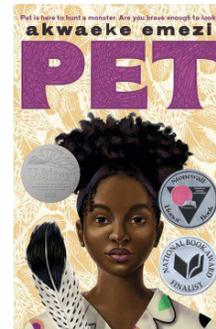
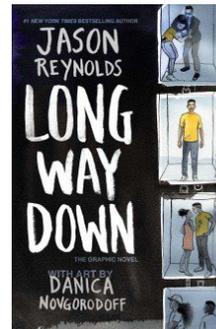
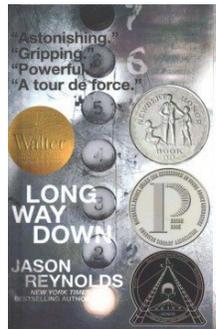
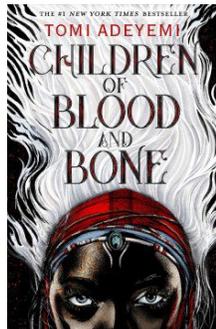
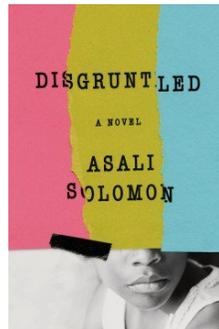
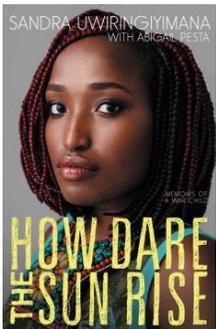
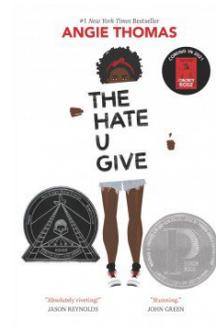
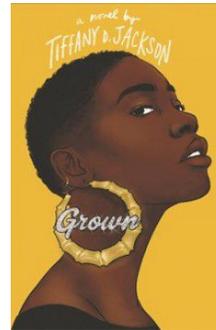
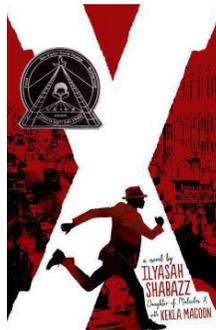
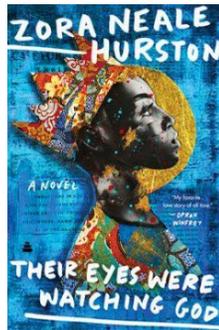


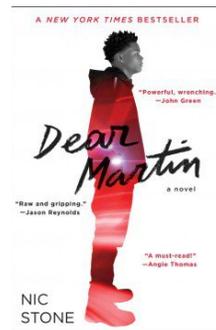
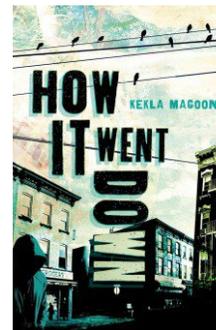
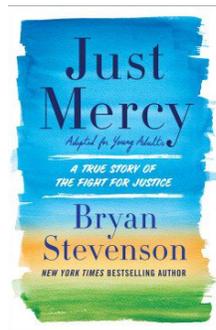
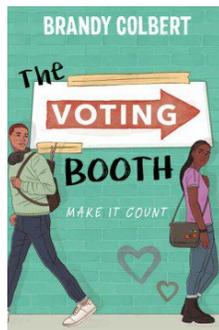
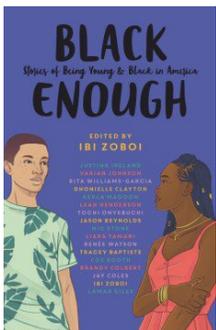
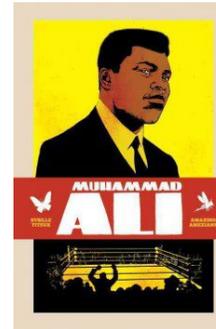
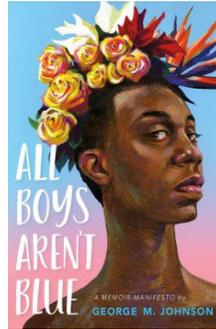
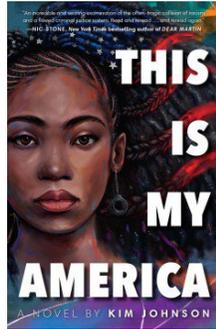
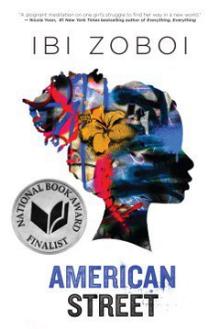
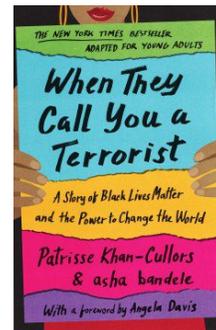
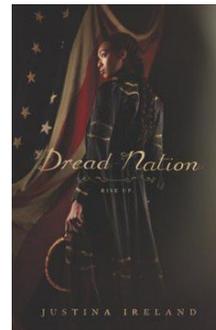
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When Janie Starks returns to her rural FL home, her small black community is overwhelmed with curiosity about her relationship with a younger man.

Legendborn by Tracy Deonn
To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.

X by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon
Follows the childhood of the civil rights leader to his imprisonment at age twenty, where he found the faith that would lead him to his path towards activism and justice.

Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson
When legendary R&B artist Corey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

How Dare the Sun Rise: memoirs of a war child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana
The author shares the story of her survival of the Gatumba massacre, despite losing her sister, and how after moving to America she found healing through art and activism.

Disgruntled by Asali Solomon
Follows Kenya from West Philadelphia to the suburbs, from public school to private, and from childhood through adolescence, as she grows increasingly disgruntled by her inability to find any place or thing or person that feels like home.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
As Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel with art by Danica Novgorodoff
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Pet by Akwaeke Emezi
In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.

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From age six through her high school valedictory speech, believing she and her mother are wizards helps young Echo cope with poverty, hunger, her mother's drug abuse, and much more.

The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed
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.

Spider-Man: Miles Morales by Brian Michael Bendis
Miles Morales joins the Avengers and engages in such adventures as fighting alone against a villain with the power to destroy the universe, tangling with Black Cat, and going on a possible date with Ms. Marvel.

Dread Nation by Justina Ireland
When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies.

When they call you a terrorist : a story of Black Lives Matter and the power to change the world by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
In this meaningful, empowering account of survival, strength, and resilience, Cullors and Asha Bandele seek to change the culture that declares innocent black life expendable.

American street by Ibi Zoboi
When Fabiola's mother is detained upon their arrival to the United States, Fabiola must navigate her loud American cousins, the grittiness of Detroit's west side, a new school, and a surprising romance all on her own.

This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell
This book is written so young people will feel empowered to stand up to the adults in their lives. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it.

This is My America by Kim Johnson
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.

All Boys Aren't Blue: a memoir-manifesto by George M. Johnson
A first book by the prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist shares personal essays that chronicle his childhood, adolescence and college years as a Black queer youth.

Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet by Ta-Nehisi Coates
When a superhuman terrorist group called "The People" sparks a violent uprising, the land of Wakanda, famed for its incredible technology and proud warrior traditions, will be thrown into turmoil; but can its king, the Black Panther, save it from this fate?

Muhammad Ali by Sybille Titeux de la Croix
An original graphic novel celebrating the life of the glorious athlete who became the three-time heavyweight boxing legend, activist, and provocateur: Muhammad Ali.

Black enough : stories of being young & black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi
A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else.

The Voting Booth by Brandy Colbert
The first year they are eligible to vote, Marva and Duke meet at their polling place and, over the course of one crazy day, fall in love.

Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles
High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a Purity Pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush, Kiera.

Just mercy : adapted for young adults : a true story of the fight for justice by Bryan Stevenson
Details the author's personal experience, challenges, and efforts as a lawyer and social advocate to find justice for America's most marginalized people.

How it Went Down by Kekla Magoon
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.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.