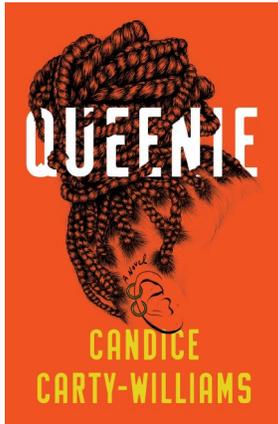


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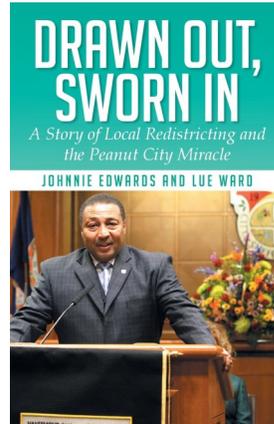
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Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams

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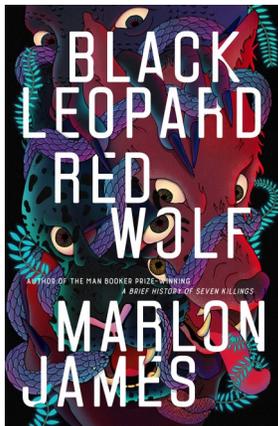
A boldly honest novel that will speak to anyone who has gone looking for love and found something very different in its place.



Drawn Out, Sworn In by Johnnie Edwards and Lue Ward

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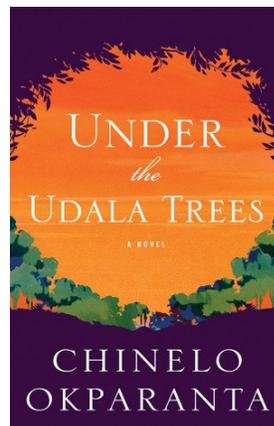
Follow the story of how Lue Ward rose to success through dedication from political activist over the issue of local redistricting to a city councilman in Suffolk, VA.



Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James

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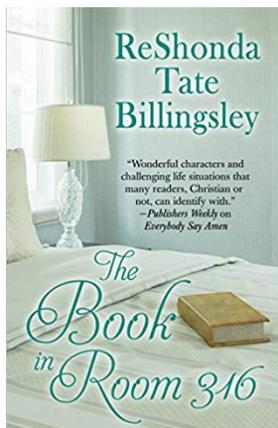
The first novel in the Dark Star trilogy. Explore what happens when a mercenary is hired to find a missing child.



Under the Udala Trees by Chinelo Okparanta

Fic Okparanta Chinelo
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Inspired by Nigeria's folktales, a powerful debut about the dangers of living and loving openly.



The Book in Room 316 by ReShonda Tate Billingsley

LT Billingsley
A moving novel about how a small seed of hope can change the course of one's life.



Higher is Waiting by Tyler Perry

B Perry Tyler
Also found on RBDigital in eBook format.

An inspirational book of how his faith has sustained him in hard times, centered him in good times, and enriched his life.

Additional Reads: The Mother of Black Hollywood by Jenifer Lewis, Red At The Bone by Jacqueline Woodson, A Particular Kind of Black Man by Tope Folarin, The Wedding Date by Jasmine Guillory

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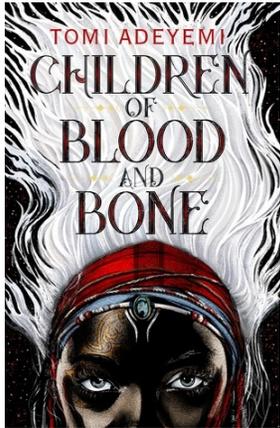
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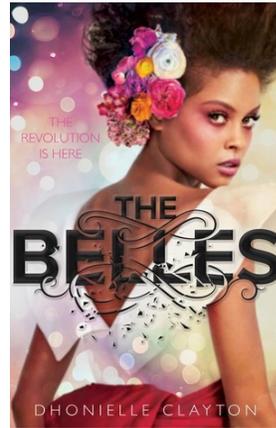
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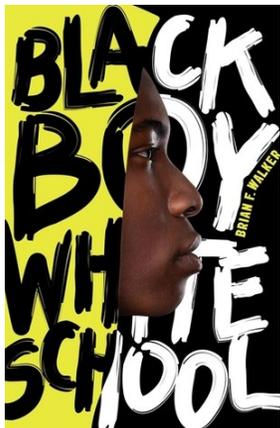
Children of Blood and Bone
by Tomi Adeyemi
YA Adeyemi

A book on the struggles of low self-esteem that many black girls face when they're darker skinned.



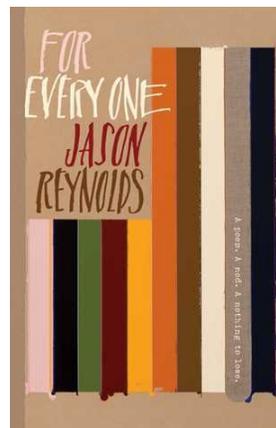
The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton
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A dark fantasy novel that explores themes of beauty, perfection, and individuality.



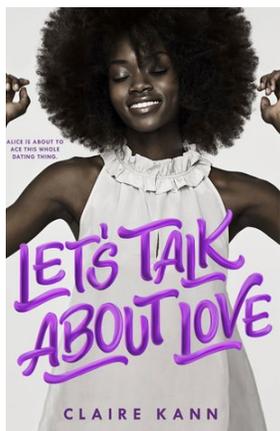
Black Boy White School by Brian F. Walker
YA Walker

A memorable hard-hitting novel about fitting in—or not.



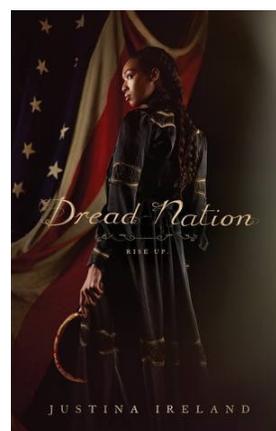
For Every One by Jason Reynolds
YA 811.6 Reynolds 2018

For every one person. For every one dream. But especially for every one kid. The kids who dream of being better than they are.



Let's Talk About Love by Claire Kann
YA Kann Claire

A novel about understand ones sexuality by understand themselves and their happiness.



Dread Nation by Justina Ireland
YA Ireland

A challenging rebellious novel about a country on the edge of an explosive crossroads where race, humanity, and survival meet.

Additional Reads: The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake, American Street by Ibi Zoboi, A Blade So Black by L. L. McKinney, Finding Yvonne by Brandy Colbert, Allegedly by Tiffany Jackson

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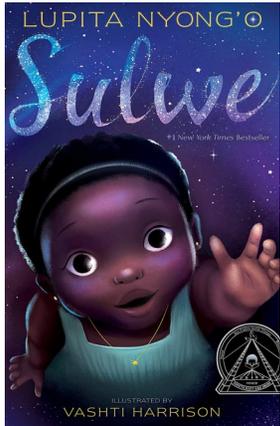
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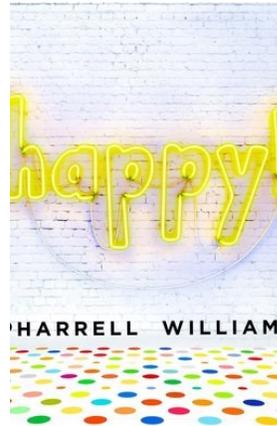
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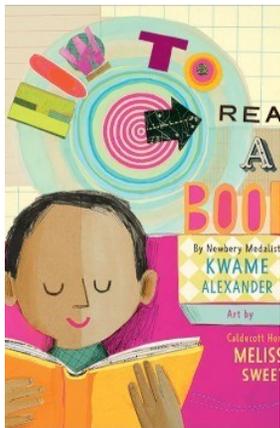
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o
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A picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within.



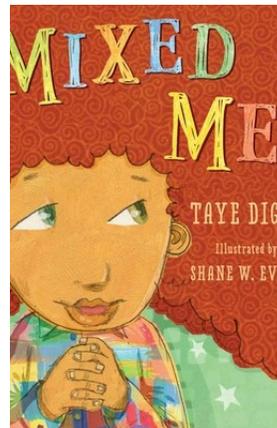
Happy! by Pharrell Williams
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A picture book full of memorable, precious childhood moments that reflect what it means to be happy.



How to Read a Book by Kwame Alexander
E Alexander Kwame

A poetic journey about the experience of reading.



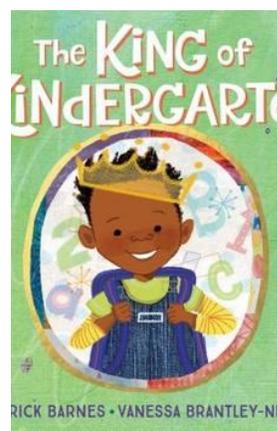
Mixed Me! by Taye Diggs
E DIG

A story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.



Hair Love by Matthew Cherry
E Cherry Matthew

A picture book about self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters



The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes
E Barnes Derrick

A confident little boy takes pride in his first day of kindergarten.

Additional Reads: Real Sisters Pretend by Megan Dowd Lambert, I Am Enough by Grace Byers, I'm A Pretty Little Black Girl by Betty Bynum, The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, Preaching to the Chickens by Jabari Asim

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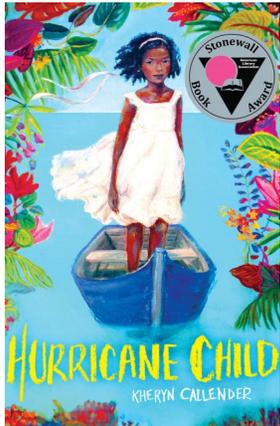
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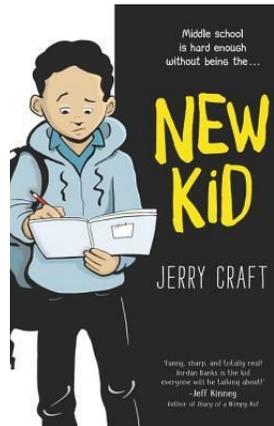
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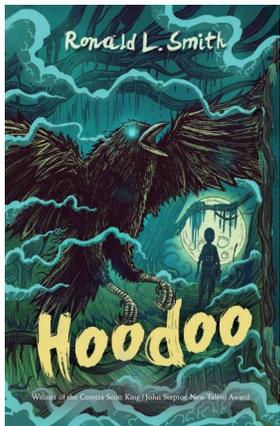
Hurricane Child by Kheryn Callender
Juv Callender Kheryn

An exquisite novel that reminds that grief and love can open the world in mystical ways.



New Kid by Jerry Craft
JGN Craft Jerry

A graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.



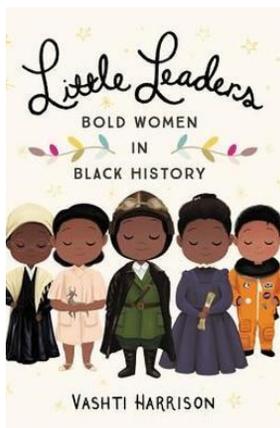
Hoodoo by Ronald L. Smith
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A book infused with creepiness and gentle humor.



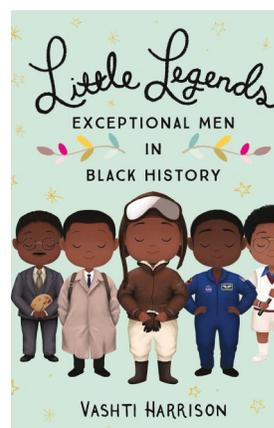
Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz
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A powerful novel about the childhood activism of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter.



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
Juv 920.72089 Harrison

An inspiring book about forty trailblazing black women in American history.



Little Legends: Exceptional Black Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison
Juv 305.388 Harrison 2019

A beautifully illustrated book that highlights true stories of black men in history.

Additional Reads: One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia, Superheroes Are Everywhere by Kamala Harris, Blended by Sharon Draper, The Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston, One Last Word by Nikki Grimes

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