

## How did oppression cause or motivate African Americans to migrate after the Civil War? Recommended Books

### ***The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson**

This book looks at the impact of segregation through the eyes of children. Clover's mom says it isn't safe to cross the fence that segregates their African-American side of town from the white side where Anna lives. But the two girls strike up a friendship, and get around the grown-ups' rules by sitting on top of the fence together.

### ***Goin' Somewhere Special* by Patricia C. McKissack and Jerry Pinkney**

Patricia C. McKissack's poignant story of growing up in the segregated South and Jerry Pinkney's rich, detailed watercolors lead readers to the doorway of freedom. The story follows 'Tricia Ann in a 1950s southern town and how her life was impacted by discriminatory Jim Crow laws.

### ***This is the Rope: A Story From the Great Migration* by Jacqueline Woodson**

During the time of the Great Migration, millions of African-American families relocated from the South, seeking better opportunities. This is the story of one family's journey north during the Great Migration starts with a little girl in South Carolina who finds a rope under a tree one summer. She has no idea the rope will become part of her family's history. But for three generations, that rope is passed down, used for everything from jump rope games to tying suitcases onto a car for the big move north to New York City, and even for a family reunion where that first little girl is now a grandmother.

### ***The Great Migration: Journey to the North* by Eloise Greenfield**

In this collection of poems and collage artwork, award winners Eloise Greenfield and Jan Spivey Gilchrist depict the experiences of families like their own, who found the courage to leave their homes behind during The Great Migration and make new lives for themselves elsewhere.

### ***Seven Miles to Freedom: The Robert Smalls Story* by Janet Halfmann and Duane Smith**

*Seven Miles to Freedom* is the compelling account of the daring escape of Robert Smalls, a slave steamboat wheelman who became one of the Civil War's greatest heroes. His steadfast courage in the face of adversity is an inspiring model for all who attempt to overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges.

### ***Freedom Riders: A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Justice (We Shall Overcome)* by Heather E. Schwartz**

The Freedom Riders were a courageous group of people who decided to fight against bus segregation. They had no idea how bad it could get. But they were ready to stand up for their beliefs. Explore the points of view of the Freedom Riders and the people who opposed them through powerful primary sources and historical photos.