

A Long Time Coming: A Lyrical Biography of Race in America from Ona Judge to Barack Obama

YA 303.8 Shep

This YA biography-in-verse of six important Black Americans from different eras, including Ona Judge, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells, Martin Luther King Jr., and Barack Obama, chronicles the diverse ways each fought racism and shows how much--and how little--has changed for Black Americans since our country's founding.

Unequal: A Story of America

YA 323.1196 Dyso

Interconnected stories present a picture of racial inequality in America, showing systemic discrimination in all areas of society and the unbroken line of Black resistance to this inequality.

Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People

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In this comprehensive, inspiring, and all-too-relevant history of the Black Panther Party, Kekla Magoon introduces readers to the Panthers' community activism, grounded in the concept of self-defense, which taught Black Americans how to protect and support themselves in a country that treated them like second-class citizens.

A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars

YA 920 Oluseyi, H. Olus

Renowned American astrophysicist Hakeem Oluseyi's (born James Plummer) coming-of-age memoir, from young boy to graduate-school student, charts the remarkable resilience of a boy who was offered few chances to succeed, but fought hard to achieve his dream.

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YA BLACK VOICES



When It All Syncs Up

YA Fiction Ameyaw, M.

Ballet is Aisha's life. So when she's denied yet another lead at her elite academy because she doesn't "look" the part, she knows something has to change. Switching to her best friend Neil's art school seems like the perfect plan at first. But she soon discovers racism and bullying are entrenched in the ballet program here, too, and there's a new, troubling distance between her and Neil.

Sing Me to Sleep

YA Fiction Burton, G.

Saoirse Sorkova survives on lies. As a soldier-in-training at the most prestigious barracks in the kingdom, she lies about being a siren to avoid execution. At night, working as an assassin for a dangerous group of mercenaries, Saoirse lies about her true identity. When a mysterious blackmailer threatens her sister, Saoirse takes a dangerous job that will help her investigate: she becomes a personal bodyguard to the crown prince.

For Lamb

YA Fiction Cline-Ransome, L.

Lamb's mother is a hard-working, creative seamstress who cannot reveal she is a lesbian. Lamb's brother has a brilliant mind and has even earned a college scholarship for a black college up north--if only he could curb his impulsiveness and rebellious nature. As Lamb tentatively accepts the friendly overtures of a white girl who loans her a book she loves, she sets off a calamitous series of events that pulls in her mother, charming hustler uncle, estranged father, and brother, and ends in a lynching.

This Town is on Fire

YA Fiction Harris, P.

A page-turning YA contemporary novel about a Black teenager whose life is turned upside down when her white best friend becomes the latest "Becky" on the internet, and their town is left reeling from the publicity.

Invisible Son

YA Fiction Johnson, K.

After spending two months in a juvenile detention center for a crime he did not commit, seventeen-year-old Andre Jackson returns home and tries to adapt to a Covid-19 world and find his missing best friend.

The Davenports

YA Fiction Marquis, K.

The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth and status in 1910 Chicago. The two daughters, Olivia and Helen, are finding their way and finding love--even where they are not supposed to.

Your Plantation Prom is Not Okay

YA Fiction McWilliams, K.

High school senior Harriet is still grappling with her mother's death when an unwanted property sale causes her to join forces with her new neighbor to stop Belle Grove Plantation from turning into a wedding venue.

The Shadow Sister

YA Fiction Meade, L.

Sutton going missing is the worst thing to happen to Casey and to their family. When Sutton reappears, Casey knows she should be relieved. Except Sutton isn't the same. What happened to Sutton?

Miles Morales: Suspended

YA Fiction Reynolds, J.

During Miles' in-school suspension, he finds himself in a fierce battle with a classmate-turned-insidious-termites who is determined to destroy books and the Black and Brown histories they contain, and only Miles can stop him.

Their Vicious Games

YA Fiction Wellington, J.

Eighteen-year-old Adina Walker, a scholarship student at a prestigious academy, faces the consequences of a single mistake and competes in a high-stakes contest hosted by the wealthy Remington family, where she uncovers unsettling truths about the sponsors and the contest's high stakes.

The Other Side of the Tracks

YA Fiction Alyse, C.

When Zach, a white boy from Philly, moves to a racially-divided town, he befriends Black siblings Capri and Justin, but when the police murder one of their friends, the town erupts into an all-out war, with Capri, Justin and Zach caught in the middle.

Vinyl Moon

YA Fiction Browne, M.

When Darius told Angel he loved her, she believed him. But five weeks after the incident, Angel finds herself in Brooklyn, far from her family, from him, and from the California life she has known. Angel feels out of sync with her new neighborhood. The only place that makes sense is Ms. G's class. There, Angel's classmates share their own stories of pain, joy and fortitude.