

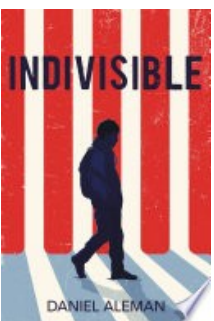
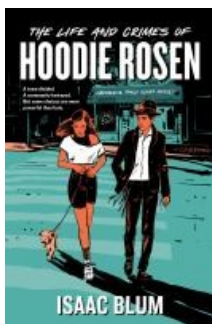


Invisible Son by Kim Johnson

Andre Jackson is determined to reclaim his identity. But returning from juvie doesn't feel like coming home. His Portland, Oregon, neighborhood is rapidly gentrifying, and COVID-19 shuts down school before he can return. And Andre's suspicions about his arrest for a crime he didn't commit even taint his friendships. It's as if his whole life has been erased.

The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum

Hoodie Rosen's life isn't that bad. Sure, his entire Orthodox Jewish community has just picked up and moved to the quiet, mostly non-Jewish town of Tregaron, but Hoodie's world hasn't changed that much. That is, until he meets and falls for Anna-Marie Diaz-O'Leary--who happens to be the daughter of the mayor trying to keep Hoodie's community out of the town. And things only get more complicated when a series of antisemitic crimes quickly escalates to deadly violence.

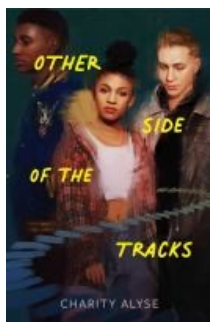


Indivisible by Daniel Aleman

When Mateo returns from school one day to find that his parents have been taken by ICE, he realizes that his family's worst nightmare has become a reality. With his parents' fate and his own future hanging in the balance, Mateo must figure out who he is and what he is capable of, even as he's forced to question what it means to be an American.

We Can Be Heroes by Kyrie McCauley

After the town moves on from the shooting where Cassie was murdered, Beck and Vivian find common ground by secretly painting murals of Cassie around town. When they catch the attention of a podcaster, they become the catalyst for a debate that Bell Firearms can no longer ignore. A powerful novel about a trio of girls fighting for each other in the aftermath of a school shooting and the lasting bonds of friendship.

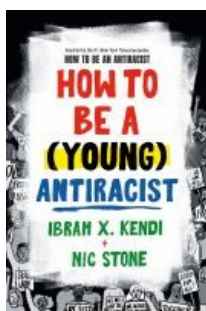


The Other Side of The Tracks by Charity Alyse

There is an unspoken agreement between the racially divided towns of Bayside and Hamilton: no one steps over the train tracks that divide them. Or else. But one tragic night changes everything. When Justin's friend, the star of Hamilton's football team, is murdered by a white Bayside police officer, the long-standing feud between the towns becomes an all-out war.

Revolution in Our Time : The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People by Kekla Magoon

The Panthers' march on the California capitol on May 2, 1967, marked a significant turning point-the moment when the Black Panthers' posture of armed self defense became a matter of national awareness. But, the movement didn't happen overnight. This book is a thorough history of the Black Panther Party, which incorporates the longstanding abuse of Black Americans, from slavery to today, and an examination of the civil rights movement that led to the Panthers' success, persecution, and demise.



How to Be a (Young) Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi

Based on the adult bestseller, this book serves as a guide for teens seeking a way forward in acknowledging, identifying, and dismantling racism and injustice in their society, with anecdotes and data speaking directly to their experiences and concerns.

Victory. Stand! : Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith

On October 16, 1968, Tommie Smith, the gold medal winner in the 200-meter sprint, and John Carlos, the bronze medal winner, stood on the podium in black socks and raised their black-gloved fists to protest racial injustice inflicted upon African Americans. Both men were forced to leave the Olympics, received death threats, and faced ostracism and continuing economic hardships. A timely graphic memoir from an iconic sports figure.

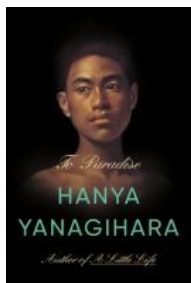


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To Paradise by Hanya Yanagihara

A novel spanning three centuries and three different versions of the American experiment, about lovers, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia.

In an alternate version of 1893 America, a young man of a distinguished family is drawn to a charming music teacher of no means. In a 1993 Manhattan besieged by the AIDS epidemic, a young Hawaiian man lives with his much older partner. And in 2093, in a world riven by plagues and governed by totalitarian rule, a woman tries to solve the mystery of her husband's disappearance.



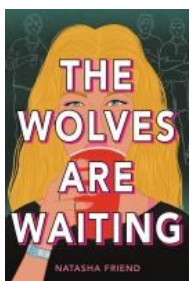
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas

Concrete Rose is the prequel to *The Hate You Give*, following Maverick Carter's life as he becomes a teen father. He must decide between staying in the gang his father was a part of or changing everything and getting out for his new son.



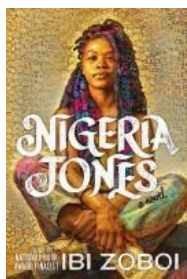
The Wolves are Waiting by Natasha Friend

Fifteen-year-old Nora sparks an investigation into institutional sexism in her small college town after she becomes the target of a fraternity game by athletes, an attempted assault. What Nora and her friends will uncover is a story that spans generations. But it doesn't have to anymore.



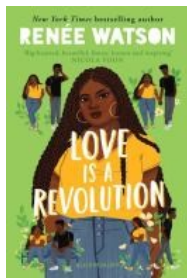
Nigeria Jones by Ibi Zoboi

Warrior Princess. That's what Nigeria Jones's father calls her. He has raised her as part of the Movement, a Black separatist group based in Philadelphia. When her mother--the perfect matriarch of their Movement--disappears, Nigeria's world is upended. As Nigeria searches for her, she starts to uncover a shocking truth. One that will lead her to question everything she thought she knew about her life and her family.



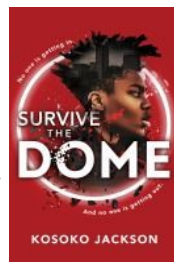
Love is a Revolution by Renee Watson

When Nala Robertson reluctantly agrees to attend an open mic night, she finds herself falling in instant love with Tye Brown, the MC. He's perfect, except . . . Tye is an activist and is spending the summer putting on events for the community when Nala would rather watch movies and try out the new seasonal flavors at the local creamery. In order to impress Tye, Nala tells a few tiny lies to have enough in common with him. As Nala falls deeper into keeping up her lies and into love, she'll learn all the ways love is hard, and how self-love is revolutionary.



Survive the Dome by Kosoko Jackson

Jamal Lawson just wanted to be a part of something. As an aspiring journalist, he packs up his camera and heads to Baltimore to document a rally protesting police brutality after another Black man is murdered. But before it even really begins, the city implements a new safety protocol...the Dome. The Dome surrounds the city, forcing those within to subscribe to a total militarized shutdown. No one can get in, and no one can get out.



All You Have to Do by Allen Autumn

Two Black young men attend prestigious schools nearly thirty years apart, and yet both navigate similar forms of insidious racism. In April 1968, in the wake of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, Kevin joins a protest that shuts down his Ivy League campus. In September 1995, amidst controversy over the Million Man March, Gibran challenges the "See No Color" hypocrisy of his prestigious New England prep school...



The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson

When Springville residents--at least the ones still alive--are questioned about what happened on prom night, they all have the same explanation ... Maddy did it. But what happened? An outcast at her small-town Georgia high school, Maddy has always been a teasing target for bullies. And she has a secret: she is biracial. Maddy has been passing for white her entire life at the behest of her fanatical white father. But some of her classmates aren't done with her yet. And what they don't know is that Maddy still has another secret ... one that will cost them all their lives.



Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed

Safiya Mirza dreams of becoming a journalist. But everything changes the day she finds the body of a murdered boy.

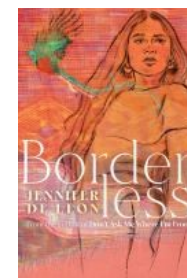
Jawad Ali was fourteen years old when he built a cosplay jetpack that a teacher mistook for a bomb. A jetpack that got him arrested, labeled a terrorist--and eventually killed.

Driven by Jawad's haunting voice guiding her throughout her investigation, Safiya seeks to tell the whole truth about the murdered boy and those who killed him because of their hate-based beliefs.



Borderless by Jennifer De Leon

Maya's talent for making clothing out of unusual objects landed her a scholarship to Guatemala City's most prestigious art school. But, the gang threats in her neighborhood have walked in her front door--with a boy Maya considered a friend, or maybe more, among them. After barely making their escape, Maya and her mom have no choice but to continue their desperate flight all the way through Guatemala and Mexico in hopes of crossing the US border.



The Revenge Game by Jordyn Taylor

When Brenton Riggs swoops in to save Alyson from a less than savory party encounter, she falls head-over-heels. But then she finds out about the King's Cup--a competition Brenton and the guys at their boarding school started to see who has the most sexual prowess. So Alyson and the other girls at the school start a competition of their own: The Queen's Cup. A wickedly comic feminist mystery.



Kneel by Candace Buford

"Please rise for the national anthem." Desperate for change, Rus kneels during the national anthem. In one instant, he falls from local stardom and becomes a target for hatred. But he's not alone. With the help of his best friend and an unlikely ally, Rus will fight for his dreams, and for justice.

