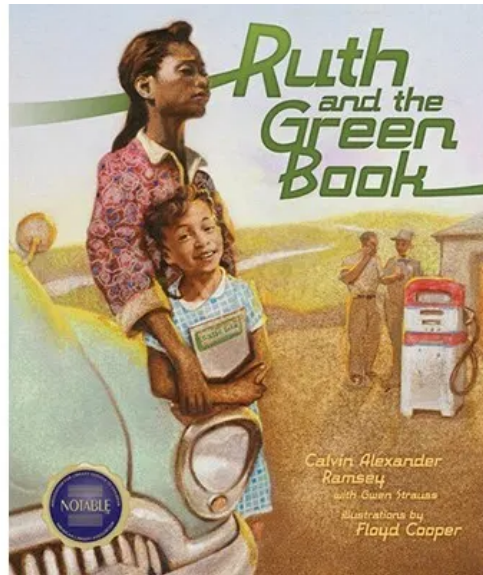


Ruth and the Green Book

By Calvin Alexander Ramsey & Gwen Strauss and illustrated by Floyd Cooper



[Link to Full Resource](#)

[Explanation of Jim Crow Laws](#)

Overview of Story

Ruth and the Green Book follows Ruth and her family as they take a trip in their new car. In the early 1950s, few African Americans could afford to buy cars, so this would be an adventure. But Ruth soon finds out that black travelers weren't treated very well in some towns. Many hotels and gas stations refused service to black people.

*Finally, a friendly attendant at a gas station showed Ruth's family *The Green Book*. It listed all of the places that would welcome black travelers. With this guidebook—and the kindness of strangers—Ruth could finally make a safe journey from Chicago to her grandma's house in Alabama.*

Activities

- Play Youtube Readaloud version with the class, [Ruth and the Green Book](#) Note: I suggest you slow down the video to about 0.9 speed
- [List of discussion questions](#)
- [Further Reading](#) about the Green Book for Students