

The Josephine Baker Story

Decoding **The Josephine Baker Story**: Revealing the Captivating Potential of Verbal Expression

In a time characterized by interconnectedness and an insatiable thirst for knowledge, the captivating potential of verbal expression has emerged as a formidable force. Its ability to evoke sentiments, stimulate introspection, and incite profound transformations is genuinely awe-inspiring. Within the pages of "**The Josephine Baker Story**," a mesmerizing literary creation penned with a celebrated wordsmith, readers set about an enlightening odyssey, unraveling the intricate significance of language and its enduring affect our lives. In this appraisal, we shall explore the book's central themes, evaluate its distinctive writing style, and gauge its pervasive influence on the hearts and minds of its readership.

Racial Paranoia John L. Jr. Jackson 2010-10-19 In this courageous book, John L. Jackson, Jr. draws on current events as well as everyday interactions to demonstrate the culture of race-based paranoia and its profound effects on our lives. He explains how it is cultivated and reinforced, and how it complicates the goal of racial equality. In this paperback edition, Jackson explores the 2008 presidential election, weaving in examples ranging from the notorious New Yorker cover to Saturday Night Live's political parodies.

The Josephine Baker Critical Reader Mae G. Henderson 2017-06-07 Star of stage and screen, cultural ambassador, civil rights and political activist--Josephine Baker was defined by the various public roles that made her 50-year career an exemplar of postmodern identity. Her legacy continues to influence modern culture more than 40 years after her death. This new collection of essays interprets Baker's life in the context of modernism, feminism, race, gender and sexuality. The contributors focus on various aspects of her life and career, including her performances and public reception, civil rights efforts, the architecture of her unbuilt house, and her modern-day "afterlife."

Josephine Baker's Cinematic Prism Terri Simone Francis 2021-01-19 A history and in-depth analysis of the film career of the iconic Black star, activist, and French military intelligence agent. Josephine Baker, the first Black woman to star in a major motion picture, was both liberated and delightfully undignified, playfully vacillating between allure and

colonialist stereotyping. Nicknamed the "Black Venus," "Black Pearl," and "Creole Goddess," Baker blended the sensual and the comedic when taking 1920s Europe by storm. Back home in the United States, Baker's film career brought hope to the Black press that a new cinema centered on Black glamour would come to fruition. In *Josephine Baker's Cinematic Prism*, Terri Simone Francis examines how Baker fashioned her celebrity through cinematic reflexivity, an authorial strategy in which she placed herself, her persona, and her character into visual dialogue. Francis contends that though Baker was an African American actress who lived and worked in France exclusively with a white film company, white costars, white writers, and white directors, she holds monumental significance for African American cinema as the first truly global Black woman film star. Francis also examines the double-talk between Baker and her characters in *Le Pompier de Folies Bergère*, *La Sirène des Tropiques*, *Zou Zou*, *Princesse Tam Tam*, and *The French Way*, whose narratives seem to undermine the very stardom they offered. In doing so, Francis illuminates the most resonant links between emergent African American cinephilia, the diverse opinions of Baker in the popular press, and African Americans' broader aspirations for progress toward racial equality. Examining an unexplored aspect of Baker's career, *Josephine Baker's Cinematic Prism* deepens the ongoing conversation about race, gender, and performance in the African diaspora.

Double Burden: Black Women and Everyday Racism Yanick St Jean 2015-03-04 Studies of

contemporary black women are rare and scattered, and are often extensions of a legacy beginning in the 19th century that characterized black women as domineering matriarchs, prostitutes, or welfare queens, negative characterizations that are perpetuated by both white and non-white social scientists. Based on over 200 interviews, this book departs from these conventions in significant ways, and, using a "collective memory" conceptual framework, shows how black women cope with and interpret lives often limited by racial barriers not of their making.

Josephine Patricia Hruby Powell 2014-01-14 Coretta Scott King Book Award, Illustrator, Honor Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award, Honor Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, Nonfiction Honor In exuberant verse and stirring pictures, Patricia Hruby Powell and Christian Robinson create an extraordinary portrait for young people of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker, the woman who worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to the grandest stages in the world. Meticulously researched by both author and artist, Josephine's powerful story of struggle and triumph is an inspiration and a spectacle, just like the legend herself.

Josephine Baker Alan Schroeder 2009 * Critically acclaimed biographies of history's most notable African-Americans * Straightforward and objective writing * Lavishly illustrated with photographs and memorabilia * Essential for multicultural studies
The Josephine Baker Story Ean Wood 2002 Ean Wood's biography of this remarkable female star is as entertaining and as absorbing as Josephine's personality deserves.

Josephine Baker in Art and Life Bennetta Jules-Rosette 2007 Beyond biography: a legendary performer's legacy of symbolism

Josephine Baker Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara 2018-08-02 Meet Josephine Baker, the world-famous entertainer, activist, and French Resistance agent in this true story of her life! Part of the beloved Little People, BIG DREAMS series, this inspiring and informative little biography follows the incredible life of Josephine Baker, from growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, during segregation to defying expectations and performing on the stage in Paris, where

audiences fell in love with her. Josephine Baker was born for the stage. But growing up in segregated St. Louis, she didn't have the same opportunities as white entertainers. So, she moved to Paris where audiences fell in love with her. Josephine worked as a dancer, an actor, and even a spy. She then spent the rest of her life spreading the word that people of all colors can live together in harmony. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the entertainer's amazing life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a best-selling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series offers inspiring messages to children of all ages, in a range of formats. The board books are told in simple sentences, perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers. The hardcover versions present expanded stories for beginning readers. Boxed gift sets allow you to collect a selection of the books by theme. Paper dolls, learning cards, matching games, and other fun learning tools provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS!

It's Her Story Josephine Baker Lauren Gamble 2023-01-01 A graphic novel for children ages 7 to 10. Josephine Baker left a segregated America in 1925 and became the most famous entertainer in Paris, France. She went on to be the first Black woman to star in a movie, a volunteer spy during World War II, and the mother of twelve adopted children from around the world. Then, she returned to the States to dance for American audiences and bring her voice to the Civil Rights Movement. This is her story.

Jet 1991-04-15 The weekly source of African American political and entertainment news.
Hemingway in Love A. E. Hotchner 2015-10-20 In June of 1961, A. E. Hotchner visited a close friend in the psychiatric ward of St. Mary's Hospital. It would be the last time they spoke - three weeks later, Ernest Hemingway returned home, where he took his own life. Their final

conversation was also the final installment in a saga that Hemingway had unraveled for Hotchner over years of world travel. Ernest always kept a few of his special experiences off the page, storing them as insurance against a dry-up of ideas. But after a near miss with death, he entrusted his most meaningful tale to Hotchner, so that if he never got to write it himself, then at least someone would know. In characteristically pragmatic terms, Hemingway divulged the details of the affair that destroyed his first marriage: the truth of his romantic life in Paris and how he gambled and lost Hadley, the great love he'd spend the rest of his life seeking. But the search was not without its notable moments, and he told of those, too: of impotence cured in a house of God; of back-to-back plane crashes in the African bush, one of which nearly killed him, while he emerged from the other brandishing a bottle of gin and a bunch of bananas; of cocktails and commiseration with F. Scott Fitzgerald and Josephine Baker; of adventure, human error, and life after lost love. This is Hemingway as few have known him - humble, thoughtful, and full of regret. To protect the feelings of Ernest's wife, Mary, who was also a close friend, Hotch kept these conversations to himself for decades. Now he tells the story as Hemingway told it to him. Hemingway in Love puts you in the room with the master and invites you to listen as he relives the drama of those young, definitive years that set the course for the rest of his life and dogged him to the end of his days.

Josephine Baker and the Rainbow Tribe Matthew Pratt Guterl 2014-03-31 Her performing days numbered, Josephine Baker did something outrageous: she transformed her chateau into a theme park whose main attraction was her Rainbow Tribe--12 children from around the globe, adopted as the family of the future. Matthew Pratt Guterl concludes that Baker was a serious activist, determined to make a positive difference.

Josephine Jean-Claude Baker 2001 This revelatory biography of Folies Bergere dancer Josephine Baker (1906-1975) is a study of struggle, triumph and tragedy.

Josephine Baker Bennetta Jules-Rosette 2006 This rich, once-in-a-lifetime volume gathers photographs, posters, drawings, prints, and

sculpture to tell the story of Baker's life and contributions to 20th century culture.

Acquired Tastes Benjamin R. Cohen 2021-08-17 How modern food helped make modern society between 1870 and 1930: stories of power and food, from bananas and beer to bread and fake meat. The modern way of eating—our taste for food that is processed, packaged, and advertised—has its roots as far back as the 1870s. Many food writers trace our eating habits to World War II, but this book shows that our current food system began to coalesce much earlier. Modern food came from and helped to create a society based on racial hierarchies, colonization, and global integration. *Acquired Tastes* explores these themes through a series of moments in food history—stories of bread, beer, sugar, canned food, cereal, bananas, and more—that shaped how we think about food today. Contributors consider the displacement of native peoples for agricultural development; the invention of Pilsner, the first international beer style; the “long con” of gilded sugar and corn syrup; Josephine Baker’s banana skirt and the rise of celebrity tastemakers; and faith in institutions and experts who produced, among other things, food rankings and fake meat.

Second Skin Anne Anlin Cheng 2010-12-10 Through the figure of Josephine Baker, *Second Skin* tells the story of an unexpected yet enduring intimacy between the invention of a modernist style and the theatricalization of black skin at the turn of the twentieth century. Stepping outside of the platitudes surrounding this iconic figure, Anne A. Cheng argues that Baker's famous nakedness must be understood within larger philosophic and aesthetic debates about, and desire for, 'pure surface' that crystallized at the convergence of modern art, architecture, machinery, and philosophy. Through Cheng's analysis, Baker emerges as a central artist whose work engages with and impacts various modes of modernist display such as film, photography, art, and even the modern house.

Jazz Age Josephine Jonah Winter 2012-01-03 A picture book biography that will inspire readers to dance to their own beats! Singer, dancer, actress, and independent dame, Josephine Baker felt life was a performance. She lived by her own

rules and helped to shake up the status quo with wild costumes and a you-can't-tell-me-no attitude that made her famous. She even had a pet leopard in Paris! From bestselling children's biographer Jonah Winter and two-time Caldecott Honoree Marjorie Priceman comes a story of a woman the stage could barely contain. Rising from a poor, segregated upbringing, Josephine Baker was able to break through racial barriers with her own sense of flair and astonishing dance abilities. She was a pillar of steel with a heart of gold—all wrapped up in feathers, sequins, and an infectious rhythm.

Josephine and I Cush Jumbo 2013-08-30

Josephine Baker: captivating performer, political activist and international icon, who lived from 1906 to 1975. From the ragtime rhythms of St Louis and the intoxicating sounds of 1920s Paris, to present-day London, *Josephine and I* intertwines the story of a modern-day girl with that of one of the greatest, yet largely forgotten, stars of the twentieth century. Cush Jumbo stars in the premiere of her debut play, which centres on the legendary American entertainer and her impact on a contemporary young woman. Live music combines with dance to bring to life the contemporary legacy of a woman Ernest Hemingway described as "the most sensational woman anyone ever saw, and ever will."

Josephine Jean-Claude Baker 1993 This revelatory biography of Folies-Bergere dance Josephine Baker (1906-1975) is a study of struggle, triumph, and tragedy. Abandoned at birth, she battled racism, poverty, and sexism to become an international star.

Josephine Baker Story Ron Hutchinson 1990

Dr. Jo Monica Kulling 2018-10-09 This thoughtful and beautifully illustrated picture book shares the story of a trailblazer who has inspired generations of girls to change the world. Sara Josephine Baker was a strong girl who loved adventure. Growing up in New York in the late 1800s was not easy. When she lost her brother and father to typhoid fever, she became determined to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. In Jo's day, medical schools were closed to women, but times were changing, and Jo was at the forefront. When she graduated in 1898, Dr. Jo still faced prejudice against women in her field. Not many people were willing to be seen by a female doctor, and Dr. Jo's waiting room

remained mostly empty. She accepted a job in public health and was sent to Hell's Kitchen, one of New York's poorest neighborhoods where many immigrants lived. There, she was able to treat the most vulnerable patients: babies and children. She realized that the best treatment was to help babies get a stronger start in life. Babies need fresh air, clean and safe environments, and proper food. Dr. Jo's successes, fueled by her determination, compassion and ingenuity, made her famous across the nation for saving the lives of 90,000 inner city infants and children.

I Wasn't Really Naked Harper H. Jameson 2025-09-30 Racism drove Josephine Baker (dancer, singer, movie star) out of America and into the embrace of Paris' elite. By the time Hitler invaded France, she was Europe's highest paid performer, loved by Allies and Axis alike. So when the Nazis occupied France with their Vichy allies, Baker's seeming ambivalence and notorious eccentricity gave her unique access behind enemy lines, in France, Portugal and North Africa. What starts as secret messages hidden in her underwear or written in invisible ink on sheet music, escalates until the same country she once hated for its bigotry comes to rely on her covert work as they prepare for the first mass mobilization of America's war machine.

Josephine Baker (Spanish Edition) José Luis Bocquet 2023-02-21 José-Louis Bocquet y Catel Muller cuentan en *Josephine Baker* la historia de una mujer que se convirtió en un icono de los locos años veinte por su alegría de vivir y su rabiosa modernidad. Bocquet y Catel rinden homenaje a una artista que deslumbró al público, pero que también demostró sus elevados valores y su compromiso, y rompió todos los tabúes a pesar de su género, color de piel y origen humilde. Josephine Baker cuenta la vida de una mujer excepcional que cantó al amor y a la libertad hasta su último aliento y que, a día de hoy, sigue siendo un ejemplo de lucha, constancia y solidaridad. «Amigos míos, sabéis que no miento si os digo que he tenido acceso a palacios de reyes y reinas, a casas de presidentes, mientras en Estados Unidos no podía entrar en un hotel o beber un café, ¡y eso me ponía furiosa!». -Josephine Baker, *Marcha en Washington por el empleo y la libertad*, 28 de

agosto de 1963. ENGLISH DESCRIPTION José-Louis Bocquet and Catel Muller tell the story of a woman who became an icon of the Roaring Twenties for her joie de vivre and her zealous modernism. Bocquet and Catel pay homage to an artist who dazzled the audience, one who exhibited high values and commitment, and broke all taboos despite her gender, skin color, and humble beginnings. Josephine Baker (1906-1975) was nineteen years old when she found herself in Paris for the first time in 1925. Overnight, the young American dancer became the idol of the Roaring Twenties, captivating Picasso, Cocteau, Le Corbusier, and Simenon. In the liberating atmosphere of the 1930s, Baker rose to fame as the first black star on the world stage, from London to Vienna, Alexandria to Buenos Aires. After World War II, and her time in the French Resistance, Baker devoted herself to the struggle against racial segregation, publicly battling the humiliations she had for so long suffered personally. She led by example, and over the course of the 1950s adopted twelve orphans of different ethnic backgrounds: a veritable Rainbow Tribe. A victim of racism throughout her life, Josephine Baker would sing of love and liberty until the day she died.

It's Her Story Josephine Baker Read-Along

Lauren Gamble 2023-01-01 A graphic novel for children ages 7 to 10. Rosalind Franklin was a British chemist during the 1940s and 1950s, when few women worked in the sciences. During WWII, she expanded our knowledge of the physics of coal and carbon, and later she studied viruses. Her "Photo 51" was central to understanding the double-helix structure of DNA, groundbreaking work she was never given credit for in her lifetime. This is her story.

The Josephine Baker Story Wise Publications 2000-06-22 This is the story of no ordinary life...Josephine Baker emerged from sordid poverty and racial intolerance in early 20th-century St Louis to delight audiences across the world becoming a genuine star of the stage.

In Search of Josephine Baker John Kirby Abraham 2003-03-01 Beautiful, lithe, exotic, dark-skinned and radiating animal magnetism, Josephine Baker, the free spirit of St Louis, danced and sang her way from rags to riches, from Boxcar Town to a chateau in France and international stardom. Here, her life story is

recounted by John Kirby Abraham.

The Many Faces of Josephine Baker Peggy Caravantes 2015-02-01 A complete biographical look at the complex life of a world-famous entertainer With determination and audacity, Josephine Baker turned her comic and musical abilities into becoming a worldwide icon of the Jazz Age. *The Many Faces of Josephine Baker: Dancer, Singer, Activist, Spy* provides the first in-depth portrait of this remarkable woman for young adults. Author Peggy Caravantes follows Baker's life from her childhood in the depths of poverty to her comedic rise in vaudeville and fame in Europe. This lively biography covers her outspoken participation in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, espionage work for the French Resistance during World War II, and adoption of 12 children—her & “rainbow tribe.&” Also included are informative sidebars on relevant topics such as the 1917 East St. Louis riot, Pullman railway porters, the Charleston, and more. The lush photographs, appendix updating readers on the lives of the rainbow tribe, source notes, and bibliography make this a must-have resource for any student, Baker fan, or history buff.

Evonne Goolagong Cawley Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara 2020-03-03 In this book from the critically acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Evonne Goolagong, the inspiring indigenous Australian tennis player. Evonne grew up on a hot, dusty farm in Australia. She was the third of eight children, and descendant of the Wirundjuri people, who have lived on the land for more than 60,000 years. Her talent for tennis was discovered at a local tennis club, and before she knew it, the girl dreaming about the place called "Wimbledon" was playing on center court. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the brilliant tennis player's life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a best-selling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series offers inspiring messages to children of all ages, in a range of

formats. The board books are told in simple sentences, perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers. The hardcover versions present expanded stories for beginning readers. Boxed gift sets allow you to collect a selection of the books by theme. Paper dolls, learning cards, matching games, and other fun learning tools provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS!

Same Family, Different Colors Lori L. Tharps 2016-10-04 Weaving together personal stories, history, and analysis, *Same Family, Different Colors* explores the myriad ways skin-color politics affect family dynamics in the United States. Colorism and color bias—the preference for or presumed superiority of people based on the color of their skin—is a pervasive and damaging but rarely openly discussed phenomenon. In this unprecedented book, Lori L. Tharps explores the issue in African American, Latino, Asian American, and mixed-race families and communities by weaving together personal stories, history, and analysis. The result is a compelling portrait of the myriad ways skin-color politics affect family dynamics in the United States. Tharps, the mother of three mixed-race children with three distinct skin colors, uses her own family as a starting point to investigate how skin-color difference is dealt with. Her journey takes her across the country and into the lives of dozens of diverse individuals, all of whom have grappled with skin-color politics and speak candidly about experiences that sometimes scarred them. From a Latina woman who was told she couldn't be in her best friend's wedding photos because her dark skin would "spoil" the pictures, to a light-skinned African American man who spent his entire childhood "trying to be Black," Tharps illuminates the complex and multifaceted ways that colorism affects our self-esteem and shapes our lives and relationships. Along with intimate and revealing stories, Tharps adds a historical overview and a contemporary cultural critique to contextualize how various communities and individuals navigate skin-color politics. Groundbreaking and urgent, *Same Family, Different Colors* is a solution-seeking journey to

the heart of identity politics, so that this more subtle "cousin to racism," in the author's words, will be exposed and confronted.

Josephine Baker Jose-Luis Bocquet 2017-05-16 Josephine Baker (1906-1975) was nineteen years old when she found herself in Paris for the first time in 1925. Overnight, the young American dancer became the idol of the Roaring Twenties, captivating Picasso, Cocteau, Le Corbusier, and Simenon. In the liberating atmosphere of the 1930s, Baker rose to fame as the first black star on the world stage, from London to Vienna, Alexandria to Buenos Aires. After World War II, and her time in the French Resistance, Baker devoted herself to the struggle against racial segregation, publicly battling the humiliations she had for so long suffered personally. She led by example, and over the course of the 1950s adopted twelve orphans of different ethnic backgrounds: a veritable Rainbow Tribe. A victim of racism throughout her life, Josephine Baker would sing of love and liberty until the day she died.

Naked at the Feast Lynn Haney 2002 Josephine Baker was the very essence of Paris in the riotous twenties. Hemingway danced cheek to cheek with her, proclaiming her to be the most sensational woman anyone had ever seen; Picasso painted her; Colette sent her fan letters; her name was linked with Mussolini, de Gaulle, Peron, Castro, Tito and the Pasha of Marrakesh. In this intimate spell-binding biography, Lynn Haney uncovers the story of this remarkable and outrageous woman and the extraordinary figures in her circle. This is the story of a truly remarkable woman in an already remarkable era.

Josephine Josephine Baker 1977 "There was Cleopatra. Later there was Josephine Baker. The French called her La Baker, the epitome of all that was exciting from the 1930s on. The toast of two continents, she could be found at night, dressed in her fabulously elaborate gowns and headdresses or just her famous banana costume, receiving standing ovations at the Folies Bergere. By day, tout Paris greeted her as she strolled down the Champs Elysées in a Dior frock, leading her pet leopard with its jeweled collar. Josephine Baker had come a long way from the black ghetto in St. Louis where she was born. Here is a dramatic story, heartwarming,

horrifying, and funny by turns. Legends about her life and loves were legion, then and now. But only one person knew the real story of Josephine--herself. This is her book. Nearly completed before her death in 1975, it has been added to by her husband, Jo Bouillon, her sister, several of her adopted children, and her close friends. And what a life it was: one-night stands in tank-town theaters throughout the U.S., success in New York, and finally triumph in Paris and other European cities...fabulous costumes and famous friends...legendary performances throughout the world...lovers, husbands, jewels, pets... her efforts in World War II for the Free French cause...winning the medal of Resistance, given by General De Gaulle... her twelve adopted children of different races and religions--her Rainbow Tribe...Château Milandes which was to be a monument to human brotherhood and which was literally sold out from under her...her continuous fight for racial equality...her great comeback on the Paris stage just a few days before her death. Josephine's story is larger than life, for she reveled in the glamour of yesterday and today, and struggled for a more enlightened tomorrow." -- Book jacket

Black Venus David W Huffstetler 2021-04-16 Born fatherless and into poverty, Josephine Baker rises to international stardom and risks her life as an Allied spy during World War II. She fights for equality, insisting that her concerts be integrated, during a time when integration often means violence. And yet, she refuses to give in. She yearns to be a mother, but can't, so she adopts a dozen children from around the world to form her Rainbow Tribe. Those children are a source of great pleasure and great pain. And beyond the fame and riches, the thing she wants most is to love and be loved. Four husbands and numerous affairs can't bring her that love. Even the roar of the audience after her *Danse Sauvage* leaves her empty. In the end, she has "Deux Amours", but neither can bring her the peace she so desperately needs. Then comes that suave Frenchman, Jo Bouillon. Is he the answer?

Agent Josephine Damien Lewis 2022-07-12 The New Yorker, Best Books of 2022 Vanity Fair, Best Books of 2022 Booklist, Best Books of 2022 Singer. Actress. Beauty. Spy. During WWII, Josephine Baker, the world's richest and most

glamorous entertainer, was an Allied spy in Occupied France. Prior to World War II, Josephine Baker was a music-hall diva renowned for her singing and dancing, her beauty and sexuality; she was the highest-paid female performer in Europe. When the Nazis seized her adopted city, Paris, she was banned from the stage, along with all "negroes and Jews." Yet instead of returning to America, she vowed to stay and to fight the Nazi evil. Overnight, she went from performer to Resistance spy. In *Agent Josephine*, bestselling author Damien Lewis uncovers this little-known history of the famous singer's life. During the war years, as a member of the French Nurse paratroopers—a cover for her spying work—Baker participated in numerous clandestine activities and emerged as a formidable spy. In turn, she was a hero of the three countries in whose name she served—the US, France, and Britain. Drawing on a plethora of new historical material and rigorous research, including previously undisclosed letters and journals, Lewis upends the conventional story of Josephine Baker, explaining why she fully deserves her unique place in the French Panthéon.

The Many Faces of Josephine Baker Peggy Caravantes 2015-02-01 With determination and audacity, Josephine Baker exploited her comic and musical abilities to become a worldwide icon of the Jazz Age. *The Many Faces of Josephine Baker: Dancer, Singer, Activist, Spy* provides the first in-depth portrait of this remarkable woman for young adults. Digging beneath the sensationalism usually associated with Baker and her uninhibited dancing, author Peggy Caravantes follows Baker's remarkable life from her childhood in the depths of poverty, to her comedic rise in vaudeville, to fame in Europe, outspoken participation in the US Civil Rights Movement, espionage work for the French Resistance during World War II, and adoption of 12 children, each from a different nationality, ethnicity, or religious group—her "rainbow tribe." Also included are informative sidebars on relevant topics such as the 1917 East St. Louis riot, Pullman railway porters, the Charleston, and more; lush photographs; an appendix updating readers on the lives of the rainbow tribe; and source notes and a bibliography, making this a must-have resource for any

student, Baker fan, or history buff. Peggy Caravantes is a former English and history teacher, middle school principal, and deputy school superintendent. She is the author of 16 books for middle grades and young adult readers, including *Petticoat Spies: Six Women Spies of the Civil War* and *American Hero: The Audie Murphy Story*. Her YA biographies have been selected for the California Titles for Young Adults, Tri-State Books of Note, and the Top Forty Young Adult Nonfiction Books lists. She lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Loving vs. Virginia Patricia Hruby Powell
2017-01-31 From acclaimed author Patricia Hruby Powell comes the story of a landmark civil rights case, told in spare and gorgeous verse. In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it. Richard and Mildred Loving were at the heart of a Supreme Court case that legalized marriage between races, and a story of the devoted couple who faced discrimination, fought it, and won.

Lift as You Climb Patricia Hruby Powell
2020-06-09 Learn about the civil rights activist Ella Baker in this inspiring picture book from Sibert Honor winner Patricia Hruby Powell and Caldecott Honor winner R. Gregory Christie. "What do you hope to accomplish?" asked Ella Baker's granddaddy when she was still a child. Her mother provided the answer: "Lift as you climb." Long before the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, Ella Baker worked to lift others up by fighting racial injustice and empowering poor African Americans to stand up for their rights. Her dedication and grassroots work in many communities made her a valuable ally for leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and she has been ranked as one of the most influential women in the civil rights movement. In the 1960s she worked to register voters and organize sit-ins, and she became a teacher and mentor to many young activists. Caldecott Honor winner R. Gregory Christie's powerful pictures pair with Patricia Hruby Powell's poignant words to paint a vivid portrait of the fight for the freedom of the human spirit.

Josephine Baker's Last Dance Sherry Jones
2018-12-04 From the author of *The Jewel of*

Medina, a moving and insightful novel based on the life of legendary performer and activist Josephine Baker, perfect for fans of *The Paris Wife* and *Hidden Figures*. Discover the fascinating and singular life story of Josephine Baker—actress, singer, dancer, Civil Rights activist, member of the French Resistance during WWII, and a woman dedicated to erasing prejudice and creating a more equitable world—in *Josephine Baker's Last Dance*. In this illuminating biographical novel, Sherry Jones brings to life Josephine's early years in servitude and poverty in America, her rise to fame as a showgirl in her famous banana skirt, her activism against discrimination, and her many loves and losses. From 1920s Paris to 1960s Washington, to her final, triumphant performance, one of the most extraordinary lives of the twentieth century comes to stunning life on the page. With intimate prose and comprehensive research, Sherry Jones brings this remarkable and compelling public figure into focus for the first time in a joyous celebration of a life lived in technicolor, a powerful woman who continues to inspire today.

Paris Blues Andy Fry 2014-07-04 *The Jazz Age*. The phrase conjures images of Louis Armstrong holding court at the Sunset Cafe in Chicago, Duke Ellington dazzling crowds at the Cotton Club in Harlem, and star singers like Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey. But the Jazz Age was every bit as much of a Paris phenomenon as it was a Chicago and New York scene. In *Paris Blues*, Andy Fry provides an alternative history of African American music and musicians in France, one that looks beyond familiar personalities and well-rehearsed stories. He pinpoints key issues of race and nation in France's complicated jazz history from the 1920s through the 1950s. While he deals with many of the traditional icons—such as Josephine Baker, Django Reinhardt, and Sidney Bechet, among others—what he asks is how they came to be so iconic, and what their stories hide as well as what they preserve. Fry focuses throughout on early jazz and swing but includes its re-creation—reinvention—in the 1950s. Along the way, he pays tribute to forgotten traditions such as black musical theater, white show bands, and French wartime swing. *Paris Blues* provides a nuanced account of the French reception of

African Americans and their music and contributes greatly to a growing literature on jazz, race, and nation in France.

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