



# **ROAD HOME**

By Rex Ogle

When Rex's father kicks him out of the house for being gay, how will Rex manage to survive with only \$112, his wits, and his old truck? Will a relationship with an acquaintance pan out, or will Rex have to struggle with homophobia, houselessness, and hunger before he discovers the road home?



## **NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS**

**Bv Meredith Adamo** 

"I think I'm in trouble, but I think you can help me." These are Maddie's last words to her former friend Jo before she disappears. Did she run away because she knew secrets that, if she told, would change the future for her 'friends' including her boyfriend? Who's real and who can be trusted? Jo, committed to solving Maddie's disappearance, must face her past, the choices she's made, and the tangled relationships she's had, including with Maddie.



# SHUT UP, THIS IS SERIOUS

By Carolina Ixta

In SHUT UP. THIS IS SERIOUS, reality crashes head-first into chaos with the subtlety of a wrecking ball. This isn't just another story - it's a wild ride that grabs you by the collar and refuses to let go. The author masterfully balances razorsharp wit with gut-punching drama, creating a narrative that's as addictive as it is authentic. Just when you think you've got it figured out, another layer peels back to reveal something even more compelling. We haven't been this invested in a story since... well, shut up, this is serious.



## **BLACK GIRL YOU ARE ATLAS**

By Renee Watson Illustrated by Ekua Holmes

A powerful collection of poems and art celebrating the strength, beauty, and brilliance of Black girls. With moving words and stunning illustrations, this book reminds readers: you are history, you are love, you are enough.



# TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS FROM NOW...

By Jason Reynolds

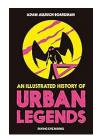
Neon and Aria are about to take a big step in their relationship. Told in reverse, their story traces their journey from their first meeting to this pivotal moment. Along the way, Neon reflects on love, uncertainty, and the challenges of young adulthood.



# **CLOCK STRIKER, VOL. 2:** THE SHARING SOCIETY

By Shifa Saltagi Safadi

Once again. Cast and her mentor set out to save her friend Kalus. But something is very odd in the town they track Kalus to. Can Cast figure it out before it's too late?



# **AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY** OF URBAN LEGENDS

By Adam Allsuch Boardman

This book takes readers on a journey through the world of urban legends, exploring tales that range from timeless folklore to modern-day myths. Each story examines the eerie and often chilling nature of legends that have been passed down or twisted through time. Prepare to dive into a collection of uncanny tales that will leave you questioning the boundary between fact and fiction.



# **BROWNSTONE: A GRAPHIC NOVEL**

**By Samuel Teer** 

Illustrated by Mar Julia

Almudena never met her Guatemalan, Spanishspeaking father. Now her mom is leaving her with him for the entire summer, in a neighborhood where she knows no one and where she is considered "off-brand" because she is "not brown enough" to fit in. How will she manage? What will she learn about herself, her parents, and community?









#### **BEFORE IT'S GONE**

#### By Jonathan Vigliotti

What if the breathtaking landscapes you grew up admiring - the towering redwoods, the coral reefs teeming with life, the icy peaks of Alaska - were gone within your lifetime? In BEFORE IT'S GONE, journalist Jonathan Vigliotti embarks on a powerful journey across America's most fragile ecosystems, uncovering the urgent fight to protect them from climate change, wildfires, and human interference. Through gripping storytelling and firsthand reporting, this book is both a wake-up call and a testament to the resilience of those working tirelessly to save what remains - before it's too late.



# (S)KIN

#### By Ibi Zoboi

Once a month, under the darkness of the new moon, Marisol gets into the bathtub to painfully shed her seemingly mortal outer casing.

Meanwhile, Genevieve runs from a nightmare to her rooftop garden, fighting not to tear at her fiery red skin afflicted by a chronic condition. Two teens, connected by inner pain and magic, in modern-day NYC.



# **OFF MENU: A GRAPHIC NOVEL**

#### By Oliver Gerlach Illustrated by Kelsi Jo Silva

Gobble up this tasty mix, perfect for foodies and fantasy lovers. Mysterious fae, monster besties, and a brave human chef named Soup cook up a magical coming of age tale of a community rallying together against an evil elven chef who is even worse than Gordon Ramsay.



## **RISING FROM THE ASHES**

### By Paula Yoo

Spring, 1992: After a jury returned not guilty verdicts in the trial of four LA police officers charged in the brutal beating of a Black man, Rodney King, the city was torn apart. Thousands of fires were set. Protestors and store owners exchanged gunfire. More than 12,000 people were arrested and 2,400 injured; 63 died. Here's the before and after stories focusing on the experiences of three key victims.



# ASHITA NO JOE: FIGHTING FOR TOMORROW. VOL. 1

#### By Asao Takamori Illustrated by Tetsuya Chiba

Joe Yabuki doesn't need anyone. He makes his own way and follows his own rules. Who cares if that old pug sees the makings of a great boxer in him? The street rats that follow him around are just hangers on. Joe doesn't need anyone—until he does. Follow the collected adventures of Joe Yabuki, in English for the first time.



## **SPIRIT SLEUTHS**

#### By Gail Jarrow

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Spiritualism flourished as people sought to contact deceased loved ones, but many were deceived by fraudulent mediums. Magician Harry Houdini, determined to expose these scams, used his stage show and undercover investigators to reveal the tricks behind the hoaxes. This book uncovers the fascinating history of their ghost-busting efforts and the ongoing battle against psychic fraud.



# **NO PLACE LEFT TO HIDE**

#### By Megan Lally

Brooke Goodwin has meticulously crafted a flawless image—stellar grades, impeccable looks, and a pristine reputation - all to secure her dream of attending Yale. But when a celebratory night takes a dark turn, Brooke and her best friend find themselves relentlessly pursued on a desolate road. Someone knows the truth about a past incident Brooke has desperately tried to bury, and they're determined to expose it. As the night spirals into a harrowing fight for survival, Brooke must confront her deepest fears and the secrets she's kept hidden. Will she manage to keep her past concealed, or will everything she's worked for come crashing down?



## THE DEEP DARK: A GRAPHIC NOVEL

# By Molly Knox Ostertag

Sometimes reliving bad experiences is the only way to address them. When a childhood friend reappears in her life, Mags is compelled to reevaluate a troubling experience and the way that she's been taught to handle a dark element of her life. Could reexamining lead to a new freedom?

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