

# READ WOKE

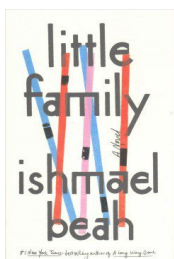
reading challenge



## Voices of poverty | Adult Fiction available through York Public Library

"Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

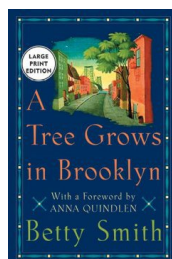
Cicely Lewis, creator of the Read Woke reading challenge



### Little family

by Ishmael Beah

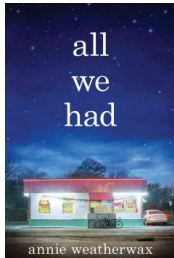
Struggling to replace the homes they have lost in their conflict-scarred homeland, five young people improvise a home together in an abandoned airplane before an irresistible opportunity tests their bond. By the best-selling author of *A Long Way Gone*.



### A tree grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith

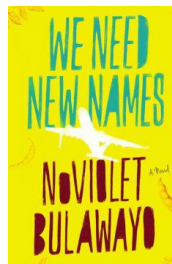
A new edition of the classic novel, featuring a new foreword by best-selling author Anna Quindlen, follows young Francie Nolan, who is armed with her idealism and determination, as she struggles to escape from the poverty of life in a Brooklyn tenement during the early 1900s. (Historical Fiction)



### All we had : a novel

by Annie Weatherwax

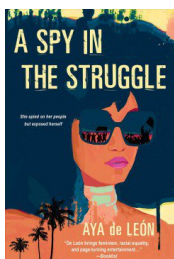
Starting over in a small town after a series of poverty-induced hardships, 13-year-old Ruthie and her waitress mother, Rita, forge family-like bonds with the locals, only to fall for a subprime mortgage loan scheme that compels Rita to make a desperate choice. A first novel.



### We need new names : a novel

by NoViolet Bulawayo

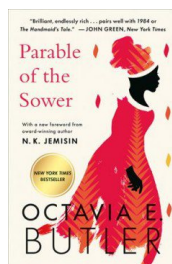
Follows 10-year-old Zimbabwe native, Darling, as she escapes the closed schools and paramilitary police control of her homeland in search of opportunity and freedom with an aunt in America.



### A spy in the struggle : A Riveting Must-Read Novel of Suspense

by Aya De León

The award-winning author of the *Justice Hustlers* series follows the FBI recruitment of a savvy young lawyer who uses the wits of her impoverished youth to infiltrate an extremist activist group that is being exploited by a biotech company. Original.



### Parable of the sower

by Octavia E Butler

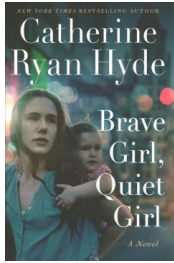
"In 2025 California, an eighteen-year-old African American woman, suffering from a hereditary trait that causes her to feel others' pain as well as her own, flees northward from her small community and its desperate savages."



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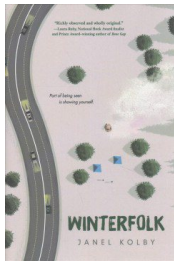
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## Adult Books | Voices for Poverty and Homelessness



### Brave girl, quiet girl : a novel

by Catherine Ryan Hyde  
Kidnapped during a carjacking, 2-year-old Etta is discovered and protected by an abandoned homeless teen who forges an unlikely friendship with the child's financially strapped single mother. By the best-selling author of Stay.



### Winterfolk

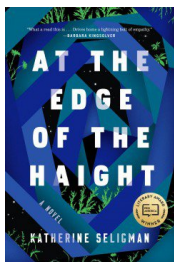
by Janel Kolby  
For as long as she can remember, Rain's home has been among the Winterfolk, a group of homeless people living outside Seattle. When she discovers that the city plans to sweep out the Winterfolk's camp, her world is shattered. She convinces her friend King to take her to Seattle, but

when they become separated, Rain must fend for herself. If she's going to save herself, King, and the Winterfolk, she'll need to find a star big enough to make all of her wishes come true



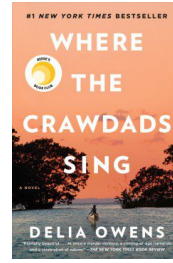
### Miles from nowhere

by Nami Mun  
Fleeing her 1980s Bronx family home in the wake of her unfaithful father's abandonment and her mother's mental illness, Korean teen Joon struggles through an adolescence marked by homeless shelters, addiction, and demeaning jobs.



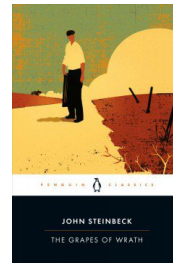
### At the edge of the haight

by Katherine Seligman  
Witnessing a murder that threatens her already precarious existence, a young homeless woman is pressured to return to her family in tech-driven, race-torn San Francisco. An award-winning first novel.



### Where the crawdads sing

by Delia Owens  
Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces. A first novel by the New York Times best-selling author of Cry of the Kalahari



### The Grapes of wrath

by John Steinbeck  
The book about a migrant family seeking a better life in California during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s was not only banned, it was burned by people citing vulgar words and sexual references, nevertheless the Nobel Prize committee later indicated that the work was one of the prime

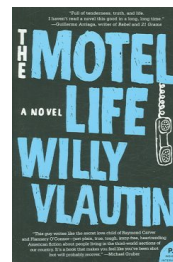
reasons that its author won the top award in literature.



### What is the what : the autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng : a novel

by Dave Eggers  
A winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award traces the story of two child Sudanese civil war refugees and their witness to the devastation that has torn

their homeland, a time during which one struggles to understand what is happening and the other joins the rebel army.



### The motel life : a novel

by Willy Vlautin  
The past and present lives of two brothers, Frank and Jerry Lee, on the run after a tragic hit-and-run accident, unfold in a novel that captures the world of two young men on the edge of modern society, a world of frustration, bleak economic circumstances, alcohol, and

failed dreams.