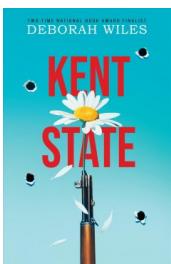


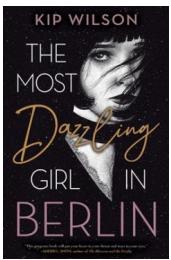
Books in Verse



Kent State

by Deborah Wiles

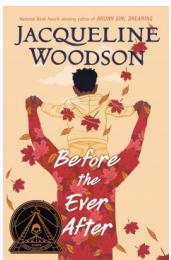
The author of the National Book Award finalist *Each Little Bird That Sings* presents a compelling account of the tragic May 1970 shooting of four students who were protesting against the Vietnam War before they were fired upon by National Guardsmen. Lexile: 640.



The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin

by Kip Wilson

In Berlin on the cusp of World War II, Hilde, a former orphan, takes a job at a vibrant cabaret full of expressive customers where she finally finds a place to belong until seeds of unrest force her to decide what's best for her future. No Lexile.



Before the Ever After

by Jacqueline Woodson

The son of an idolized pro-football star begins noticing the contrast between his father's angry, forgetful behavior and his superhero reputation before adjusting to a new reality involving difficult symptoms stemming from his father's numerous head injuries. Lexile: 780.



Star Child: a Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler

by Ibi Aanu Zoboi

Through poems and prose, an acclaimed novelist paints a vivid portrait of science fiction visionary Octavia Butler, who was born into the Space Race, the Red Scare and the dawning of the Civil Rights Movement. No Lexile.

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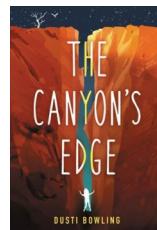
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Iveliz Explains it All

by Andrea Beatriz Arango

Iveliz is trying to manage her mental health and advocate for the help and understanding she deserves, but in the meantime her new friend calls her crazy and her abuela Mimi dismisses the therapy and medicine Iveliz needs to feel like herself. Lexile: 940.



The Canyon's Edge

by Dusti Bowling

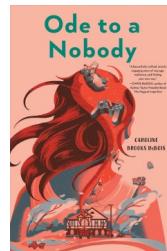
Accompanying her father on a slot-canyon expedition in the Arizona desert a year after a random shooting changed their family forever, Nora must navigate the deadly natural hazards of the desert to survive. Lexile: 750L.



Muted

by Tami Charles

Traces the experiences of a talented singer who wants to escape her all-white community before catching the attention of an R&B star who gives her access to fame and luxury in exchange for unscrupulous sacrifices. No Lexile.



Ode to a Nobody

by Caroline Brooks DuBois

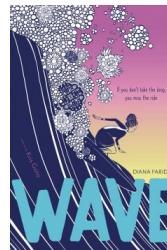
After a devastating tornado tears apart her home, thirteen-year-old Quinn struggles to find stability and return to who she was before, finding she has to rebuild herself. No Lexile.



Moonwalking

by Zetta Elliott

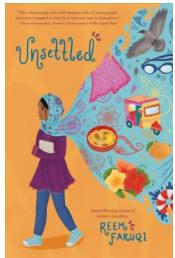
When punk rock-loving JJ Pankowski and graffiti artist Pie Velez stumble into an unlikely friendship, they use their love of music and art to get through a tough semester until a run-in with the police changes everything. Lexile: NP.



Wave

by Diana Farid

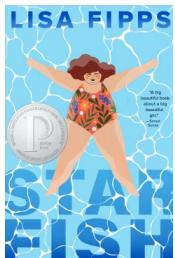
When her best friend's cancer returns in the summer of 1987, none of her usual pursuits--surfing, singing, or reading poetry--can keep thirteen-year-old Ava afloat. No Lexile.



Unsettled

by Reem Faruqi

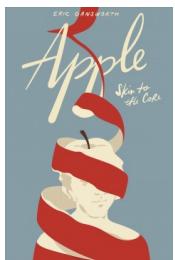
Young Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, begins to feel at home. No Lexile.



Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

A debut novel-in-verse follows the experiences of a girl who tries to change her behavior when she is bullied for her weight, before a swimming hobby, a kind therapist and an accepting new neighbor help her embrace her true self. No Lexile.



Apple: Skin to the Core

by Eric Gansworth

Shelved with Middle School Nonfiction.

The Native American author recounts the story of his family, from the legacy of government boarding schools to his personal experiences fighting to be an artist balancing multiple worlds. No Lexile.

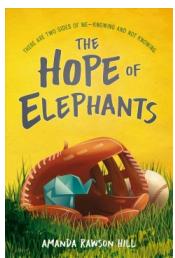
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Don't Call Me a Hurricane

by Ellen Hagan

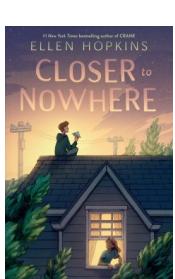
After a devastating hurricane changes everything, high school senior Eliza, fearful that something will upend her life again, falls for a summer tourist who has a devastating secret that risks the life she's rebuilt. No Lexile.



The Hope of Elephants

by Amanda Rawson Hill

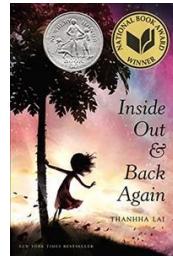
Cass struggles to cope with her father's recurring cancers that have dominated her whole life, with the knowledge that he is likely to die soon because the latest recurrence is worse--and with the possibility that she may have inherited the genetic disease, Li-Fraumeni Syndrome, that causes the cancers. Lexile: 530.



Closer to Nowhere

by Ellen Hopkins

Told in two voices, sixth-grade cousins Hannah and Cal learn a lot about family when circumstances throw them together under one roof and Hannah's love of order clashes with Cal's chaotic behavior. Lexile: 490.



Inside Out & Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

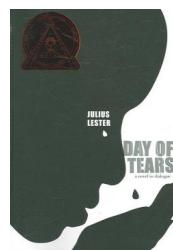
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama. Lexile: 800.



Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

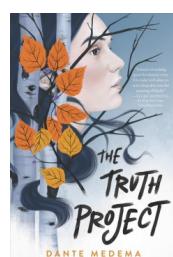
Told in verse, Reha, already dealing with being the only Indian American student in middle school, must now take care of her mother diagnosed with leukemia. No Lexile.



Day of Tears: a Novel in Dialogue

by Julius Lester

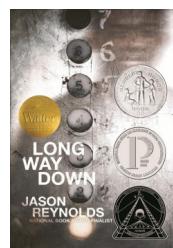
When gambling debts and greed enter into the Butler household, Pierce Butler decides to host the biggest slave auction in American history and breaks a promise by selling Emma, his most-valued slave and caretaker of his children--a decision that brings about unthinkable consequences. Lexile: NP.



The Truth Project

by Dante Medema

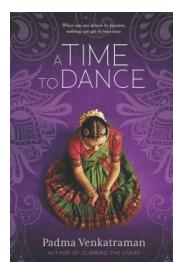
When Cordelia's GeneQuest results reveal that her father is not the person she thought he was, but a stranger who lives thousands of miles away, her entire world shatters. No Lexile.



Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. Lexile: 720.



A Time to Dance

by Padma Venkatraman

Losing her leg after a devastating injury, talented Indian dancer Veda begins retraining on her prosthetic leg before falling in love with a young man who approaches dance from a spiritual perspective and who helps Veda to better understand herself and the world. Lexile: 720.