

### 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.



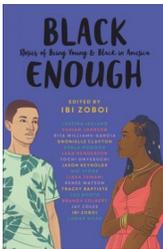
### The beautiful struggle : a memoir, adapted for young adults

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

**BIO COATES, TA. / TEEN**

Adapted for teen readers, a father-son memoir documents the National Book Award-winning

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.



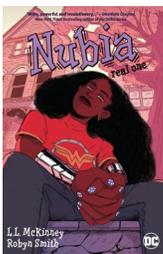
### Black enough

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.



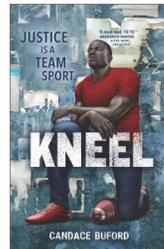
### Nubia : real one

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

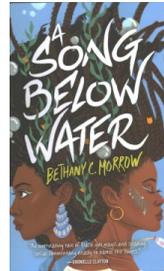
thinks he owns the town, Nubia risks everything to become the hero society tells her she is not.



### 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.

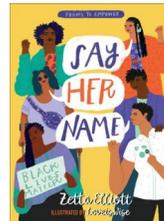


### A song below water

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

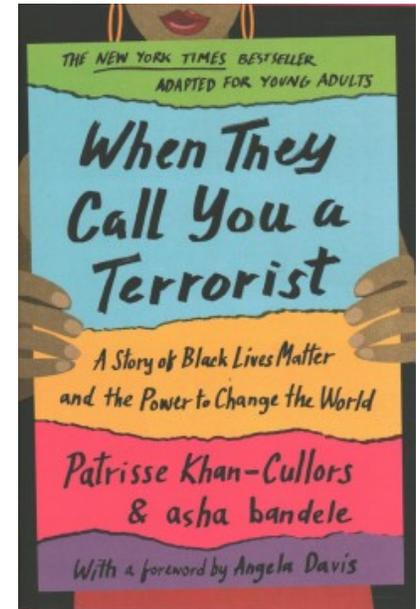
by Zetta Elliott

**811.6 ELL / Teen**

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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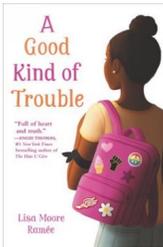


## Bitter

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.

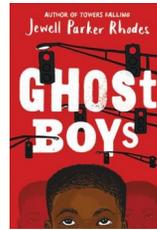


## Brown girl dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson  
*BIO Woodson, J. / Teen*

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

*TWEEN 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

*976.686 COL / TEEN*

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.



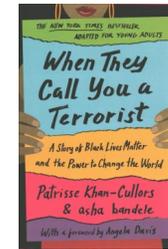
## Revolution in our time : the Black Panther Party's promise to the people

by Kekla Magoon

*323.1196 MAG / TEEN*

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.



## When they call you a terrorist : a story of Black Lives Matter and the power to change the world

by Patrisse Khan-Cullors

*323.092 KHA / TEEN*

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.

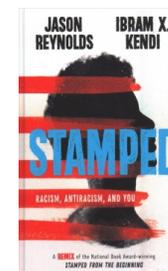


## On the come up

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.



## Stamped : racism, antiracism, and you

by Jason Reynolds

*305.8 REY / TEEN*

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today.