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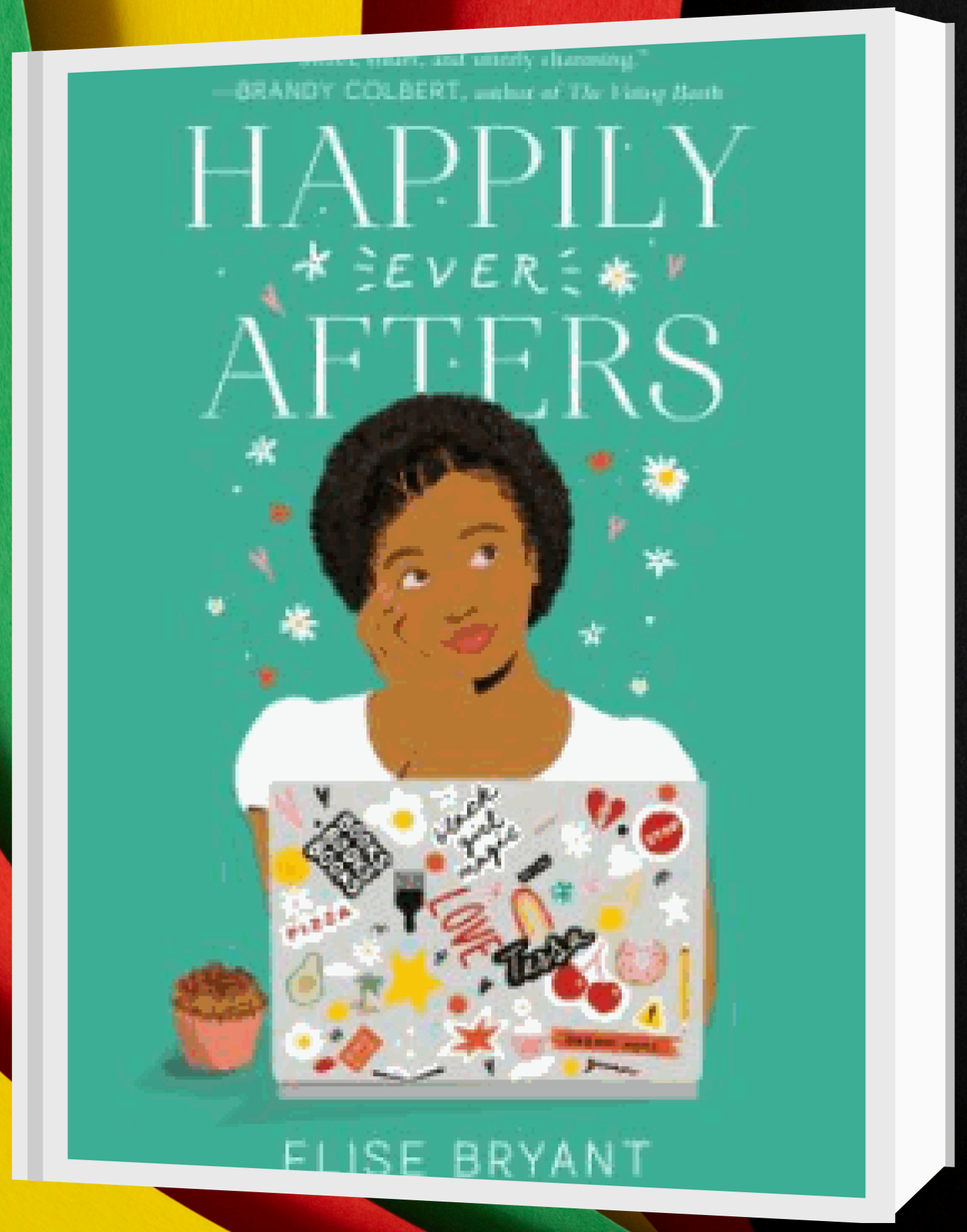
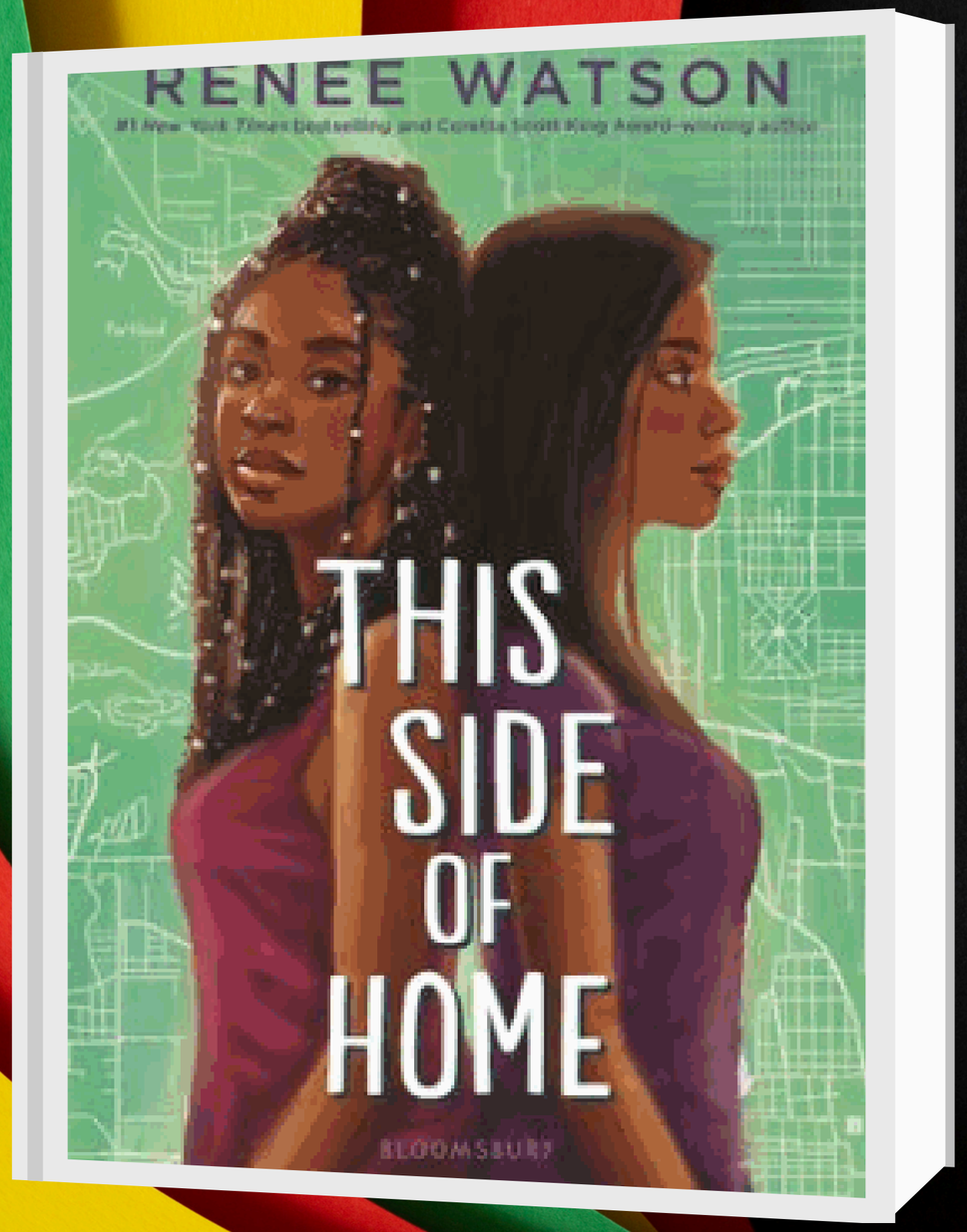
BLACK FEMALE VOICES



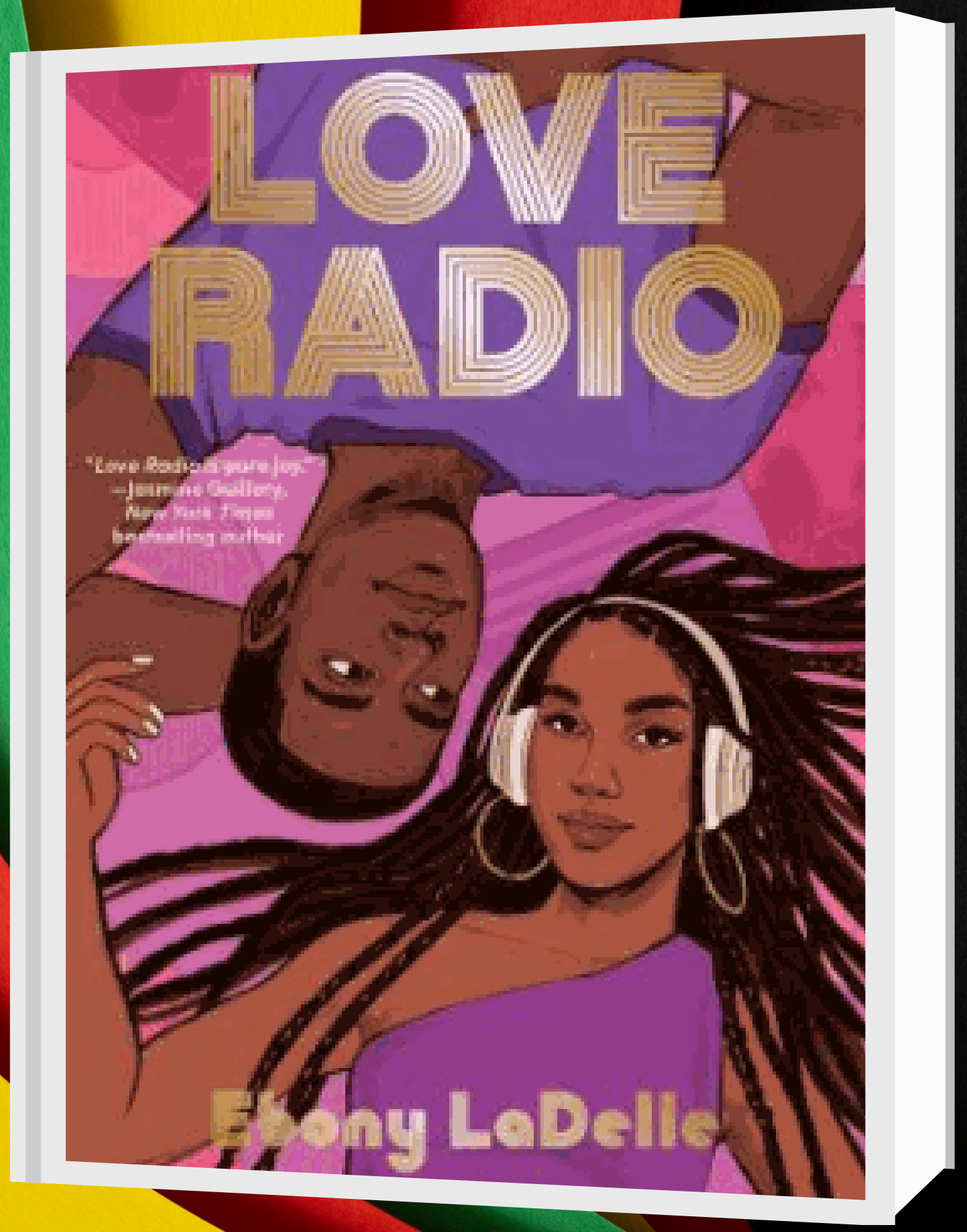
When Tessa is accepted into a prestigious creative writing program, she's excited to finally let her stories shine. But when she goes to her first workshop, the words are just. . .gone. Needing inspiration in a real-life love story, Tessa puts together a list of romance novel-inspired steps to a happily ever after. Now all she needs to find is her Prince Charming.



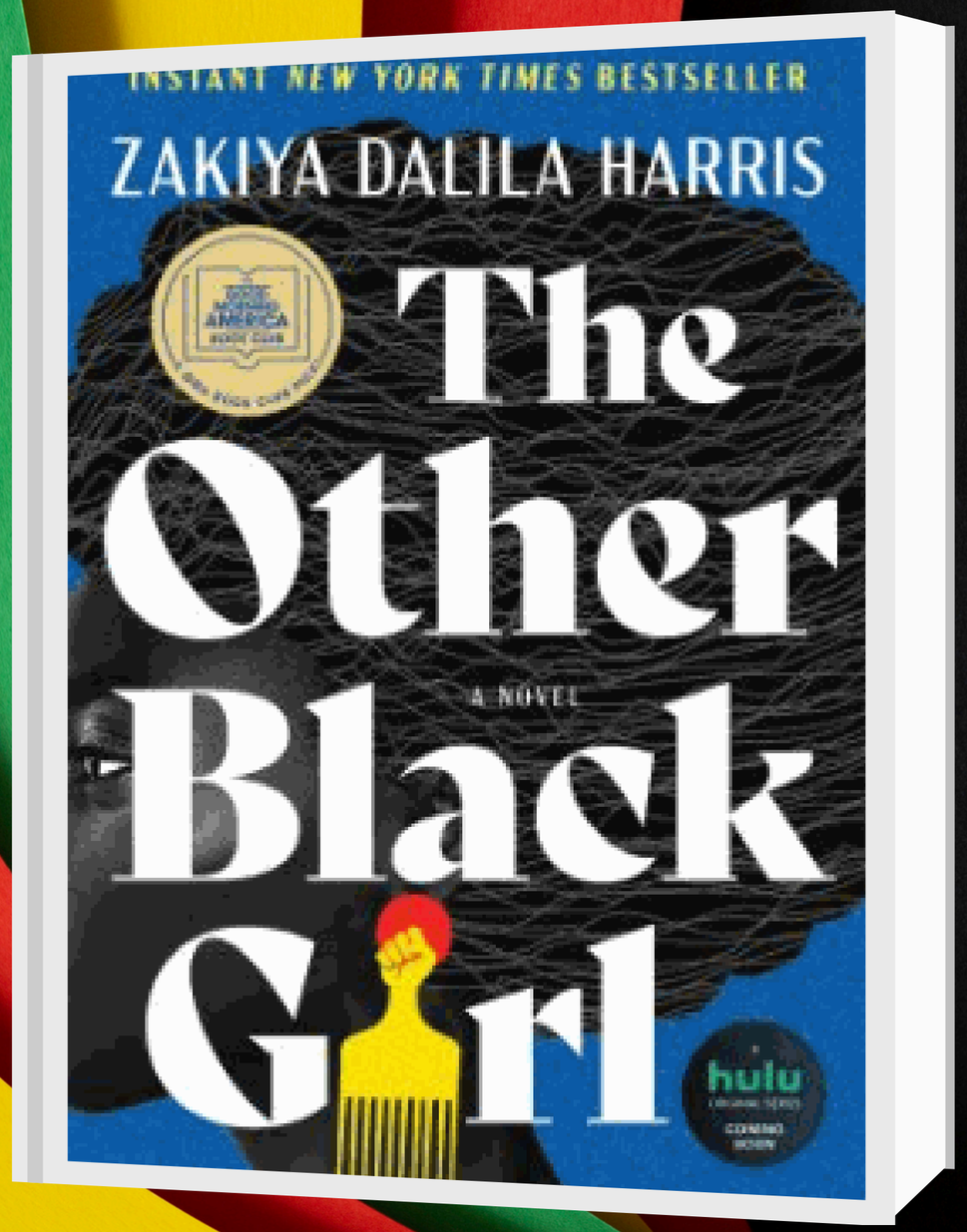
Amina Conteh has always believed in using her voice as her weapon--even when it gets her into trouble. After cursing at a classmate, her father forces her to volunteer at their church with Pastor Johnson. But Pastor Johnson isn't the holy man everyone thinks he is. The same voice Amina uses to fight falls quiet the night she is sexually assaulted by Pastor Johnson.



Twins Maya and Nikki, while still close, find they have very different views about the changes in their neighborhood. Nikki is delighted with improvements, but Maya is concerned they come at too steep a price. When their best friend's family is forced to move, the rift deepens: Maya wants to maintain their connection to Essence, while Nikki has become close to newcomer Kate.



Prince Jones has his own segment on the popular hip-hop show, Love Radio, where he dishes out advice to the brokenhearted, but the only romances in his life are the ones he hears about from his listeners. Until he meets Dani Ford. . . who's only focused on her future career plans, not love. Prince is smitten, though, so Dani gives Prince just three dates to convince her that he's worth falling for.



Nella Rogers, the only Black employee at Wagner Books, is thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel joins the company. They've only just started comparing natural hair care regimens, when the aftermath of the confrontation has Nella wondering whether Hazel really has her back, and anonymous notes telling Nella to leave the company fuel her growing unease.



Deka lives in fear of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village. But on the day of the ceremony, her blood runs gold, the color of impurity--and Deka knows she will face a consequence worse than death. Rather than submitting to her fate, Deka leaves to fight for the emperor in an army of girls just like her. And they are the only ones who can stop the empire's greatest threat.