

We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide

by Carol Anderson

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When America achieves milestones of progress toward full and equal black participation in democracy, the systemic response is a consistent racist backlash that rolls back those wins. *We Are Not Yet Equal* examines five of these moments.

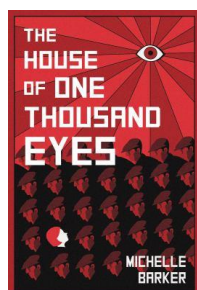


Mammoth

by Jull Baguchinsky

Y/Fic/Baguchinsky

Paleontology geek and plus-size fashion blogger Natalie Page lands an internship working with a celebrated paleontologist, but she realizes that in order to stand out in a field dominated by men, she must first learn to stand up for herself

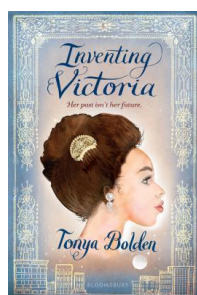


The House of One Thousand Eyes

by Michelle Barker

Y/Fic/Barker

Life in East Germany in the early 1980's is very hard for Lena following the death of her parents and the sudden disappearance and consequent erasure of her uncle's existence by the secret service police, the Stasi. Lena is determined to unearth what happened to her beloved uncle.

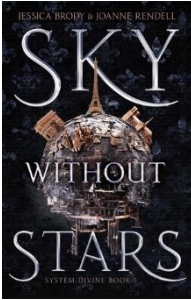


Inventing Victoria

by Tonya Bolden

Y/Fic/Bolden

As a young black woman in 1880s Savannah, Essie's dreams are very much at odds with her reality. Essie is trapped between the life she has and the life she wants. Until she meets a lady named Dorcas, the richest and most cultured black woman she's ever encountered. When Dorcas makes Essie an offer she can't refuse, she becomes Victoria. Transformed by a fine wardrobe, a classic education, and the rules of etiquette, Victoria is soon welcomed in the upper echelons of black society in Washington, D. C.

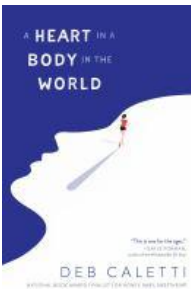


Sky Without Stars

by Jessica Brody

Y/Fic/Brody

When the Last Days came, the planet of Laterre promised hope. A new life for a wealthy French family and their descendants. But five hundred years later, it's now a place where an elite class reigns supreme; where the clouds hide the stars and the poor starve in the streets; where a rebel group, long thought dead, is resurfacing.

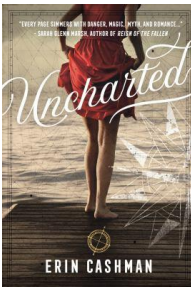


A Heart in a Body in the World

by Deb Caletti

Y/Fic/Caletti

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.



Uncharted

by Erin Cashman

Y/Fic/Cashman

Annabeth prefers the fantasy of her books and paintings to reality—because in reality, her mom is dead, and it was all her fault. She's surprised to find her grief reflected in the face of Griffin Bradford, whose parents just died. Griffin is nothing like the boy she once knew—and he's under police investigation for his parents' deaths. Then, Annabeth's dad goes missing in the woods, and she suspects Griffin knows more about the disappearance than he's letting on.



A Winter's Promise

by Christelle Dabos

Y/Fic/Dabos

Ophelia's ability to read the past of objects is unmatched in all of Anima and she possesses the ability to travel through mirrors, a skill passed down to her from previous generations. Her idyllic life is disrupted, however, when she is promised in marriage to Thorn, a taciturn and influential member of a distant clan. Ophelia must follow her fiancé to Citaceleste, where danger lurks around every corner and nobody can be trusted.

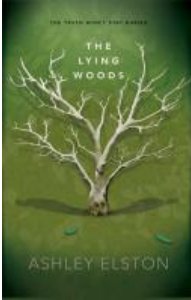


Stronger, Faster, and More Beautiful

by Arwen Dayton

Y/Fic/Dayton

Six interconnected stories that ask how far we will go to remake ourselves into the perfect human specimens, and how hard that will push the definition of human.

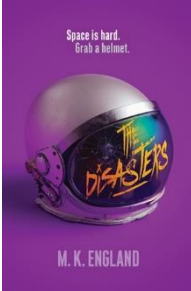


The Lying Woods

by Ashley Elston

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Owen Foster is pulled from his elite New Orleans boarding school when his father commits a terrible crime, and, forced back to his small town home, he begins to piece together his father's past despite mounting danger.

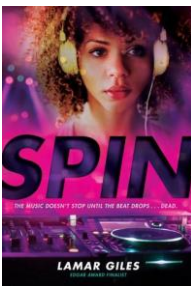


The Disasters

by M.K. England

Y/Fic/England

Nax has a history of making poor life choices. So it's not exactly a surprise when he's kicked out of the elite Ellis Station Academy in less than twenty-four hours. But Nax's one-way trip back to Earth is cut short when a terrorist group attacks the Academy. Nax and three other washouts escape—barely—but they're also the sole witnesses to the biggest crime in the history of space colonization. And the perfect scapegoats.

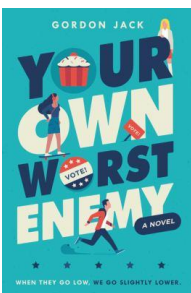


Spin

by Lamar Giles

Y/Fic/Giles

Sixteen-year-old Paris Secord's (aka DJ ParSec) career—and life—has come to an untimely end, and the local music scene is reeling. No one is feeling the pain more than her shunned pre-fame best friend, Kya, and Paris's chief groupie, Fuse. But suspicion trumps grief, and since each suspects the other of Paris's murder, they're locked in a high-stakes game of public accusations and sabotage.



Your Own Worst Enemy

by Jack Gordon

Y/Fic/Gordon

They say that with great power comes great responsibility. Unless you're student body president at Lincoln High School. Then you get all the responsibility but none of the power. And the three candidates running for student body president know all about that.

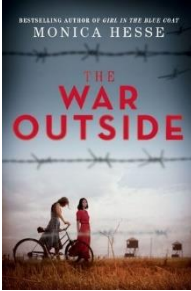


For a Muse of Fire

by Heidi Heilig

Y/Fic/Heilig

Jetta's family is famed as the most talented troupe of shadow players in the land. Their puppets seem to move without string or stick. In truth, Jetta can see the souls of the recently departed and bind them to the puppets with her blood. Her skill and fame are her family's way to earn a spot aboard the royal ship to Aquitan, where rumor has it the Mad King has a spring that cures his ills.

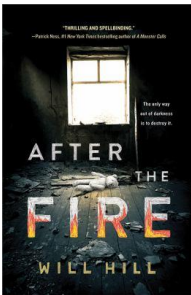


The War Outside

by Monica Hesse

Y/Fic/Hesse

Haruko and Margot meet at the high school in Crystal City, a "family internment camp" for those accused of colluding with the enemy. With everything around them falling apart, Margot and Haruko find solace in their growing, secret friendship. But in a prison the government has deemed full of spies, can they trust anyone—even each other?

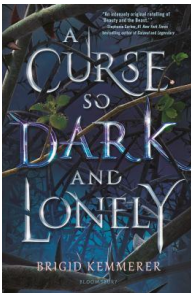


After the Fire

by Will Hill

Y/Fic/Hill

Before, she lived inside the fence. She was never allowed to leave the property, never allowed to talk to Outsiders, never allowed to speak her mind. Because Father John controlled everything-- and Father John liked rules. Disobeying Father John came with terrible consequences. Then came the fire.

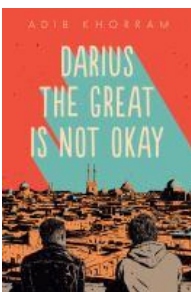


A Curse so Dark and Lonely

by Brigid Kemmerer

Y/Fic/Kemmerer

Eighteen for the three hundred twenty-seventh time, Prince Rhen despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast at the end of each day—until feisty Harper enters his life.



Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

Y/Fic/Khorram

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.



The Music of What Happens

by Bill Konigsberg

Y/Fic/Konigsberg

Max: Chill. Sports. Video games. Gay and not a big deal. Jordan: The opposite of chill. Poetry. Never been kissed and searching for Mr. Right, who probably won't like him anyway. Throw in a rickety, 1980s-era food truck called Coq Au Vinny. Add in prickly pears, cloud eggs, and a murky idea of what's considered locally sourced and organic. Place it all in Mesa, Arizona, in June, where the temp regularly hits 114. And top it off with a touch of undeniable chemistry between utter opposites.



Hey Kiddo

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Y/Graphic/Hey

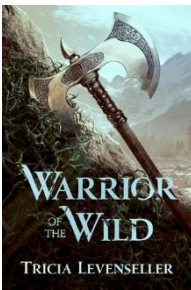
In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery—Jarrett doesn't know where to find him, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents—two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along.



Courting Darkness

by Robin LaFevers
Y/Fic/LaFevers

When Sybella discovers there is another trained assassin from St. Mortain's convent deep undercover in the French court, she must use every skill in her arsenal to navigate the deadly royal politics and find her sister in arms before her time—and that of the newly crowned queen—runs out.



Warrior of the Wild

by Tricia Levenseller
Y/Fic/Levenseller

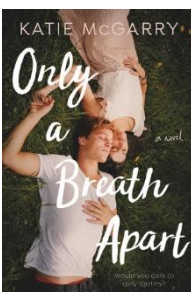
As her father's chosen heir, eighteen-year-old Rasmira has trained her whole life to become a warrior and lead her village. But when her coming-of-age trial is sabotaged and she fails the test, her father banishes her to the monster-filled wilderness with an impossible quest: to win back her honour, she must kill the oppressive god who claims tribute from the villages each year or die trying.



I, Claudia

Mary McCoy
Y/Fic/McCoy

Over the course of her high school years, awkward Claudia McCarthy finds herself unwittingly drawn into the dark side of her school's student government, with dire consequences.



Only a Breath Apart

by Katie McGarry
Y/Fic/McGarry

Town folklore says Jesse is cursed. But the only curse he believes is in his grandmother's will: in order to inherit his family farm he must win the approval of his childhood best friend, the girl he froze out his freshman year, Scarlett. Glory Gardner tells Scarlett she has hidden psychic abilities, but Scarlett thinks Glory is delusional. What is real are her dark secrets at home. Scarlett may have a way to escape, but there's a hitch: she'll have to rely on the one person she used to trust, the same boy who broke her heart, Jesse.

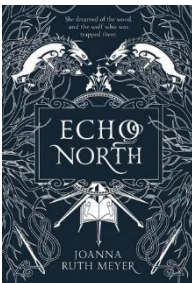


We Set the Dark on Fire

by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Y/Fic/Mejia

At the Medio School for Girls, distinguished young women are trained for one of two roles in their polarized society: a graduate will one day run a husband's household or raise his children, but both are promised a life of comfort and luxury. Daniela Vargas is the school's top student, but her bright future depends upon no one discovering her darkest secret—that her pedigree is a lie.



Echo North

by Joanna Ruth Meyer

Y/Fic/Meyer

Echo Alkaev's safe and carefully structured world falls apart after her father leaves for the city and mysteriously disappears. Believing he is lost forever, Echo is shocked to find him half-frozen in the winter forest six months later, guarded by a strange talking wolf—the same creature who attacked her as a child. The wolf presents Echo with an offer: for her to come and live with him for a year. But there is more to the wolf than Echo realizes.

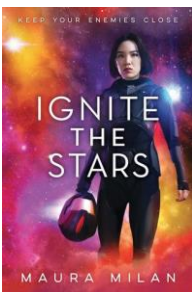


The Crescent Stone

by Matt Mikalatos

Y/Fic/Mikalatos

When Madeline, a teen with terminal lung disease, accepts healing in exchange for a year of service in the Sunlit Lands, she and her friend Jason enjoy being privileged members of Elenil society, until they learn that magic carries a high price.



Ignite the Stars

by Maura Milan

Y/Fic/Milan

A criminal mastermind and unrivaled pilot, Ia has spent her life terrorizing the Olympus Commonwealth, the imperialist nation that destroyed her home. When the Commonwealth captures her and her true identity is exposed, they see Ia's age and talent as an opportunity. Soon, Ia is trapped at the Commonwealth's military academy, desperately plotting her escape.

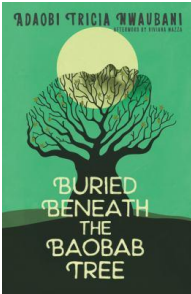


Home and Away

by Candice Montgomery

Y/Fic/Montgomery

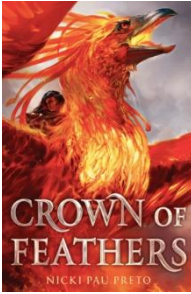
Tasia is a senior with great friends and a supportive family, and she even plays football as the only girl on her private high school's team. A mystery surrounding her mother makes Tasia wonder about her identity. She tries to unravel the lies that have taken over her life.



Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree

by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani
Y/Fic/Nwaubani

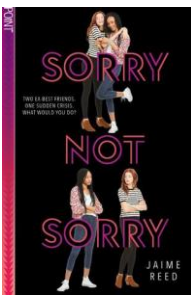
A new pair of shoes, a university degree, a husband—these are the things that a girl dreams of in a Nigerian village. And with a government scholarship right around the corner, these dreams aren't too far out of reach. But the girl's dreams turn to nightmares when her village is attacked by Boko Haram, a terrorist group, in the middle of the night.



Crown of Feathers

by Nicki Pau Preto
Y/Fic/Pau Preto

Veronyka is a war orphan who dreams of becoming a Phoenix Rider from the stories of old. After a shocking betrayal from her controlling sister, Veronyka strikes out alone to find the Riders—even if that means disguising herself as a boy to join their ranks.



Sorry Not Sorry

by Jamie Reed
Y/Fic/Reed

Janelle and Alyssa used to be BFFs—but not anymore. Alyssa became leader of the shallowest girls in school while Janelle got involved in activism with new, true friends. But, suddenly, Alyssa's diabetes becomes the talk of the school. Without a kidney transplant, her chances are not good. Despite reservations, Janelle gets tested and finds that she's a rare, perfect match with Alyssa for a transplant.



The Raging Ones

By Krista Ritchie
Y/Fic/Ritchie

With the threat of people learning they've dodged their deathdays, three teens must flee their planet to survive. But to do so, all three will have to hide their shared bond as they vie for a highly sought after spot in the newest mission to space. Against thousands of people far smarter, who'll live longer, and never fear death the way that they do.



Not Even Bones

by Rebecca Schaeffer
Y/Fic/Schaeffer

Nita's mother hunts monsters and, after Nita dissects and packages them, sells them online, but when Nita follows her conscience to help a live monster escape, she is sold on the black market in his place.



Four Dead Queens

by Astrid Scholte
Y/Fic/Scholte

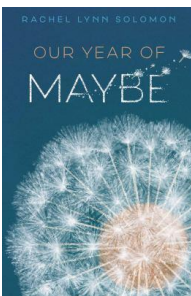
When Keralie intercepts a comm disk coming from the House of Concord, what seems like a standard job goes horribly wrong. Upon watching the comm disks, Keralie sees all four queens murdered in four brutal ways. Hoping that discovering the intended recipient will reveal the culprit, she plans to complete the delivery and see where it takes her.



Dry

by Neal Shusterman
Y/Fic/Shusterman

The drought has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return and her life is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.



Our Year of Maybe

By Rachel Lynn Solomon
Y/Fic/Solomon

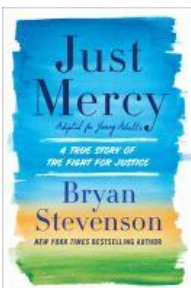
Aspiring choreographer Sophie Orenstein would do anything for Peter Rosenthal-Porter, who's been on the kidney transplant list as long as she's known him. Peter, a gifted pianist, is everything to Sophie: best friend, musical collaborator, secret crush. When she learns she's a match, donating a kidney is an easy, obvious choice. She can't help wondering if after the transplant, he'll love her back the way she's always wanted. But Peter's life post-transplant isn't what either of them expected.



Beneath the Citadel

by Destiny Soria
Y/Fic/Soria

Cassa, the orphaned daughter of rebels, is determined to fight back against the high council, which governs Eldra from behind the walls of the citadel. Her only allies are no-nonsense Alys, easygoing Evander, and perpetually underestimated Newt, and Cassa struggles to come to terms with the legacy of rebellion her dead parents have left her—and the fear that she may be inadequate to shoulder the burden.



Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults)

by Bryan Stevenson
353.48/Stev

Bryan Stevenson delves deep into the broken U.S. justice system, detailing from his personal experience his many challenges and efforts as a lawyer and social advocate, especially on behalf of America's most rejected and marginalized people.

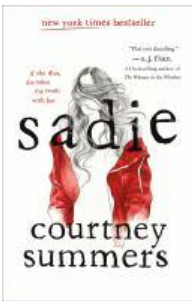


The Perfect Candidate

by Peter Stone

Y/Fic/Stone

When Cameron Carter goes straight from high school in small-town California to a summer internship with a powerful U.S. Congressman he admires, he soon learns that not everything in Washington, D.C. is as it appears.

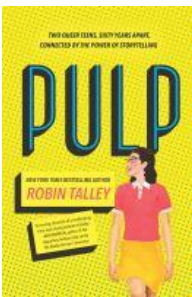


Sadie

by Courtney Summers

Y/Fic/Summers

Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.

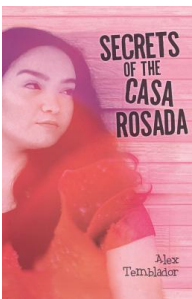


Pulp

by Robin Talley

Y/Fic/Talley

In 1955, eighteen-year-old Janet Jones keeps the love she shares with her best friend Marie a secret. It's not easy being gay in Washington, DC, in the age of McCarthyism, but when she discovers a series of books about women falling in love with other women, it awakens something in Janet. As she juggles a romance she must keep hidden and a newfound ambition to write and publish her own story, she risks exposing herself—and Marie—to a danger all too real.

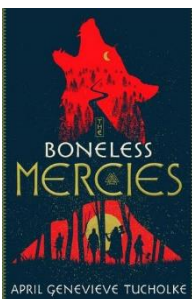


Secrets of the Casa Rosada

by Alex Temblador

Y/Fic/Temblador

Sixteen-year-old Martha has to adjust to a new life with her maternal grandmother, a respected curandera or healer in Laredo, Texas, after her reliably unreliable mother dumps her at the pink house filled with tokens of her mom's childhood that might, maybe, explain why she abandoned Martha, leaving her with a family she never knew existed.

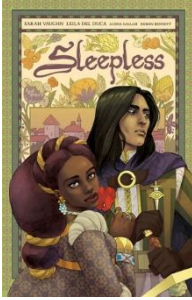


The Boneless Mercies

by April Genevieve Tucholke

Y/Fic/Tucholke

Frey, Ovie, Juniper, and Runa are the Boneless Mercies—girls hired to kill quickly, quietly, and mercifully. But Frey is weary of the death trade and dreams of a bigger life. When she hears of an unstoppable monster ravaging a nearby town, Frey decides this is the Mercies' one chance out.



Sleepless, Vol. 1

by Sarah Vaughn
Y/Graphic/Sleepless

Lady "Poppy" Pyppenia is guarded by the Sleepless Knight Cyrenic, but becomes endangered when an assassin threatens her life in the new king's reign. As Poppy and Cyrenic try to discover who wants her dead, they must navigate the dangerous waters of life at court, and of their growing feelings for one another.



The Girl King

by Mimi Yu
Y/Fic/Yu

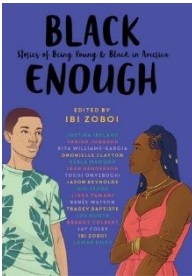
When their father names a male cousin as next ruler of the Empire of the First Flame, Lu must go on the run to reclaim her birthright, leaving her younger, timid sister, Min, to discover her own hidden power.



Pride

by Ibi Zoboi
Y/Fic/Zoboi

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable. When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley.



Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America

by Ibi Zoboi (editor)
Y/Fic/Black

Black Enough is a star-studded anthology edited by National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi that will delve into the closeted thoughts, hidden experiences, and daily struggles of black teens across the country. From a spectrum of backgrounds—urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more—*Black Enough* showcases diversity within diversity.

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