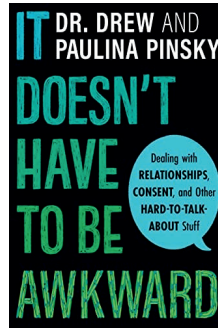


**It Doesn't Have to be Awkward:  
Dealing with Relationships,  
Consent, and Other  
Hard-to-Talk-About Stuff**

by Drew Pinsky

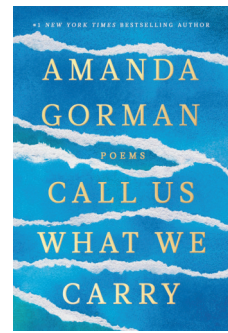
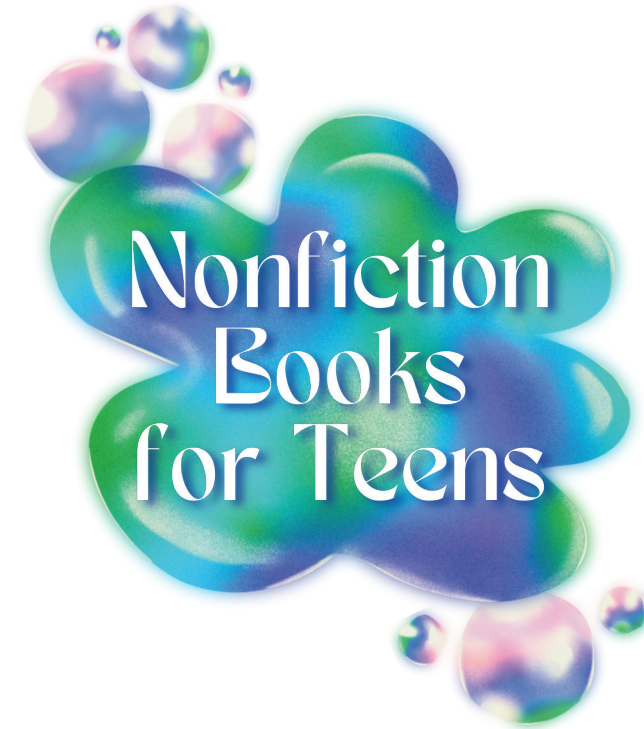
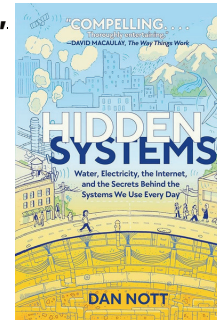
Filled with tangible and accessible resources, and featuring humorous and raw personal anecdotes, this is the perfect guide for teens, parents, and educators to go beyond "the talk" and dive into honest and meaningful conversations about sex, relationships, and consent.



**Hidden Systems:  
Water, Electricity, the Internet,  
and the Secrets We Use  
Every Day**

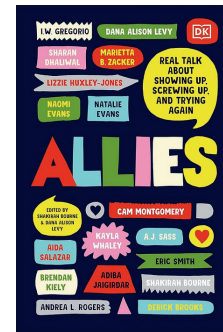
by Dan Nott

This nonfiction science graphic novel takes readers on a journey from how the most essential systems were developed to how they are implemented in our world today and how they will be used in the future.



**Call Us What We Carry: Poems**  
by Amanda Gorman

In *Call Us What We Carry*, Gorman explores history, language, identity, and erasure through an imaginative and intimate collage. Harnessing the collective grief of a global pandemic, this beautifully designed volume features poems in many inventive styles and structures and shines a light on a moment of reckoning.

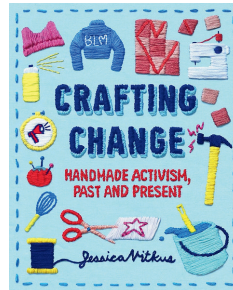


**Allies: Real Talk About  
Showing Up, Screwing Up,  
and Trying Again**

How can you be an ally? Where should you start? There aren't any easy answers, but this book helps you ask better questions. Find out what allyship means to 17 YA authors with the stories in this collection.

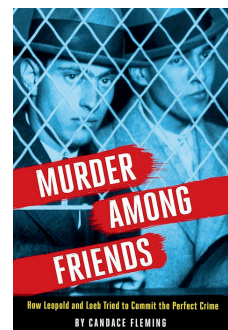
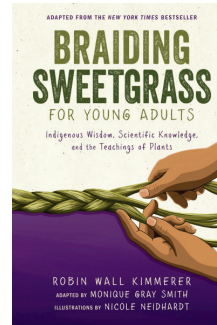
**Crafting Change:  
Handmade Activism,  
Past and Present**  
by Jessica Vitkus

An informative and inspiring exploration of craftivism — the intersection of handicraft and activism — designed to encourage young creators while providing meaningful historical context.



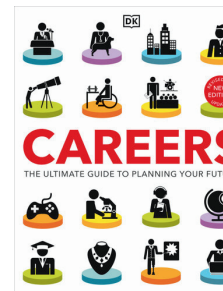
**Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults:  
Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific  
Knowledge, and the  
Teachings of Plants**  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Drawing from her experiences as an Indigenous scientist, botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer demonstrates how all living things—from strawberries and witch hazel to water lilies and lichen—provide us with gifts and lessons every day. Adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith.



**Murder Among Friends:  
How Leopold and Loeb Tried  
to Commit the Perfect Crime**  
by Candace Fleming

A typed ransom note to the victim's parents. A pair of eyeglasses found at the murder scene. Was this enough evidence to convict the two teens? And if so, would their brilliant lawyer be able to save them from the death penalty?



**Careers: The Ultimate Guide  
to Planning Your Future**

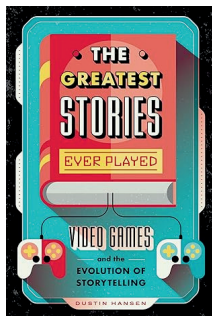
Do you have a passion but can't work out how to make a career out of it? Are you worried about career development? Or are you overwhelmed by so much advice you are lost in a sea of information? You're not the only one - and Careers is here to steer you in the right direction.

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## Greatest Stories Ever Played: Video Games and the Evolution of Storytelling

by *Dustin Hansen*

Whether it's playing through blockbuster-esque adventures (Uncharted, God of War, The Last of Us), diving deep into hidden bits of story and lore (Red Dead Redemption II, Bioshock, Journey) or building relationships that change the fate of the world itself (Persona 5, Undertale), video games are bringing stories to life in ways that are immediate, interactive and immersive. Focusing on some of the best, most memorable, experiences in gaming, this book examines the relationship between gaming and storytelling in a new way.



## Cook Anime

by *Diana Ault*

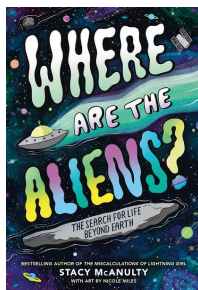
Do you ever watch your favorite anime series and start craving the takoyaki or the warmth of delicious ramen or the fluffy sweetness of mochi? Learn to recreate delicious dishes referenced in over 500 of your favorite anime series with this practical guide to anime food.



## Where Are the Aliens?: The Search for Life Beyond Earth

by *Stacy McAnulty*

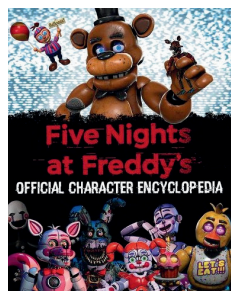
This book takes readers on a journey of theories and discoveries, from the big bang and primordial soup, to how the ancient Greeks considered the cosmos, to the technology used today to listen and (possibly!) communicate with far-off exoplanets. Packed with playful illustrations and fascinating factoids, this is the perfect book for anyone who has ever looked up and asked, "What's out there?"



## Five Nights at Freddy's Character Encyclopedia

by *Scott Cawthon*

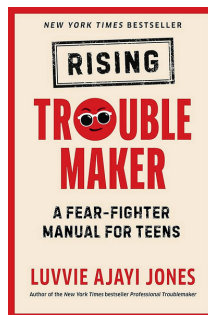
From the games to the novels and short stories, all the characters are here and laid out in awesome detail that will deepen the knowledge of even the most enthusiastic player.



## Rising Troublemaker: A Fear-Fighter Manual for Teens

by *Luvvie Ajayi Jones*

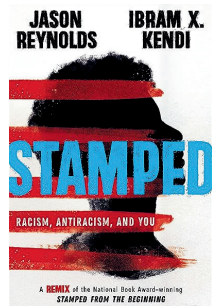
The world can feel like a dumpster fire, with endless things to be afraid of. It can make you feel powerless to ask for what you need, use your voice, and show up truly as your whole self. Add the fact that often, people might make you feel like your way of showing up is TOO MUCH. BE TOO MUCH, and use it for good. That is what it means to be a troublemaker.



## Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

by *Jason Reynolds*

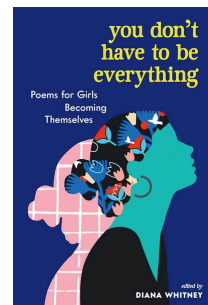
This is NOT a history book. This is a book about the here and now. A book to help us better understand why we are where we are. A book about race.



## You Don't Have to be Everything: Poems for Girls Becoming Themselves

edited by *Diana Whitney*

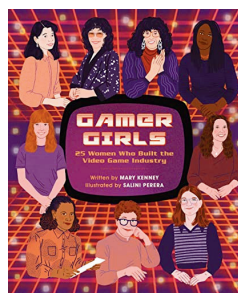
Created and compiled just for young women, this book is filled with works by a wide range of poets who are honest, unafraid, and skilled at addressing the complex feelings of coming-of-age, from loneliness to joy, longing to solace, attitude to humor. These unintimidating poems offer girls a message of self-acceptance and strength, giving them permission to let go of shame and perfectionism.



## Gamer Girls: 25 Women Who Built the Video Game Industry

by *Mary Kenney*

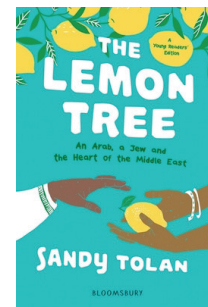
Discover the women behind the video games we love--the iconic games they created, the genres they invented, the studios and companies they built--and how they changed the industry forever.



## The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East (Young Readers' Edition)

by *Sandy Tolan*

In 1967, almost 20 years after being forced to flee, Bashir Khairi knocked on the door of his ancestral home and was greeted by Dalia Eshkenazi, whose family had moved in when she was 11 months old. That shared home, "against all odds," will inspire a lasting friendship.



## Luminary: A Magical Guide to Self-Care

by *Kate Scelsa*

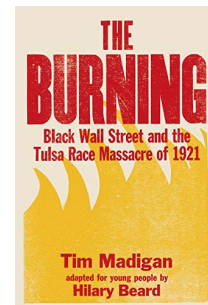
Self-care is not only necessary, it's magical! Your road to self-care can be a mystical journey that leaves you feeling more confident, determined, and ready to accomplish all those bucket-list items and dreams you have scribbled in your journal. So why not start that journey now?



## The Burning: Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 (Young Readers Edition)

by *Tim Madigan*

One of the worst acts of racist violence in American history took place in 1921, when a White mob numbering in the thousands decimated the thriving Black community of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Adapted for young people by Hilary Beard.



## Queer Ducks (and Other Animals): The Natural World of Animal Sexuality

by *Eliot Schrefer*

A quiet revolution has been underway in recent years, with study after study revealing substantial same-sex sexual behavior in animals. Join celebrated author Eliot Schrefer on an exploration of queer behavior in the animal world--from albatrosses to bonobos to clownfish to doodlebugs.

