

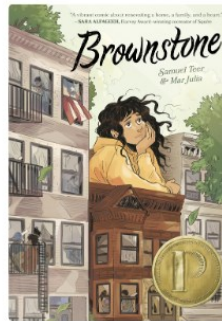


### Everything We Never Had

Ribay, Randy

Set in the 1930s to today, 4 generations of Filipino American boys grapple with identity, masculinity, & father-son relationships.

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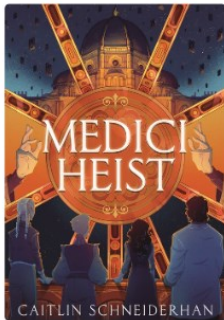


### Brownstone

Teer, Samuel

Almudena spends the summer of 1995 with her estranged Spanish-speaking father. They build a relationship while renovating a brownstone, & Almudena explores her Latin American heritage for the first time.

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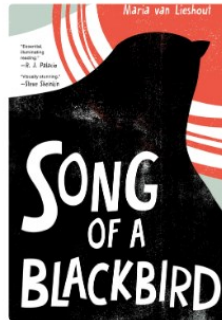


### Medici Heist

Schneiderhan, Caitlin

A sharp-witted teenage thief leads a team of skilled misfits in a dangerous & daring heist for fortune, freedom & revenge against a corrupt Pope in Renaissance Italy.

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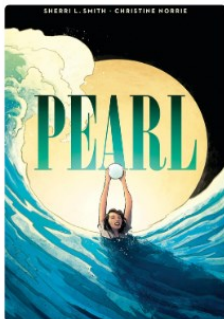


### Song of a Blackbird

Van Lieshout, Maria

Told from the perspective of a blackbird weaving between 2011 & the mid-1940s in Amsterdam, revealing how art, in the face of political upheaval & nearly insurmountable adversity, can become our greatest lifeline.

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### Pearl

Smith, Sherri L.

13-year-old Japanese-American Amy is stuck in Hiroshima after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Forced to translate for the Japanese army, she struggles with loyalty & fears for her family amid war & internment.

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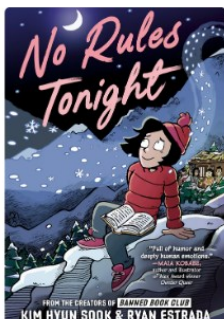


### Big Jim and the White Boy

Walker, David F.

A graphic novel retelling of the American classic. A high-stakes adventure story that follows Jim, an enslaved Black man, on his journey toward freedom, along with his sidekick, Huckleberry Finn.

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### No Rules Tonight

Kim, Hyun Sook

Set in dictatorial South Korea in 1984, a group of teens experience a taste of freedom on a winter retreat with no parental supervision.

YAG KIM



### Brooms

Walls, Jasmine

It's 1930s Mississippi. Magic is permitted only in certain circumstances, & by certain people. Unsanctioned broom racing is banned. But for those who need the money, or the thrills... it's there to be found.

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## HIGH SCHOOL



## Historical Fiction

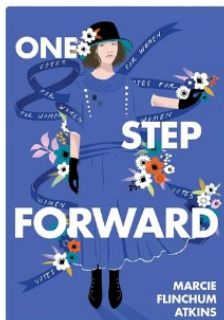
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### One Step Forward

Atkins, Marcie Flinchum  
Amid World War I, this novel in verse follows Matilda as she fights for suffrage & becomes the youngest American suffragist imprisoned for picketing the White House to demand women's right to vote.

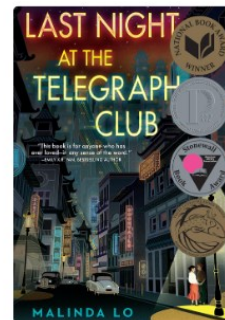
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### I Shall Never Fall in Love

Conner, Hari  
Eleanor has never met a boy she was interested in, but when a new suitor comes to town, she finds her closest friendships threatened, forcing her to rethink what "right" means & confront feelings she never knew she had.

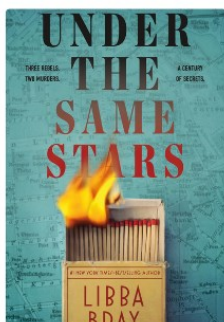
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### Last Night at the Telegraph Club

Lo, Malinda  
in 1950s San Francisco, 17-year-old Lily Hu, a Chinese American teenager falls in love with her friend Kath, while navigating the challenges of racial prejudice & the Red Scare.

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### Under the Same Stars

Bray, Libba

Three timelines converge to unveil the mysterious disappearance of two girls during World War II.

YAF BRA



### A Traitorous Heart

Cotter, Erin

In 1572 France, 17-year-old Jac navigates forbidden love, political intrigue, & a secret society of spies, as she uncovers hidden truths & unexpected feelings amidst the chaos of a nation on the brink of war.

YAF COT



### The Davenports

Marquis, Krystal

The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth & status in 1910 Chicago, and the two daughters, Olivia & Helen, are finding their way & finding love—even where they are not supposed to.

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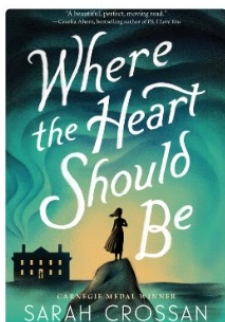


### To the Bone

Bruzas, Alena

Set in Jamestown in 1609, indentured servant Ellis suffers through the winter, bearing witness to the horrors committed by starving settlers.

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### Where the Heart Should Be

Crossan, Sarah

During the Great Irish Famine, 16-year-old scullery maid Nell falls in love with the wealthy landlord's nephew.

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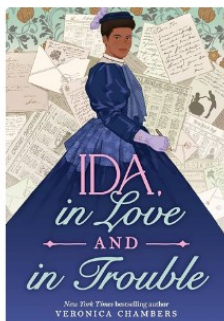


### Everything is Poison

McCullough, Joy

16-year-old Carmela finally gains access to her mother's apothecary in early 17th-century Rome, where she discovers that alongside healing remedies are dangerous potions that can change women's lives.

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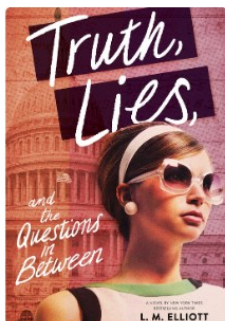


### IDA, in Love and in Trouble

Chambers, Veronica

After the Civil War, Ida B. Wells, the first child of newly freed parents, tries to make friends in a society that has no place for a woman who speaks her own mind—and find a love that will let her be the woman she dreams of becoming.

YAF CHA



### Truth, Lies, and the Questions in Between

Elliott, Laura

In 1973, the year of Watergate, the Equal Rights Amendment, and Roe v. Wade, 17-year-old Patty, a newly minted Congressional page, starts to question everything as she learns to think for herself.

YAF ELL



### Under the Heron's Light

Pink, Randi

Told in alternating timelines, African American Atlas learns of her ancestral powers & their connection to the Great Dismal Swamp which shielded her grandmother as a formerly enslaved girl in the 1700s.

YAF PIN

