



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



## Check out a list of optional reading that is inspired by music and tradition!

***I Got Rhythm***, Connie Schofield-Morrison, 2014

[available on amazon](#)

***The Jazz Man***, Karen Ehrhardt

[available on amazon](#)

***The Blue Singers: Ten who rocked the world***, Julius Lester, 2001

[available on amazon](#)

***Hip Hop Speaks to Children***, Nikki Giovanni 2008

[available on amazon](#)

***Tar Beach***, Faith Ringgold, 1996

[available on Amazon](#)

***Every Little Thing***, Cedella Marley, 2020

[available on Amazon](#)

***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut***, Derrick Barnes, 2017

[available on Mahogany Books](#)

***Trombone Shorty***, Troy Andrews, 2015

[available on Mahogany Books](#)

***Happy to be Nappy***, Bell Hooks, 2017

[available on Mahogany Books](#)

***When the Beat was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop***, Laban Carrick Hill, 2013  
[available on amazon](#)

***The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop***, Carole Boston Weatherford, 2019  
[available on amazon](#)

***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone***, Katheryn Russel-Brown, 2014  
[available on amazon](#)

***The Story of Rap***, Caterpillar Books, 2019  
[available on amazon](#)