Tyler Johnson was here
by Jay Coles
When Marvin Johnson’s twin brother, Tyler, is shot and killed by a police officer, Marvin must fight injustice to learn the true meaning of freedom.

The beautiful struggle: a memoir, adapted for young adults
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
BIO COATES, TA./TEEN
Adapted for teen readers, a father-son memoir documents the author’s youth in the “murder capital” of 1980s Baltimore and his relationship with his father, Vietnam veteran Paul Coates, throughout the latter’s activism as a Black Panther and Afrocentric scholar.

Black enough
by Ibi Zoboi
TEEN Black
Featuring contributions by a prestigious group of best-selling, award-winning and emerging African American young-adult authors, a timely literary collection shares modern insights into what it is like to be young and Black in today’s America.

Nubia: real one
by L. L. McKinney
SUPERHERO NUBIA
Nubia has always stood out because of her Amazonian strength, but even though she uses her ability for good she is seen as a threat, so when her best friend Quisha is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, Nubia risks everything to become the hero society tells her she is not.

Kneel
by Candace Buford
When his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team, Russell Boudreaux kneels during the national anthem in an effort to fight for justice and, in an instant, falls from local stardom to become a target of hatred.

A song below water
by Bethany C. Morrow
A metaphorical tale follows the experiences of a black teen siren and her haunted best friend, who find themselves targeted by violence when they are unable to hide their supernatural identities in an alternate world that discriminates against magic.

Say her name
by Zetta Elliott
Inspired by the African American Policy Forum’s #SayHerName campaign and the work of such notables as Lucille Clifton and Nikki Giovanni, a collection of poems stands as a tribute to Black Lives Matter activists and victims of police brutality.

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Bitter
by Akwaeke Emezi
After a childhood in foster care, Bitter is thrilled to have been chosen to attend Eucalyptus, a special school where she can focus on her painting surrounded by other creative teens. But outside this haven, the streets are filled with protests against the deep injustices that grip the city of Lucille. Bitter isn’t sure where she belongs— in the studio or in the streets. And if she does find a way to help the revolution while being true to who she is, she must also ask: at what cost?

A good kind of trouble
by Lisa Moore Ramée
After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.

Run: Book one
by John Lewis
This astounding graphic novel tells the story of an often overlooked chapter of civil rights history through the eyes of Congressman John Lewis—one of the “Big Six” leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington.

Dear Justyce
by Nic Stone
A sequel to the best-selling Dear Martin finds incarcerated teen Quan writing letters to his neighbor, Justyce, about the former’s experiences in the American juvenile justice system while the latter attends Yale.

Brown girl dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson
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.

Ghost boys
by Jewell Parker Rhodes
After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

Black birds in the sky: the story and legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre
by Brandy Colbert
An award-winning author recounts one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history and explores the ways the Tulsa Race Massacre is the story of America.

Revolution in our time: the Black Panther Party’s promise to the people
by Kekla Magoon
In this comprehensive, inspiring, and all-too-relevant history of the Black Panther Party, Kekla Magoon introduces readers to the Panthers’ community activism, grounded in the concept of self-defense, which taught Black Americans how to protect and support themselves in a country that treated them like second-class citizens.

On the come up
by Angie Thomas
A follow-up to the award-winning The Hate U Give finds an ambitious young rapper pouring her frustrations into a first song only to find herself at the center of a viral controversy that forces her to become the menace that her public reputation has portrayed her to be.

When they call you a terrorist: a story of Black Lives Matter and the power to change the world
by Patrisse Khan-Cullors
Patrisse Khan-Cullors grew up in an over-policed United States where incarceration of Black people runs rampant. Surrounded by police brutality, she gathered the tools and lessons that would lead her on to found one of the most powerful movements - #BlackLivesMatter - in the world.

Love is a revolution
by Renée Watson
Falling for an activist during an open-mic party, plus-sized Nala tells increasingly complicated lies about how much she shares her crush’s interests, before learning unanticipated lessons in radical love and self-love.

Stamped: racism, antiracism, and you
by Jason Reynolds
A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today.