

Adult Fiction & Non Fiction

Hitting a Straight Lick With a Crooked Stick by Zora Neale Hurston

Featuring eight lesser-known stories, a collection of Harlem Renaissance tales explores subjects ranging from class and migration to racism and sexism.

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

This book follows the harrowing experiences of two African-American teens at an abusive reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

The Right Swipe by Alisha Rai

Cynical dating app creator Rhiannon Hunter must decide whether or not to give former pro-football player Samson Lima a second chance despite the fact that he is in league with a business rival.

The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery.

Everything's Trash, But It's Okay by Phoebe Robinson

Wouldn't it be great if life came with an instruction manual? Thankfully, Phoebe Robinson is ready to share everything she's experienced in hopes that if you can laugh at her topsy-turvy life, you can laugh at your own.

James Baldwin: Living in Fire by Bill V. Mullen

Bill Mullen celebrates the personal and political life of the great American writer who refused to shy away from the fire.

Jay-Z : Made in America by Michael Eric Dyson

Examines the biggest themes of Jay-Z's career and recognizes the way that he's always weaved politics into his music, making statements about race, criminal justice, and black wealth.

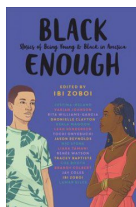
Jubilee by Toni Tipton-Martin

Drawing from historical texts and rare African-American cookbooks, a collection of 125 recipes takes readers into the world of African-American cuisine that goes far beyond soul food.

Making Our Way Home by Blair Imani

Examines influences ranging from voting rights and segregation to activism and the arts in an illustrated history of the Great Migration.

Young Adult Fiction



Black Enough : Stories of Being Young & Black in America

by Ibi Zoboi

Edited by the National Book Award finalist and featuring contributions by a prestigious group of best-selling, award-winning and emerging African American young-adult authors, a

timely literary collection shares modern insights into what it is like to be young and black in today's America.



Children of Virtue and Vengeance by Tomi Adeyemi

A sequel to Children of Blood and Bone finds Zélie struggling to unite allies from Orisha's monarchy and military while protecting Amari's throne from powerful enemies.



Deathless Divide

by Justina Ireland

A sequel to the best-selling Dread Nation finds a devastating loss throwing everything Jane believes into question, before encounters with familiar faces in Summerland enmeshes her in a maelstrom of deception and private demons.



Slay by Brittney Morris

Hiding her identity as the developer of an elite online role-playing game, a talented teen, one of the only black students in her school, is targeted with violent racism when an in-game dispute escalates into a player's murder.



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My Name Is Prince : 25 Inspired Years / 1991 to 2016

by Randee St. Nicholas

One of Hollywood's most acclaimed photographers presents an up-close, intimate look at the enigmatic artist as he has seldom been seen before through hundreds of stunning black-and-white photos that are accompanied by behind-the-scenes stories.

Open Season by Ben Crump

Chronicles memorable legal battles, including Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, and describes the hidden and systemic injustices minorities face in the U.S. legal system.

She Came to Slay by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

A lively, informative tribute to one of the most exceptional women in American history examines how she freed hundreds of slaves, advocated for the rights of women and the elderly, and spied for the Union during the Civil War.

The Source of Self-regard by Toni Morrison

An anthology of the Nobel Prize-winning writer's essays, speeches and commentary on society, culture and art includes her powerful prayer for the dead of 9/11, her searching meditation on Martin Luther King, Jr. and her poignant eulogy for James Baldwin.

What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker by Damon Young

The co-founder of VerySmartBrothas.com presents a provocative and humorous memoir-in-essays that explores the direct impact of racism on his life, the shifting definition of black male identity, and the ongoing realities of white supremacy.

What It Is by Clifford Thompson

An African-American writer's concise, heartfelt take on the state of his nation, exploring the war between the values he has always held and the reality with which he is confronted in twenty-first-century America.

The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom

Describes the author's upbringing in a New Orleans East shotgun house as the unruly 13th child of a widowed mother, tracing a century of family history and the impact of class, race and Hurricane Katrina on her sense of identity.

Children Fiction

Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older

During the Civil War, orphan Magdalys Roca is just trying to survive, but when she receives a letter telling her that her brother Montez is wounded, she is determined to reach him and her ability to communicate telepathically with dinosaurs may help.

For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama Lockington

A lyrical story inspired by the author's own life finds an African American adoptee into a white family exploring the complexities of family, race, sisterhood and belonging.

Hair Love by Matthew A Cherry

An ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters by the former NFL wide receiver depicts an exuberant little girl whose dad helps her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.

The Jumbie God's Revenge by Tracey Baptiste

Suspecting that a cruel jumbie is behind a series of out-of-season hurricanes that are devastating her seaside village, Corinne finds her emerging supernatural powers tested by her efforts to appease the angry deity and protect her community.

Just South of Home by Karen Strong

A 12-year-old science-loving girl's summer plans outside the control of her strict grandmother are upended by the arrival of her trouble-making cousin, who orchestrates an unsanctioned visit to a haunted landmark before uncovering a tragic event in their Southern community's history.

M is for Melanin by Tiffany A. Rose

An empowering alphabet book celebration of diversity combines striking multicolored artwork, skill-reinforcing word examples and affirming, culturally positive messages, from "A is for Afro" and "F is for Fresh" to "V is for Voice" and "Z is for Zillion."

My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Aanu Zobo

In the summer of 1984, twelve-year-old Ebony-Grace of Huntsville, Alabama, visits her father in Harlem, where her fascination with outer space and science fiction interfere with her finding acceptance.

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

The Muslim-American Olympic medalist and social justice activist presents a vibrantly illustrated story about two sisters who endure criticism and bullying when they begin school on the first day the elder wears her beautiful blue hijab.

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Some Places More Than Others by Renée Watson

Looking forward to meeting her extended family for the first time, Amara is dismayed by family estrangements and revelations about her father's early years before discovering new ways to connect with her heritage.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

The he story of a little girl with beautiful, midnight-colored skin that makes her feel different from everyone, until a magical journey in the night sky transforms her perspective.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Haunted by the bus accident that ended his best friend's life, seventh grader Tristan Strong dreads a visit to his grandparents' Alabama farm before a bizarre living doll snatches away his friend's notebook and draws him into a world of burning seas, iron monsters and exhausted black folk heroes.

Brave Ballerina by Michelle Meadows

A lyrical picture book tribute to the first African American principal dancer at the Metropolitan Opera House. Describes how her dream of becoming a ballerina was shaped by racial segregation and her own heroic refusal to compromise her values.

Little Legends by Vashti Harrison

Shares the true stories of history-shaping black men, including civil rights leader John Lewis, filmmaker Oscar Micheaux and tennis champion Arthur Ashe.

A Place to Land by Barry Wittenstein

A lavish introduction to Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech shares insights into its original intent and unexpected legacy.

Reaching for the moon by Katherine G Johnson

Shares the life of a groundbreaking mathematician, including her childhood where she showed an incredible aptitude for math, the daily challenges she faced from both racism and sexism, and her work with NASA

Thurgood by Jonah Winter

Before Rosa Parks, before Martin Luther King Jr., before the civil rights movement there was Thurgood, fighting for African Americans - and winning. Here is the powerful story of the trailblazer who proved that separate is not equal.