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## **Art & Music**



### **Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman**

By: Marc Nobleman

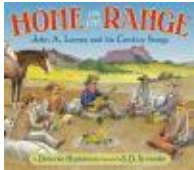
Two Cleveland, Ohio teenagers, who are more like Clark Kent than the superhero they created, Superman.



### **Charlie Russell: Tale-Telling Cowboy Artist**

By: Lois Harris

Known as the Cowboy Artist, some of his paintings hang in our own Gilcrease Museum.



### **Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and His Cowboy Songs**

By: Deborah Hopkinson

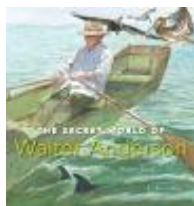
Growing up in Texas, John loved the songs of the cowboys and



### **I and I: Bob Marley**

By: Tony Medina

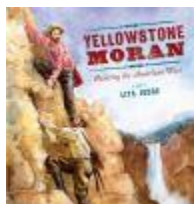
Jamaican reggae musician Bob Marley's life is told in verse.



### **The Secret World of Walter Anderson**

By: Hester Bass

Walter Anderson would spend weeks on Horn, an uninhabited island off the Mississippi coast painting his surroundings.

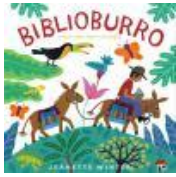


### **Yellowstone Moran: Painting the American West**

By: Lita Judge

Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum owns the largest collection of works by this famous American artist.

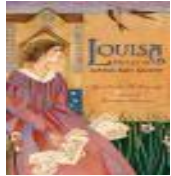
## **Books & Authors**



### **Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia**

By: Jeanette Winter

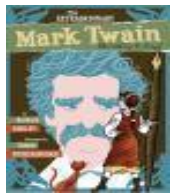
Luis Soriano has so many books that he becomes Colombia's first mobile library using two donkeys to bring the joy of reading to children.



### **Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott**

By: Yona McDonough

Learn what inspired Louisa May Alcott's book *Little Women*.



### **The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)**

By: Barbara Kerley

Susy Clemens thought people were wrong about her papa, so at 13 years old she set out to set the record straight.

## **Famous Women**



### **Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott**

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### **Oprah: The Little Speaker**

By: Carole Weatherford

Since she was a young girl, Oprah Winfrey wanted to talk for a living.



### **Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee**

by Marissa Moss

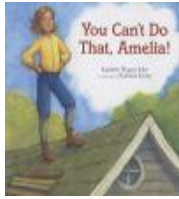
One of two Chinese American women, Maggie Gee served in the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II.



### **Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La Juez Que Crecio En El Bronx**

By: Jonah Winter

First Latino Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor grew up in poverty in the Bronx.

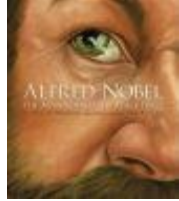


### **You Can't Do That, Amelia!**

By: Kimberly Klier

Even though girls in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century don't even dream of flying planes, Amelia Earhardt ignores convention to make her mark on history.

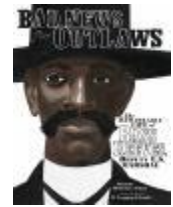
## **History**



### **Alfred Nobel: The Man Behind the Nobel Peace Prize**

By: Kathy Wargin

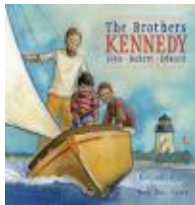
Find out what dynamite and the Nobel Peace Prize have in common.



### **Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall**

By: Vaunda Nelson

A former slave who could communicate with Native Americans, Bass Reeve became a United States Marshall for what would become Oklahoma.



### **The Brothers Kennedy: John, Robert, Edward**

By: Kathleen Krull

Moments from the lives of the three brothers who went on to become one of the most powerful political families in the United States.



### **Howard Thurman's Great Hope**

By: Issa Jackson

Influential African American author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader.



### **John Brown: His Fight for Freedom**

By: John Hendrix

While many spoke of ending slavery, John Brown backed his words with action.

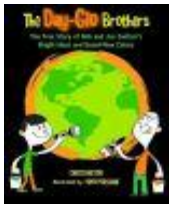
## **Inventors**



### **The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth**

By: Kathleen Krull

By the time he was a high school freshman, Philo Farnsworth had created the concept of fully electronic television.



### **The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors**

By: Chris Barton

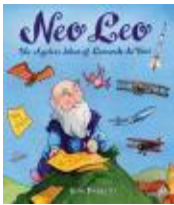
Two brothers - Bob wanted to be a doctor and Joe wanted to be in show business - but instead they created colors that glow with extra-special intensity.



### **It's A Snap! George Eastman's First Photograph**

By: Monica Kulling

His Brownie camera made photography a hobby for the masses rather than the few, wealthy elite.



### **Neo Leo: the Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci**

By: Gene Barretta

Leonardo da Vinci's ideas, descriptions and detailed sketches would later become reality as hang-gliders, automobiles, planes and more.

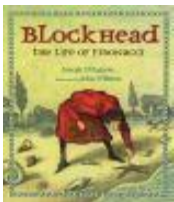


### **A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison**

By: Don Brown

Tom Edison, son of a farmer, began his inventor career as a young boy only to become a legend.

## **Math & Science**



### **Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci**

By: Joseph D'Aganese

You've learned about the Fibonacci sequence of numbers, but just what led Leonard Fibonacci his discovery?



### **The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau**

By: Dan Yaccarino

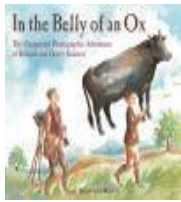
The world's ambassador to the oceans is introduced.



### **Into the Deep: The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe**

By: David Sheldon

The father of deep sea exploration, Beebe also hypothesized that birds evolved from once having wings on both front and rear limbs – a hypothesis which with today's paleontologists now agree.

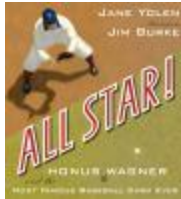


**In the Belly of an Ox: The Unexpected Photographic Adventures of Richard and Cherry Kearton**

By: Rebecca Bond

Brothers Richard and Cherry Kearton used camouflage in order to get closer to the birds they wanted to photograph, becoming two of the first wildlife photographers.

**Sports**



**All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever**

By: Jane Yolen

Just why is the Honus Wagner baseball card the most sought after card in the world?



**!Clemente!**

By: Willie Perdomo

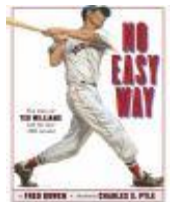
Famous for his baseball career and charitable work, Clemente become the first Latin American player inducted into the Hall of Fame.



**Muhammad Ali: The People's Champion**

By: Walter Dean Myers

From learning how to fight under the tutelage of a former police officer to becoming the heavyweight champion of the world, Muhammad Ali's larger than life legend is examined.



**No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season**

By: Fred Bowen

In 1941 Ted Williams hit .406 setting a record that has yet to be matched.



**Racing Against the Odds: The Story of Wendell Scott, Stock Car Racing's African American Champion**

By: Carole Weatherford

Wendell Scott made history as the only African American driver to win a race in a NASCAR Grand National (now Sprint Cup) division.