



*Illinois Teen Readers' Choice*

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**AWARD**

# 2022 Lincoln Books

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The Lincoln Award is given to the book from that year's master list that earns the highest number of student votes.

For a book to reach the master list, adult and young adult fiction and nonfiction titles must be nominated by teachers or librarians and vetted by the nominations committee. While the popularity of a particular title is important, the overall quality of the work is of primary importance. Each year, a panel of high school librarians, teachers, public librarians and students determines the final master list of twenty titles.

Registered schools promote these books, and students who have read four or more titles are eligible to vote. See the calendar for the award timeline and register today!

This program encourages teens to read for pleasure and to become lifelong readers. Named after former President Abraham Lincoln, an avid reader and noted author, the Lincoln Award is sponsored by ISLMA (Illinois School Library Media Association) and administered by the steering committee. -AISLE

# ***With the Fire on High***

by Elizabeth Acevedo

*With the Fire on High* explores the many layers of Emoni Santiago: a senior in high school trying to figure out her next steps in life, a young woman living with her daughter and abuela, and a potential chef embracing her ability to concoct delectable dishes. With ambition, determination, and support, Emoni attempts to go after her dreams. Readers will savor the elegant prose, complex characters, and decidedly delicious recipes included in the book.

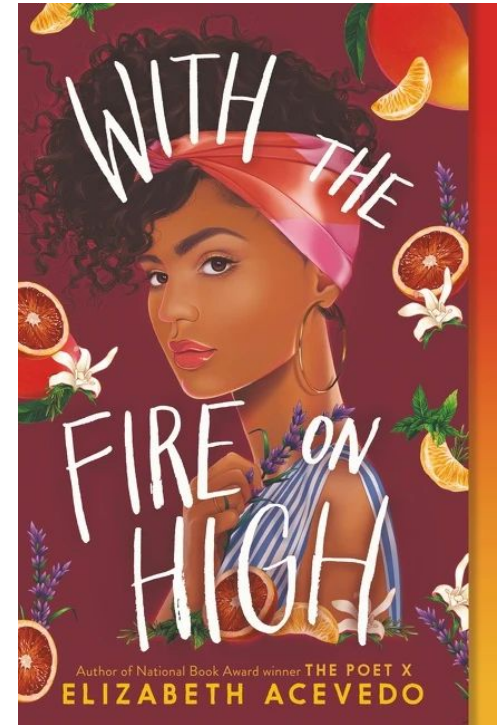


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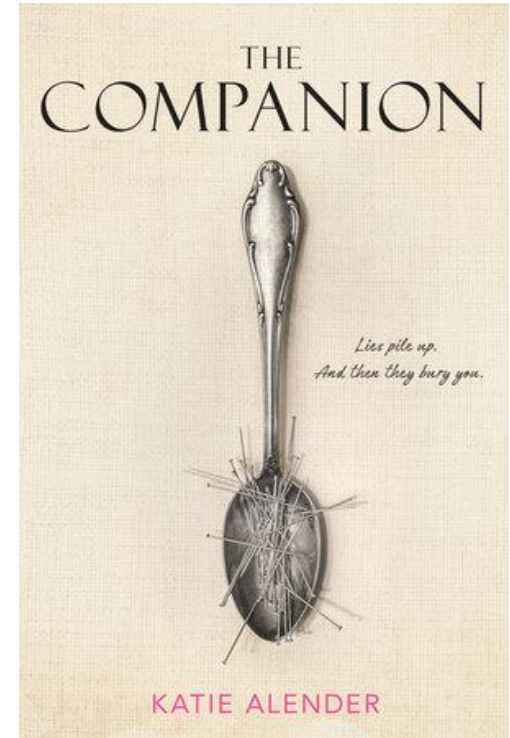
Realistic Fiction, Relationships

# ***The Companion***

by Katie Alender



It's a fairy tale, right? Sad little orphan girl, the only one to survive her family's tragic car accident, is taken in as a ward of a rich family. They don't expect her to work for them, just keep the daughter company. And the son is certainly cute and kind. But sometimes fairy tales hide dark secrets, and Margot may just be the one to dig them up.



Fiction, Thriller, Suspense

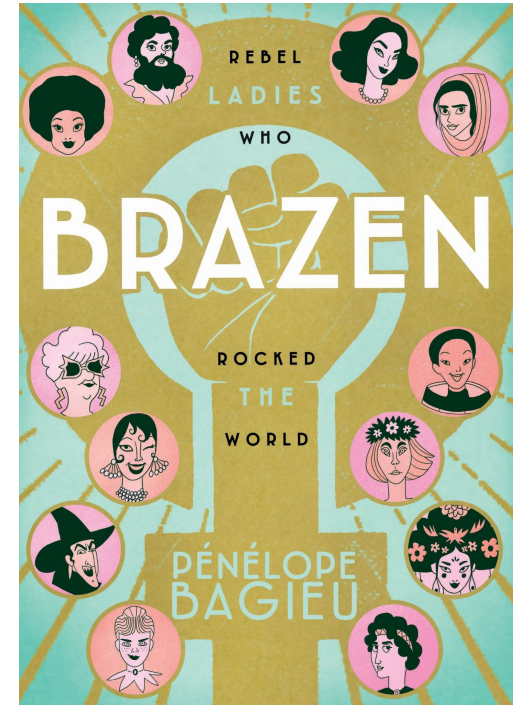
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# ***Brazen***

## by Pénélope Bagieu

In this dazzling graphic nonfiction work, Bagieu introduces readers to 29 fascinating women. The well-known ground breakers include Nellie Bly, Josephine Baker, and Hedy Lamarr. But the lesser known are women such as Afghan rapper Sonita Alizadeh or Syrian activist Naziq al-Abid or even Liberian social worker Leymah Gbowee, a Nobel Peace Prize winner. There are entertainers such as Australian swimmer and Vaudeville performer Annette Kellerman, The Shaggs, a rock band, and Betty Davis, the Queen of Funk. The author is French so there is a smattering of French rebels such as volcanologist Katia Krafft and bearded lady and entertainer Clementine Delait. (She is not the same bearded lady from *The Greatest Showman*.) The book features many more rebellious women.



Biography, Nonfiction, History, Race/Class/Gender, Graphic Novel

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# ***The Inheritance Games***

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery Grambs is living in her car when she receives a summons to attend the reading of the will of deceased billionaire Tobias Hawthorne. Not only is she the sole heir to Hawthorne's fortune, but she is also now a pawn in his games along with his unwilling and resentful grandsons. For fans of *The Westing Game* or "Knives Out," this book will satisfy all mystery lovers.

Fiction, Mystery, Thriller

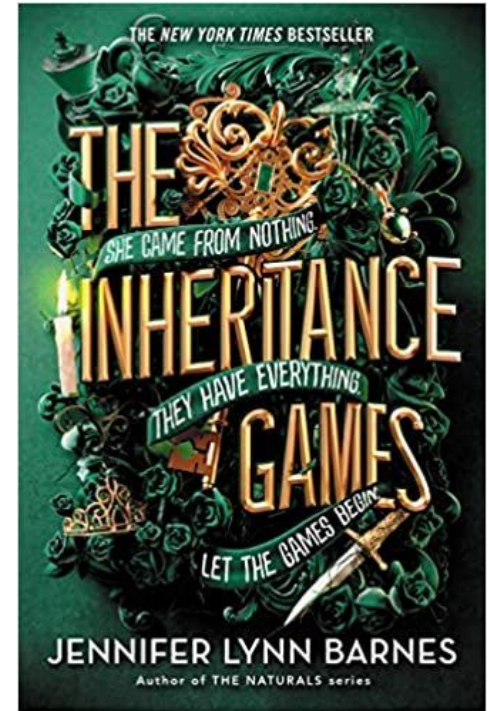


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# ***Girl Made of Stars***

by Ashley Herring Blake

Mara and Owen are twins, and about as close as two siblings can get. When Mara's best friend Hannah accuses Owen of rape, Mara can't believe Owen could do something like that. But she also knows that Hannah would never lie about something as serious as sexual assault. Mara has to figure out how to navigate her relationship with her brother and her friendship with Hannah, while also dealing with the aftermath of her breakup with Charlie, her first girlfriend. In *Girl Made of Stars*, Ashley Herring Blake explores the important and challenging topics of consent, victim blaming, and sexual assault with grace and sensitivity.

Realistic Fiction

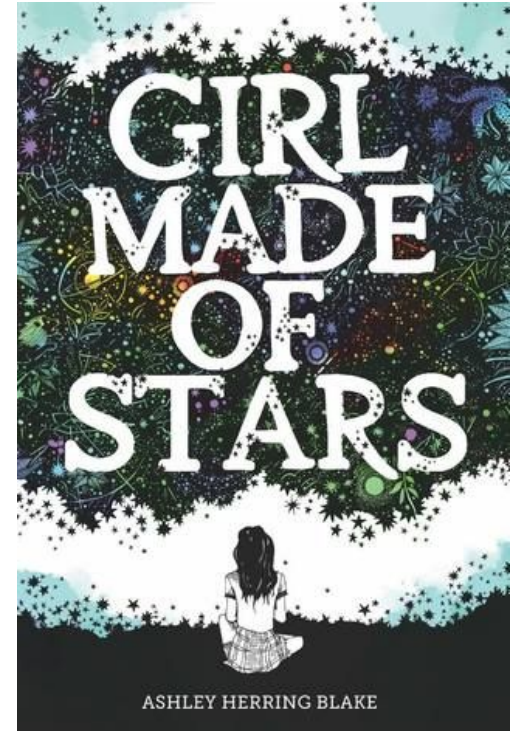


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# ***Stepsister***

by Jennifer Donnelly



A wonderfully poignant retelling of the traditional “Cinderella” story. Will Isabelle, the ugly “step sister” be able to step out from behind Ella’s (Cinderella) shadow? Will she be able to overcome adversity and change her destiny? Can Isabelle create a better life for herself even though the “fates” are literally trying to prevent her from succeeding?

Fiction, Fantasy, Stepfamily, Self Reliance

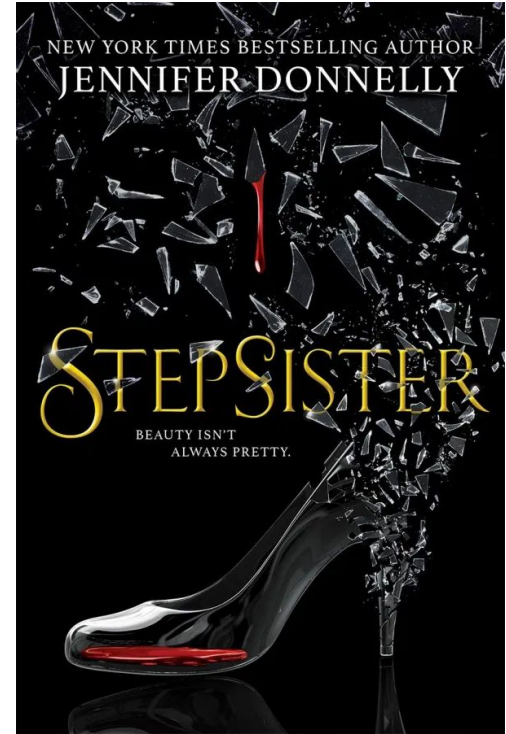


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# ***Ordinary Hazards***

by Nikki Grimes

This is the memoir of author Nikki Grimes, told in verse. This book recounts her life, as best as she can remember, from a young girl growing up in foster care to living again with a mother who was a paranoid schizophrenic and an alcoholic to finding her creative voice in writing as a teenager.

Biography/Memoir, Poetry/Novels in verse

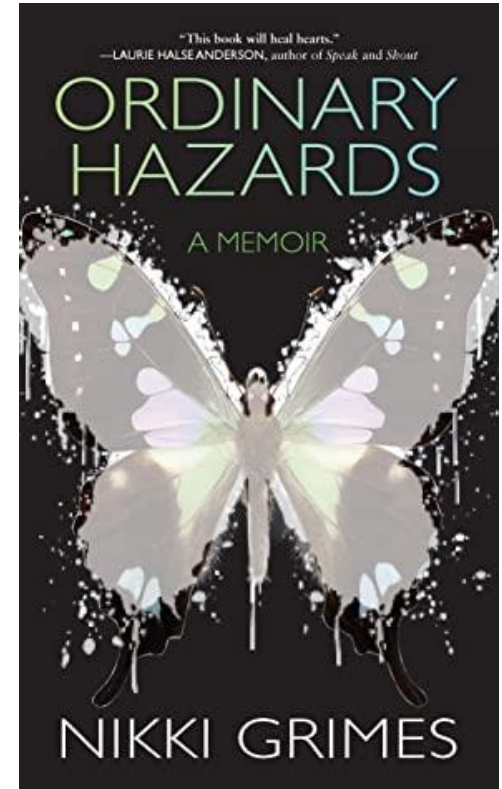


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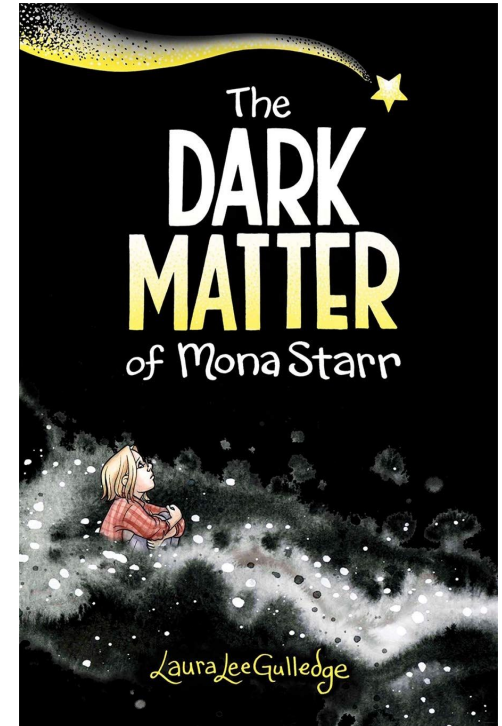
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# ***The Dark Matter of Mona Starr***

by Laura Lee Gulledge

Mona's life is changing and she's a bit nervous- her best friend moved away, she doesn't always fit in, she isn't always sure what to say she has geeky interests- so her negative thoughts take control of her sometimes. Her "matter" is dark, painful, and brings about her own depression and anxiety issues. But with the help of her friends, therapy, music, art, and taking control of her own health, she finds a path to self care and hope.



Graphic Novel, Mental Health, Realistic Fiction

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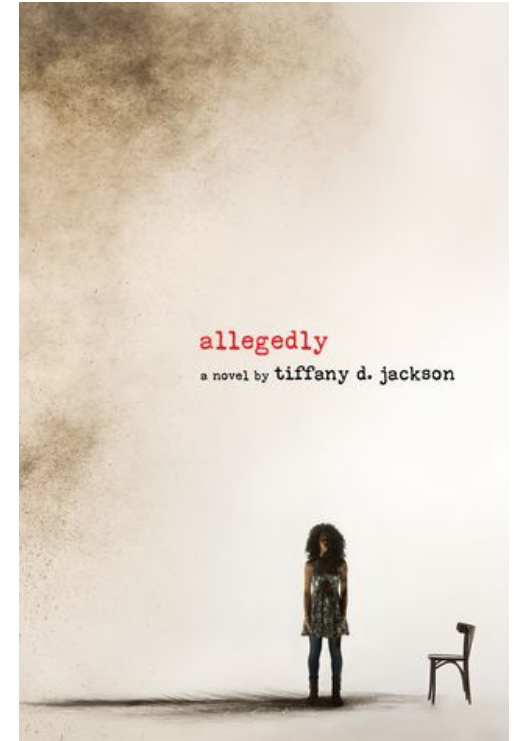


# ***Allegedly***

by Tiffany D. Jackson



Convicted of murder at the age of 9, Mary grows up in jail and group homes. Now being pregnant with her own child, Mary is ready to reveal what really happened even if it destroys the only family she has ever known



Realistic Fiction, Thriller

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# ***Dig***

by A.S. King

This is the story of the Hemmings family, told from the perspectives of Marla and Gottfried and their five teenaged grandchildren. Marla and Gottfried have millions in the bank but long ago decided to not share their wealth with their children or grandkids, believing it will help them “to thrive.” Unfortunately, the family is floundering and more fragmented than ever. Each grandchild is struggling with a different issue - abuse, cancer, racism, just to name a few - and there’s even a missing persons case to unpack. All of these stories are about to converge at an Easter dinner at Marla and Gottfried’s that will change everything.

Surrealistic Fiction

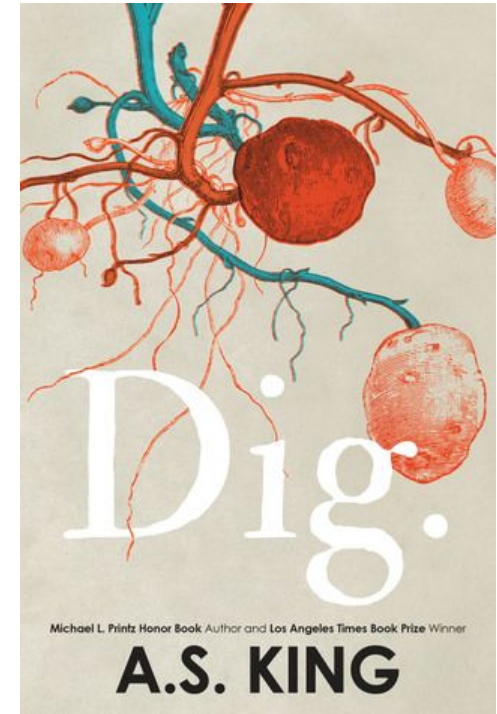


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# ***Catfishing on Catnet***

by Naomi Kritzer

When you're constantly moving, an online community you can move with you is where your friends are. But what if one of those friends turns out to be an AI? What if the threat you're running from is worse than you had ever imagined? What if you're suddenly on your own and your friends, including the AI, are the only ones who can help you?

Science Fiction, Thriller, LGBTQA+



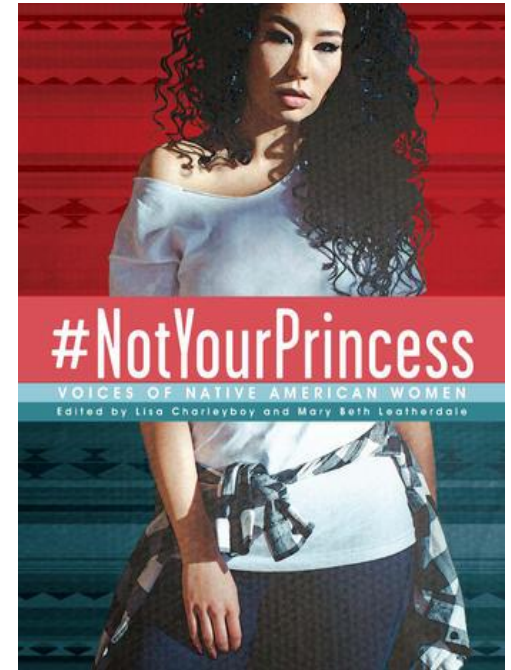
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# **#NotYourPrincess**

edited by Lisa Charleyboy and  
Mary Beth Leatherdale

A collection of poems, short stories, interviews, art, and so much more. Native American women share their stories in a multitude of ways in this visually appealing book covering topics like stereotypes, identity, activism, and more.



Anthology, Poems, Short Stories

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# *Moxie*

by Jennifer Mathieu

Quiet, shy Vivian Carter is tired of the sexist behavior that permeate her small-town Texas high school. She's done just ignoring it. Inspired by her mother's '90s punk-rock roots, Viv creates a funny, feminist zine with the slogan "Moxie Girls Fight Back" and leaves it anonymously throughout the school. Soon, students and staff alike are talking about Moxie and everyone has an opinion. Viv makes new friends with other strong young women who eagerly await the next issue. As the tension about feminism, free speech and sexism spill out from the school to the community, will Viv reveal her secret identity as Moxie's creator?

Realistic Fiction

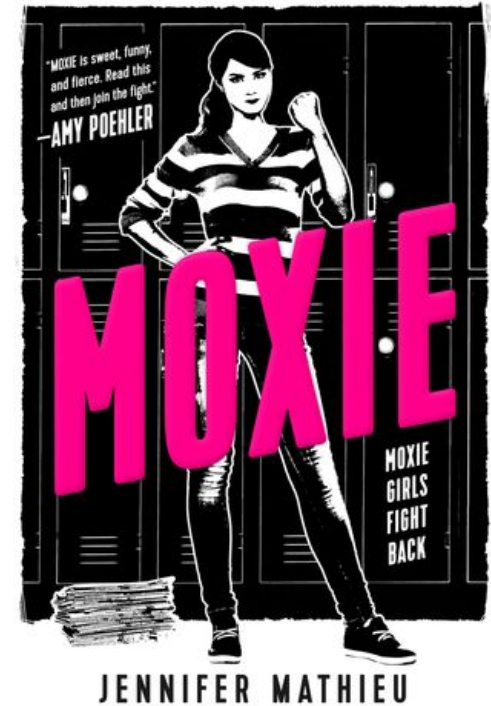


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# ***The Field Guide to the North American Teenager***

by Ben Philippe

Norris Kaplan is quick with comedic commentary for every situation. As a Black French Canadian teenage boy, Norris knows he is not ready for a whole new environment of American High School in Texas. Living in Austin, he must get adjusted to the sweltering heat and lack of familiarity for his favorite hockey team the 'Habs,' also known as the Canadiens of Montreal. Between the Jocks, Cheerleaders, and Manic Pixie Dream Girls, Noah has never excelled at making friends. Slowly with time, his study of the American High School experience shows that there is a person with a story behind every label. From the loner Liam who is loyal and committed to creating a hockey team with Noah, to Madison the beta cheerleader who works long hours at her family's restaurant. Even Aarti, the Manic Pixie Dream Girl who is working through chasing her ambitions and dreams. In typical high school fashion, nights of drama send Noah's life twisting and turning in unexpected directions as he learns what it is like to make mistakes and stay around long enough to pick up pieces.

Realistic Fiction

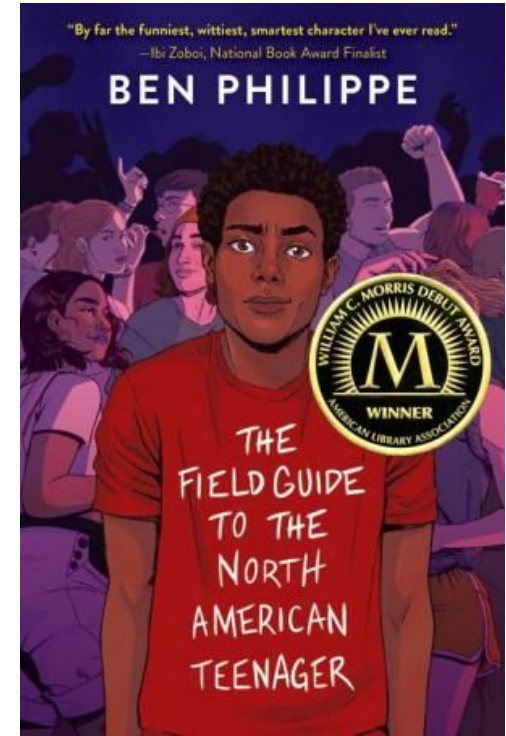


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# ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You***

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

*Stamped* re-tells Kendi's book, *Stamped from the Beginning*, using Reynold's voice and descriptions specifically for teen so that they can engage in the larger discussion of racism and racial disparity. This book breaks down complex historical ideas so that they are easily understood by readers and provides information for more research.

Nonfiction

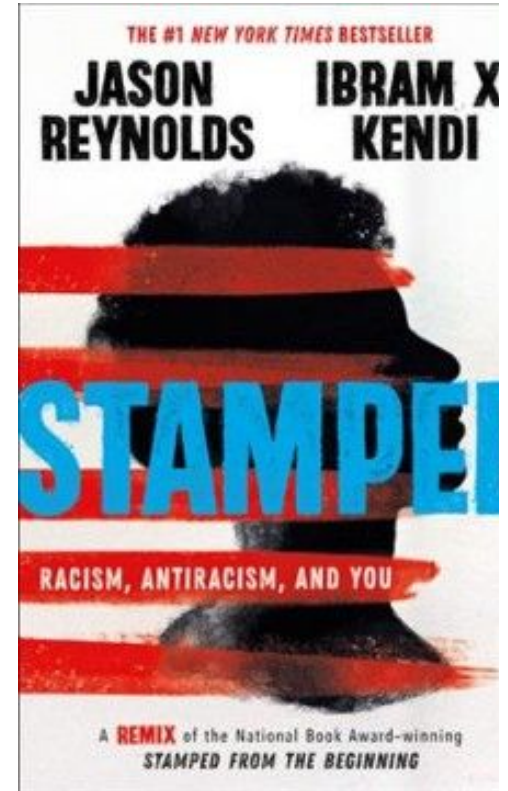


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# ***Sorcery of Thorns***

## by Margaret Rogerson

Raised in the Great Library of Summershall, Elisabeth has grown up among magical grimoires - living books that can transform into evil ink monsters. When a murder releases the most dangerous grimoire, she is accused of the crime and taken to the capital by her sworn enemy, magister Nathaniel Thorn, to face trial. She soon finds herself ensnared in a centuries-old conspiracy. Not only are the Great Libraries in grave danger, but the entire kingdom, as well.

Fantasy



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# *If I Was Your Girl*

by Meredith Russo

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she's determined not to get too close to anyone, until she meets Grant. What will folks think if they find out she used to be Andrew?

Realistic Fiction, LGBTQA+

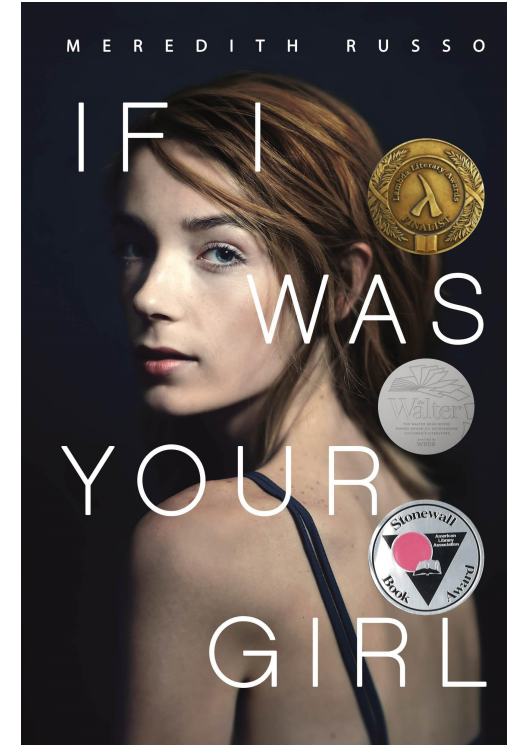


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# ***We Are Not From Here***

by Jenny Torres Sanchez

With their lives going in a direction that will only lead to hopelessness and death, Pulga, Chico and Pequena make the decision to leave Guatemala and find a better life in the United States. However, the obstacles they face will be just as dangerous, if not more so, as those they leave behind. This journey will test their strength, courage, faith, and their will to live.

Realistic Fiction

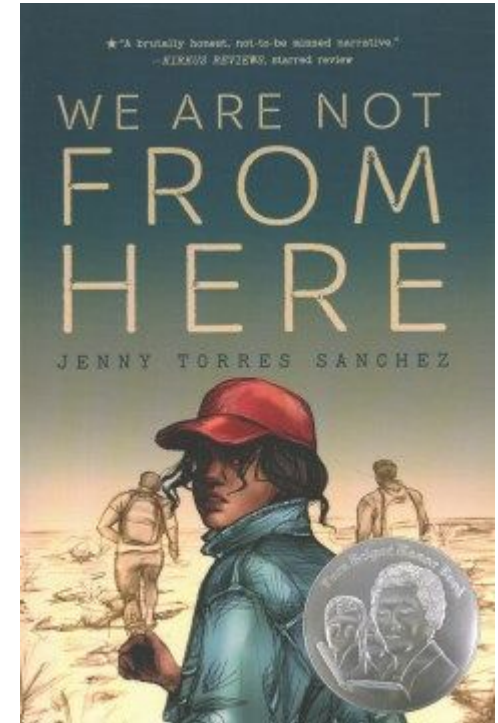


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# ***Frankly in Love***

by David Yoon

Frank is willing to violate his parents' strict standards for dating... as long as they don't find out. His efforts to hide his love life from his parents cause him to partner with a family friend who is trying to hide a similar situation from her own Korean-American parents. Yoon expertly captures the nuances of being young and in and out of love, but the real gems found in this book are the degrees to which he reveals the complexities of human identity. Whether one is an immigrant or born in America, a child or a parent, Korean, Black, White, or something else, they will find joy, humor, pain, and so many forms of love in *Frankly in Love*.

Romantic Comedy/Relationships

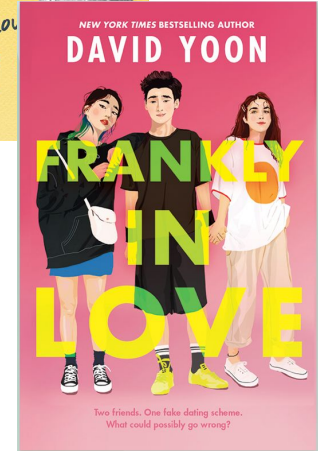
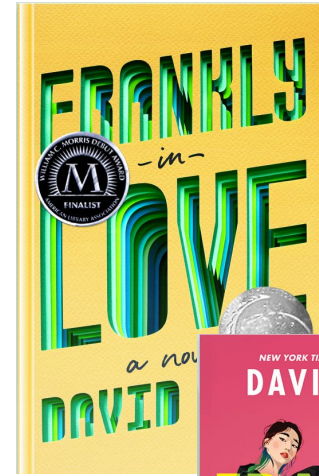


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# ***Punching the Air***

by Ibi Zoboi & Dr. Yusef Salaam



One night, sixteen-year-old Amal goes out to play basketball with friends, but gets into a situation that escalates quickly into tragedy. Suddenly, Amal is in prison for a crime he didn't commit as another boy's life hangs in the balance. Afraid, but with the love of his friends and family and the support of a teacher, he turns to art to help him cope with the anguish and powerlessness he feels. But is he as powerless as he thinks he is? Are things as hopeless as they seem? This story of perseverance in the face of impossible odds is based loosely on the lived experience of the co-author.

Realistic Fiction, Novel-in-Verse



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