All American boys
by Jason Reynolds
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

This way home
by Wes Moore
Standing up to a malevolent street gang that wants to force his team to wear their colors in a tournament, talented basketball player Elijah struggles to stay strong and choose between revenge and forgiveness in order to save his neighborhood.

They can't kill us all: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a new era in America's racial justice movement
by Wesley Lowery
305.896 LOW
A behind-the-scenes account of the story of the #blacklivesmatter movement shares insights into the young men and women behind it, citing the racially charged controversies that have motivated members and the economic, political and personal histories that inform its purpose.

Monster
by Walter Dean Myers
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

All titles can be found in the Teen Fiction section under the author's last name, unless noted.
Black Lives Matter
by Sue Bradford Edwards
364.089 EDW / TEEN
Discusses the Black Lives Matter organization, describing the events that led to the group's creation, their impact on society, and their hopes for the future.

Between the world and me
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
305.8 COA
The author presents a history of racial discrimination in the United States and a narrative of his own personal experiences of contemporary race relations, offering possible resolutions for the future.

The Port Chicago 50: disaster, mutiny, and the fight for civil rights
by Steve Sheinkin
TEEN ROOM 940.545 SHE
The Newbery Award-winning and National Book Award finalist author of Bomb presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

The new Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness
by Michelle Alexander
(see a librarian to request)
Argues that the War on Drugs and policies that deny convicted felons equal access to employment, housing, education and public benefits create a permanent under-caste based largely on race.

March
by John Lewis
Teen Graphic Lewis
A multi-volume graphic account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights covers his youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., and his involvement in the Freedom rides and the Selma to Montgomery march.

Brown girl dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson
(see a librarian to request)
In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.

Drowned city: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans
by Don Brown
Teen Graphic Brown
A 10th-anniversary tribute and companion to The Great American Dust Bowl combines authoritative memoir with evocative graphic and watercolor illustrations in an account published to benefit Habitat for Humanity New Orleans. Simultaneous eBook. 20,000 first printing.

Pathfinders: the journeys of 16 extraordinary Black souls
by Tonya Bolden
TEEN ROOM 920 BOL
The Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author of Beautiful Moon presents a tribute to 16 diverse Americans of African descent who helped define history in the 18th through 20th centuries, including Allen Allensworth, Sissieretta Jones and Maggie Lena Walker.

How it went down
by Kekla Magoon
When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

X: a novel
by Ilyasah Shabazz
Co-written by the best-selling author of Malcolm Little and daughter of Malcolm X, a novel based on her father's formative years describes his father's murder, his mother's imprisonment and his challenging effort to pursue an education in law.

The hate u give
by Angie Thomas
After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

This side of home
by Renée Watson
Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new--white--family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.