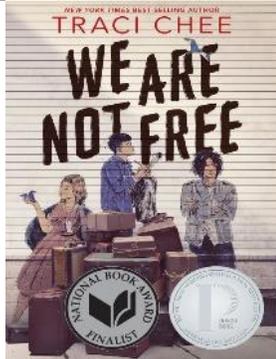
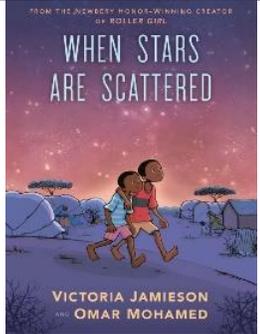


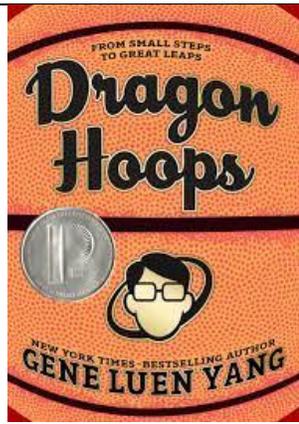
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9 th & 10 th grade	
	<p><i>We Are Not Free</i> by Traci Chee Historical Fiction For fourteen-year-old budding artist Minoru Ito, her two brothers, her friends, and the other members of the Japanese-American community in southern California, the three months since Pearl Harbor was attacked have become a waking nightmare: attacked, spat on, and abused with no way to retaliate--and now things are about to get worse, their lives forever changed by the mass incarcerations in the relocation camps.</p>
	<p><i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed Graphic Novel, Biography "Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp"--Provided by publisher.</p>
	<p><i>Watch Over Me</i> by Nina LaCour Ghost Story "Mila is used to being alone. Maybe that's why she said yes. Yes to a second chance in this remote place, among the flowers and the fog and the crash of waves far below. But she hadn't known about the ghosts. Newly graduated from high school, Mila has aged out of the foster care system. So, when she's offered a teaching job and a place to live on an isolated part of Northern California coast, she immediately accepts. Maybe she will finally find a new home--a real home. The farm is a refuge, but it's also haunted by the past. And Mila's own memories are starting to rise to the surface."</p>



***Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang**

Graphic Novel

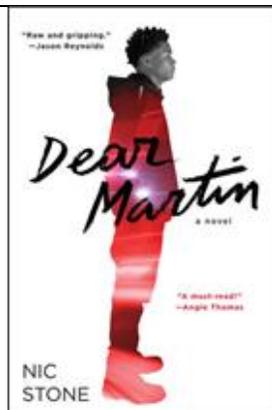
"Gene Luen Yang understands stories -- comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him 'Stick' and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championship. Once Gene meets these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons' lives, but his own life as well"



***Jackpot* by Nic Stone**

Realistic Fiction

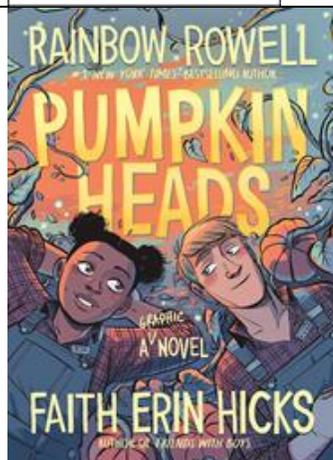
Meet Rico: high school senior and afternoon-shift cashier at the Gas 'n' Go, who after school and work races home to take care of her younger brother. Every. Single. Day. When Rico sells a jackpot-winning lotto ticket, she thinks maybe her luck will finally change, but only if she--with some assistance from her popular and wildly rich classmate Zan--can find the ticket holder who hasn't claimed the prize. But what happens when have and have-nots collide? Will this investigative duo unite...or divide?



***Dear Martin* by Nic Stone**

Realistic Fiction

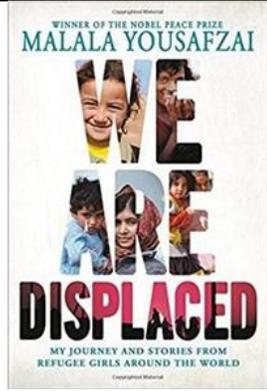
Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.



***Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell**

Graphic Novel

"Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. They say good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different? Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye. Josiah's ready to spend the whole night feeling melancholy about it. (He's the melancholy type). But Deja has a plan: What if instead of moping and instead of the usual--slinging lima beans down at the Succotash Hut--they went out with a bang? They could see all the sights! Taste all the snacks! Maybe Josie could talk to that cute girl he's been mooning over for three years . . ."



We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World by Malala Yousafzai with Liz Welch

Nonfiction

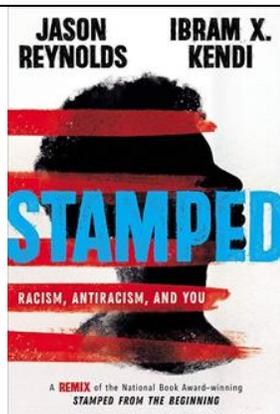
Malala's experiences visiting refugee camps caused her to reconsider her own displacement - first as an Internally Displaced Person when she was a young child in Pakistan, and then as an international activist who could travel anywhere in the world except to the home she loved. In *We Are Displaced*, which is part memoir, part communal storytelling, Malala not only explores her own story, but she also shares the personal stories of some of the incredible girls she has met on her journeys - girls who have lost their community, relatives, and often the only world they've ever known.



Superman: Dawnbreaker by Matt de la Peña

Superhero Novel

When Clark Kent follows the sound of a girl crying, he comes across Gloria Alvarez and discovers a dark secret lurking in Smallville. Turns out, Clark's not the only one hiding something. Teaming up with his best friend, Lana Lang, he throws himself into the pursuit of the truth. What evil lies below the surface of his small town? And what will it cost Clark to learn about his past as he steps into the light to become the future Man of Steel? Because before he can save the world, he must save Smallville.

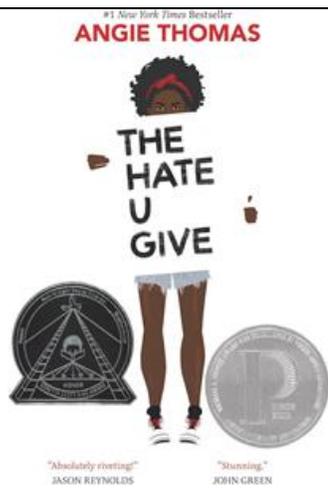


Stamped - Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

Nonfiction

"A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from National Book Award winner *Stamped from the Beginning*"--Publisher.

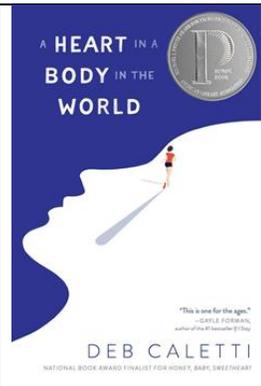
Through a gripping, fast-paced, and energizing narrative written by beloved award-winner Jason Reynolds, this book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas--and on ways readers can identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their daily lives.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Realistic Fiction

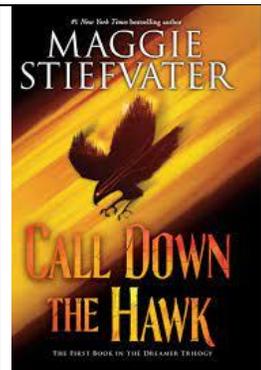
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does-or does not-say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.



***A Heart in a Body in the World* by Deb Caletti**

Realistic Fiction

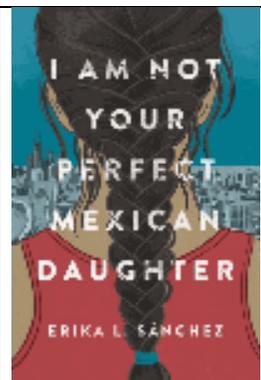
"Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma"--Provided by publisher.



***Call Down the Hawk* by Maggie Stiefvater**

Fantasy

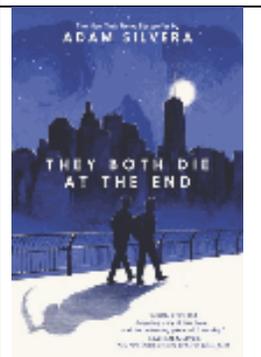
"Ronan Lynch is a dreamer. He can pull both curiosities and catastrophes out of his dreams and into his compromised reality. Jordan Hennessy is a thief. The closer she comes to the dream object she is after, the more inextricably she becomes tied to it. Carmen Farooq-Lane is a hunter. Her brother was a dreamer . . . and a killer. She has seen what dreaming can do to a person. And she has seen the damage that dreamers can do. But that is nothing compared to the destruction that is about to be unleashed.."



***I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sánchez**

Realistic Fiction

"Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out every possible way Julia has failed."



***They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera**

Fantasy

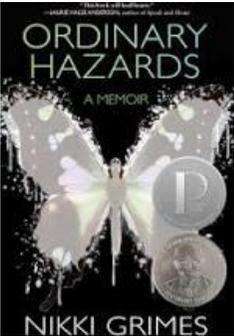
"In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day."

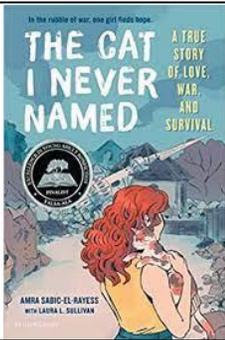
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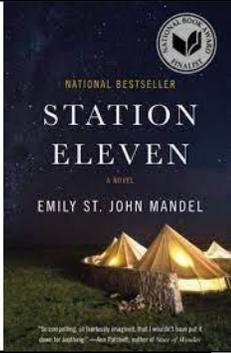
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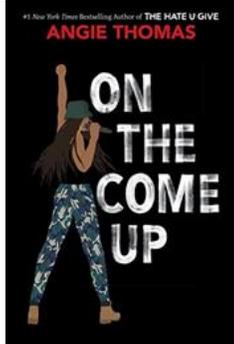
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 The cover of the book 'Chlorine Sky' by Mahogany L. Browne. It features a stylized illustration of a young woman with her hair in a bun, looking upwards. The background is a vibrant orange and red, with the words 'CHLORINE' and 'SKY' in white text at the top. The author's name 'MAHOGANY L. BROWNE' is at the bottom.	<p><i>Chlorine Sky</i> by Mahogany L. Browne Novel in Verse</p> <p>“With gritty and heartbreaking honesty, Mahogany L. Browne delivers a novel in verse about broken promises, fast rumors, and when growing up means growing apart from your best friend.”</p> <p>“Mahogany L. Browne’s debut YA is an absolute masterpiece. It will leave you breathless.” -Elizabeth Acevedo, <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>The Poet X</i></p>
 The cover of the book 'Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir' by Nikki Grimes. It features a central illustration of a white butterfly with its wings spread, set against a dark background. The title 'ORDINARY HAZARDS' is at the top, and 'A MEMOIR' is below it. The author's name 'NIKKI GRIMES' is at the bottom.	<p><i>Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir</i> by Nikki Grimes Memoir in Verse</p> <p>“Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At the age of six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night - and discovered the magic and impact of writing. For many years, Nikki's notebooks were her most enduring companions. In this accessible and inspiring memoir that will resonate with young readers and adults alike, Nikki shows how the power of those words helped her conquer the hazards - ordinary and extraordinary - of her life.”</p>



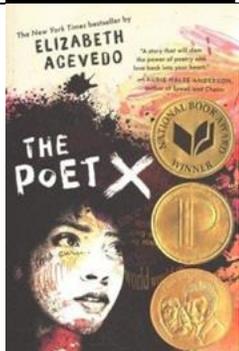
The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War and Survival by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess & Laura L. Sullivan
Memoir
“The stunning memoir of a Muslim teen struggling to survive in the midst of the Bosnian genocide—and the stray cat who protected her family through it all.”



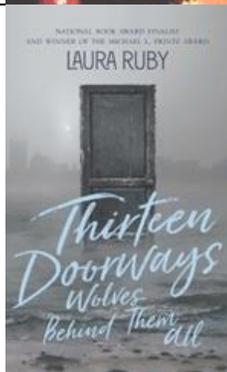
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
Dystopia
“Set in the days of civilization's collapse, *Station Eleven* tells the story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.”



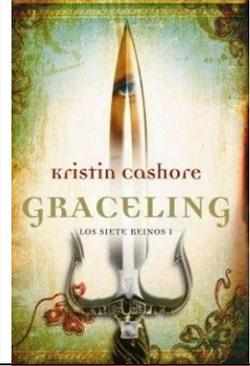
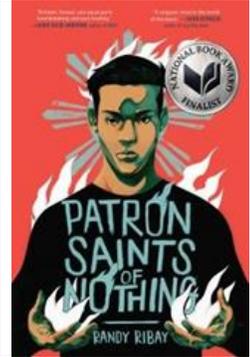
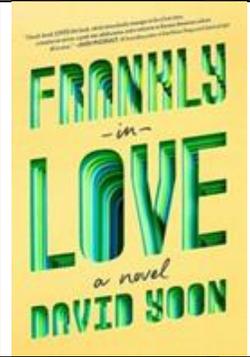
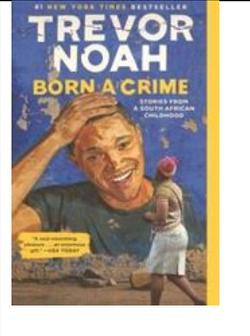
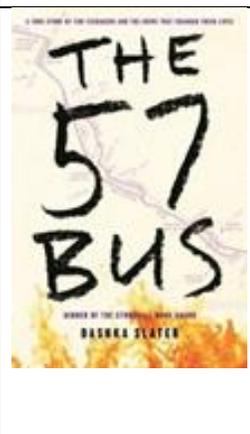
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
Realistic Fiction
"Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother"--Provided by publisher.

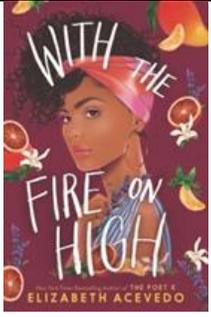


The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Realistic Fiction
"Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.”



Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All by Laura Ruby
Historical Ghost Story
"The unforgettable story of two young women—one living, one dead—dealing with loss, desire, and the fragility of the American dream during World War II.”

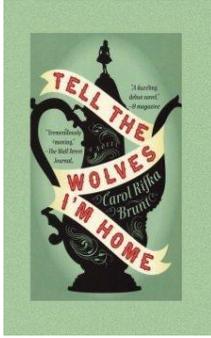
	<p><i>Graceling</i> by Kristin Cashore Fantasy</p> <p>In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.</p>
	<p><i>Patron Saints of Nothing</i> by Randy Ribay Realistic Fiction</p> <p>"When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more."</p>
	<p><i>Frankly in Love</i> by David Yoon Romance</p> <p>"High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love--or himself--at all"--Provided by publisher.</p>
	<p><i>Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</i> by Trevor Noah Memoir</p> <p>"The memoir of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed."</p>
	<p><i>The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and The Crime That Changed Their Lives</i> by Dashka Slater Nonfiction</p> <p>"If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes."</p>



With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Realistic Fiction

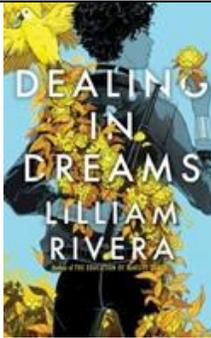
"Teen mother Emoni Santiago struggles with the challenges of finishing high school and her dream of working as a chef."



Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Realistic Fiction

"Her world upended by the death of a beloved artist uncle who was the only person that understood her, fourteen-year-old June is mailed a teapot by her uncle's grieving friend, with whom she forges a poignant relationship."



Dealing in Dreams by Lilliam Rivera

Dystopia

"The Outsiders meets Mad Max: Fury Road in this "daring and dramatic" (Victor LaValle, author of The Changeling) dystopian novel about sisterhood and the cruel choices people are forced to make in order to survive."