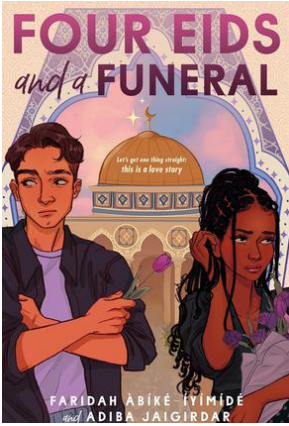


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# Fiction



*Àbiké-Íyimidè, Faridah and Adiba Jaigirdar*

## **Four Eids and a Funeral**

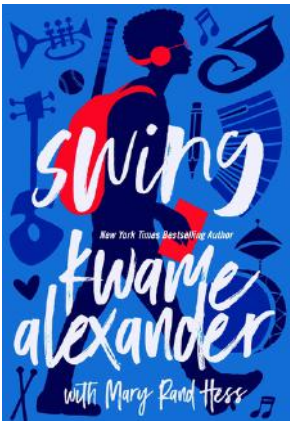
The death of a beloved mentor, and the need to save and rebuild their fire-damaged Islamic Center, bring former best friends Said and Tiwa back together, rekindling their romantic relationship.



*Adia, Jade*

## **There Goes the Neighborhood**

In order to stop the destructive forces of gentrification, three best friends use social media to create a fake gang and get justice for their South L.A. community.



*Alexander, Kwame*

## **Swing**

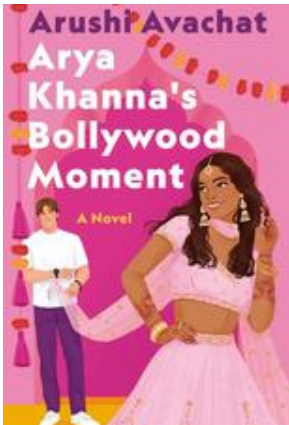
Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.



*Allen, Crystal*

**Between Two Brothers**

Isaiah "Ice" Abernathy idolizes his older brother Seth and is eager to spend as much time with him as possible before Seth goes to college. However, after a major fight and Seth's subsequent accident, Ice is determined to help his brother recover, defying the experts by trusting in their strong bond.



*Avachat, Arushi*

**Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment**

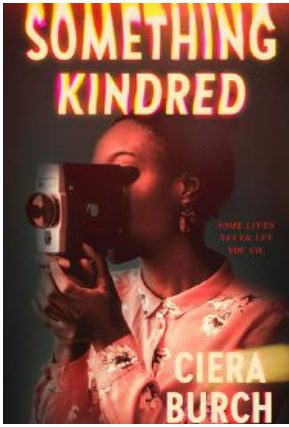
As her sister's wedding approaches, high school senior Arya must navigate fraught family dynamics, the fallout of her two best friends breaking up, and a tense partnership with her rival, the frustratingly attractive student council president.



*Bhuiyan, Tashie*

**Stay with My Heart**

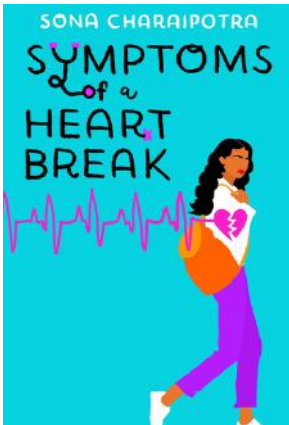
Accidentally sabotaging an up-and-coming local band, music fanatic Liana Sarkar makes it her mission to secretly undo the damage she's caused, but when she falls for the lead singer, she finds it harder to hide the truth.



*Burch, Ciera*

**Something Kindred**

Jericka Walker is forced to spend her summer in the mysterious town of Coldwater, Maryland, where she meets an enigmatic girl named Kat and begins to uncover dark secrets about her family's past. As she delves deeper into the town's eerie history, Jericka questions everything she thought she knew about her life and the boundaries between the living and the dead.



*Charaipotra, Sona*

**Symptoms of a Heartbreak**

Fresh from medical school, teenage genius Saira takes a job treating childhood cancer, and must prove herself to skeptical adult coworkers while adjusting to real life-and-death stakes and falling for one of her patients.



*Evans, Desiree F., ed.*

**The Black Girl Survives in This One**

A collection of fifteen horror stories centering on Black girls who battle monsters--both human and supernatural--face down death, and survive.

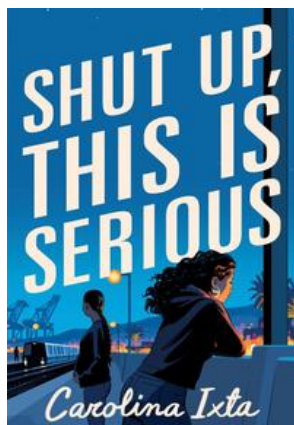




*Hur, June*

### **A Crane Among Wolves**

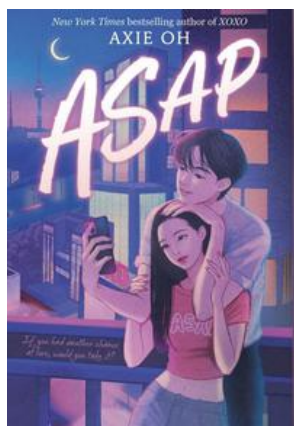
In 1506 Joseon, Iseul risks her life to rescue her sister from the tyrannical King Yeonsan, whose reign is marked by brutality. She reluctantly teams up with Prince Daehyun, the king's half-brother, to overthrow the despot and save the kingdom.



*Ixta, Carolina*

### **Shut Up, This Is Serious**

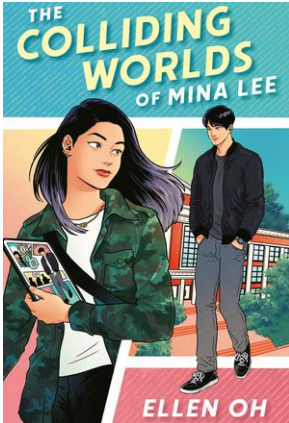
In East Oakland, Belén Dolores Itzel del Toro struggles with depression, her father's absence, and the pressure of an uncertain future, while her best friend Leti faces an unexpected pregnancy amidst family and societal complications. As Belén navigates love, loss, and distraction, she grapples with the harsh realities of growing up and questions what future awaits her.



*Oh, Axie*

### **ASAP**

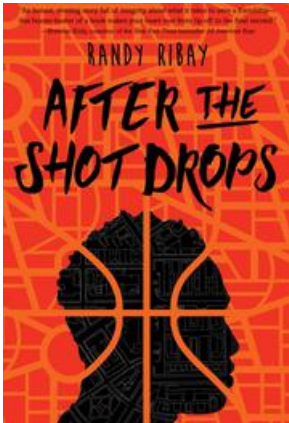
K-pop idol Sori is torn between the pressures of her parents' ambitions and her desire to escape the spotlight, especially as old feelings for her ex-boyfriend Nathaniel, a fellow star, resurface. When an opportunity to break free from her controlled life arises, Sori must decide whether to pursue her own dreams or risk it all for a second chance at love.



*Oh, Ellen*

**The Colliding Worlds of Mina Lee**

When Mina Lee wakes up for SAT prep, she never expects to be thrust into her own webcomic world, where she's nearly killed by a supervillain, meets Jin, the boy of her dreams, and uncovers a conspiracy she invented. Now trapped in her fictional creation, Mina must save everyone, even if it means sacrificing her chance with Jin.



*Ribay, Randy*

**After the Shot Drops**

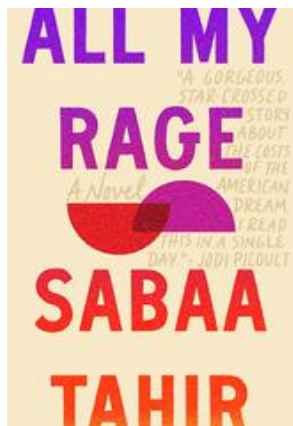
Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.



*Saedi, Sara*

**I Miss You, I Hate This**

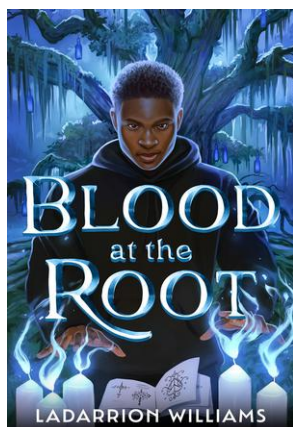
Best friends Parisa Naficy and Gabriela Gonzales grapple with the complexities of their relationship even while they spend their senior year apart due to a pandemic that disproportionately affects young people.



*Tahir, Sabaa*

### **All My Rage**

Salahudin and Noor are two Pakistani American high school students who have been best friends since childhood. Each deals with family difficulties: Salahudin with a dying mother and a father who turns to alcohol in grief, and Noor with a spiteful uncle.

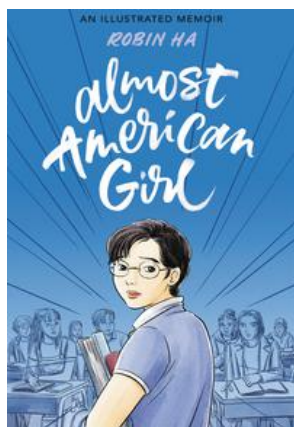


*Williams, LaDarrion*

### **Blood at the Root**

Seventeen-year-old Malik, on the run from a traumatic past and hidden powers, discovers a magical university where he unravels his family's legacy and confronts an ancient evil linked to the Haitian Revolution. As he navigates the mysteries of his heritage and the dangers within the magical community, Malik must embrace his destiny to protect both his new and old families.

## **Graphic Novel**

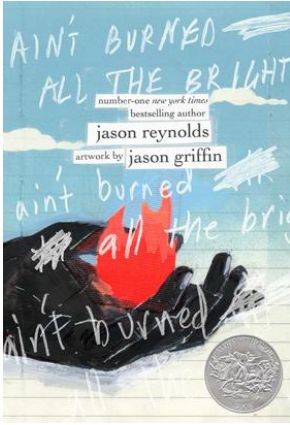


*Ha, Robin*

### **Almost American Girl**

Robin's life is upended when she moves from Seoul to Huntsville, Alabama, due to her mother's unexpected marriage, leaving her isolated and struggling in a new school. However, her world begins to shift when she enrolls in a local comic drawing class, which helps her express herself and find a place in her new life.

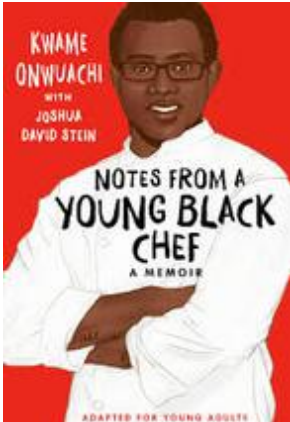
# Nonfiction



*Reynolds, Jason*

## **Ain't Burned All the Bright**

A smash up of art and text that viscerally captures what it means to not be able to breathe, and how the people and things you love most are actually the oxygen you most need.



*Onwuachi, Kwame*

## **Notes from a Young Black Chef: Adapted for Young Adults**

This inspiring memoir chronicles Top Chef star and Forbes and Zagat 30 Under 30 phenom Kwame Onwuachi's incredible--and odds-defying--rise to fame in the food world after a tough childhood in the Bronx and Nigeria.



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