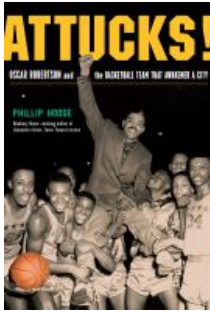


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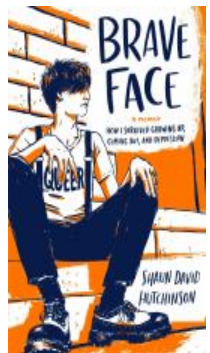


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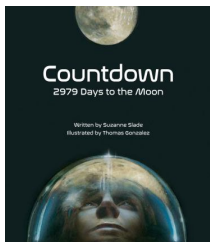
Attucks! : Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City
Author: Hoose, Phillip M., 1947-
ISBN: 9780374306120

Traces the inspirational story of the Crispus Attucks High School Tigers basketball team and how they broke the color barrier in segregated 1950s Indiana to become state champions.



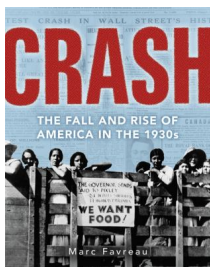
Brave Face : a Memoir
Author: Hutchinson, Shaun David,
ISBN: 9781534431515

At nineteen, Hutchinson was struggling to find the vocabulary to understand and accept who he was and how he fit into a community in which he couldn't see himself. Convinced that he couldn't keep going, that he had no future, Hutchinson followed through on trying to make that a reality -- an attempted suicide. Over time, he came to embrace life, and to find self-acceptance. In his deeply honest memoir, he takes readers through the journey of what brought him to the edge, and what has helped him truly believe that it does get better. -- adapted from jacket



Countdown : 2979 days to the moon
Author: Slade, Suzanne,
ISBN: 9781682630136

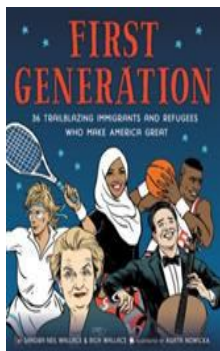
Told in free verse, the story of the American effort to land the first man on the moon comes to life.



Crash : the Great Depression and the Fall and Rise of America
Author: Favreau, Marc, 1968-
ISBN: 9780316545860

"The Great Depression in the United States had wide-ranging effects on people of all walks of life"-- Provided by publisher.

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First generation : 36 Trailblazing Immigrants and Refugees Who Make America Great

Author: Wallace, Sandra Neil,
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Profiles thirty six immigrants to the United States who have made notable contributions to sports, science, politics, and the arts, including Madeleine Albright, Albert Einstein, John Muir, Martina Navratilova, and Carlos Santana.

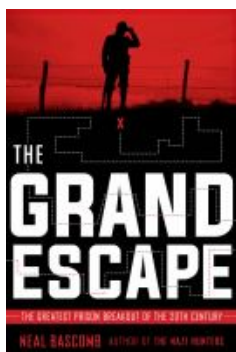


For Every One

Author: Reynolds, Jason,
ISBN: 9781481486248

"Originally performed at the Kennedy Center for the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and later as a tribute to Walter Dean Myers, this stirring and inspirational poem is New York Times bestselling author and National Book Award finalist Jason Reynolds's rallying cry to the dreamers of the world. Jump Anyway is for kids who dream. Kids who dream of being better than they are. Kids who dream of doing more than they almost dare to dream. Kids who are like Jason, a self-professed dreamer. In it, Jason does not claim to

know how to make dreams come true; he has, in fact, been fighting on the front line of his own battle to make his own dreams a reality. He expected to make it when he was sixteen. He inched that number up to eighteen, then twenty-five years old...now, some of those expectations have been realized. But others, the most important ones, lay ahead, and a lot of them involve kids, how to inspire them. All the kids who are scared to dream, or don't know how to dream, or don't dare to dream because they've NEVER seen a dream come true. Jason wants kids to know that dreams take time. They involve countless struggles. But no matter how many times a dreamer gets beat down, the drive and the passion and the hope never fully extinguish--because just having the dream is the start you need, or you won't get anywhere anyway, and that is when you have to take a leap of faith and...jump anyway"-- Provided by publisher.

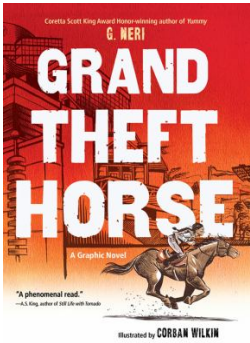


The grand Escape : the Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century

Author: Bascomb, Neal,
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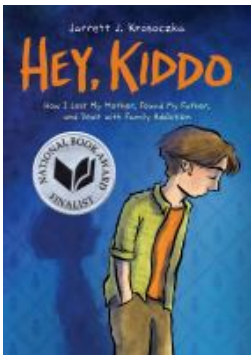
"The story of a group of Allied POWs in WWI who dared to escape from Germany's most notorious prison camp, Holzminden."--Provided by publisher.

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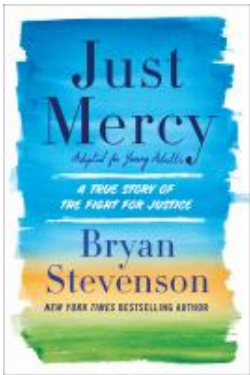
Grand Theft Horse
Author: Neri, Greg,
ISBN: 9781620148556

Recounts the experiences of horse trainer Gail Ruffu, who stole a racehorse in order to save it, and ended up taking on the whole racing industry to fight for the humane treatment of animals.



Hey, Kiddo
Author: Krosoczka, Jarrett,
ISBN: 9780545902472

Shares the author's upbringing in a family grappling with addiction and how he used art to survive.

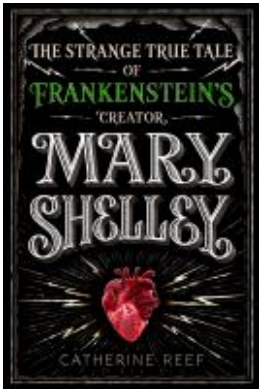


Just Mercy : Adapted for Young Adults : a True Story of the Fight for Justice
Author: Stevenson, Bryan,
ISBN: 9780525580034

"In this young adult adaptation of the acclaimed bestselling Just Mercy, which the New York Times calls "as compelling as To Kill a Mockingbird, and in some ways more so," Bryan Stevenson delves deep into the broken U.S. justice system, detailing from his personal experience his many challenges and efforts as a lawyer and social advocate, especially on behalf of America's most rejected and marginalized people. In this very personal work--proceeds

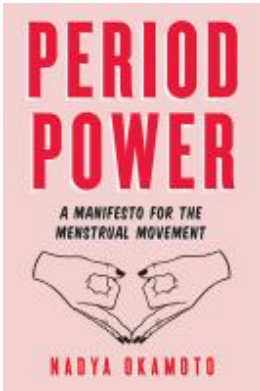
of which will go to charity--Bryan Stevenson recounts many and varied stories of his work as a lawyer in the U.S. criminal justice system on behalf of those in society who have experienced some type of discrimination and/or have been wrongly accused of a crime and who deserve a powerful advocate and due justice under the law. Through the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), an organization Stevenson founded as a young lawyer and for which he currently serves as Executive Director, this important work continues. EJI strives to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, working to protect basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.-- Provided by publisher.

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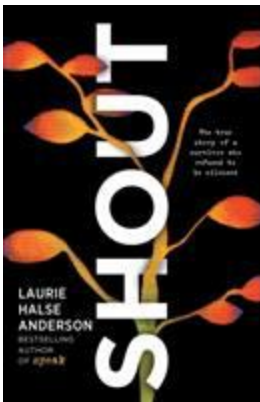
Mary Shelley : the Strange, True Tale of Frankenstein's Creator
Author: Reef, Catherine,
ISBN: 9781328740052

"On the 200th anniversary of the publication of Frankenstein, comes a riveting biography of its author, Mary Shelley, whose life reads like a dark gothic novel, filled with scandal, death, drama, and one of the strangest love stories in literary history"-- Provided by publisher.



Period Power : a Manifesto for the Menstrual Movement
Author: Okamoto, Nadya,
ISBN: 9781534430204

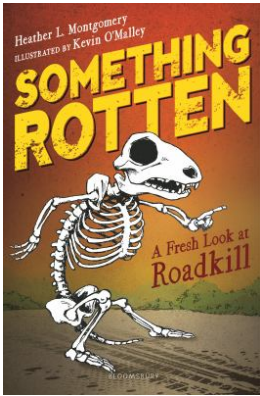
"This is a book about gender equality in the United States and how to engage in activism to get there"-- Provided by publisher.



Shout : a Poetry Memoir
Author: Anderson, Laurie Halse,
ISBN: 9780670012107

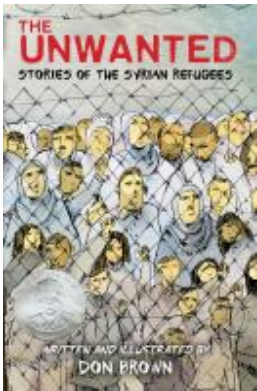
"Bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. Now, inspired by her fans and enraged by how little in our culture has changed since her groundbreaking novel Speak was first published twenty years ago, she has written a poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. Searing and soul-searching, this important memoir is a denouncement of our society's failures and a love letter to all the people with the courage to say #MeToo and #TimesUp, whether aloud, online, or on lyin their own hearts. Shout speaks truth to power in a loud, clear voice-- and once you hear it, it is impossible to ignore."--Publisher's description.

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Something Rotten : a Fresh Look at Roadkill
Author: Montgomery, Heather L,
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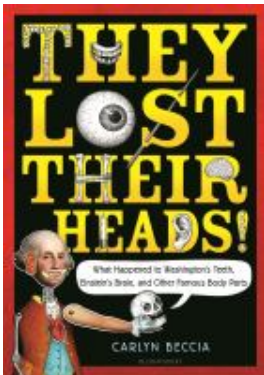
Examines how animals killed during vehicle collisions can be useful in scientific research, from Tasmanian devil remains used in cancer research to red wolf remains used in genetic research and engineering.



The Unwanted : Stories of the Syrian Refugees
Author: Brown, Don, 1949-
ISBN: 9781328810151

Syria, 2011: Teenage boys graffiti "Down with the regime" on a wall. This small act is just one of the many sparks that ignite a revolution to overthrow the tyrannical rule of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad. But Assad and his supporters are ruthless: imprisonment, torture, and devastating massacres tear the country apart. Refugees begin to flee Syria in staggering numbers.

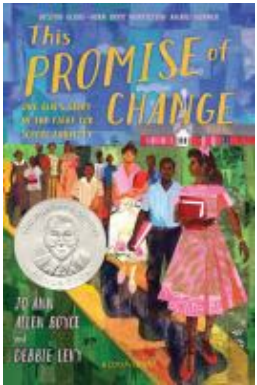
The unexpected flood of victims overwhelms neighboring countries. Desperate refugees escape to Europe. Chaos reigns. Resentment heightens as disruption and the cost of aid grow. By 2017, the war rages on and many nations want to close their borders and turn their backs on the victims. The refugees are the unwanted. Don Brown, the award-winning creator of *The Great American Dust Bowl* and *Drowned City*, depicts moments of both heartbreaking horror and hope in the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis. Shining a light on the stories of the survivors, *The Unwanted* is both a testament to the courage and resilience of the refugees and a call to action, serving as a timely reminder that this is not just a Syrian crisis, but a human crisis. -- From dust jacket.



They Lost Their Heads! : What Happened to Washington's Teeth, Einstein's Brain, and Other Famous Body Parts
Author: Beccia, Carlyn,
ISBN: 9780802737458

"From the kidnapping of Einstein's brain to the horrifying end of Louis XIV's heart, the mysteries surrounding some of history's most famous body parts range from medical to macabre. Carlyn Beccia explores the misadventures of noteworthy body parts through history and uses them as springboards for exploring topics such as forensics, DNA testing, brain science, organ donation, and cloning."-- Provided by publisher.

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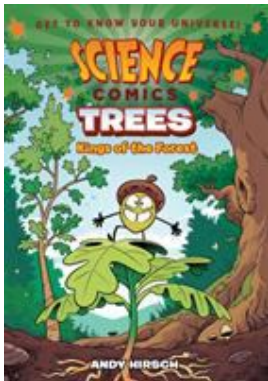


This Promise of Change : One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality

Author: Boyce, Jo Ann Allen,
ISBN: 9781681198521

"In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock 9 into Central High School, fourteen year old Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve African-American students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee. At first things went smoothly for the Clinton 12, but then outside agitators interfered, pitting the townspeople against one another. Uneasiness turned into anger, and even the Clinton Twelve themselves

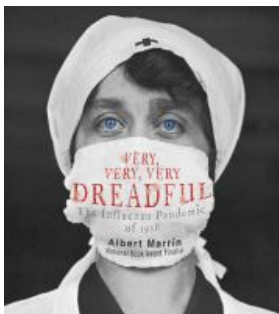
wondered if the easier thing to do would be to go back to their old school. Jo Ann--clear-eyed, practical, tolerant, and popular among both black and white students---found herself called on as the spokesperson of the group. But what about just being a regular teen? This is the heartbreaking and relatable story of her four months thrust into the national spotlight and as a trailblazer in history. Based on original research and interviews and featuring backmatter with archival materials and notes from the authors on the co-writing process"-- Provided by publisher.



Trees : Kings of the Forest

Author: Hirsch, Andy, 1987-
ISBN: 9781250143112

Follows an acorn as it learns about its future as a tree, describing each stage of the plant's life from seed germination to maturation, and includes information on different types of trees and their role in the planet's ecosystem.

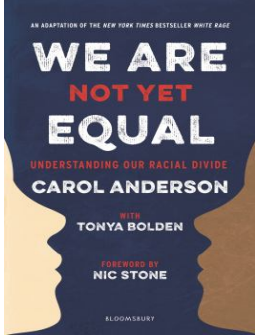


Very, Very, Very Dreadful : the Influenza Pandemic of 1918

Author: Marrin, Albert,
ISBN: 9781101931462

Examines the history, science, and impact of the deadly 1918 flu pandemic, as well as the possibility for another worldwide pandemic today.

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We are not yet equal : understanding our racial divide

Author: Anderson, Carol (Carol Elaine),

ISBN: 9781547600762

From the end of the Civil War to the tumultuous issues in America today, an acclaimed historian reframes the conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America.

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