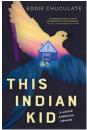


Take **By Jennifer Bradbury**

Two teens uncover a secret hidden in the Cascade Mountains that spans generations, stringing together family skeletons, lost stories, and a discovery of love and self in this tense and emotion-

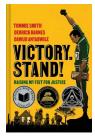
al young adult thriller.



This Indian Kid: A Native American Memoir

Eddie D. Chuculate Award-winning author Eddie Chuculate brings his childhood to life with INDIAN spare, unflinching prose. This book is at once a love letter to his Native American roots and an inspiring and

essential message for young readers everywhere, who are coming of age in an era when conversations about acceptance and empathy, love and perspective are more necessary than ever before.



Victory. Stand!: **Raising My Fist for Justice** By Tommie Smith, **Dawud Anyabwile, Derrick Barnes** On October 16, 1968, during the medal ceremony at the Mexico City Olympics, 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. In his first-ever memoir for young readers, Tommie Smith looks back on his childhood growing up in rural Texas through to his stellar athletic career, culminating in his historic victory and Olympic podium protest.



What She Missed Liara Tamani

An ode to nature, art, friendship, history, family, and love, this lyrical comingof-age story explores one girl's summer of self-discovery as she reimagines the world and her place in it. What She

Missed is for fans of Sarah Dessen, Nina LaCour, and Nicola Yoon.



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Bash!, Vol. 1 By Rudy Gobert, Vince Serrano (Illustrator)

BASH — an intergalactic game of basketball played by superstar athletes from across the cosmos. Young Rudy comes from the poor neighborhood of Nevilia, but dreams of a being a BASH star, and his talent might just make it happen: but

can he make it while threats come from every corner of the galaxy?



The bodyguard unit : Edith Garrud, women's suffrage, and jujitsu Clement Xavier, Lisa Lugrin (Illustrator)

In the early twentieth century, women in England demanded the right to vote--and faced violent retaliation. Rather than back down, the suffragist group Women's Social and Political Union formed its own security

unit. Edith Garrud, a pioneering self-defense instructor, trained them to fight back against abuse and arrest while pursuing long-overdue rights.



Colin Kaepernick: Change the Game By Colin Kaepernick, Eve L. Ewing, Orlando Caicedo (Illustrator)

Colin Change the Game is an inspiring high school graphic novel memoir for readers 12 and up from celebrated athlete and activist Colin Kaepernick. High school star athlete Colin Kaepernick is

at a crossroads in life. Heavily scouted by colleges and MLB as a baseball pitcher, he has a bright future ahead of him as a highly touted prospect. Everyone from his parents to his teachers and coaches are in agreement on his future. Colin feels differently.



Akim Aliu: Dreamer By Akim Aliu, Karen De La Vega (Illustrator), Marcus Williams (Illustrator)

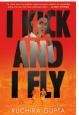
This honest, engrossing graphic memoir tells the story of professional athlete and activist Akim Aliu's incredible life as a hockey prodigy in Canada.



Fadeaway

By E.B. Vickers, Elaine Vickers

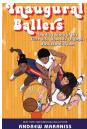
When a high school basketball star goes missing, a town's secrets are exposed in this edge-of-your seat, addictive read.



I Kick and I Fly By Ruchira Gupta

A propulsive social justice adventure by renowned activist and award-winning documentarian Ruchira Gupta, I Kick and I Fly is an inspiring, hopeful story of triumph about a girl in Bihar, India, who

escapes being sold into the sex trade when a local hostel owner helps her to understand the value of her body through kung fu.



Inaugural Ballers By Andrew Maraniss

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Strong Inside* comes the inspirational true story of the birth of women's Olympic basketball at the 1976 Summer Games and the ragtag team that put US women's basketball

on the map. Perfect for fans of Steve Sheinkin and Daniel James Brown.



The Race of the Century: The Battle to Break the Four-Minute Mile By Neal Bascomb

Highly acclaimed author Neal Bascomb brings his peerless research and fast-paced narrative style to a young adult adaptation of one of his most

successful adult books of all time, The Perfect Mile, an inspiring and moving story of three men racing to achieve the impossible -- the perfect four -minute mile.



Rez Ball By Byron Graves

This compelling debut novel by new talent Byron Graves tells the relatable, high-stakes story of a young athlete determined to play like the hero his Ojibwe community needs him to be.



Run on Your New Legs, Vol. 1 By Wataru Midori

Shouta Kikuzato's hopes of starting on his school's prestigious soccer team are derailed when a terrible incident costs him his leg. Now in his first year of high school (again), Kikuzato has resigned himself to never

reaching his athletic dreams. But when Chidori, a passing prosthetist, notices Kikuzato's artificial limb- and speed-as he races through the train station, the specialist proposes a Chidori will build Kikuzato a brand-new leg designed solely for speed. All Kikuzato has to do is run!



Skate for Your Life By Leo Baker, Ashley Lukashevsky (Illustrator)

In this moving, personal story, professional skateboarder Leo Baker shares their journey within the sport and the importance of authenticity and allyship as a non-binary athlete.