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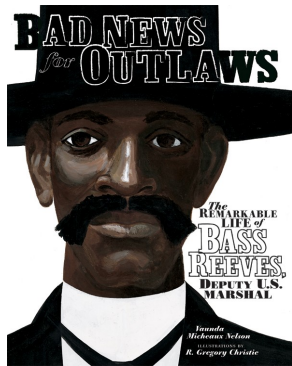
## Coretta Scott King Honor-winners Portray a Larger-Than-Life Hero of the Old West

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***Bad News for Outlaws:***  
***The Remarkable Life of***  
***Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S.***  
***Marshal***

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Sitting tall in the saddle, with a wide-brimmed black hat and twin Colt pistols on his belt, Bass Reeves seemed bigger than life. Outlaws feared him. Law-abiding citizens respected him. As a peace officer, he was cunning and fearless. When a lawbreaker heard Bass Reeves had his warrant, he knew it was the end of the trail because Bass Reeves always got his man—dead or alive. He achieved all this in spite of whites who didn't approve of the notion of a black lawman.

Author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson's dedicated research and illustrator R. Gregory Christie's vibrant artwork brilliantly combine to capture the imposing figure of Bass Reeves in *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal*. Published by Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, this picture book accurately tells the story of a man born into slavery who grew up to become the most feared and respected lawman in the Indian Territories. He made more than 3,000 arrests, and though he was a crack shot and a quick draw, he only killed fourteen men in the line of duty.

The story of Bass Reeves is the story of a remarkable African American and a remarkable hero of the Old West.

**About the Author**

**Vaunda Micheaux Nelson** is the author of numerous fiction and nonfiction books for children, including *Almost to Freedom*, which received 2004 Coretta Scott King Illustration Honor Award. In addition to writing books, she has also been a teacher, newspaper reporter, bookseller, and school librarian. She lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

**About the Artist**

**R. Gregory Christie** is an award-winning illustrator of many picture books, including *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth* and *The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children*, for both of which he won Coretta Scott King Illustration Honor Award. His work has also appeared in *The New Yorker* and on music CD covers. He lives in New York City.

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