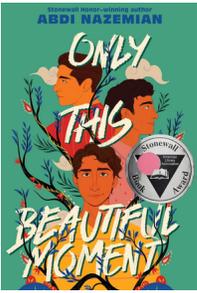


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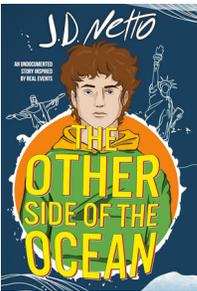


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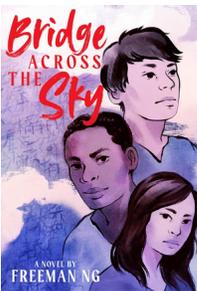
Only this beautiful moment By Abdi Nazemian

When his grandfather falls ill, out teen Moud travels to Tehran with his father and uncovers family secrets that reshape his understanding of identity, history, and belonging.



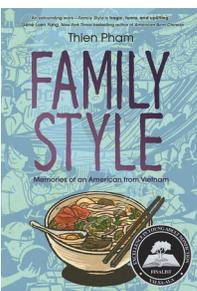
The other side of the ocean By J. D. Netto

Sixteen-year-old undocumented immigrant Matt Franco struggles with his hidden queer identity until a new transfer student, James, helps him come out, forcing Matt to confront both love and an uncertain future.



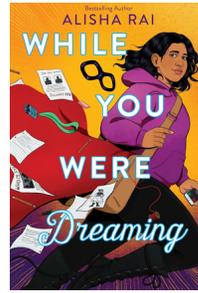
Bridge across the sky By Freeman Ng

In 1924, teen Chinese immigrant Soo Tai Go confronts the harsh political realities of America while awaiting entry at Angel Island.



Family style : memories of an American from Vietnam By Thien Pham

Thien Pham's journey from fleeing Vietnam to resettling in California is told through the foods that mark his family's struggles, joys, and search for belonging.



While you were dreaming By Alisha Rai

At comic-con, Sonia rescues her crush while in cosplay, but must keep her hero identity secret to protect her undocumented sister and navigate new feelings.



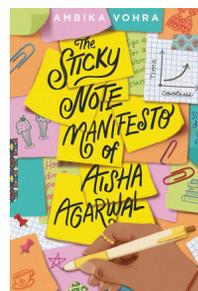
Just another story : a graphic migration account By Ernesto Saade

At nineteen, Carlos joins his mother on a perilous journey from El Salvador northward, facing the dangers of migration together.



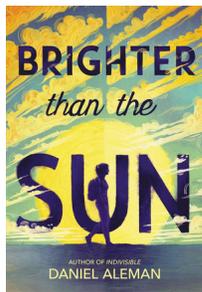
Kareem between By Shifa Saltagi

Seventh-grader Kareem navigates school and social challenges while his mother is stuck in Syria.



The sticky note manifesto of Aisha Agarwal By Ambika Vohra

After being stood up at winter formal, Aisha steps out of her comfort zone when an unexpected driver offers her a mysterious ride.



Brighter than the sun By Daniel Aleman

A timely story about a young girl who crosses the Mexican-American border every day to go to school in the US in hope to become the first person in her family to go to college.



This land is our land By Julio Anta

Jaime Reyes' life in his Texas border community becomes tremulous with the growing national immigration debate. However, everything changes when he finds an odd bug-like artifact.



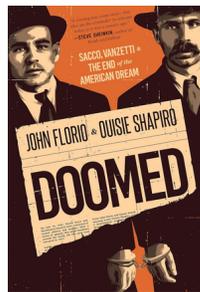
Kween By Vichet Chum

With her father's recent deportation, Soma Kear struggles with her growing slam poetry career. Is she brave enough to put herself out there?



Wings in the wild By Margarita Engle

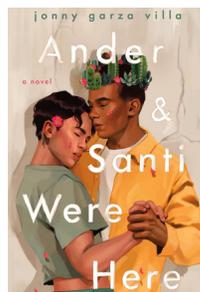
The Cuban government arrests Soleida's artist parents, forcing her to escape to Central America where she finds a Cuban American boy. Together they fight to protect her family's artistic legacy.



Doomed : Sacco, Vanzetti, and the end of the American dream

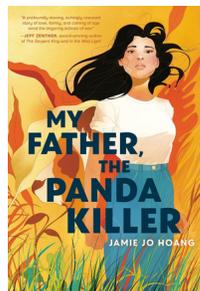
By John Florio

In the early 1920s Red Scare, two Italian immigrants were wrongly accused, tried, and executed for murder while steadfastly proclaiming their innocence.



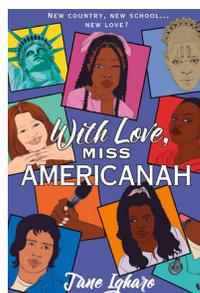
Ander and Santi were here By Jonny Garza Villa

After being fired from their family's taqueria, Ander falls for their replacement, Santi, but an ICE raid threatens both their relationship and their community.



My father, the panda killer By Jamie Jo Hoang

Told in alternating timelines, this novel follows a Vietnamese American teen confronting her father's violent legacy and the harrowing refugee journey that shaped him after the Vietnam War.



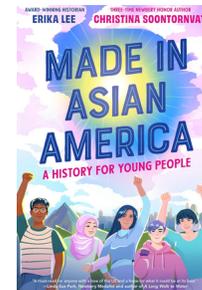
With love, Miss Americanah By Jane Igharo

After her father's death, seventeen-year-old Enore moves from Nigeria to America and, with the support of her sister, friends, and a crush, finds her voice during her senior year.



All the yellow suns By Malavika Kannan

A queer, Indian-American teen drawn into a secret society discovers friendship, first love, and the courage to confront her divided community.



Made in Asian America : a history for young people By Erika Lee

This book is a stirring account of the ordinary people and extraordinary acts that made Asian America and the young people who are remaking America today.



Crash landing By Charmaine Anne Li

During the summer before senior year, Jay Wong falls for a bold skateboarder who challenges her to embrace her queer identity and question the expectations of her immigrant community.



This is the year By Gloria Muñoz

Grieving her twin and overwhelmed by climate disaster, seventeen-year-old Julieta is recruited for a mission to colonize space but must decide whether to leave Earth or fight for hope and community at home.