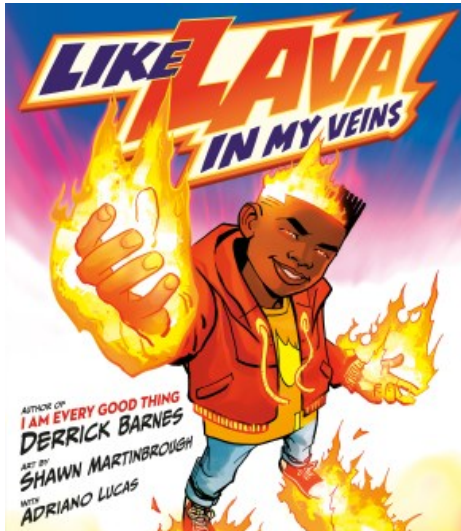


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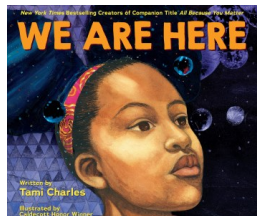
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PICTURE BOOKS

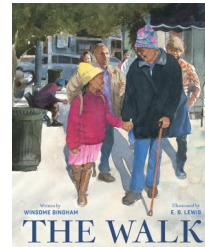


Like Lava in My Veins by Derrick Barnes

All it takes is a loving teacher to help a boy get control of his sizzling superpowers. Bobby Beacon's got fire flowing through his veins. And now he's psyched to attend a new school that'll help him get a better grip on his powers. But right off the bat, his new teacher is not too welcoming. That causes Bobby's hot temper to land him in the principal's office. Good thing Bobby gets moved to a class with an understanding teacher who clues him in on ways to calm himself and shows him that caring for others is its own kind of superpower.



We Are Here
By Tami Charles



The Walk
By Winsome Bingham



All Good in the Hood
by Dwayne Reed

FEATURED AUTHOR: Sadé Smith

Winsome Bingham is a soul food connoisseur, master cook, and a US Army war and disabled veteran. She received both bachelor's and master's degrees in education and an MFA in Writing For Children and Young Adults. You can find her writing on a deck while waiting patiently with a camera to capture a submarine shooting out of the water. Her debut picture book, *SOUL FOOD SUNDAY*, illustrated by Charles G. Esperanza, was published by Abrams Books in November 2021 and received a Coretta Scott King Honor Award. She has more books on the way, including *LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL* (Beach Lane Books); *MISSING MAMA*, *THE WALK*, and *THE PARK* (Abrams Kids); and books 1, 2, and 3 in the Fort Goode chapter book series (ReyCraft Books).



CHAPTER BOOKS

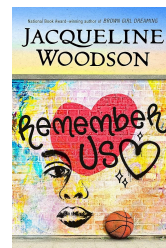


Ellie Engle Saves Herself by Leah Johnson

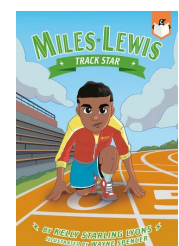
Ellie Engle doesn't stand out. Not at home, not at the bakery, where she helps out, and definitely not at school, where her best friend, Abby—the coolest, boldest, most talented girl in the world. To someone else, a life in the shadows might seem boring, or lonely. But not to Ellie. As long as she has Abby by her side and a comic book in her hand, she's quite content. But when a freak earthquake hits her small town, Ellie wakes up with the power to bring anything back to life with just her touch. And when a video of her using her powers suddenly goes viral, Ellie's life goes somewhere she never imagined—or wanted: straight into the spotlight.



Invisible Son
by Kim Johnson



Remember Us
by Jacqueline Woodson

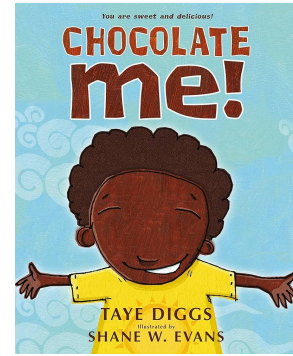


Track Star #4
by Kelly Starling Lyons

CLASSIC

Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs

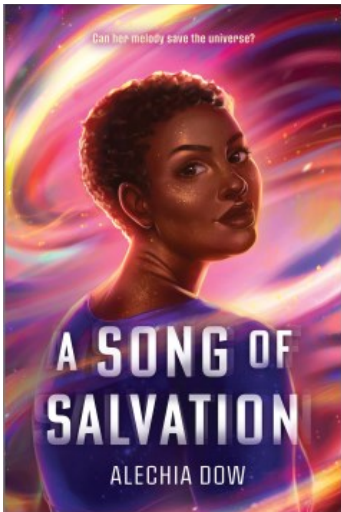
Chocolate Me! is a story about a little boy who wants to be like everyone else. He wants to change his name, skin color, nose, hair, and teeth. His awesome mom has another plan. She helps her son to appreciate himself just the way he is.



TEENS

A Song of Salvation by Alechia Dow

In this gripping space opera, Zaira, a reincarnated god with latent powers, must evade the clutches of the emperor, who seeks to sacrifice her in the name of the destructive god, Ozvios. Teaming up with the reluctant and grumpy pilot, Wesley Daniels, whose simple goal of becoming a starfaring smuggler takes an unexpected turn, they embark on a mission to save the beloved space DJ, Rubin Rima, and prevent an intergalactic war. With Wesley's smuggler skills, Zaira's untapped powers, and Rubin's influence, the trio races against time to reach Earth, where they hope to unlock Zaira's true potential and thwart the impending doom threatening the entire universe. An exhilarating, joyful, and multifaceted tale of gods, smugglers, and intergalactic adventure awaits teen readers in this thrilling space odyssey.



Wildblood by
Lauren Blackwood

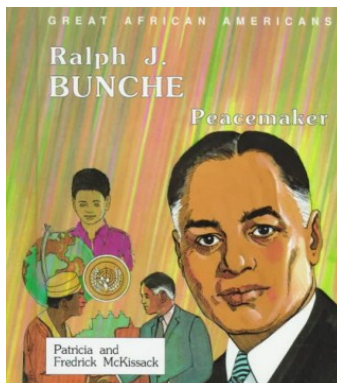


*There Goes the
Neighborhood*
by Jade Adia



We Don't Swim Here
by Vincent Tirado

NON-FICTION



Ralph J. Bunche: Peacemaker By Patricia and Fredrick McKissack

Biography of the African-American statesman and diplomat who was one of the founders of the United Nations and who received the Nobel Prize for his peacemaking efforts

Created by: Shannon Adams, Carlotta Booker, Courtney Lloyd, Giselle Hunley, and LaTari Prater



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