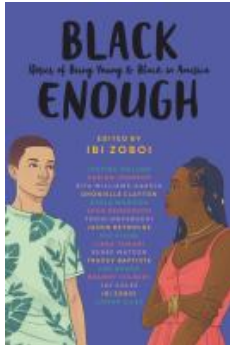


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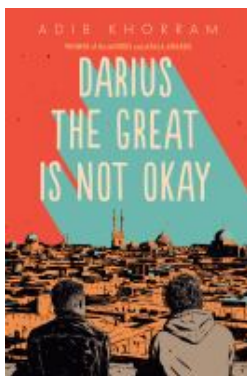
Black Enough : Stories of Being Young & Black in America
Author: Zoboi, Ibi (EDT),
ISBN: 9780062698728

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else.



Check, Please!
Author: Ukazu, Ngozi,
ISBN: 9781250177957

"Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and very talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's checking (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is Jack-- his very attractive but moody captain". A collection of the first half of the mega-popular webcomic series of the same name, Check, Please!: # Hockey is the first in a hilarious and stirring two-volume coming-of-age story about hockey, bros, and trying to find yourself during the best four years of your life.--Provided by publisher.



Darius the Great is Not Okay
Author: Khorram, Adib,
ISBN: 9780525552963

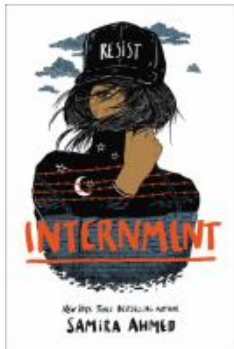
Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

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Dig
Author: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
ISBN: 9781101994917

Five white teenage cousins who are struggling with the failures and racial ignorance of their dysfunctional parents and their wealthy grandparents, reunite for Easter.



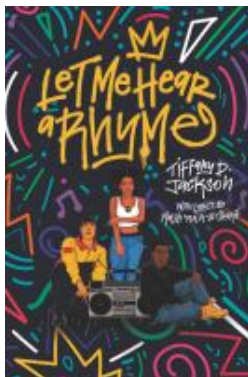
Internment
Author: Ahmed, Samira (Fiction writer),
ISBN: 9780316522694

"A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence"-- Provided by publisher.



Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me
Author: Tamaki, Mariko.
ISBN: 9781626722590

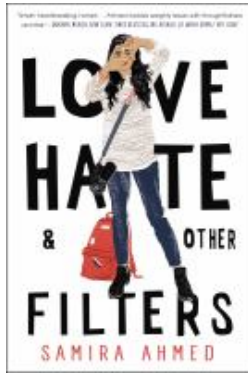
Upset about her on-again, off-again relationship with her girlfriend Laura Dean, Freddy Riley depends on her friends, a local mystic, and a relationship columnist for help in dealing with her situation.



Let Me Hear a Rhyme
Author: Jackson, Tiffany D.,
ISBN: 9780062840325

After their friend Steph is murdered, Quadir, Jarrell, and Steph's sister Jasmine promote his music under a new rap name, the Architect, but when his demo catches a music label rep's attention, the trio must prove his talent from beyond the grave.

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Love, Hate and Other Filters
Author: Ahmed, Samira (Fiction writer),
ISBN: 9781616958473

Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.



Monday's Not Coming : a novel
Author: Jackson, Tiffany D.,
ISBN: 9780062422675

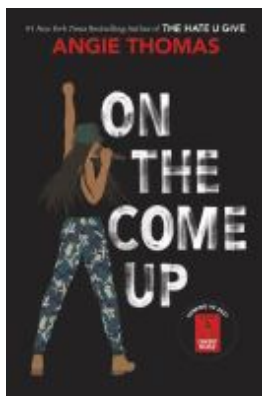
When her friend Monday Charles goes missing and Monday's mother refuses to give her a straight answer, Claudia digs into her disappearance.

Monday Charles is missing, and Claudia seems to be the one person who notices. They've always been inseparable, and when Monday doesn't show up for school for two weeks, Claudia knows that something is wrong. Monday's mother refuses to give Claudia a straight answer, and her sister April is even less help. How can a teenage girl just vanish without anyone noticing that she's gone?



On a Sunbeam
Author: Walden, Tillie, 1996-
ISBN: 9781250178138

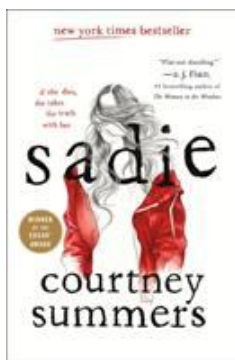
Interweaves the story of a crew traveling into deep space to rebuild beautiful, broken structures, with that of a pair of teen girls who meet at boarding school and fall deeply in love.



On the Come Up
Author: Thomas, Angie,
ISBN: 9780062498564

Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.

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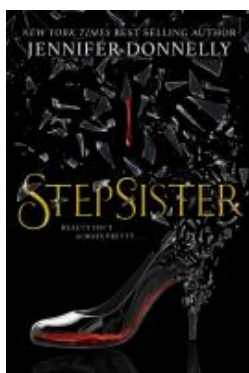
Sadie
Author: Summers, Courtney,
ISBN: 9781250105714

Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.



Spin
Author: Giles, L. R. (Lamar R.),
ISBN: 9781338219210

When DJ ParSec (Paris Secord), rising star of the local music scene, is found dead over her turntables, the two girls who found her, Kya (her pre-fame best friend) and Fuse (her current chief groupie) are torn between grief for Paris and hatred for each other--but when the lack of obvious suspects stalls the investigation, and the police seem to lose interest, despite pressure from social media and ParSec's loyal fans, the two girls unite, determined to find out who murdered their friend.



Stepsister
Author: Donnelly, Jennifer,
ISBN: 9781338268461

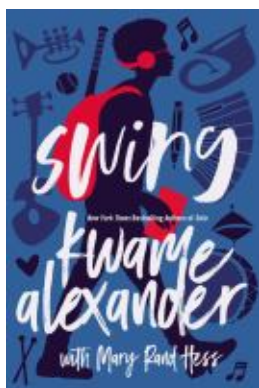
Isabelle is one of Cinderella's ugly stepsisters, who cut off their toes in an attempt to fit into the glass slipper; but there is more to her story than a maimed foot, for the Marquis de la Chance is about to offer her a choice and the opportunity to change her fate--there will be blood and danger, but also the possibility of redemption and triumph, and most of all the chance to find her true self.

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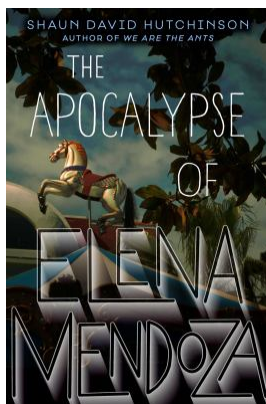
Stronger, Faster, and More Beautiful
Author: Dayton, Arwen,
ISBN: 9780525580959

"Six interconnected stories that ask how far we will go to remake ourselves into the perfect human specimens, and how hard that will push the definition of human"-- Provided by publisher.



Swing
Author: Alexander, Kwame,
ISBN: 9780310761914

"Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything"-- Provided by publisher.



The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza
Author: Hutchinson, Shaun David,
ISBN: 9781481498548

Elena, the first scientifically confirmed virgin birth, acquires the ability to heal by touch at age sixteen, the same year that people start disappearing in beams of light, causing her to wonder if she is bringing about the Apocalypse.



Unbroken : 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens
Author: Nijkamp, Marieke (EDT)/ Alexander, William/ Benwell, Fox/ Brown, Keah/ Clayton, Dhonielle,
ISBN: 9780374306502

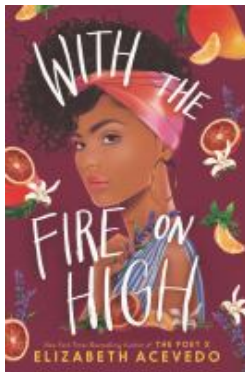
An anthology of stories in various genres, featuring disabled characters and written by disabled creators, ranging from established best selling authors to debut authors.

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What If It's Us
Author: Albertalli, Becky,
ISBN: 9780062795250

Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.



With the Fire on High
Author: Acevedo, Elizabeth,
ISBN: 9780062662835

Ever since she got pregnant freshman year, Emoni Santiago's life has been about making the tough decisions, doing what has to be done for her daughter and her abuela. The one place she can let all that go is in the kitchen. There, she lets her hands tell her what to cook, listening to her intuition and adding a little something magical every time, turning her food into straight-up goodness. Even though she's always dreamed of working in a kitchen after she graduates, Emoni knows that it's not worth her time to pursue the impossible. Yet despite the rules she's made for her life - and everyone else's rules, which she refuses to play by - once Emoni starts cooking, her only choice is to let her talent break free. From the author of National Book Award winner *The Poet X* comes a dazzling story of a girl with talent, pride, and a drive to create that keeps her fire burning bright. -- From dust jacket.

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