

STORY TIME RESOURCES

MAE AMONG THE STARS

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Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Mae Carol Jemison knew exactly what she wanted to be and grew up to be the astronaut she dreamed of being as a little girl. [Mae Among the Stars](#) by Roda Ahmed is a book inspired by the life of Dr. Mae Jemison the first African-American woman to travel in space. Black History Month will be over soon, but you can read books that celebrate African-American stories of past and present-day events and people all year long. Here's a link to [60 children's picture books](#) to promote awareness of children's literature by Black authors and a list of [50 best multicultural picture books of 2020](#).

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

- **Space & Astronaut:** [KidsSoup.com](#) provides crafts, games, activities and printable resources for a space and astronaut theme.
- **More Space Activities:** We are Teachers has [23 out-of-this-world space activities](#) for children.
- **Straw Rocket:** To make a straw rocket print this [template](#) developed by NASA demonstrating how to assemble the rockets. This is a great STEM activity.
- **Phases of the Moon:** Visit [simplylearningkids.com](#) to download and print an [Oreo moon phase mat](#). This is a great hands-on way for young children to learn and identify phases of the moon.
- **Famous Women and Men in Science:** Little Bins for Little Hands has an educational resource featuring [Famous People in Science](#) developed for ages 5-12.
- **Coloring Sheet:** Enjoy this [coloring page](#) of Dr. Mae Jemison.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Black History in Virginia:** Learn more about [Black History across Virginia](#). Explore all the history and culture Virginia offers.
- **Explore Richmond History:** Explore Richmond History with [self-guided Richmond History tours](#) presented by The Valentine Museum.
- **Elegba Folklore Society:** [Elegba Folklore Society](#) is a resource for African World cultural arts. Visit them for upcoming events.

- **Diversity & Inclusion:** First Book created [“Stories for All Project”](#) to increase awareness in diversity, inclusion, and cultural differences through literacy. You will find books and resources for children and educators.
- **Phases of the Moon:** Watch this animated video called [“Phases of the Moon Explanation for Kids”](#) that explains how the moon and sun depend on one another.
- **Meet Nastassja E. Swift:** Nastassja E. Swift was the 2019 Creative in Residence for the [Children's Museum of Richmond](#). Learn more about Nastassja and her work. Visit the Children’s Museum downtown location to see the permanently installed sculptures created by her.
- **Listen to a Story:** Watch and listen to a read aloud of [The ABCs of Black History](#) by Rio Cortez
- **On Netflix:** Watch [Bookmarks](#) on Netflix. This is a show that features twelve five minute episodes of different children’s books written by African-American authors being read by prominent African-American celebrities and artists.

RELATED CHILDREN’S BOOKS

- [Mae Jemison: A Kids Book About Reaching Your Dreams](#) by Mary Nhin
- [Mae Jemison \(Rookie Biographies\)](#) by Jodie Shepard
- [The Voyage of Mae Jemison](#) by Susan Canizares and Samantha Berger
- [Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly
- [A Computer Called Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Helped Put America on the Moon](#) by Suzanne Slade
- [Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Put Astronauts on the Moon](#) by Helaine Becker
- [Ron’s Big Mission](#) by Rose Blue
- [Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream](#) by Deloris Jordan and Rosyln M. Jordan
- [Black Women in Science: A Black History Book for Kids](#) by PhD Kimberly Brown Pllum
- [Young Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present](#) by Jamia Wilson
- [Baby Young, Gifted, and Black: With a Mirror](#) by Jamia Wilson
- [Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World](#) by Vashti Harrison
- [The Story of Ruby Bridges](#) by Robert Coles
- [Rosa’s Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights](#) by Jo S. Kittinger
- [Michelle’s Garden: How the First Lady Planted Seeds of Change](#) by Sharee Miller
- [You Matter](#) by Christian Robinson
- [Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner](#) by Janice N. Harrington