

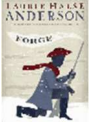



BLM Fiction

* Denotes first book in a series

Title	Author	Call #
 More Than Anything Else	Bradby, Marie	E BRA
<p>Nine-year-old Booker works with his father and brother at the saltworks but dreams of the day when he'll be able to read.</p>		
 A Sweet, Sweet Basket	Clary, Margie Willis	E CLA
<p>Continuing a tradition that started in Africa, Grandma teaches Keisha how to weave a basket from South Carolina sweet grass.</p>		
 White Socks Only	Coleman, Evelyn	E COL
<p>Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.</p>		
 Just As Good: How Larry Doby Changed America's Game	Crowe, Chris	E CRO
<p>An African American family in Cleveland, Ohio, listens on their new radio to the first game of the 1948 World Series, in which Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, won the game for the Cleveland Indians.</p>		
 Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring	Alberti, Enigma	E FIC ALB
<p>During the Civil War, African American Mary Bowser becomes a maid in the Richmond mansion of Confederate States of America president Jefferson Davis as part of a plan to pass along secrets to help the Union. May include a replica of a Confederate decoder, plus other spycraft materials, in a sealed envelope to help the reader discover clues found in the text and illustrations.</p>		
 Julian, Dream Doctor	Cameron, Ann	E FIC CAM
<p>Julian and Huey try to find the perfect birthday gift for Dad with amusing results.</p>		
 Drylongso	Hamilton, Virginia	E HAM
<p>As a great wall of dust moves across their drought-stricken farm, a family's distress is relieved by a young man called Drylongso, who literally blows into their lives with the storm.</p>		
 Nappy Hair	Herron, Carolivia	E HER
<p>Various people at a backyard picnic offer their comments on a young girl's tightly curled, "nappy" hair.</p>		
 Steamboat School: St. Louis 1847	Hopkinson, Deborah	E HOP
<p>In 1847 St. Louis, Missouri, when a new law against educating African Americans forces Reverend John to close his school, he finds an ingenious solution to the new state law by moving his school to a steamboat in the Mississippi River. Includes author's note on Reverend John Berry Meachum, a minister, entrepreneur, and educator who fought tirelessly for the rights of African Americans.</p>		

Now They Let Me Fly: The Story of a Slave Family	Johnson, Dolores	E JOH
 A fictionalized account of the life of Minna, kidnapped as a girl in Africa, as she endures the harsh life of a slave on a Southern plantation in the 1800s and tries to help her family survive.		
The Snowy Day	Keats, Ezra Jack	E KEA
 Relates the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.		
Henry's Freedom Box	Levine, Ellen	E LEV
A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.		
These Hands	Mason, Margaret H.	E MAS
An African American man tells his grandson about a time when, despite all the wonderful things his hands could do, they could not touch bread at the Wonder Bread factory. Based on stories of bakery union workers; includes historical note.		
Flossie and the Fox	McKissack, Patricia	E MCK
 A wily fox, notorious for stealing eggs, meets his match when he encounters a bold little girl in the woods who insists upon proof that he is a fox before she will be frightened.		
Mirandy and Brother Wind	MCKissack, Patricia	E MCK
 To win first prize in the junior cakewalk, Mirandy tries to capture the wind for her partner.		
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Mitchell, Margaree King	E MIT
Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only African-American barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.		
The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	E NEL
 Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem by Lewis Michaux in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Lewis Michaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there.		
Pink and Say	Polacco, Patricia	E POL
 Chronicles the friendship of Pink, a fifteen-year-old African-American Union soldier, and Say, his poor white comrade, as one nurses the other back to health from a battle wound and the two of them are imprisoned at Andersonville. Based on a true story.		
Yo! Yes?	Raschka, Christopher	E RAS
 Portrays the first meeting of two boys, one African-American and white, who quickly become friends.		
Dinner at Aunt Connie's House	Ringgold, Faith	E RIN
 Dinner at Aunt Connie's is even more special than usual when Melody meets not only her new adopted cousin but twelve inspiring African-American women, who step out of their portraits and join the family for dinner.		

Tar Beach	Ringgold, Faith	E RIN
 A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. Based on the author's quilt painting of the same name.		
Ragtime Tumpie	Schroeder, Alan	E SCH
 Tumpie, a young black girl who will later become famous as the dancer Josephine Baker, longs to find the opportunity to dance amid the poverty and vivacious street life of St. Louis in the early 1900s.		
As Fast As Words Could Fly	Tuck, Pamela	E TUC
 A thirteen-year-old African American boy in 1960s Greenville, North Carolina, uses his typing skills to make a statement as part of the Civil Rights movement. Based on true events. Includes author's note		
To Hell With Dying	Walker, Alice	E WAL
 The author relates how old Mr. Sweet, though often on the verge of dying, could always be revived by the loving attention that she and her brother gave him.		
Freedom on the Menu: the Greensboro Sit-Ins	Weatherford, Carole Boston	E WEA
 The 1960 civil rights sit-ins at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, are seen through the eyes of a young Southern black girl.		
Freedom Summer	Wiles, Debbie	E WIL
 In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henry, who is African-American, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists.		
Lillian's Right to Vote: a Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965	Winter, Jonah	E WIN
 As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.		
The Other Side	Woodson, Jacqueline	E WOO
 Two girls, one white and one African-American, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.		
Ashes (Vol. #3)	Anderson, Laurie Halse	FIC AND
 As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, fiercely determined to find Isabel's little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a Southern state.		
Chains (Vol. #1)	Anderson, Laurie Halse	FIC AND
 After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.		

Forge (Vol. #2)	Anderson, Laurie Halse	FIC AND
	Separated from his friend Isabel after their daring escape from slavery, fifteen-year-old Curzon serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are thrown together again, as slaves once more.	
Souder	Armstrong, William H.	FIC ARM
	A young African-American boy learns the pain of humiliation and anger when his father is given an unjust jail sentence for stealing a ham from a white man. Learning to read and to discover that things do not die, but become part of other things, brings the youngster new hope.	
We Could Be Brothers	Barnes, Derrick	FIC BAR
	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.	
McKendree	Belton, Sandra	FIC BEL
	In 1948, while spending the summer with her aunt in West Virginia to find her family roots, Tilara begins visiting the "colored" old folks' home called McKendree, makes new friends, and learns to love herself.	
Courage	Binns, Barbara	FIC BIN
	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.	
Kinda Like Brothers	Booth, Coe	FIC BOO
	When his mother takes in a twelve-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the new boy	
Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	FIC BRA
	A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings.	
The Usual Suspects	Broadus, Maurice	FIC BRO
	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	
King and the Dragonflies	Callender, Kacen	FIC CAL
	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	

Stealing Freedom	Carbone, Elise Lynn	FIC CAR
 A novel based on the events in the life of a young slave girl from Maryland who endures all kinds of mistreatment and cruelty, including being separated from her family, but who eventually escapes to freedom in Canada.		
Dough Boys	Chase, Paula	FIC CHA
 Told in two voices, thirteen-year-old best friends Simp and Rollie play on a basketball team in their housing project, but Rollie dreams of being a drummer and Simp, to impress the gang leader, Coach Tez.		
So Done	Chase, Paula	FIC CHA
 When best friends Metai and Jamila are reunited after a summer apart, their friendship threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and looming auditions for a potentially life-changing new talented-and-gifted program		
The Jacket	Clements, Andrew	FIC CLE
 Sixth-grader Phil comes to an awareness of his own racial prejudice after he sees Daniel, an African-American boy, wearing his brother's one-of-a-kind jacket and leaps to the conclusion that Daniel has stolen the coat.		
Finding Langston	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	FIC CLI
 Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.		
Trace	Cummings, Pat	FIC CUM
An African-American middle schooler who has recently lost both his parents sees a ghost wearing old-fashioned clothing in the basement of the New York Public Library		
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul	FIC CUR
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids		
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis, Christopher Paul	FIC CUR
 In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.		
Copper Sun	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
 Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.		
Darkness Before Dawn	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
 Recovering from the recent suicide of her ex-boyfriend, senior class president Keisha Montgomery finds herself attracted to a dangerous, older man.		
Forged by Fire	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
 Gerald, a teenager who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, must face the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.		

Stella By Starlight	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
	When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.	
Tears of a Tiger	Draper, Sharon	FIC DRA
	The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.	
Foul Trouble	Feinstein, John	FIC FEI
College recruiters are clamoring to sign up Terrell Jamerson, the #1 high school basketball player in the country. But not all of these recruiters are straight shooters, and Terrell will have to think fast if he wants to stay in the game		
Money Hungry	Flake, Sharon	FIC FLA
	All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.	
The Skin I'm In	Flake, Sharon	FIC FLA
	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.	
Overtuned	Giles, Lamar R.	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.		
Spin	Giles, Lamar R.	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.	
The Echo Park Castaways	Hennessey, M. G.	FIC HEN
	After going on a quest across Los Angeles together, Quentin, Vic, Nevaeh, and Mara, four very different foster children, realize that they have become a family.	
Buddy	Herlong, M. H.	FIC HER
	Twelve-year-old Li'l T and his family face great losses caused by Hurricane Katrina, including leaving Buddy, their very special, three-legged dog, behind when they must evacuate.	
Witness	Hesse, Karen	FIC HES
	A history-inspired novel, told in the voices of eleven characters, about two young girls, one Jewish and the other African-American, who come to the attention of the newly formed Ku Klux Klan in a small Vermont town in 1924.	
Ruby, Lee and Me	Hitchcock, Shannon	FIC HIT
	When a formerly segregated North Carolina town hires its first African-American teacher in 1969, two girls--one black, one white--confront the prejudice that challenges their friendship.	

Behind the Lines	Holland, Isabelle	FIC HOL
 During the New York Draft Riot of 1863, a young Irish Catholic girl helps an African-American make a daring escape from an angry mob.		
Midnight Without a Moon	Jackson, Linda Williams	FIC JAC
 Rose Lee Carter, a thirteen-year-old African-American girl, dreams of life beyond the Mississippi cotton fields during the summer of 1955, but when Emmett Till is murdered and his killers are unjustly acquitted, Rose is torn between seeking her destiny outside of Mississippi or staying and being a part of an important movement.		
A Sky Full of Stars	Jackson, Linda Williams	FIC JAC
 In Stillwater, Mississippi, in 1955, thirteen-year-old African American Rose Lee Carter looks to her family and friends to understand her place in the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement.		
The Parker Inheritance	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.		
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere	Lamana, Julie	FIC LAM
 At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake		
Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue	Lester, Julius	FIC LES
 Emma has taken care of the Butler children since Sarah and Frances's mother, Fanny, left. Emma wants to raise the girls to have good hearts, as a rift over slavery has ripped the Butler household apart. Now, to pay off debts, Pierce Butler wants to cash in his slave "assets", possibly including Emma.		
The Lions of Little Rock	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.		
Running Out of Night	Lovejoy, Sharon	FIC LOV
 Journey of an abused twelve-year-old white girl and an escaped slave girl who run away together and form a bond of friendship while seeking freedom		
Tight	Maldonado, Torrey	FIC MAL
 After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.		
What Lane?	Maldonado, Torrey	FIC MAL
 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.		

Slay	Morris, Brittney	FIC MOR
 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.		
47	Mosley, Walter	FIC MOS
 Number 47, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John, who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom.		
Autobiography of My Dead Brother	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
 Jesse uses his sketchbook and comic strips to make sense of his home in Harlem and the loss of a close friendship.		
Invasion!	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry were friends in Virginia, but now that they are both involved in the Normandy invasion, the differences in their positions is uncomfortable, for Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.		
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
 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.		
Scorpions	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
 After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.		
Sunrise Over Fallujah	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
 Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.		
North	Napoli, Donna Jo	FIC NAP
 Tired of his mother's overprotectiveness and intrigued by the life of African American explorer Matthew Henson, twelve-year-old Alvin travels north and spends a season with a trapper near the Arctic Circle.		
Jip: His Story	Paterson, Katherine	FIC PAT
 While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.		
Trouble Don't Last	Pearsall, Shelly	FIC SHE
 Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.		
A Good Kind of Trouble	Ramee, Lisa Moore	FIC RAM
 Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) 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. Wait, what? Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking.		

The Boy in the Black Suit	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.		
As Brave As You	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
When Genie and his older brother spend their summer in the country with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave.		
Ghost (#1 in <i>The Track Series</i>)	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential		
Patina (#2 in <i>The Track Series</i>)	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons		
Sunny (#3 in <i>The Track Series</i>)	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 Sunny, the Defenders' best runner, only runs for his father, who blames Sunny for his mother's death, but with his coach's help Sunny finds a way to combine track and field with his true passion, dancing.		
Lu (#4 in <i>The Track Series</i>)	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but it might not be as easy as it seems. Suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way--literally and not-so-literally--and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means		
Long Way Down	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 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.		
Miles Morales	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
 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		
Ghost Boys	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		
Ninth Ward	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	FIC RHO
 In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanessa, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.		
Slam Dunk!	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.		

Small Steps	Sachar, Louis	FIC SAC
 Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.		
Zora and Me: The Cursed Ground	Simon, T.R.	FIC SIM
 When Zora Neale Hurston and her best friend, Carrie Brown, discover that the town mute can speak after all, they think they've uncovered a big secret. But Mr. Polk's silence is just one piece of a larger puzzle that stretches back half a century to the tragic story of an enslaved girl named Lucia. As Zora's curiosity leads a reluctant Carrie deeper into the mystery, the story unfolds through alternating narratives. Lucia's struggle for freedom resonates through the years, threatening the future of America's first incorporated black township--the hometown of author Zora Neale Hurston		
Flygirl	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.		
Love Double Dutch!	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		
Just South of Home	Strong, Karen	FIC STR
 Twelve-year-old Sarah, her Chicago cousin Janie, brainy brother Ellis, and his best friend, Jasper, investigate a tragic event in their small Southern town's history.		
The Harlem Charade	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.		
The Gold Cadillac	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.		
The Land	Taylor, Mildred D.	FIC TAY
 Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a White plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.		
Let the Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, Mildred D.	FIC TAY
 Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.		
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred D.	FIC TAY
 An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.		
The Final Four	Volponi, Paul	FIC VOL
 Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.		

Rucker Park Setup	Volponi, Paul	FIC VOL
 While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened.		
Piecing Me Together	Watson, Renee	FIC WAT
 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.		
The Length of a String	Weissman, Elissa Brent	FIC WEI
 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.		
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground	Williams-Garcia, Rita	FIC WIL
 Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen -- he can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own. But then the unthinkable happens. Cool Papa Byrd dies, and Clayton's mother forbids Clayton from playing the blues. And Clayton knows that's no way to live. Armed with his grandfather's brown porkpie hat and his harmonica, he runs away from home in search of the Bluesmen, hoping he can join them on the road. But on the journey that takes him through the New York City subways and to Washington Square Park, Clayton learns some things that surprise him.		
Gone Crazy in Alabama #3	Williams-Garcia, Rita	FIC WIL
 Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother, Big Ma, and her mother, Ma Charles. Across the way lives Ma Charles's half sister, Miss Trotter. The two half sisters haven't spoken in years. As Delphine hears about her family history, she uncovers the surprising truth that's been keeping the sisters apart. But when tragedy strikes, Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.		
P.S. Be Eleven #2	Williams-Garcia, Rita	FIC WIL
 The Gaither sisters are back in Brooklyn, where changes large and small come to their household as they grow up during the turbulent 1960s.		
Genesis Begins Again	Williams, Alicia	FIC WIL
 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.		
Revolution #2	Wiles, Deborah	FIC WIL
 It's 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and Sunny's town is being invaded by people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote. Her personal life isn't much better, as a new stepmother, brother, and sister are crowding into her life, giving her little room to breathe.		
Shayla's Double Brown Baby Blues	Williams, Lori Aurelia	FIC WIL
 Thirteen-year-old Shayla is upset when her estranged father's new baby is born on her birthday, but she learns that her problems are nothing compared to those faced by her friends Kambia and Lemm.		
After Tupac and D Foster	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
 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.		

Feathers	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
 When a new, white student nicknamed "The Jesus Boy" joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light.		
Harbor Me	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
 When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world		
The House You Pass on the Way	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
 When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.		
Peace, Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
 Through letters to his little sister, who is living in a different foster home, sixth-grader Lonnie, also known as "Locomotion," keeps a record of their lives while they are apart, describing his own foster family, including his foster brother who returns home after losing a leg in the Iraq War.		
The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA	Woods, Brenda	FIC WOO
 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		
New Kid	Craft, Jerry	GN 741.5 CRA
 Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?		
The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural	Mckissack, Patricia	SC MCK
 A collection of ghost stories with African-American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before sunset--when ghosts seem all too believable.		
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks	Reynolds, Jason	SC REY
 A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school		
Vampire Bugs: Stories Conjured from the Past	Wyeth, Sharon Dennis	SC WYE
 Collection of six supernatural tales that are inspired by the oral tradition of African-American storytellers.		
Serafina's Promise	Burg, Ann	Electronic copy
 In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor--then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.		

The Watson's Go to Birmingham

Curtis, Christopher Paul

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The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.