-old single mother with only her paralyzed Uncle Simon for support, takes on tremendous personal debt in hopes of a beautiful funeral after her daughter dies.

## **Behind You by Jacqueline Woodson**

After fifteen-year-old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that 'Miah is watching over them.

