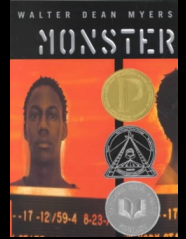




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Young Adult Recommendations



All American Boys

Reynolds, Jason

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

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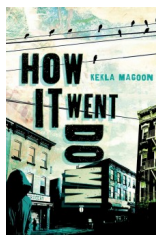
This Is My America

Johnson, Kim

While writing letters to Innocence X, a justice-seeking project, asking them to help her father, an innocent black man on death row, teenaged Tracy takes on another case when her brother is accused of killing his white girlfriend.

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How It Went Down

Magoon, Kekla

When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

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Punching the Air

Zoboi, Ibi

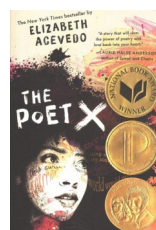
Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated by a biased system. Then one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art.

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The Poet X

Acevedo, Elizabeth

Ever since her body grew into curves, Xiomara Batista has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. She pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers-- especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about.

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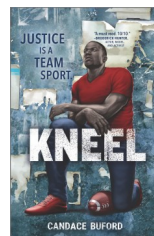
Stone, Nic

Keeping close secrets in the wake of the Exposition Universelle in 1889 Paris, a wealthy hotelier and treasure-hunter is tapped by a powerful order to lead an elite team on a quest to track down an ancient artifact of world-changing significance.

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Kneel

Buford, Candace

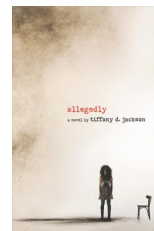
When his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team, Russell Boudreaux kneels during the national anthem in an effort to fight for justice and, in an instant, falls from local stardom to become a target of hatred.

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Allegedly

Jackson, Tiffany D.

Mary B. Addison killed a baby. Allegedly. She didn't say much in that first interview with detectives, and the media filled in the only blanks that mattered: a white baby had died while under the care of a churchgoing black woman and her nine-year-old daughter. The public convicted Mary and the jury made it official. But did she do it? When the state threatens to take her own baby, Mary's fate now lies in the hands of the one person she distrusts the most: her Momma.

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Concrete Rose

Thomas, Angie

A gang leader's son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one's brutal murder, in a poignant exploration of Black coming-of-age set seventeen years before the events of the award-winning *The Hate U Give*.

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[YA THOMAS](#)



The Black Kids

Hammonds Reed, Christina

With the Rodney King riots closing in on high school senior Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.

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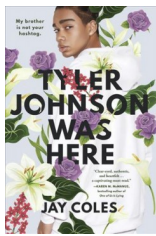
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Tyler Johnson Was Here [YA COLES](#)
Coles, Jay

When Marvin Johnson's twin brother, Tyler, is shot and killed by a police officer, Marvin must fight injustice to learn the true meaning of freedom.

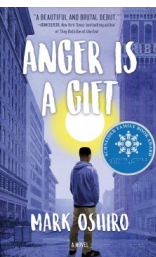
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One of the Good Ones [YA MOULITE](#)
Moulite, Maika

Although distraught, Happi is also unsettled by the way people have idealized the memory of her sister who was killed after attending a social justice rally -- why do people have to be perfect in order to be missed? As a way to honor the memory, however, Happi and her other sister Genny go on a roadtrip using the original "Green Book" -- but the trip reveals secrets neither sister knew about the dead Kezi.

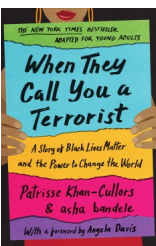
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Anger is a Gift [YA OSHIRO](#)
Oshiro, Mark

A young adult debut by the popular social media personality and critic reflects the racial and economic struggles of today's teens in the story of high school junior Moss, who in the face of a racist school administration decides to organize a protest that escalates into violence.

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When They Call You a Terrorist [YA 323.092KHA](#)
Khan-Cullors, Patrisse

This is the story of how the movement that started with a hashtag--#BlackLivesMatter--spread across the nation and then across the world and the journey that led one of its co-founders, Patrisse Khan-Cullors, to this moment.

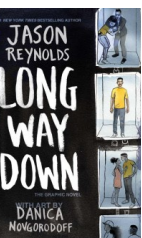
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YUMMY: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty [YA GN NERI, G.](#)
Neri, Greg

A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members.

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Long Way Down [YA GN REYNOLDS](#)
Reynolds, Jason

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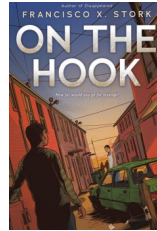


The Cost of Knowing [YA MORRIS](#)
Morris, Brittney

Sixteen-year-old Alex Rufus's curse of seeing the future distracts him from being and doing his best, but when he sees his little brother Isaiah's imminent death, he races against time, death, and circumstances to save him.

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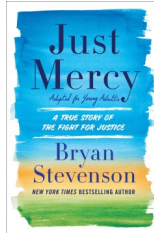


On The Hook [YA STORK](#)
Stork, Francisco X.

Living in fear after a gang leader's younger brother threatens to kill him, a talented young chess player who works to help support his family makes a difficult decision to protect the safety of a loved one.

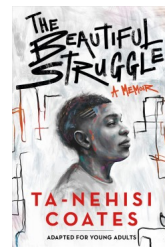
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Nonfiction Titles



Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice [YA 340.092 STE](#)
Stevenson, Bryan

Lawyer and social justice advocate Bryan Stevenson offers a glimpse into the lives of the wrongfully imprisoned and his efforts to fight for their freedom.



The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoir [YA B COATES](#)
Coates, Ta-Nehisi,

A memoir from Ta-Nehisi Coates, in which he details the challenges on the streets and within one's family, especially the eternal struggle for peace between a father and son and the important role family plays in such circumstances

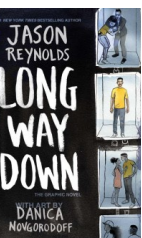
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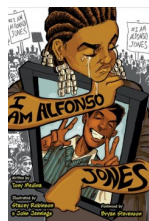
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I Am Alfonso Jones [YA GN MEDINA](#)
Medina, Tony

The ghost of fifteen-year-old Alfonso Jones travels in a New York subway car full of the living and the dead, watching his family and friends fight for justice after he is killed by an off-duty police officer while buying a suit in a Midtown department store.



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