

MAY 6, 2022 is FLOYD COOPER DAY!



“It’s very important that we all get a grasp on what it is that can build bridges between us. I really do see children’s books as a way to build those bridges early on.” —Floyd Cooper

About FLOYD COOPER

Floyd Cooper, a celebrated children’s book illustrator and author who explored the African American experience in stories rooted in history, died on July 15, 2021 but his memory and work lives on. Over 30 years and over 100 titles, he illustrated children’s stories that not only carried his earthy and golden pastel impressions of Black life, but that also strived to recount chapters of African American history that he felt weren’t taught enough in classrooms—if they were taught at all. He saw humanity in every face, in every heart.



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