

Teen Fiction

All American Boys*

by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Two teens—one Black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America* Edited by Ibi Zoboi

Black Enough is an essential collection of stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America.

The Black Flamingo

by Dean Atta

Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London, not sure where he belongs until he discovers the Drag Society—and the Black Flamingo is born.

Dear Martin*

by Nic Stone

Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, Justyce can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. He looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers.

How It Went Down*

by Kekla Magoon

One death. Two bullets. Seven eyewitnesses—with seven different stories.

Let Me Hear a Rhyme*

by Tiffany D. Jackson

The story of three Brooklyn teens who plot to turn their murdered friend into a major rap star by pretending he's still alive

Burbank Reads 2020 Teen Reading List

The Poet X*

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Dominican-American Xiomara Batista finds her voice in her school's slam poetry club.

This Side of Home

by Renée Watson

As their Portland neighborhood changes, Maya feels her connection to her twin sister Nikki and their gentrifying community slipping away. Does growing up have to mean growing apart?

Slav

by Brittany Morris

Kiera Johnson fights to save the secret multiplayer online game for Black players she created, the only place she feels she can be herself.

A Song Below Water*

by Bethany C. Morrow

A captivating modern fantasy about Black sirens, friendship, and self-discovery set against the challenges of today's racism and sexism.

Teen Graphic Novels

March**

By John Lewis

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

The Silence of Our Friends

by Mark Long

A white family from a notoriously racist neighborhood in the suburbs and a black family from Houston's poorest ward overcome humiliation, degradation, and violence to win the freedom of five black college students unjustly charged with the murder of a policeman.

Teen Nonfiction

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

This reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's Stamped from the Beginning reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future.