



Race, Justice, & Activism:

A Tween/Teen Starter List

This list (ordered by grade) was created to help youth grades 6-12 process the events surrounding the killing of George Floyd. Its resources are for everyone. It is intended as an informational resource; it's not exhaustive and not all books have been read by those who created it. [Books are accessible through Reading/NOBLE.](#)

For more resources, be sure to take a look this document put together by national librarians: <http://bit.ly/BLMresources>



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Fiction



Blended by Sharon M. Draper

Gr 4-7

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.

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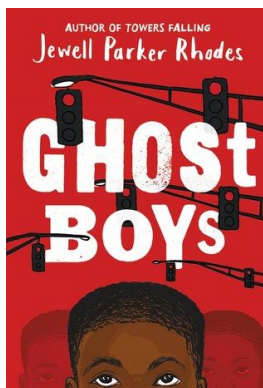


Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Gr 4-6

Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place.

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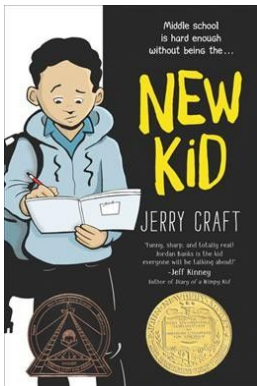
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Gr 4-8

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.

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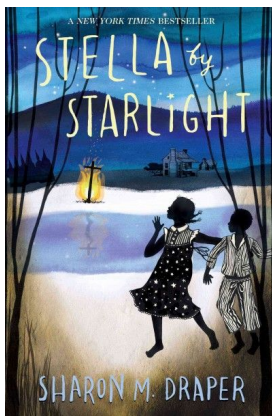


New Kid by Jerry Craft

Gr 4-7

In graphic novel format, seventh grader Jordan 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.

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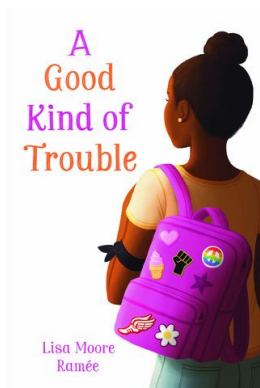


Stella By Starlight by Sharon Draper

Gr 4-8

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.

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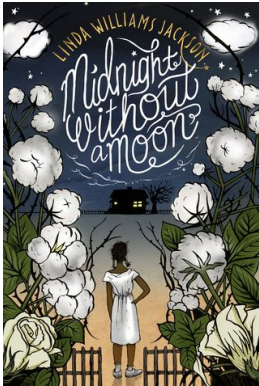
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée

Gr 5-7

After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.

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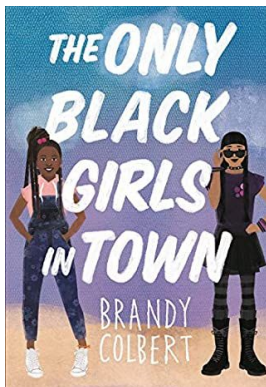


Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson

Gr 5-7

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.

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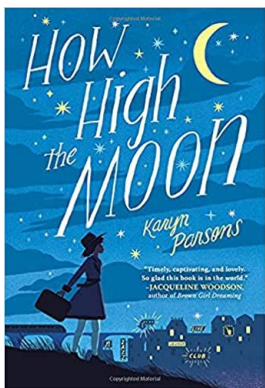


The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert

Gr 5-7

In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.

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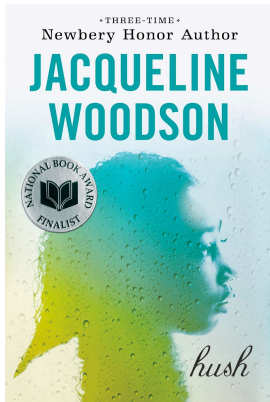
How High the Moon by Karyn Parsons

Gr 5-8

Eleven-year-old Ella seeks information about her father while enjoying a visit with her mother, a jazz singer, in Boston in 1944, then returns to the harsh realities of segregated, small-town South Carolina.

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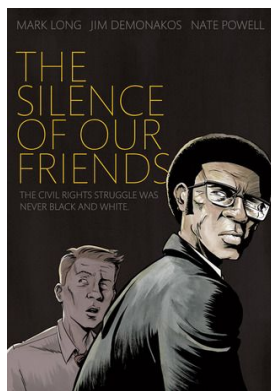


Hush by Jacqueline Woodson

Gr 6-9

Evie Thomas is not who she used to be. Once she had a best friend, a happy home and a loving grandmother living nearby. Once her name was Toswiah. Now, everything is different. Her family has been forced to move to a new place and change their identities. And Evie, struggling to find her way in a new city where kids aren't friendly and the terrain is as unfamiliar as her name, wonders who she is.

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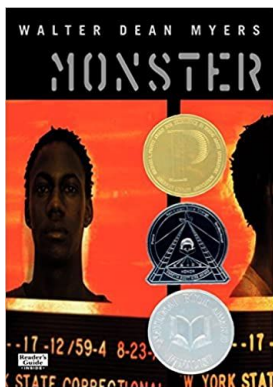


The Silence of Our Friends by Mark Long & Jim Demonakos, art by Nate Powell

Gr 6 Up

This semi-autobiographical tale is set in 1967 Texas, against the backdrop of the fight for civil rights. A white family from a notoriously racist neighborhood in the suburbs and a black family from its poorest ward cross Houston's color line, overcoming humiliation, degradation, and violence to win the freedom of five black college students unjustly charged with the murder of a policeman.

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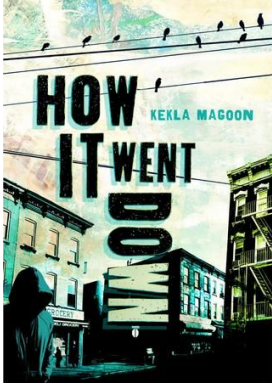
Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Gr 7-12

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.

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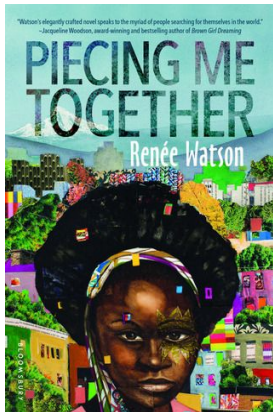


How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon

Gr 7 Up

When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

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Piecing Me Together by Kekla Magoon

Gr 7 Up

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.

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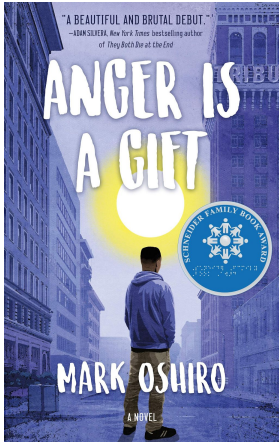
Slay by Brittney Morris

Gr 7 Up

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.

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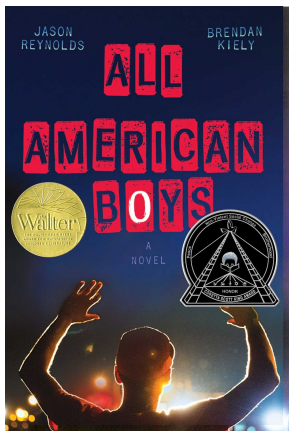


Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro

Gr 8 Up

Moss Jeffries is many things--considerate student, devoted son, loyal friend and affectionate boyfriend, enthusiastic nerd. But sometimes Moss still wishes he could be someone else--someone without panic attacks, someone whose father was still alive, someone who hadn't become a rallying point for a community because of one horrible night ... Moss can't even escape at school--he and his friends are subject to the lack of funds and crumbling infrastructure at West Oakland High, as well as constant intimidation by the resource officer stationed in their halls.

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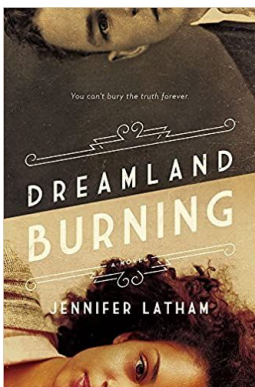


All American Boys by Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely

Gr 8 Up

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

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Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham

Gr 8 Up

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot, providing some clues to the mystery.

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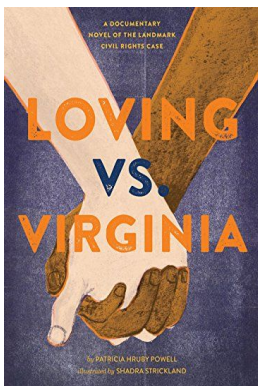
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas



Gr 8 Up

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

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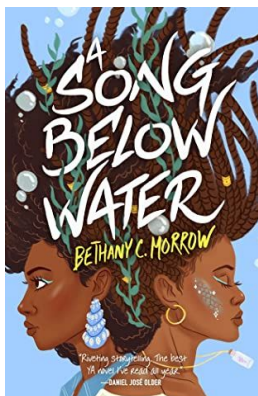


Loving vs. Virginia by Patricia Hruby Powell

Gr 8 Up

Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

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A Song Below Water by Bethany Morrow

Gr 8 Up

a captivating modern fantasy about black mermaids, friendship, and self-discovery set against the challenges of today's racism and sexism.

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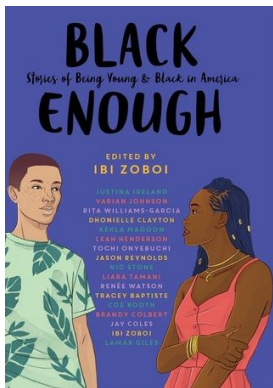


Watch Us Rise by Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan

Gr 8 up

Jasmine and Chelsea are best friends on a mission--they're sick of the way women are treated even at their progressive NYC high school, so they decide to start a Women's Rights Club. They post their work online--poems, essays, videos of Chelsea performing her poetry, and Jasmine's response to the racial microaggressions she experiences--and soon they go viral.

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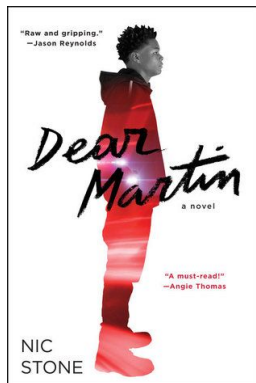


Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi

Gr 9 Up

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else's.

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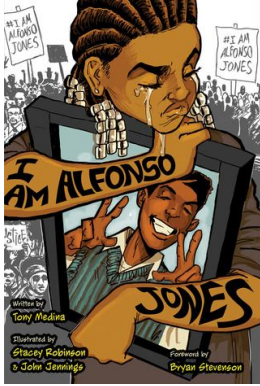
Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Gr 9 Up

Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend--but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in cuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore?

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Fiction



I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina illustrated by Stacey Robinson and John Jennings

Gr 9 Up

In this graphic novel the ghost of fifteen-year-old Alfonso Jones travels in a New York subway car full of the living and the dead, watching his family and friends fight for justice after he is killed by an off-duty police officer while buying a suit in a Midtown department store.

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I'm Not Dying With You Tonight by Kimberly Jones, Gilly Segal

Gr 9 Up

Told from two viewpoints, Atlanta high school seniors Lena and Campbell, one black, one white, must rely on each other to survive after a football rivalry escalates into a riot.

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Light It Up by Kekla Magoon

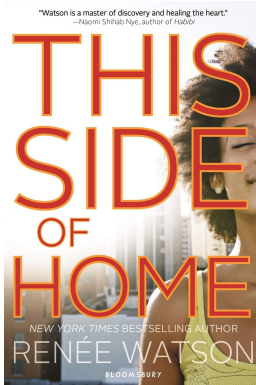
Gr 9 Up

Told from multiple viewpoints, Shae Tatum, an unarmed, thirteen-year-old black girl, is shot by a white police officer, throwing their community into upheaval and making it a target of demonstrators.

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Fiction

This Side of Home by Renée Watson

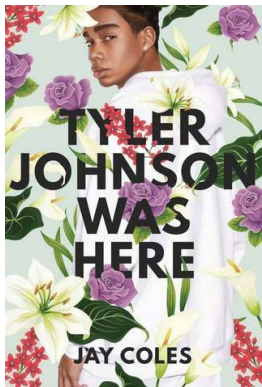


Gr 9 Up

Maya Younger and her identical twin sister, Nikki, have always agreed on the important things. Friends. Boys. School. They even plan to attend the same historically Black college. But as they head into their senior year, they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new -- white -- family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.

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Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles

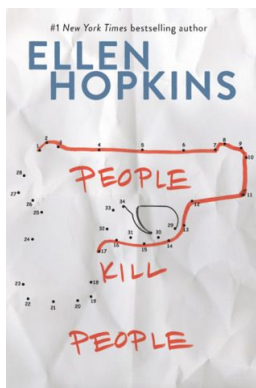


Gr 9 Up

When Marvin Johnson's twin, Tyler, goes to a party, Marvin decides to tag along to keep an eye on his brother. But what starts as harmless fun turns into a shooting, followed by a police raid. The next day Tyler is missing, and it's up to Marvin to find him. But when Tyler is found dead, a video leaked online tells an even more chilling story: Tyler has been shot and killed by a police officer.

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People Kill People by Ellen Hopkins

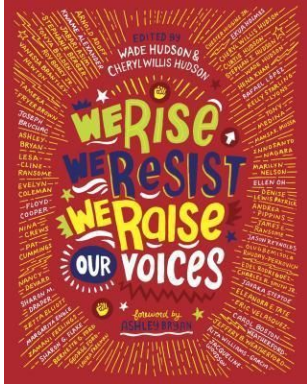


Gr 10 Up

Novel in verse. A gun is sold in the classifieds after killing a spouse. It is bought by a teenager for needed protection. Several people have the incentive to pick up a gun, to fire it. Was it Rand or Cami, married teenagers with a young son? Was it Silas or Ashlyn, members of a white supremacist youth organization? Daniel, who fears retaliation because of his race, who possessively clings to Grace, the love of his life? Or Noelle, who lost everything after a devastating accident, and has sunk quietly into depression? Someone will fire. And someone will die. But who?

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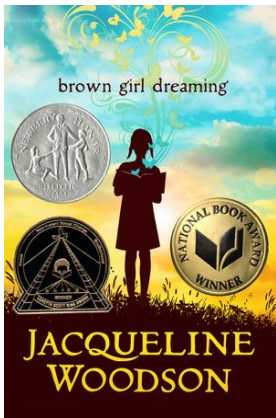


We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices ed. by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson

Gr 3-7

What do we tell our children when the world seems bleak, and prejudice and racism run rampant? With 96 lavishly designed pages of original art, poetry, and prose, fifty diverse creators lend voice and comfort to young activists.

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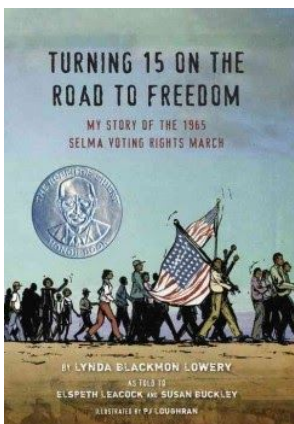


Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Gr 4-7

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

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Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery

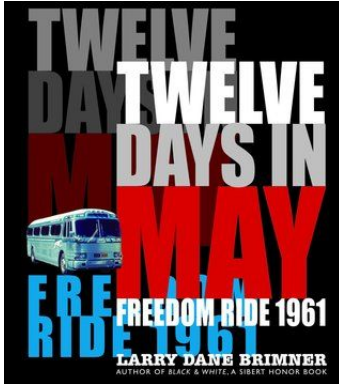
Gr 5-8

A 50th-anniversary tribute shares the story of the youngest person to complete the momentous Selma to Montgomery March, describing her frequent imprisonments for her participation in nonviolent demonstrations and how she felt about her involvement in historic Civil Rights

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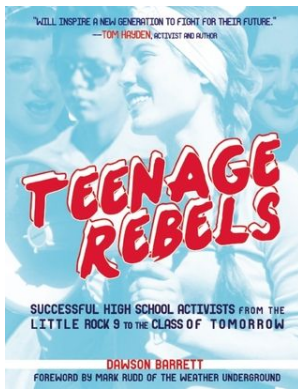
Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961 by Larry Dane Brimmer



Gr 5 Up

For twelve history-making days in May 1961, thirteen black and white civil rights activists, also known as the Freedom Riders, traveled by bus into the South to draw attention to the unconstitutional segregation still taking place. Despite their peaceful protests, the Freedom Riders were met with increasing violence the further south they traveled.

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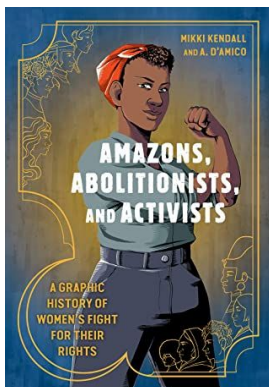


Teenage Rebels by Dawson Barrett

Gr 5 Up

Informative and inspiring, this collection of 72 stories from American history demonstrates the impact that teenagers have been able to make when they believe in a cause. Barrett exposes readers to the defiance and activism of adolescents who are often overlooked in history books, from 16-year-old Sybil Ludington's midnight ride warning the countryside of a British attack in 1777 to the 2014 counter-demonstration organized by Wilson High School students (in Washington, DC) in response to a hate group's presence outside their school.

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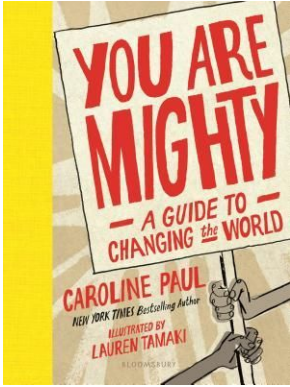
Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights by Mikki Kendall and A. D'Amico

Gr. 6 Up

A bold and gripping graphic history of the fight for women's rights. The ongoing struggle for women's rights has spanned human history, touched nearly every culture on Earth, and encompassed a wide range of issues, such as the right to vote, work, get an education, own property, exercise bodily autonomy, and beyond.

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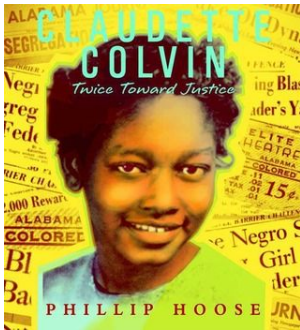
You are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World by Caroline Paul

Gr 6 Up

Being a good citizen means standing up for what's right-and here's just the way to start. So make a sign, write a letter, volunteer, sit-in, or march! There are lots of tactics to choose from, and you're never too young to change the world.

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Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

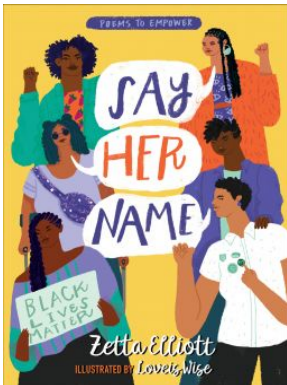


Gr 7-10

Teenager Claudette Colvin refused to give up her seat on a Birmingham bus nine months before Rosa Parks gained fame for the same act of civil disobedience. Colvin, however, did not become famous. Instead, she was ridiculed and despised by both white and black communities, and ended up poor and largely forgotten. Channie Waites interprets, with great empathy, the extensive interviews by which Hoose tells the story, broadening the connection between listeners and Colvin, the difficult decisions she made, and

the turbulent times in which she lived.

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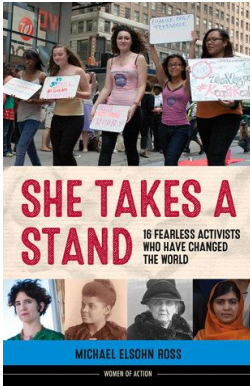
Say Her Name by Zetta Elliott

Gr 7-10

Inspired by the #SayHerName campaign launched by the African American Policy Forum, these poems pay tribute to victims of police brutality as well as the activists insisting that Black Lives Matter. Elliott engages poets from the past two centuries to create a chorus of voices celebrating the creativity, resilience, and courage of Black women and girls.

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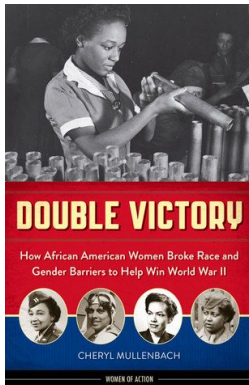


She Takes a Stand: 16 Fearless Activists Who Have Changed the World by Michael Elsohn Ross

Gr 7-10

The latest in this series profiles 16 women from across the globe who have fought for human rights. Suffering personal injury, imprisonment, and a multitude of hardships, these women never gave up their goals.

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Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win World War II by Cheryl Mullenbach

Gr 7 Up

An account of the lesser-known contributions of African-American women during World War II reveals how they helped lay the foundations for the Civil Rights Movement by challenging racial and gender barriers at home and abroad.

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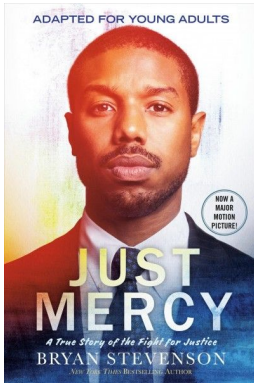
Girls Resist!: A Guide to Activism, Leadership, and Starting a Revolution by Kaelyn Rich

Gr 7 Up

An activism handbook for teen girls ready to fight for change, social justice, and equality. Take on the world and make some serious change with this handbook to everything activism, social justice, and resistance. With in-depth guides to everything from picking a cause, planning a protest, and raising money to running dispute-free meetings, promoting awareness on social media, and being an effective ally. Get this handbook to crush inequality, start a revolution, and resist!

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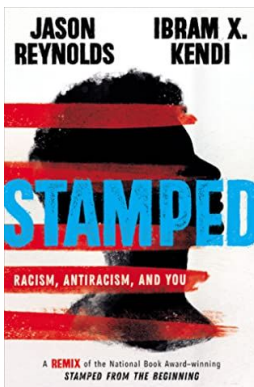


Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults) by Bryan Stevenson

Gr 7 Up

Bryan Stevenson recounts many and varied stories of his work as a lawyer in the U.S. criminal justice system on behalf of those in society who have experienced some type of discrimination and/or have been wrongly accused of a crime and who deserve a powerful advocate and due justice under the law.

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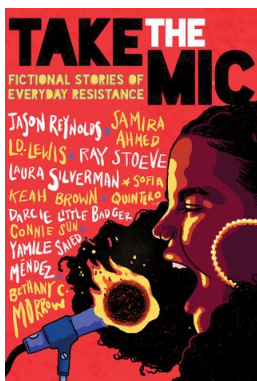


Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds, adapted from *Stamped from the Beginning* by and with an introduction from Ibram X. Kendi

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A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, a reimagining of the National Book Award winner *Stamped from the Beginning*.

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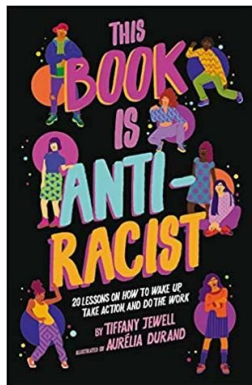
Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance edited by Bethany Morrow

Gr 7 Up

Are you the kind of person who marches to protest injustice? Or perhaps a trans mentor like the one you wish you had when you were younger? Maybe you stand up against loved ones who aren't on your side? Maybe you speak your truth and drop the mic, or maybe you take it with you when you leave? This is an empowering collection of fictional stories told in poems, prose and art by many famous, some emerging, authors of teen works.

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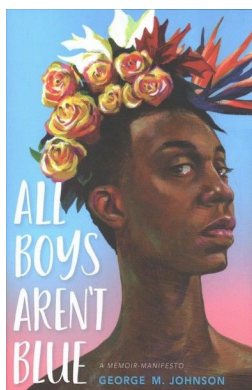
This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell and Aurelia Durand

Gr 7 Up

This book is written for the young person who doesn't know how to speak up to the racist adults in their life. It's for all of the Black and Brown children who have been harmed (physically and emotionally) because no one stood up for them or they

couldn't stand up for themselves. It is written so children and young adults will feel empowered to stand up to the adults who continue to close doors in their faces. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it. In short, it is for everyone.

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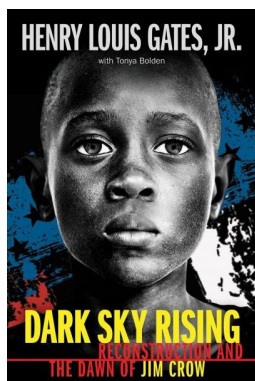


All Boys Aren't Blue by George Johnson

Gr 9 Up

In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys.

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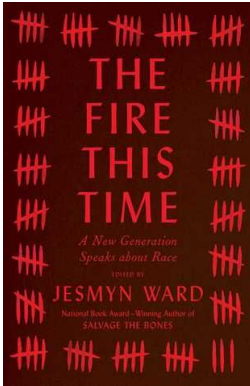
Dark Sky Rising by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Gr 9 Up

This is a story about America during and after Reconstruction, one of history's most pivotal and misunderstood chapters. In a stirring account of emancipation, the struggle for citizenship and national reunion, and the advent of racial segregation, the renowned Harvard scholar delivers a book that is illuminating and timely. Real-life accounts drive the narrative, spanning the half century between the Civil War and *Birth of a Nation*.

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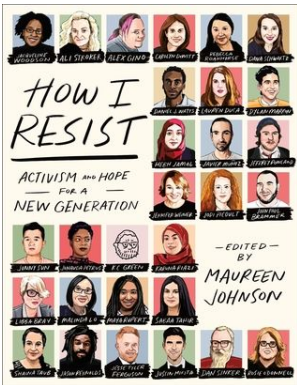


The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race edited by Jesmyn Ward

Gr 9 Up

In this timely collection of essays and poems, Ward (*Men We Reaped*) gathers the voices of a new generation whose essays work together as one to present a kaleidoscopic performance of race in America.

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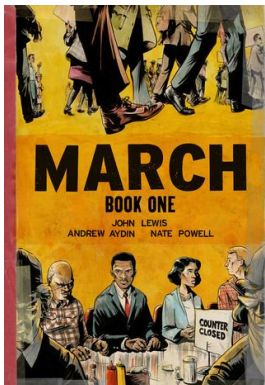


How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation edited by Maureen Johnson

Gr 9 Up

In *How I Resist*, readers will find hope and support through voices that are at turns personal, funny, irreverent, and instructive. Not just for a young adult audience, this incredibly impactful collection will appeal to readers of all ages who are feeling adrift and looking for guidance.

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March by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin art by Nate Powell

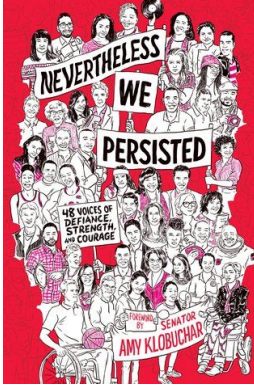
Gr 9 Up

This graphic novel trilogy is a first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation.

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Nevertheless, We Persisted: 48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage

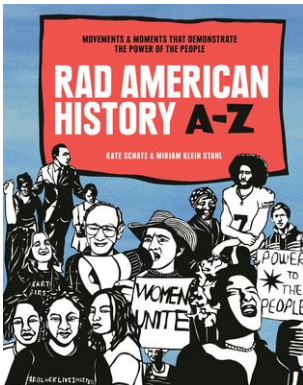


Gr 9 Up

A powerful collection of essays from actors, activists, athletes, politicians, musicians, writers, and teens, each writing about a time in their youth when they were held back because of their race, gender, or sexual identity-- but persisted. They tell how they rose through the hate, overcoming the obstacles of their childhood to the hard-won lives they live today.

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Rad American History A-Z: Movements & Moments that Demonstrate the Power of People by Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl

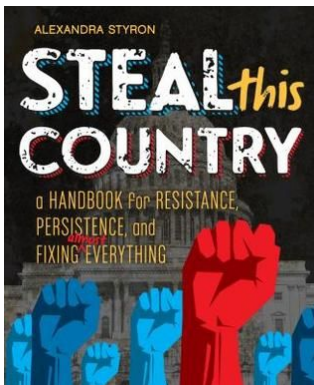


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From the New York Times bestselling team behind [Rad American Women A-Z](#) comes an illustrated collection of radical and transformative political, social, and cultural movements in American history.

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Steal This Country: A Handbook for Resistance, Persistence, and Fixing Almost Anything by Alexandra Styron

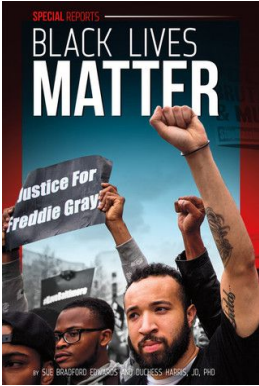


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Essays, profiles, and interviews about issues in social and political action, including climate change, immigration, gender and sexual orientation, racism, women's rights, religious freedom, and intersectionality.

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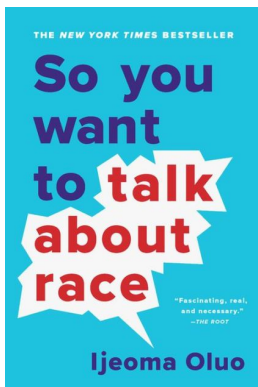


Black Lives Matter by Sue Bradford Edwards and Duchess Harris

Gr 10 Up

Black Lives Matter covers the shootings that touched off passionate protests, the work of activists to bring about a more just legal system, and the tensions in US society that these events have brought to light.

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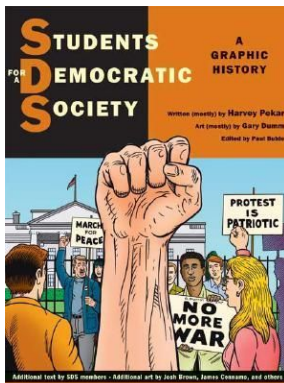


So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Gr 10 Up

A current, constructive, and actionable exploration of today's racial landscape, offering straightforward clarity that readers of all races need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide. In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Editor at Large of *The Establishment*, Ijeoma Oluo offers a contemporary, accessible take on the racial landscape in America, addressing head-on such issues as privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word.

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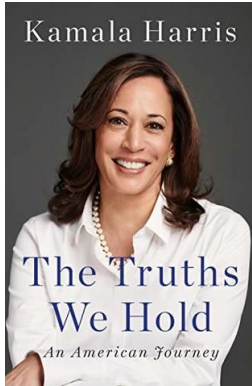
Students for a Democratic Society: A Graphic History by Harvey Pekar, art by Gary Dumm

Gr 10 Up

Among the organizations agitating for social change in the 1960s, Students for a Democratic Society concentrated its efforts on young people. This graphic history uses black-and-white art to effectively document the group's history, from its founding to its split and eventual end.

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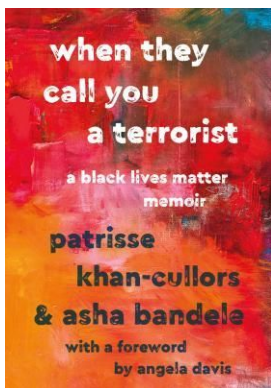


The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala Harris

Gr 10 Up

From one of America's most inspiring political leaders, a book about the core truths that unite us, and the long struggle to discern what those truths are and how best to act upon them, in her own life and across the life of our country.

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When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele

Gr 10 Up

A memoir by the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement explains the movement's position of love, humanity, and justice, challenging perspectives that have negatively labeled the movement's activists while calling for essential political changes.

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Other Resources

Films

A collection of films on social and systemic injustice issues is currently available through Kanopy with your Reading library card: <https://readingpl.kanopy.com/category/49044>

Podcasts

- ★ **1619** An audio series from New York Times that challenges listeners to reframe U.S. history by marking the year when the first enslaved Africans arrived on Virginia soil as our nation's foundational date. Pair listening to the podcast with the [1619 Project Curriculum](#), a teaching resource with reading guides, activities, and other resources.

[Access 1619](#)

Other Resources

- ★ **Activist You!** A new youth podcast focusing on social justice. Every episode features an interview with different kid activists, learning about their dedicated social justice topic, and how and why they became activists. They recently had an episode with a [teen racial justice activist](#). [Access Activist You!](#)
- ★ **Code Switch** Hosted by journalists of color, this NPR podcast tackles conversations about race head-on. [Access Code Switch](#)
- ★ **Stuff You Missed in History Class Podcast** A podcast that covers past events that don't always make it into the curriculum. Teens can delve into our nation's tumultuous history on racial prejudice with episodes like [The Port Chicago Disaster](#), [Red Summer 1919](#), or [The Tulsa Race Riot and Black Wall Street](#) and celebrate the strides Black Americans have made with episodes like [How the Tuskegee Airmen Worked](#). [Access Stuff You Missed in History Class](#)
- ★ **This American Life** In [Episode 562: The Problem We All Live With](#), Nikole Hannah-Jones reports on a school district that accidentally stumbled on an integration program in recent years. It's the Normandy School District in Normandy, Missouri, and the district includes the high school that Michael Brown attended.
- ★ **Unlocking Us: Brene Brown** In the [June 3, 2020 episode](#), podcast host Brené talks with professor Ibram X. Kendi, New York Times bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist* about racial disparities, policy, and equality.