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FICTION

Adamo, Meredith. “Not Like Other Girls” 2024

When Jo-Lynn Kirby's former best friend – pretty, nice Maddie Price – comes to her claiming to be in trouble, Jo assumes it's some kind of joke. After all, Jo has been an outcast ever since her nude photos were leaked – and since everyone decided she deserved it. There's no way Maddie would actually come to her for help. But then Maddie is gone. Everyone is quick to write off Maddie as a runaway, but Jo can't shake the feeling there's more to the story. To find out the truth, Jo needs to get back in with the people who left her behind – and the only way back in is through Hudson Harper-Moore. An old fling of Jo's with his own reasons for wanting to find Maddie, Hudson hatches a fake dating scheme to get Jo back into their clique. But being back on the inside means Jo must confront everything she'd rather forget: the boys who betrayed her, the whispers that she had it coming, and the secrets that tore her and Maddie apart. As Jo digs deeper into Maddie's disappearance, she's left to wonder who she's really searching for: Maddie, or the girl she used to be. **William C. Morris YA Debut Award Winner*

YA FIC Adamo, YA FIC Pop Now Adamo, e-book, e-audiobook

Ali, S.K. “Fledgling” 2024

Raisa of Upper Earth has only lived a life of privilege and acquiescence. Ever dutiful, she accepts her father's arrangement of her marriage to Lein, Crown Prince of the corrupt, volatile lands of Lower Earth. Though Lein is a stranger, Raisa knows the wedding will unite their vastly different worlds in a pact of peace: an infusion of Upper Earth technology will usher in the final age of enlightenment, ending war between humans forever. Or is justice more urgent?

YA FIC New Ali, YA FIC Pop Now Ali

“The Black Girl Survives This One” 2024

A collection of 15 horror stories centering on Black girls who battle monsters – both human and supernatural – face down death, and survive.

YA FIC Black, YA FIC Pop Now Black, e-book, e-audiobook

Garza Villa, Johnny. “Canto Contigo” 2024

When a mariachi star transfers schools, he expects to be handed his new group's lead vocalist spot, but what he gets instead is a tenacious current lead with a very familiar, very kissable face.

**Stonewall Book Award--Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Young Adult Literature Award Winner*

YA FIC New Garza Villa, YA FIC Pop Now Garza Villa

Girma, Tigest. “Immortal Dark” 2024

Infiltrating the elite Uxlay University, where students study to ensure peaceful coexistence between humans and vampires, orphaned heiress Kidan Adane must live with the vampire she suspects killed her family and kidnapped her sister.

YA FIC Girma, YA FIC Pop Now Girma, e-book, e-audiobook

Glasgow, Kathleen. “The Glass Girl” 2024

Everyone in 15-year-old Bella's life needs something from her. The only person who never needed anything from her was her grandmother — and now she's dead. There's only one thing that dulls the pressure: alcohol. And what's the big deal? Everyone drinks. Besides, Bella can

stop whenever she wants. But after she gets blackout drunk at a Thanksgiving party and wakes up in the hospital, it's time to face reality. And for Bella, reality means rehab.

YA FIC New Glasgow, YA FIC Pop Now Glasgow, e-book, e-audiobook

Hand, Cynthia. "My Salty Mary" 2024

Don't call this mermaid "little" — call her "captain," unless you want to walk the plank. Mary is in love with the so-called prince of Charles Town, except he doesn't love her back. Which is inconvenient. Since she's a mermaid, being brokenhearted means she'll — poof! — turn into seafoam. But instead, Mary finds herself pulled out of the sea and up onto a pirate ship. To survive, she joins them. But Mary isn't willing to just sing the yo-ho-hos. She wants the pirate life, all of it, and she's ready to make a splash ... by becoming captain. But when Blackbeard dies suddenly, Mary has a chance to become so much more: Pirate Queen. She won't let anyone stop her — not Blackbeard's cute son, not her best friend from back under the sea who's having a bit too much fun with his new legs, and certainly not everyone who says she can't be a pirate just because she's a girl. She may not be the best man for the job, but she'll definitely prove that she's worth her salt.

YA FIC Hand, YA FIC Pop Now Hand

Ixta, Carolina. "Shut Up, this is Serious" 2024

Belén Dolores Itzel del Toro wants the normal stuff: to experience love or maybe have a boyfriend or at least just lose her virginity. But nothing is normal in East Oakland. Her father left her family. She's at risk of not graduating. And Leti, her super-Catholic, nerdy-ass best friend, is pregnant — by the boyfriend she hasn't told her parents about, because he's Black and her parents are racist. Weighed down by a depression she can't seem to shake, Belén helps Leti, hangs out with an older guy, and cuts a lot of class. She soon realizes, though, that distractions are only temporary. Leti is becoming a mother. Classmates are getting ready for college. But what about Belén? **Pura Belpré Young Adult Author Award Winner*

YA FIC New Ixta, YA FIC Pop Now Ixta

Johnson, Maureen. "Death at Morning House" 2024

The fire wasn't Marlowe Wexler's fault. Dates should be hot, but not hot enough to warrant literal firefighters. Akilah, the girl Marlowe has been in love with for years, will never go out with her again. No one dates an accidental arsonist. With her house-sitting career up in flames, it seems the universe owes Marlowe a new summer job, and that's how she ends up at Morning House, a mansion built on an island in the 1920s and abandoned shortly thereafter. It's easy enough, giving tours. Low risk of fire. High chance of getting bored talking about stained glass and nut cutlets and Prohibition. Oh, and the deaths. Did anyone mention the deaths? Maybe this job isn't such a gift after all. Morning House has a horrific secret that's been buried for decades, and now the person who brought her here is missing. All it takes is one clue to set off a catastrophic chain of events. One small detail, just like a spark, could burn it all down — if someone doesn't bury Marlowe first.

YA FIC Johnson, YA FIC Pop Now Johnson, e-book, e-audiobook

Lloyd-Jones, Emily. "The Wild Huntress" 2024

Every five years, two kingdoms take part in a Wild Hunt. Joining is a bloody risk, and even the most qualified hunters can suffer the deadliest fates. Still, hundreds gamble their lives to participate — all vying for the Hunt's life-changing prize: a magical wish granted by the Otherking. A trickster, a prince, and a wild huntress — all in pursuit of the Champion's prize. If they band together against the monstrous creatures within the woods, they have a chance to

win. But nothing is guaranteed. After all, all are fair game in love and the Hunt.

YA FIC New Lloyd-Jones, YA FIC Pop Now Lloyd-Jones, e-book, e-audiobook

McManus, Karen. “Such Charming Liars” 2024

When mother-daughter grifters set out on their final job, the heist gets deadly and dangerously personal. For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie — except for the 48 hours when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. That all ended in an epic divorce, and Kat and Liam haven't spoken since. Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job — at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party. And Kat has figured out a way to tag along. What Kat doesn't know, though, is that there are two surprise guests at the dazzling Sutherland compound that weekend. The last two people she wants to run into. Liam and his father — a serial scammer who has his sights set on Ross Sutherland's youngest daughter. Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when Sutherland dies, they realize they might actually be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. Somehow Kat and Liam are the new targets, and they can't trust anyone — except each other. Or can they? Because if there's one thing both Kat and Liam know, it's how to lie. They learned from the best.

YA FIC McManus, YA FIC Pop Now McManus, e-book, e-audiobook

Pessl, Marisha. “Darkly” 2024

When high schooler Arcadia unexpectedly secures the notorious game-maker's internship, she and the other interns become players in the most twisted game yet.

YA FIC New Pessl, YA FIC Pop Now Pessl, e-audiobook

Pink, Randi. “Under the Heron’s Light” 2024

On a damp night in 1722, Babylou Mac and her three siblings witness the murder of their mother at the hands of the local preacher's son — so Babylou kills him in retaliation. With plantation dogs now on their heels, the four siblings breach the treacherous confines of the Great Dismal Swamp. Deeper and deeper into Dismal they delve, amid the biting moccasins and pitch-black waters, toward a refuge where they can live freely within the swamp's natural — and supernatural — protection. Three-hundred years later, college student Atlas comes home to North Carolina for the annual Bornday cookout and hog roast: a celebration of the fact that she and her three cousins were all born on the same day 19 years ago, sharing a birthday with their Grannylou. But this Bornday, Grannylou's usual riddles and folktales about a marvelous paradise deep in the Great Dismal Swamp start to take on a tangible quality. Change coming. When Dismal calls, sucking Grannylou in, it's up to Atlas and her cousins to uncover the history that the black waters hold.

YA FIC New Pink, YA FIC Pop Now Pink

Reynolds, Jason. “Twenty-Four Seconds from Now...: A Love Story” 2024

Twenty-four months ago: Neon gets chased by a dog all around the parking lot of a church. Not his finest moment. And definitely one he would have loved to forget if it weren't for the dog's owner: Aria. Twenty-four weeks ago: Neon's dad insists on talking to him about tenderness and intimacy. Neon and Aria are definitely in love, and while they haven't taken that next big step yet they've started talking about it. Twenty-four days ago: Neon's mom finds her — gulp — bra in his room. Hey! No judging! Those hook thingies are complicated! So, he'd figured he'd better practice, what with the big day only a month away. Twenty-four minutes ago: Neon leaves his shift at work at his dad's bingo hall, making sure to bring some chicken tenders for Aria. They're not candlelight and they definitely aren't caviar, but they are her favorite. And right this second? Neon is locked in Aria's bathroom, completely freaking out because 24 seconds from now he

and Aria are about to ... about to ... Well, they won't do anything if he can't get out of his own head and out of this bathroom! **Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner*

YA FIC New Reynolds, YA FIC Pop Now Reynolds, e-book, e-audiobook

Ribay, Randy. "Everything We Never Had" 2024

Set in the 1930s to today, four generations of Filipino American boys grapple with identity, masculinity, and father-son relationships.

YA FIC New Ribay, YA FIC Pop Now Ribay, e-book

Riggs, Ransom. "The Extraordinary Disappointment of Leopold Berry" 2024

Seventeen-year-old Leopold Berry is seeing weird things around Los Angeles. A glowing trapdoor in a parking lot. A half-mechanical raccoon with its tail on fire that just won't leave him alone. Every hallucinatory moment seems plucked from a cheesy 1990s fantasy TV show called "Max's Adventures in Sunderworld"—and that's because they are. In the blurry weeks after his mother's death, a young Leopold discovered VHS tapes of its one and only season in a box headed for the trash — and soon became obsessed. But when the strange visions return, Leopold turns to his best friend Emmet for help. And soon, he'll realize that not only is Sunderworld real, but it's in grave danger. Certain he's finally been chosen for greatness, Leopold risks everything to claim his destiny, save the world of his childhood dreams, and prove once and for all that he's not the disappointment his father believes him to be. But when everything goes terribly wrong, Leopold's disappointments prove to be more extraordinary than he ever could have imagined. How do you battle darkness when no one believes in you — not even yourself? **YA FIC New Riggs, YA FIC Pop Now Riggs**

Saade, Ernesto. "Just Another Story" 2024

When Carlos was 19, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador. Refusing to let her go without him, Carlos joined the journey north. Together they experienced the risks countless people face as they migrate.

YA GN Saade

Stringfield, Ravynn K. "Love Requires Chocolate" 2024

Whitney Curry is primed to have an epic semester abroad. She's created the perfect itinerary after collecting every detail possible about Paris, France. But all is not as she imagined when she's dropped off at her prestigious new Parisian lycée. A fish out of water, Whitney struggles to juggle schoolwork, homesickness, and mastering the French language. Luckily, she lives for the drama. Literally. Cue French tutor Thierry Magnon, a grumpy yet très handsome soccer star, who's determined to show Whitney the real Paris. Is this type-A theater nerd ready to see how lessons on the City of Lights can turn into lessons on love?

YA FIC Stringfield, YA FIC Pop Now Stringfield

Tahir, Sabaa. "Heir" 2024

Growing up in the Kegari slums, Aiz has seen her share of suffering. An old tragedy fuels her need for vengeance, but it is the love of her people that propels her. Until one hotheaded mistake lands her in an inescapable prison, where the embers of her wrath ignite. Banished for an unforgivable crime, Sirsha is a down-on-her-luck tracker. Destitute, she agrees to hunt down a killer who has murdered children across the Martial Empire. All she has to do is carry out the job and get paid. Quil is the crown prince of the Empire and nephew of a venerated empress, but he's loath to take the throne when his aunt steps down. As the son of a reviled emperor, he understands how power corrupts. When a new enemy threatens the survival of the Empire, Quil

must ask himself if he can rise above his tragic lineage and be the heir his people need.

YA FIC New Tahir, YA FIC Pop Now Tahir, e-book, e-audiobook

Teer, Samuel. “Brownstone” 2024

In the summer of 1995, almost-15-year-old Almudena is sent to live with her estranged Spanish-speaking father, and together they renovate a brownstone and build a relationship while Almudena navigates the Latin American side of her heritage for the first time. **Michael L. Printz Award Winner*

YA GN Teer

Tew, Jill. “The Dividing Sky” 2024

In 2460, 18-year-old Liv Newman dreams of a future beyond her lower-class life in the Metro. As a Proxy, she uses the neurochip in her brain to sell memories to wealthy clients. Maybe a few illegally, but money equals freedom. So, when a customer offers her a ludicrous sum to go on an assignment in no-man's-land, Liv accepts. Now she just has to survive. Rookie Forceman Adrian Rao believes in order overall. After discovering that a renegade Proxy's shady dealings are messing with citizens' brain chemistry, he vows to extinguish the threat. But when he tracks Liv down, there's one problem: her memories are gone. Can Adrian bring himself to condemn her for crimes she doesn't remember? As Liv and Adrian navigate the world beyond the Metro and their growing feelings for one another, they grapple with who they are, who they could be, and whether another way of living is possible.

YA FIC New Tew, YA FIC Pop Now Tew

Van Wagenen, Maya. “Chronically Dolores” 2024

Dolores Mendoza is not thriving. She was recently diagnosed with a chronic bladder condition called interstitial cystitis. The painful disease isn't life threatening, but it is threatening to ruin her life. Just when things seem hopeless, Dolores meets Terpsichore Berkenbosch-Jones, who is glamorous, autistic, and homeschooled against her will by her overprotective mother. After a rocky start, the girls form a tentative partnership. Terpsichore will help Dolores win back her ex-best friend, Shae. And Dolores will convince Terpsichore's mom that her daughter has the social skills to survive public school. It seems like a foolproof plan, but Dolores isn't always a reliable narrator, and her choices may put her in danger of committing an unforgivable betrayal.

YA FIC New Van Wagenen, YA FIC Pop Now Van Wagenen, e-audiobook

Vishny, A.R. “Night Owls” 2024

Clara loves rules. Rules are what have kept her and her sister, Molly, alive — or, rather, undead — for over a century. Work at their historic movie theater by day. Shift into an owl under the cover of night. Feed on men in secret. And never fall in love. Molly is in love. And she's tired of keeping her girlfriend, Anat, a secret. Boaz is cursed. He can't walk two city blocks without being cornered by something undead. At least at work at the theater, he gets to flirt with Clara. When Anat vanishes, Clara suspects Boaz might be behind it, but if they are to find Anat, they will need to work together to face demons and the hungers they would sooner bury. Clara will have to break all her rules before they break everyone she loves. **Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner*

YA FIC New Vishny, YA FIC Pop Now Vishny

Wang, Jen. “Ash’s Cabin” 2024

Ash has always felt alone. Adults ignore the climate crisis. Other kids Ash's age are more interested in pop stars and popularity contests than in fighting for change. Even Ash's family seems to be sleepwalking through life. The only person who ever seemed to get Ash was their Grandpa Edwin. Before he died, he used to talk about building a secret cabin, deep in the

California wilderness. Did he ever build it? What if it's still there, waiting for him to come back or for Ash to find it? To Ash, that maybe-mythical cabin is starting to feel like the perfect place for a fresh start and an escape from the miserable feeling of alienation that haunts their daily life. But making the wilds your home isn't easy. Can they survive alone?

YA GN Wang

White, Andrew Joseph. "Compound Fracture" 2024

On the night Miles Abernathy — 16-year-old socialist and proud West Virginian — comes out as trans to his parents, he sneaks off to a party, carrying evidence that may finally turn the tide of the blood feud plaguing Twist Creek: Photos that prove the county's Sheriff Davies was responsible for the so-called "accident" that injured his dad, killed others, and crushed their grassroots efforts to unseat him. Now, Miles becomes the feud's latest victim as the sheriff's son and his friends sniff out the evidence, follow him through the woods, and beat him nearly to death. In the hospital, the ghost of a soot-covered man hovers over Miles's bedside while Sheriff Davies threatens Miles into silence. But when Miles accidentally kills one of the boys who hurt him, he learns of other folks in Twist Creek who want out from under the sheriff's heel. To free their families from this cycle of cruelty, they're willing to put everything on the line — is Miles?

YA FIC White, YA FIC Pop Now White, e-book

Whitley, Jeremy. "Navigating With You" 2024

Neesha Sparks is a disabled, vocal community activist with a passion for costume design. Gabby Graciana is an optimistic surfer and, like Neesha, a new kid at school. When the two girls discover that they like the same manga series, "Navigator Nozomi," they become more than just fellow new kids. But it was more than just having read the same book series — neither of them had finished it! Soon, they become new friends on a mission — to track down the remaining "Navigator Nozomi" books. This slice-of-life romance follows the two girls as they adventure across North Carolina to find each book, with their story intercut with the tales of Navigator Nozomi. Neesha and Gabby find more than just the books though — they find acceptance, friendship, understanding, and love.

YA GN Whitley

Williams, Kalela. "Tangleroot" 2024

When Noni Reid's mother, renowned scholar of Black literature Dr. Radiance Castine takes a job as the president of the prestigious Stonepost College in rural Virginia, Noni is forced to leave her New England home and, most importantly, a prime internship and her friends. She and her mother move into the "big house" on Tangleroot Plantation, built by one of Noni's ancestors, an enslaved man named Cuffee Fortune — who Dr. Castine believes was also the original founder of Stonepost College, and that the school was originally formed for Black students. Dr. Castine spends much of her time trying to piece together enough undeniable truth to change the name of the school in Cuffee's honor — and to force the university to reckon with its own racist past. Meanwhile, Noni hates everything about her new home, but finds herself morbidly fascinated by the white, slaveholding family who once lived in it. Slowly, she begins to peel the layers of sinister history that envelop her Virginia town, her mother's workplace, her ancestry — and her life story as she knew it. Through it all, she must navigate the ancient prejudices of the citizens in her small town, and ultimately, she finds herself both affirming her mother's position and her own — but also discovering a secret that changes everything.

YA FIC New Williams, YA FIC Pop Now Williams

Zaldivar, Bessie Flores. "Libertad" 2024

Set during the controversial 2017 Honduran presidential election, 17-year-old Libertad finds purpose writing political poetry as she navigates her sexuality and concerns for her activist brother's safety.

YA FIC Zaldivar, YA FIC Pop Now Zaldivar

NONFICTION

Anderson, Ferin Davis. "Wildfire: The Culture, the Science, and the Future of Fire" 2024

Environmental scientist Ferin Davis Anderson and author Stephanie Sammartino McPherson examine how Indigenous people, farmers, and forestry departments have used fire to manage natural resources and how human development and climate change are impacting the frequency and intensity of wildfires. By delving into how fires start and burn, fire suppression and firefighting, and the ecological importance of burns, they explore people's long relationship with fire and reflect on fire's regenerative benefits and destructive capabilities alike.

YA 363.37 Anderson, YA Pop Now 363.37 Anderson

Cooper, Candy J. "Shackled" 2024

Recounting the story of the Kids for Cash scandal in Pennsylvania in the early 2000s, this gripping combination of extensive research and original reporting shows how more than 2,500 children and teens were wrongly sent to a for-profit detention center by two corrupt judges.

YA New 364.134 Cooper, YA 364.134 Cooper

Dyson, Michael Eric. "Represent" 2024

One of the most important and least understood true stories of our nation, the fight for representation is an ongoing and epic quest to build the democracy sketched out in the Constitution but unfinished in the 21st Century. With impeccable research and exhilarating prose, the story of voting rights in the United States is examined from the American Revolution up to the present day, with each chapter taking on a new battle between the forces of people power and forces opposed to it.

YA New 323.042 Dyson, e-book, e-audiobook

Eger, Edith Eva. "The Ballerina of Auschwitz" 2024

Edie is a talented dancer and skilled gymnast with hopes of making the Olympics. Between her rigorous training and her struggle to find her place in a family where she's considered the daughter "with brains but no looks," Edie's too busy to dwell on the state of the world. But life in Hungary in 1943 is dangerous for a Jewish girl. Just as Edie falls in love for the first time, Europe collapses into war, and Edie's family is forced onto a train bound for the Auschwitz concentration camp. Auschwitz is horrifying beyond belief, yet through starvation and unthinkable terrors, the dreams of Eric sustain Edie. Against all odds, Edie and her sister Magda survive, thanks to their sisterhood and sheer grit. In this young adult edition of her bestselling, award-winning memoir "The Choice," renowned psychologist and Holocaust survivor Dr. Edith Eger gives readers a gift of hope and strength.

YA New 940.5318 Eger, e-audiobook

Estes, Fred. "Design Thinking: A Guide to Innovation" 2025

Design thinking is a six-step process used in creative problem solving to understand users, challenge assumptions, redefine problems, and create innovative solutions. As a human-

centered approach to innovation, design thinking is used in everything from corporate structure in businesses such as UberEATS, Airbnb, and Adobe XD to local and regional projects.

YA New 670 Estes

Fleming, Candace. “Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown” 2025

How did Jim Jones, the leader of Peoples Temple, convince more than 900 of his followers to commit "revolutionary suicide" by drinking cyanide-laced punch? From a master of narrative nonfiction comes a chilling chronicle of one of the most notorious cults in American history.

YA New 973 Fleming

Keith, Tony Jr. “How the Boogeyman Became a Poet” 2024

Poet, writer, and hip-hop educator Tony Keith Jr. makes his debut with a powerful YA memoir in verse, tracing his journey from being a closeted gay Black teen battling poverty, racism, and homophobia to becoming an openly gay first-generation college student who finds freedom in poetry.

YA BIO New Keith

Johnson, George M. “Flamboyants” 2024

Profiling the Black and Queer icons from the Harlem Renaissance, an Emmy nominated, award-winning Black nonbinary author and activist interweaves personal stories to bring these flamboyant writers, artists and activists to life, detailing their contributions to American thought and culture that have profoundly impacted our world.

YA 920 Johnson

Mann, J. Albert. “Shift Happens” 2024

You need to work to live. That's the truth for most people, and plenty of people in power have been abusing that truth for centuries. Long before the first labor unions were formed, workers still knew what exploitation looked like. It looked like the enslavement of Black people. It looked like generations of children dying in dangerous jobs. It looked like wealthy people hiring private militaries to attack their employees. But workers have always found a way to fight back. Lokono tribespeople resisted Columbus and his colonizers. Enslaved people led walkouts and rebellions. Textile workers demanded a wage that would let them have fun, not just survive. Miners died for the right to unionize. From 30,000 young seamstresses striking in the early 1900s to Uber drivers organizing for change today, people have learned we're stronger when we are united. “Shift Happens” is a smart, funny, and engaging look at the history of the worker actions that brought us weekends, pay equality, desegregation, an end to child labor, and so much more.

YA New 331.0973 Mann, YA 331.0973 Mann

Ogle, Rex. “Road Home” 2024

When Rex was outed the summer after he graduated high school, his father gave him a choice: He could stay at home, find a girlfriend, and attend church twice a week, or he could be gay — and leave. Rex left, driving toward the only other gay man he knew and a toxic relationship that would ultimately leave him homeless and desperate on the streets of New Orleans.

YA BIO Ogle

Parish, Theo. “Homebody” 2024

In their comics debut, Theo Parish weaves an intimate and defiantly hopeful memoir about the journey one nonbinary person takes to find a home within themselves. Combining traditional comics with organic journal-like interludes, Theo takes us through their experiences with the

hundred arbitrary and unspoken gender binary rules of high school, from finding the right haircut to the intersection of gender identity and sexuality — and through tiny everyday moments that all led up to Theo finding the term “nonbinary,” which finally struck a chord.

YA GN Parish

Rusch, Elizabeth. “A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women’s Soccer — And Beyond” 2024

A history of the more than 250 women who have played for the U.S. National Soccer Team and their battle for equal pay. From economy-class airplane seats and inadequate lodging to minimal marketing and slashed wages, the women representing the United States at the Olympics, the World Cup, and other tournaments had reason to be fed up. They were expected to — and did — win, but they weren’t compensated for their talent and dedication. With the help of their union and in collaboration with the men’s team, they secured an equitable contract in 2022 that ultimately benefited both national teams as well as athletes of the future.

YA New 796.334 Rusch

Shanté, Angela. “The Unboxing of a Black Girl” 2024

A creative nonfiction reflection on Black girlhood, written as a collection of vignettes and poetry. The debut YA title, by award-winning author Angela Shanté, is a love letter to Black girls set in New York City and serves as a personal and political critique of how the world raises Black girls.

YA New 811.6 Shante, YA 811.6 Shante

Stryker, Kitty. “Say More: Consent Conversations for Teens” 2024

Talking about consent can feel overwhelming, especially for young people who may be navigating their own boundaries for the first time. In “Say More,” consent culture activist Kitty Stryker guides teenagers in exploring what consent means to them. This timely and practical workbook allows the reader to work at their own pace and in their own way, with concrete examples from Kitty’s own youth, prompts inspired by questions teens have asked her and comprehensive resources to encourage further exploration and introspection.

YA 613.907 Stryker, YA 613.907 Stryker

Valby, Karen. “The Swans of Harlem” 2025

A full accounting of five incredibly talented Black ballerinas from The Dance Theater of Harlem, founding members among them, that illuminates their hard-fought, historic, and overlooked contributions to the world of classical dance at a time when racism shut out Black dancers from major dance companies.

YA New 792.8097 Valby

Watson, Renée. “Black Girl You Are Atlas” 2024

Poet Renée Watson looks back at her childhood and urges readers to look forward at their futures with love, understanding, and celebration in this fully illustrated poetry collection.

YA 811.6 Watson

Yoo, Paula. “Rising From the Ashes” 2024

In the spring of 1992, after a jury returned not guilty verdicts in the trial of four police officers charged in the brutal beating of a Black man, Rodney King, Los Angeles was torn apart. Thousands of fires were set, causing more than a billion dollars in damage. In neighborhoods abandoned by the police, protestors and store owners exchanged gunfire. More than 12,000

people were arrested and 2,400 injured. Sixty-three died. In “Rising from the Ashes,” award-winning author Paula Yoo draws on the experience of the city's Korean American community to narrate and illuminate this uprising, from the racism that created economically disadvantaged neighborhoods torn by drugs and gang-related violence, to the tensions between the city's minority communities.

YA New 305.8009 Yoo, YA Pop Now 305.8009 Yoo