

## Dreamer

*By Akim Aliu*

*J Graphic Aliu*

Akim Aliu is a Ukrainian-Nigerian-Canadian professional hockey player whose career took him around the world and who experience systemic racism at every turn.

## Swim Team

*By Johnnie Christmas*

*J Graphic Christmas*

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, until she's stuck with the worse elective—Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree queasy, but soon swim team is counting on Bree to help win the championship.

## Curlfriends

*By Sharee Miller*

*J Graphic Curlfrie*

Eagar to make a good first impression at her new middle school, Charlie does her best to fit in until she meets a group of diverse Black girls who show her the importance of authenticity.

## Frizzy

*By Claribel A. Ortega*

*J Graphic Frizzy*

According to Marlene's mother, she needs to "grow up", which means straightening her hair so it's "presentable." But she hates the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty. With a few hiccups, Marlene starts a journey to be proud of her curly hair.

## Miles Morales: Shock Waves

*By Justin A. Reynolds*

*J Graphic Spider*

Miles Morales is a normal kid who juggles school while swinging through the streets of Brooklyn as Spider-Man. After an earthquake strikes his mother's birthplace of Puerto Rico, Miles springs into action to set up a fundraiser for the devastated island.

## Timid

*By Jonathan Todd*

*J Graphic Timid*

Cecil is worried about going to a new school and making friends. When one of Cecil's drawings is misused, can he stand up for himself and figure out who his real friends are?

## Black Girls Unbossed

*By Khristi Lauren Adams*

*J Biograph*

Young Black leaders have been at the forefront of the fight for justice, freedom, and equality. And these eight Black girls are stepping up and leading in bold, creative ways.

## The Fierce 44

*J Biograph*

A dynamic and hip collection of biographies of 44 of America's greatest movers and shakers from Frederick Douglass to Aretha Franklin.

## My Selma

*By Willie Mae Brown*

*J Biograph Brown*

A memoir of growing up Black in a town at the epicenter of the fight for freedom, equality, and human rights

## Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers

*By Michelle Obama*

*J Biograph Obama*

Michelle Robinson was born on the South Side of Chicago. From her modest beginnings, she would become Michelle Obama, the inspiring and powerful First Lady, when her husband, Barack Obama, was elected the 44th president.

## Everywhere Beauty is Harlem

*By Gary Golio*

*J History US*

Learn of Black photographer Roy DeCarava in 1940s Harlem as he documents the beauty in the lives of ordinary Black people.

# CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES



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## [The Crossover](#)

*By Kwame Alexander*

*J Fic Alexande*

Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan wrestle with the highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

## [Eb & Flow](#)

*By Kelly J. Baptist*

*J Fic Baptist*

A 10-day suspension has tweens De’Kari and Ebony seeing the world with a fresh perspective in this novel in verse.

## [The Jumbies](#)

*By Tracey Baptiste*

*J Fic Baptiste*

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

## [Indigo and Ida](#)

*By Heather Murphy Capps*

*J Fic Capps*

Indigo is torn between fighting a racist school policy and keeping her friends until she discovers a series of letters written by Black activist Ida B. Wells.

## [Hurricane Child](#)

*By Kheryn Callender*

*J Fic Callende*

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, 12-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline’s missing mother.

## [One Big Open Sky](#)

*By Lesa Cline-Ransome*

*J Fic Cline-Ra*

In the 1870s, a Black family undertakes a perilous wagon journey westward for a tenuous shot at freedom in Nebraska.

## [Last Last-Day-of-Summer](#)

*By Lamar Giles*

*J Fic Giles*

When Otto and Sheed accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as fun as they expected.

## [Warrior on the Mound](#)

*By Sandra Headen*

*J Fic Headen*

In 1939 North Carolina, an all-Black baseball team “trespasses” on the whites-only baseball field, and the resulting racial outrage can only be resolved on the mound.

## [The Season of Styx Malone](#)

*By Kekla Magoon*

*J Fic Magoon*

Caleb Franklin and his brother Bobby Gene spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city.

## [Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky](#)

*By Kwame Mbalia*

*J Fic Mbalia*

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan ripped in the sky.

## [Gone Wolf](#)

*By Amber McBride*

*J Fic McBride*

A 12-year-old Black girl deals with fear, pain, and grief caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and America’s history of enslavement and racist violence.

## [The Stars Beneath Our Feet](#)

*By David Barclay Moore*

*J Fic Moore*

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother’s death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly struggles to avoid being forced into the gang himself.

## [A Good Kind of Trouble](#)

*By Lisa Ramee*

*J Fic Ramee*

Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is follow the rules. But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. After experiencing a powerful protest, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking.

## [Ghost](#)

*By Jason Reynolds*

*J Fic Reynolds*

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.

## [Ghost Boys](#)

*By Jewell Parker Rhodes*

*J Fic Rhodes*

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including Emmett Till.

## [Betty Before X](#)

*By Ilyasah Shabazz*

*J Fic Shabazz*

Raised by her aunt until she is six, Betty, who will later marry Malcolm X, joins her mother and stepfamily in 1940s Detroit, where she leans about the civil rights movement.

## [Genesis Begins Again](#)

*By Alicia Williams*

*J Fic Williams*

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.

## [One Crazy Summer](#)

*By Rita Williams-Garcia*

*J Fic Williams*

After traveling from Brooklyn to California to spend time with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her sisters discover that their mother wants them to attend a local Black Panther camp.

## [Brown Girl Dreaming](#)

*By Jacqueline Woodson*

*J Fic Woodson*

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson 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.

## [Love Like Sky](#)

*By Leslie C. Youngblood*

*J Fic Youngblo*

Eleven-year-old Georgie is still adjusting to leaving Atlanta for a small town, having a stepfather, and being unable to be close to her stepsister with her younger sister, Peaches, suddenly becomes very ill.