

The Astonishing Color of After

By Emily X.R. Pan

After her mother's suicide, grief-stricken Leigh Sanders travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she never met, determined to find her mother who she believes turned into a bird.

The Boy in the Black Suit

By Jason Reynolds

Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.

The Inexplicable Logic of My Life

By Benjamin Alire Saenz

A story set on the American border with Mexico, about family and friendship, life and death, and one teen struggling to understand what his adoption does and doesn't mean about who he is.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

By Erika L. Sanchez

When her sister, considered the perfect Mexican daughter by her parents, dies, Julia tries to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family despite her own grief and her mother's penchant for pointing out every possible way Julia has failed.

We Are Not From Here

By Jenny Torres Sanchez

Three teenage immigrants risk the trip from Guatemala through Mexico to the United States southern border in search of a better life.

Dear Martin

By Nic Stone

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

On The Come Up

By Angie Thomas

When sixteen-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy.

Piecing Me Together

By Renee Watson

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.

Parachutes

By Kelly Yang

A wealthy Chinese teen is sent to America on her own to attend private school. Claire is a rich 11th grader in Shanghai; Dani is a scholarship student at a private school in Southern California who helps her mother clean houses. When Claire is parachuted into America to finish high school and Dani's mother needs the income from a boarder, they become unlikely housemates.



READ DIVERSE BOOKS

The Poet X

By Elizabeth Acevedo

When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her.

Seven Deadly Shadows

By Courtney Alameda

Seventeen-year-old Kira Fujikawa has never had it easy. She's bullied by the popular girls in school. Her parents ignore her. And she's also plagued with a secret: She can see yokai, the ghosts and demons that haunt the streets of Kyoto.

Booked

By Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

The Candle and the Flame

By Nafiza Azad

Set in a city along the Silk Road that is a refuge for those of all faiths, where a young woman is threatened by the war between two clans of powerful djinn.

Watched

By Marina Tamar Buhos

Far from the "model teen," Naeem moves fast to out run the eyes of his hardworking Bangladeshi parents, their gossiping neighbors, and the other forms of surveillance in his immigrant neighborhood in Queens, but when his mistakes catch up with him and the police offer a dark deal, will Naeem be a hero or a traitor?

Labyrinth Lost

By Zoraida Cordova

Alex is the most powerful witch in her family, even though she's hated magic ever since it made her father disappear, but when an attempt to rid herself of magic makes her family vanish, she must travel to a strange, dark land called Los Lagos to get them

Mexican Whiteboy

By Matt de la Pena

Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and halfwhite while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.

We Hunt the Flame

By Hafsah Faizal

In a world inspired by ancient Arabia, seventeen-year-old huntress Zafira must disguise herself as a man to seek a lost artifact that could return magic to her cursed world.

Descendent of the Crane

By Joan He

Tyrants cut out hearts. Rulers sacrifice their own. Princess Hesina of Yan is thrust into power when her beloved father is murdered, and she's determined to find his killer-- whatever the cost.

Woven In Moonlight

By Isabel Ibanez

Ximena is the decoy Condesa, a stand-in for the last remaining Illustrian royal. Her people lost everything when the usurper, Atoc, used an ancient relic to summon ghosts and drive the Illustrians from La Ciudad. Now Ximena's motivated by her insatiable thirst for revenge, and her rare ability to spin thread from moonlight.

Dread Nation

By Justina Ireland

A meditation on race in America wrapped in an alternate history adventure where Confederate and Union soldiers rise from the dead at the end of the Civil War.

Let Me Hear A Rhyme

By Tiany D. Jackson

Brooklyn, 1998. Biggie Smalls was right: Things done changed. But that doesn't mean that Quadir and Jarrell are cool letting their best friend Steph's music lie forgotten under his bed after he's murdered - not when his rhymes could turn any Bed Stuy corner into a party.

Darius the Great Is Not Okay

By Adib 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.

Outrun the Moon

By Stacey Lee

On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong --daughter of Chinese immigrants-- is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare's School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive.

A Very Large Expanse of Sea

By Tahereh Mafi

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down.