



Ain't Burned All the Bright

by Jason Reynolds

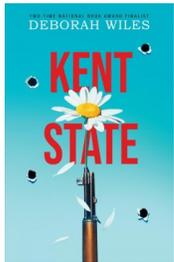
This smash-up of art and text visually captures what it is to be Black in America—and what it means to really breathe.



Thirty Talks Weird Love

by Alessandra Narváez-Varela

In Ciudad Juárez, Mexico in 1999, where kidnapping of girls and women is common, a woman approaches thirteen-year-old Anamaria claiming to be her future self, offering advice and requesting help



Kent State

by Deborah Wiles

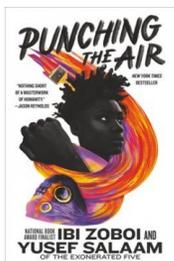
Told from multiple points of view, students, National Guardsmen, and townies recount the story of what happened at Kent State in May of 1970 when a student protest turned deadly.



White Rose

by Kip Wilson

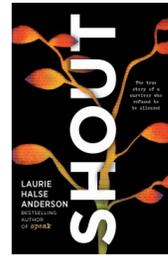
Tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group



Punching the Air

by Ibi Aanu Zoboi

A young artist and poet's prospects at a diverse art school are threatened by a racially biased system and a tragic altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood.



Shout

by Laurie Halse Anderson

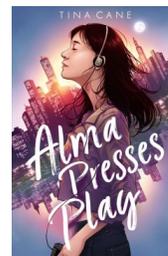
A poetic memoir and urgent call-to-action by the award-winning author of *Speak* blends free-verse reflections with deeply personal stories from her life to rally today's young people to stand up and fight the abuses, censorship and hatred of today's world.



Shark Girl

by Kelly L. Bingham

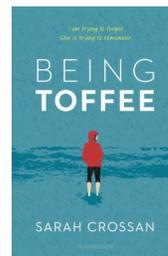
After losing her arm in a shark attack, 15-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life as well as her plans for the future.



Alma Presses Play

by Tina Cane

In 1980s New York, half-Chinese, half-Jewish Alma, whose life is a series of halfways, uses her Walkman to get through the challenges thrown her way until she is ready to press play on the soundtrack of her life.



Being Toffee

by Sarah Crossan

Allison runs away and, in what she thinks is an abandoned house, finds a home with Marla, an elderly woman with dementia who believes her to be an old friend named Toffee.



Turtle Under Ice

by Juleah del Rosario

A teen whose family has been traumatized since the death of her mother a few years earlier wakes up in the middle of the night to discover that her older sister has mysteriously gone missing during a snowstorm.

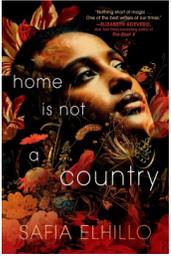


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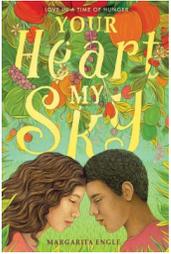
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Home is Not a Country

by Safia Elhillo

A novel in verse follows the experiences of a misfit teen in a discriminatory suburban community who questions her mixed heritage before unexpected family revelations force her to fight for her own identity.

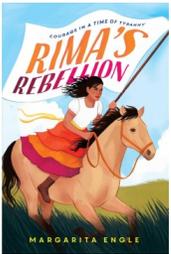


Your Heart, My Sky

by Margarita Engle

Coming of age against a backdrop of Cuba's "Special Peacetime" severe economic depression, Liana is emboldened by starvation to skip a summer of forced farm labor and team up with a quiet boy and a mysterious dog to search for alternate food

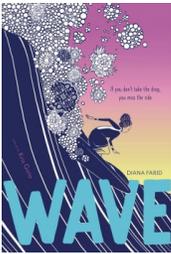
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Rima's Rebellion

by Margarita Engle

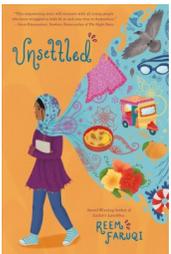
In this inspiring coming-of-age story set in 1920s Cuba, Rima finds the courage to protest for women's right to vote while falling in love for the first time.



Wave

by Diana Farid

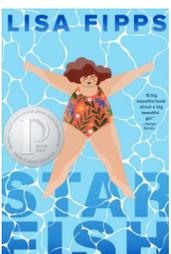
When her best friend's cancer returns in the summer of 1987, none of her usual pursuits--surfing, singing, or reading poetry--can keep thirteen-year-old Ava afloat.



Unsettled

by Reem Faruqi

Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, Peachtree City begins to feel like home.



Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

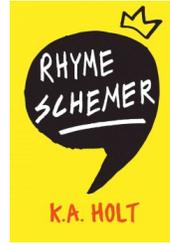
A debut novel-in-verse follows the experiences of a girl who tries to change her behavior when she is bullied for her weight, before a swimming hobby, a kind therapist, and an accepting new neighbor help her embrace her true self.



Samira Surfs

by Rukhsanna Guidroz

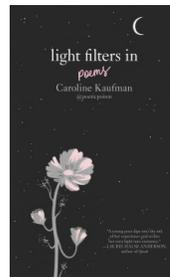
After months rebuilding a new life in Bangladesh with her family, Samira decides to become a Bengali surfer girl.



Rhyme Schemer

by K. A Holt

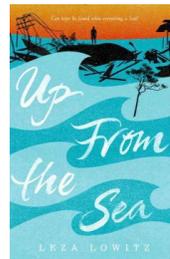
A novel in verse about Kevin's journey from bully to being bullied reveals how he learns about friendship, family and his talent for poetry.



Light Filters In : Poems

by Caroline Kaufman

A collection of poems explore what it means to be human, from struggling with mental illness or depression to recovery and abusive relationships.

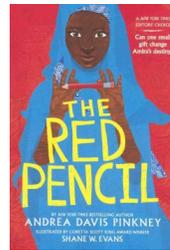


Up From the Sea

by Leza Lowitz

A novel-in-verse follows the experiences of a teen who visits New York on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attack, learns the stories of kids whose lives were changed by the tragedy and searches for his estranged American father

before returning to his tsunami-stricken home in coastal Japan.



The Red Pencil

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

After her village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, flees to a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the encouragement of a wise elder.



Loving vs. Virginia

by Patricia Hruby Powell

A tale inspired by the landmark 1955 civil rights case follows the relationship between two young people who challenged period segregation, prejudice and injustice to pursue a relationship at the center of a Supreme Court case that legalized interracial marriage.