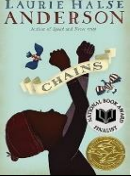
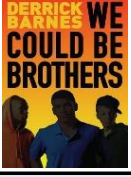






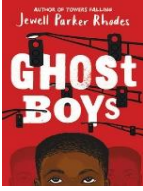
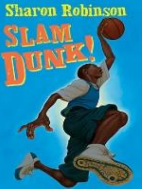



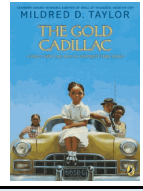

# BLM Fiction

\* Denotes first book in a series

Title	Author	Call #
<b>Chains*</b>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	FIC AND
	<p>After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.</p>	
<b>We Could Be Brothers</b>	Barnes, Derrick	FIC BAR
	<p>Two eighth-graders from very different backgrounds, Robeson "Crease" Battlefield and Pacino Clapton, discover in afterschool detention that they have a great deal in common.</p>	
<b>Courage</b>	Binns, Barbara	FIC BIN
	<p>Ever since T'Shawn's dad died, his mother has been struggling to keep the family afloat. So when he's offered a spot on a prestigious diving team at the local private swim club, he knows that joining would only add another bill to the pile. But T studies hard and never gets into trouble, so he thinks his mom might be willing to bear the cost until he finds out that his older brother, Lamont, is getting released early from prison. Luckily, T'Shawn is given a scholarship, and he can put all his frustration into diving practices. But when criminal activity increases in the neighborhood and people begin to suspect Lamont, T'Shawn begins to worry that maybe his brother hasn't left his criminal past behind after all. And he struggles to hold on to the hope that they can put the broken pieces of their damaged relationship back together.</p>	
<b>Zora and Me*</b>	Bond, Victoria	FIC BON
	<p>A fictionalized account of Zora Neale Hurston's childhood with her best friend Carrie, in Eatonville, Florida, as they learn about life, death, and the differences between truth, lies, and pretending. Includes an annotated bibliography of the works of Zora Neale Hurston, a short biography of the author, and information about Eatonville, Florida.</p>	
<b>The Usual Suspects</b>	Broaddus, Maurice	FIC BRO
	<p>Thelonius Mitchell is tired of being labeled. He's in special ed, separated from the 'normal' kids at school who don't have any 'issues.' That's enough to make all the teachers and students look at him and his friends with a constant side-eye. (Although his disruptive antics and pranks have given him a rep too.) When a gun is found at a neighborhood hangout, Thelonius and his pals become instant suspects. Thelonius may be guilty of pulling crazy stunts at school, but a criminal? T isn't about to let that label stick.</p>	
<b>King and the Dragonflies</b>	Callender, Kacen	FIC CAL
	<p>In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.</p>	

<b>So Done*</b>	Chase, Paula	FIC CHA
	When best friends Tai and Mila are reunited after a summer apart, their friendship threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and the looming dance auditions for a new talented-and-gifted program.	
<b>Blended</b>	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
	Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.	
<b>Overtuned</b>	Giles, Lamar	FIC GIL
	Nikki Tate's father has been on death row for killing his best friend in a gambling dispute, but he has always maintained his innocence, and now his conviction has been overturned and he is back at the casino, where high school junior Nikki has been operating illegal poker games in the hopes of saving enough money to get out of Vegas after graduation--and now he is determined to find the real killer, and Nikki is inevitably drawn into his dangerous search for the truth.	
<b>Spin</b>	Giles, Lamar	FIC GIL
	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.	
<b>The Parker Inheritance</b>	Johnson, Varian	FIC JOH
	Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow book-worm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.	
<b>Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere</b>	Lamana, Julie	FIC LAM
	Armani Curtis can think about only one thing: her tenth birthday. All her friends are coming to her party, her mama is making a big cake, and she has a good feeling about a certain wrapped box. Turning ten is a big deal to Armani. It means she's older, wiser, more responsible. But when Hurricane Katrina hits the Lower Nines of New Orleans, Armani realizes that being ten means being brave, watching loved ones die, and mustering all her strength to help her family weather the storm.	
<b>The Lions of Little Rock</b>	Levine, Kirsten	FIC LEV
	Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.	

What Lane?	Maldonado, Torrey	FIC MAL
	<p>Biracial sixth-grader Stephen questions the limitations society puts on him after he notices the way strangers treat him when he hangs out with his white friends and learns about the Black Lives Matter movement.</p>	
Slay	Morris, Brittney	FIC MOR
	<p>An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.</p>	
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
	<p>While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.</p>	
A Good Kind of Trouble	Ramee, Lisa Moore	FIC RAM
	<p>All 12-year-old Shayla she wants to do is to follow the rules. But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle.</p>	
Long Way Down	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
	<p>As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.</p>	
Miles Morales	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
	<p>Brooklyn Visions Academy student Miles Morales may not always want to be a super hero, but he must come to terms with his identity--and deal with a villainous teacher--as the new Spider-Man.</p>	
Black Brother, Black Brother	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	FIC RHO
	<p>Donte wishes he were invisible. As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, he feels as if he is constantly swimming in whiteness. Dubbed the "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter skinned brother, Trey. Quiet, obedient. When an incident with "King" Alan leads to Donte's arrest and suspension, he knows the only way to get even is to beat the king of the school at his own game: fencing. With the help of a former Olympic fencer, Donte embarks on a journey to carve out a spot on Middlefield Prep's fencing team and maybe learn something about himself along the way.</p>	

<b>Ghost Boys</b>	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	FIC RHO
	After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.	
<b>Slam Dunk!</b>	Robinson, Sharon	FIC ROB
	At Harlem's Langston Hughes Middle School, eleven-year-old Elijah "Jumper" Breeze and his friends compete against Nia and her girlfriends on the basketball court, in a video dance tournament, and for a Student Council seat, and, meanwhile, several of the students face issues with their fathers.	
<b>Flygirl</b>	Smith, Sherri	FIC SMI
	During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.	
<b>Love Double Dutch!</b>	Spicer-Dannelly, Doreen	FIC SPI
	Kayla must salvage her double Dutch dreams after her parents' rocky relationship takes her away from Brooklyn--and her beloved team--to spend the summer in North Carolina.	
<b>The Harlem Charade</b>	Tarpley, Natasha	FIC TAR
	Seventh-graders Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin come from very different backgrounds and circumstances, but they all live in Harlem, and when Elvin's grandfather is attacked they band together to find out who is responsible--and the search leads them to an enigmatic artist whose missing masterpieces are worth a fortune, and into conflict with an ambitious politician who wants to turn Harlem into an historic amusement park.	
<b>The Gold Cadillac</b>	Taylor, Mildred D.	FIC TAY
	Two black girls living in the North are proud of their family's beautiful new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time.	
<b>Top Prospect</b>	Volponi, Paul	FIC VOL
	Travis, a pre-teen quarterback with big potential, gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of Gainesville University football program offers him a scholarship before Travis even gets to high school.	

<b>Piecing Me Together</b>	Watson, Renée	FIC WAT
	<p>Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.</p>	
<b>Watch Us Rise</b>	Watson, Renée	FIC WAT
	<p>Frustrated by the way women are treated--even at their progressive New York City high school--two best friends start a Women's Rights Club, post their essays and poems online, and watch it go viral, attracting positive support as well as trolls.</p>	
<b>The Length of a String</b>	Weissman, Elissa Brent	FIC WEI
	<p>Twelve-year-old Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her bat mitzvah and hoping to find her birthparents when she discovers the history of adoption in her own family through her great-grandma Anna's Holocaust-era diary.</p>	
<b>Genesis Begins Again</b>	Williams, Alicia	FIC WIL
	<p>Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.</p>	
<b>After Tupac and D Foster</b>	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
	<p>In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.</p>	
<b>The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA</b>	Woods, Brenda	FIC WOO
	<p>Gabriel, twelve, gains new perspective when he becomes friends with Meriwether, a Black World War II hero who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South.</p>	