

SHARON ROBINSON

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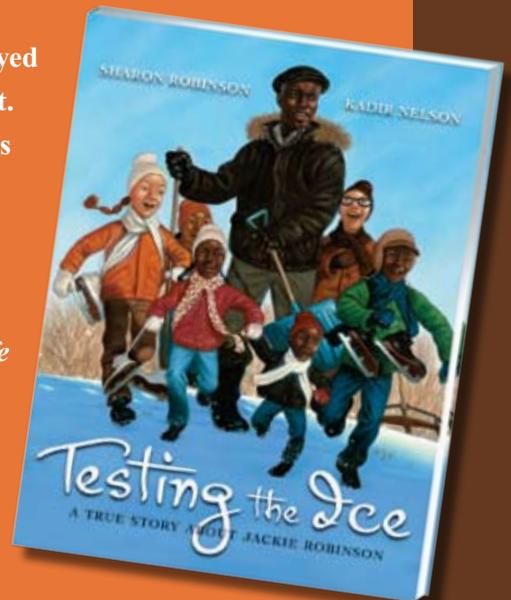
SHARON ROBINSON is the author of many works of fiction and nonfiction. She has written several widely praised books about her father, baseball legend Jackie Robinson, including *Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By*, *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America*, and her new picture book, *Testing the Ice*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

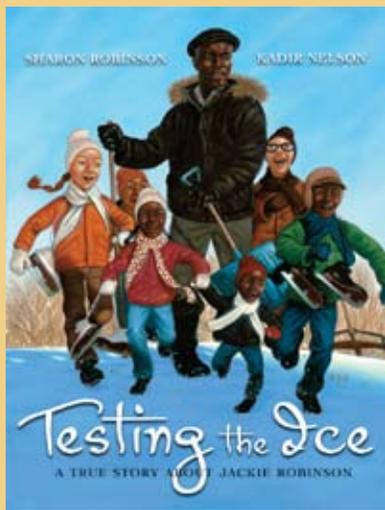
“You could say that my writing career began during my childhood with a love of books and a little journal filled with my daily adventures, latest angst, and newest friends,” says Robinson. “But growing up, I had no idea that someday I’d write for kids. That happened when I shifted careers from nursing to baseball and initiated the Major League Baseball/Scholastic program, *Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life*.” This program has reached more than nine million children in the United States and Canada.

“Many of my books are about my dad,” Robinson says. “He played a profound role in our family, and in the Civil Rights Movement. I’m aware that I’ve been given the gift of being a guardian of his monumental legacy. And I feel blessed to be passing it along to new generations of kids.”

“I’m now deep in the middle of writing an exciting fiction series about a boy called Jumper. Every time I read a passage from *Safe at Home* or *Slam Dunk!* to a new group of kids, I feel motivated to write more. I listen closely and experience some child along the way, and a new tale unfolds.”

Sharon Robinson lives in Florida and New York City.





TESTING THE ICE: A TRUE STORY ABOUT JACKIE ROBINSON

Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

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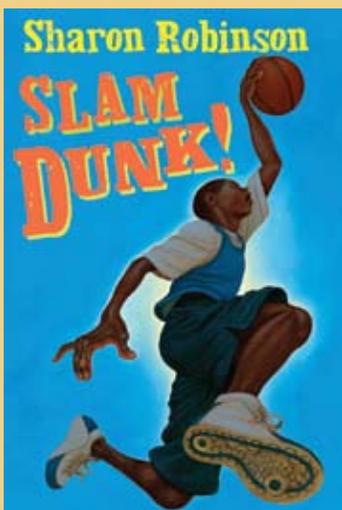
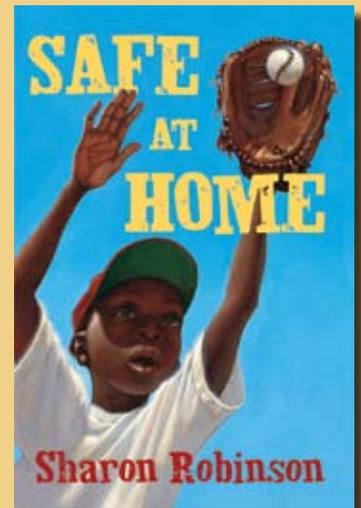
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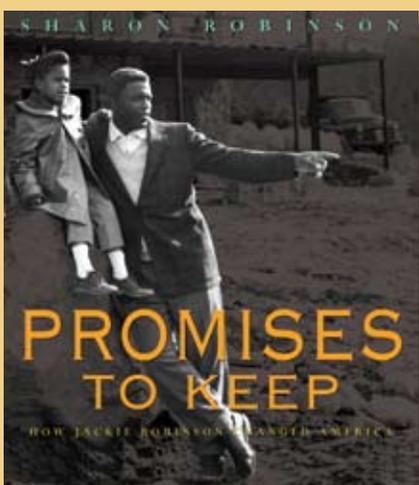
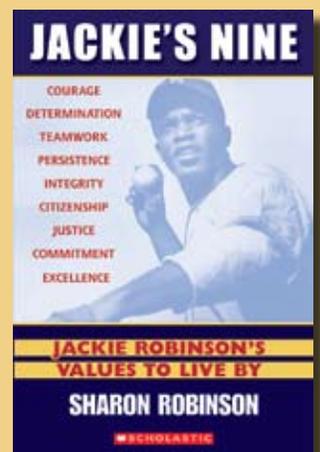
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