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IMAGINE ME

by Tahereh Mafi

Dystopian / Science Fiction

Juliette Ferrars. Ella Sommers. Which is the truth and which is the lie? Now that Ella knows who Juliette is and what she was created

for, things have only become more complicated. As she struggles to understand the past that haunts her and looks to a future more uncertain than ever, the lines between right and wrong – between Ella and Juliette – blur. And with old enemies looming, her destiny may not be her own to control.



WAR STORM

by Victoria Aveyard

Dystopian / Fantasy

Mare Barrow learned this all too well when Cal's betrayal nearly destroyed her. Now determined to protect her heart and secure freedom, for Reds

and Newbloods like her, Mare resolves to overthrow the kingdom of Norta once and for all . . . starting with the crown on Maven's head. War is coming, and all Mare has fought for hangs in the balance. Will victory be enough to topple the Silver kingdoms? Or will the little lightning girl be forever silenced?



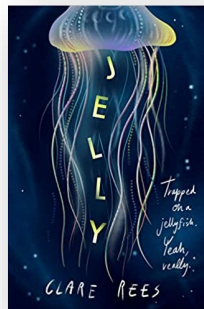
WE ARE BOUND BY STARS

by Kesia Lupo

Fantasy

On a mysterious island where the very earth holds magic, masked assassins plague the city and strange creatures rise from the desert. Livio

has riled against his destiny his whole life. Beatrice longs to escape her life of servitude. But when a twist of fate unites them, it is up to them to stop a deadly revolution. Are they just puppets in someone else's game? Will they have to accept the hands they have been dealt or can either change their fortunes?



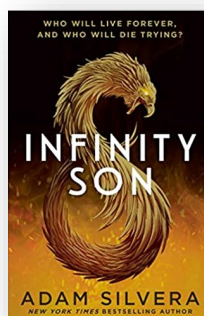
JELLY

by Clare Rees

Dystopian / Science Fiction

Life has its ups and downs, doesn't it? And Martha and her friends are really sick of going up, and down, and up, and down. After a traumatic event that no

one can talk about or even quite remember, they're stuck on a giant killer jellyfish, tantalisingly close to the shore and safety. They've had enough of it. They've decided that they're either going to escape, or die trying.



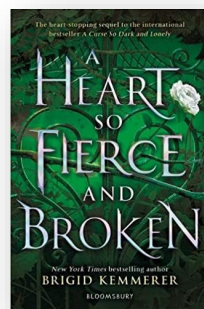
INFINITY SON

by Adam Silvera

Fantasy

Brighton wishes he had a power so he could join the fray. Emil just wants the fighting to stop. The cycle of violence has taken a toll, making it harder

for anyone with a power to live peacefully and openly. In this climate of fear, a gang of spectres has been growing bolder by the day. Then, in a brawl after a protest, Emil manifests a power of his own - one that puts him right at the heart of the conflict and sets him up to be the heroic Spell Walker Brighton always wanted to be.



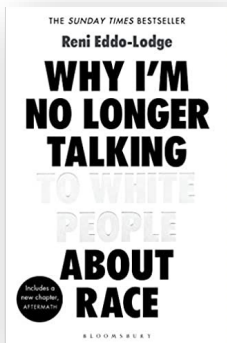
A HEART SO FIERCE AND BROKEN

by Bridgid Kemmerer

Fantasy

Harper has freed Prince Rhen from the curse that almost destroyed his kingdom. But all is not well; rumours are rife that there is a rival heir with a

stronger claim to the throne and that 'Princess' Harper of Disi is nothing but a fraud. Grey has fled the castle carrying a terrible secret. When he is discovered by soldiers and returned to Ironrose by force, Grey's allegiances begin to shift. And as he grows closer to an enemy princess, he is forced to decide whether he will stand against Rhen for the crown he never wanted .



WHY I'M NO LONGER TALKING TO WHITE PEOPLE ABOUT RACE
by Reni Eddo - Lodge
Non - Fiction

The book that sparked a national conversation explores everything from eradicated black history to the inextricable link between class and race, *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race* is the essential handbook for anyone who wants to understand race relations in Britain today.



SOS: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE
by Seth Wynes
Non - Fiction

Climate Change researcher, Seth Wynes, sets out in the simplest terms how you can make a real and positive impact. Make changes at home, at work, to how you shop, eat, live - start by finding one thing your family can change with this book and do it today. What you do matters - and the science proves it. How many actions can you tick off the list in this book to help save our planet?



BECOMING
by Michelle Obama
Autobiography

Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world.



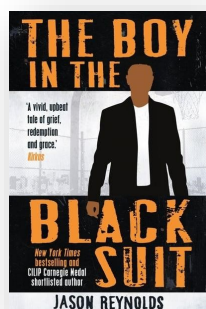
MISFIT
by Charli Howard
Autobiography

When Charli, though medically underweight, was fired by her modelling agency for being too big, she decided she'd had enough. She used her platform for good and spoke out about the insane standards of the modelling industry, whose images influence young women and girls all over the world. Now, Charli is comfortable in her skin for the first time and she shares her journey, from anorexic teenager to happy, healthy twenty-something.



WHAT MOMMA LEFT ME
by Renee Watson
Multicultural Fiction

Serenity is good at keeping secrets. Her mother is dead, her father is gone, and starting life over at her grandparents' house is strange. Luckily, certain things seem to hold promise: a new friend who makes her feel connected, and a boy who makes her feel seen. But when her brother starts making poor choices, her friend is keeping her own dangerous secret, and her grandparents put all of their trust in a faith that Serenity isn't sure she understands, it is the power of love that will repair her heart and keep her sure of just who she is.



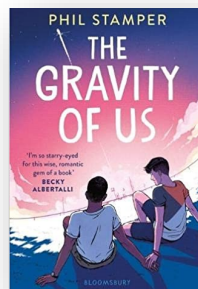
BOY IN THE BLACK SUIT
by Jason Reynolds
Multicultural Fiction

Matt wears a black suit every day. Not because his mom died, although she did, but he wears the suit for his gig at the local funeral home. It pays way better than the Cluck Bucket, and he needs the income since his dad can't handle the bills on his own. So while Dad's snagging bottles of whiskey, Matt's snagging fifteen bucks an hour. Not bad. But everything else? Not good. Then Matt meets Lovey. She's been through more crazy stuff than he can imagine. Yet Lovey never cries. She's tough. Really tough. Tough in the way Matt wishes he could be.



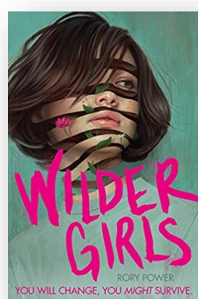
BIRTHDAY
by Meredith Russo
LGBTQ

Meet Eric and Morgan. Born on the same day, at the same time, in the same place. They've always shared this one day together, but as they grow up they begin to grow apart. Everyone expects Eric to get a football scholarship, but no one knows he's having second thoughts. Former quarterback Morgan feels utterly alone, as she wrestles with the difficult choice to live as her true self. Both of them are struggling to be the person they know they are. Who better to help than your best friend?



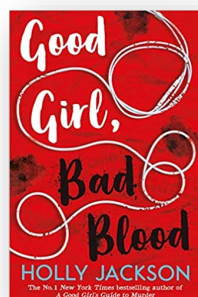
THE GRAVITY OF US
by Phil Stamper
LGBTQ

Cal wants to be a journalist, and he's already well underway with almost half a million followers on his Flash-Fame app and an upcoming internship at BuzzFeed. But his plans are derailed when his pilot father is selected for a highly-publicized NASA mission to Mars. Within days, Cal and his parents leave Brooklyn for hot and humid Houston.



WILDER GIRLS
by Rory Power
Mystery / Suspense

It's been eighteen months since the Raxter School for Girls was put in quarantine. The Tox turned the students strange and savage, the teachers died off one by one. Cut off from the mainland, the girls don't dare wander past the school's fence where the Tox has made the woods wild and dangerous. But when Byatt goes missing, Hetty will do anything to find her best friend.



GOOD GIRL, BAD BLOOD
by Holly Jackson
Mystery / Suspense

Pip Fitz-Amobi is not a detective anymore. With the help of Ravi Singh, she released a true-crime podcast about the murder case they solved together last year. The podcast has gone viral, yet Pip insists her investigating days are behind her. But when someone she knows goes missing and the police won't do anything about it Pip uncovers more of her town's dark secrets.



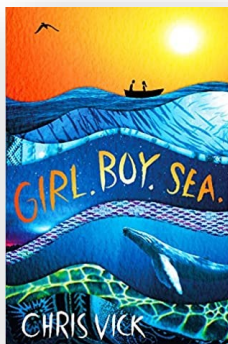
ONE OF US IS NEXT
by Karen M. McManus
Mystery / Suspense / School Stories

It's been a year since the events of *One Of Us Is Lying*. But nothing has settled for the residents of Bayview. Not now someone has started playing a sinister game of Truth or Dare. Choose truth? You must reveal your darkest secret. Choose dare? Well, that could be even more dangerous. Even deadly. When the game takes an even darker turn, suddenly no one at Bayview High knows who to trust. But they need to find out who is behind the game, before it's too late.



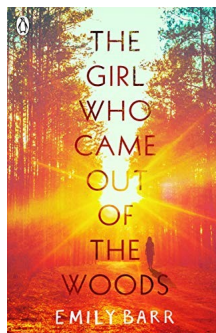
F.O.X.E.S
by M.A. Bennett
Mystery / Suspense / School Stories

Greer has just recovered from her terrifying experience during the STAGS play. Was she really put on trial by the sinister Dark Order of the Grand Stag? Or was it purely her overheated imagination? The imprint of an 'M' for murderer that has appeared on her thumb, though, is puzzling but incomplete evidence. Meanwhile Ty is staying on at Longcross Manor and Greer, Nel and Shafeen are increasingly worried for her safety. When Ty sends a cryptic message directing them to Cumberland Place, the de Warlencourts' palatial home in London.



GIRL. BOY. SEA
by **Chris Vick**
Adventure

A British boy narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After days alone at sea in a tiny rowing boat Bill rescues a girl called Aya who is clinging for her life to a barrel. When they land on a desert island, they're surprised to be confronted by a stranger who is not what he seems... and back out on the waves once more in the dark deep, a shadow follows...



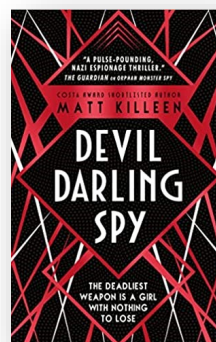
THE GIRL WHO CAME OUT OF THE WOODS
by **Emily Barr**
Adventure

Arty has always lived in a commune hidden in the forests of south India. But her happy life is shattered after a terrible event. For the first time, Arty must leave her home, and head into the intriguing but frightening outside world. On the streets of India, a chance encounter leads to her becoming an unwilling overnight celebrity. As she embarks on her journey, she discovers she is being followed by thousands of strangers, who seem to know her every move...



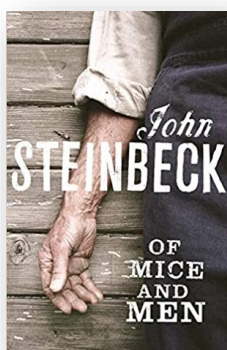
ENCHANTEE
by **Gita Trelease**
Historical Fiction / Fantasy

Paris in 1789 is a labyrinth of twisted streets, filled with beggars, thieves, revolutionaries and magicians. When seventeen-year-old Camille is left orphaned, she has to provide for her frail sister and her volatile brother. In desperation, she survives by using the petty magic she learnt from her mother. But when her brother disappears Camille decides to pursue a richer, more dangerous mark: the glittering court of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.



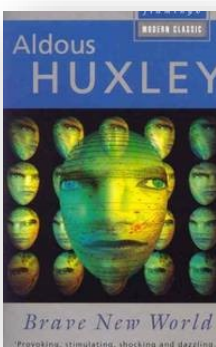
DEVIL DARLING SPY
by **Matt Killeen**
Historical / Mystery

The deadliest weapon is a girl with nothing to lose. Sarah is used to spying in the champagne-fuelled parties of Nazi Berlin. But her new mission is infinitely more deadly - tracking a lethal disease across bullet-torn Africa, to uncover the monster who would use it to create fifty million corpses. Her enemies think she is a terrified little girl. But she is a warrior set to burn them all.



OF MICE AND MEN
by **John Steinbeck**
Classic Fiction

Drifters in search of work, George and his childlike friend Lennie, have nothing in the world except the clothes on their back - and a dream that one day they will have some land of their own. Eventually they find work on a ranch in California's Salinas Valley, but their hopes are dashed as Lennie - struggling against extreme cruelty, misunderstanding and feelings of jealousy - becomes a victim of his own strength.



BRAVE NEW WORLD
by **Aldous Huxley**
Classic Fiction

Welcome to New London. Everybody is happy here. Our perfect society achieved peace and stability through the prohibition of monogamy, privacy, money, family and history itself. Now everyone belongs. You can be happy too. All you need to do is take your Soma pills. Discover the brave new world of Aldous Huxley's classic novel, written in 1932, which prophesied a society which expects maximum pleasure and accepts complete surveillance - no matter what the cost.



RUN, REBEL
by Manjeet Mann
Verse

Amber is trapped - by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. Freedom always comes at a price. Run, Rebel is a trailblazing verse novel that thunders with rhythm, heart and soul - perfect for fans of Sarah Crossan, Elizabeth Acevedo and Rupi Kaur.



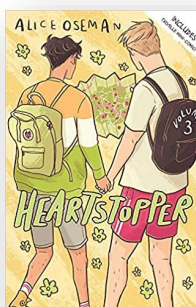
THE BLACK FLAMINGO
by Anshika Kullar & Dean Atta
Verse

Michael waits in the stage wings, wearing a pink wig, pink fluffy coat and black heels. One more step will see him illuminated by spotlight. He has been on a journey of bravery to get here, and he is almost ready to show himself to the world in bold colours ...*Can he emerge as The Black Flamingo?*



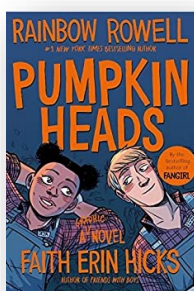
CLAP WHEN YOU LAND
by Elizabeth Acevedo
Verse

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people. In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered.



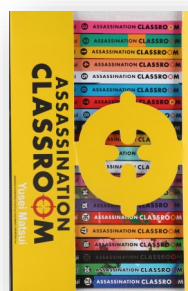
HEARTSTOPPER VOL 3
by Alice Oseman
Graphic Novel

Charlie didn't think Nick could ever like him back, but now they're officially boyfriends. Nick's even found the courage to come out to his mum. But coming out isn't just something that happens once - there's Nick's older brother, and a school trip to Paris, not to mention all the other friends and family - and life can be hard, even with someone who loves you by your side. As their feelings get more serious, Charlie and Nick will need each other more than ever before.



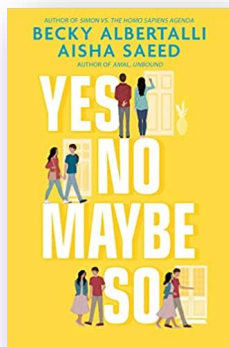
PUMPKIN HEADS
by Rainbow Rowell
Graphic Novel

Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world (not many people know that the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world is in Omaha, Nebraska, but it definitely is). They say goodbye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September. But this Halloween is different - Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last goodbye.



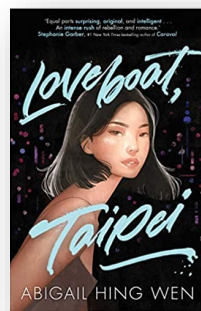
ASSASSINATION CLASSROOM BOXED SET VOL 1—21
by Yusei Matsui
Manga Senior

Meet the would-be assassins of class 3-E: Sugino, who let his grades slip and got kicked off the baseball team. Karma, who's doing well in his classes but keeps getting suspended for fighting. And Okuda, who lacks both academic and social skills, yet excels at one subject: chemistry. Who has the best chance of winning that reward? Will the deed be accomplished through pity, brute force or poison...? And what chance does their teacher have of repairing his students' tattered self-esteem?



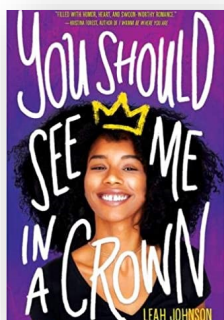
YES NO MAYBE SO
by Becky Albertalli & Aisha Saeed
Romance

Jamie Goldberg is cool with volunteering for his local state candidate - as long as he's behind the scenes. There's no way he'd ever knock on doors to ask people for their vote until he meets Maya. Maya Rehman's having the worst Ramadan ever. Her best friend is too busy to hang out, her summer trip is cancelled, her parents are separating and now her mother thinks the solution to her problems is political canvassing - with some awkward guy she hardly knows.



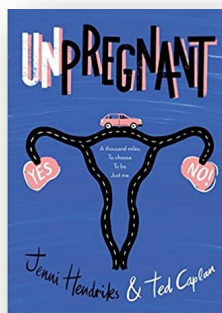
LOVEBOAT, TAIPEI
by Abigail Hing Wen
Romance

Ever Wong's summer takes an unexpected turn. Gone is Chien Tan, the strict educational program in Taiwan that Ever was expecting. In its place, she finds Loveboat: a summer-long free-for-all, where hook-ups abound, adults turn a blind eye and the nightlife runs nonstop. When these students' lives collide, it's guaranteed to be a summer Ever will never forget!



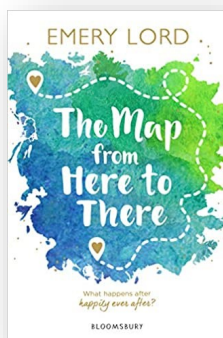
YOU SHOULD SEE ME IN A CROWN
by Leah Johnson
Romance / School Stories

Liz has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed town. But Liz has an escape plan to attend an uber-elite college, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on unexpectedly falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen.



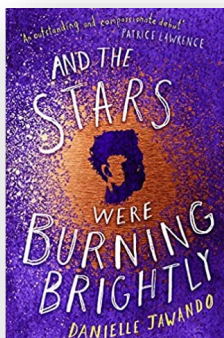
UNPREGNANT
by Jenni Hendricks & Ted Caplan
Friendship / Relationships

Veronica is top of her class - and somehow she's found herself gazing in disbelief at a positive pregnancy test. Even worse, her ex-best friend and the high school's legendary malcontent, Bailey, is the only one there to help. In this warm and darkly funny road trip story, Veronica and Bailey drive a thousand miles to an out-of-state abortion clinic - rediscovering their friendship in the process.



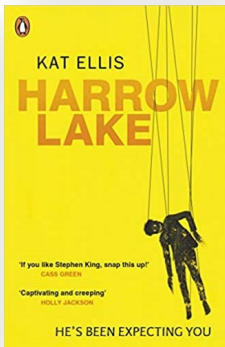
THE MAP FROM HERE TO THERE
by Emery Lord
Friendship / Relationships

It's senior year, and Paige Hancock is finally living her best life. She has a fun summer job, great friends, and a super charming boyfriend who totally gets her. But senior year also means big decisions. Feeling the weight of 'the rest of her life' Paige starts to panic. Everything is exactly how she always wanted it to be - how can she leave it all behind next year?



AND THE STARS WERE BURNING BRIGHTLY
by Danielle Jawando
Friendship / Relationships / Siblings

When fifteen-year-old Nathan discovers that his older brother Al, has taken his own life, his whole world is torn apart. *Al was special. Al was talented. Al had so many dreams ... so why did he do it?* Convinced that his brother was in trouble, Nathan decides to retrace Al's footsteps. As he does, he meets Megan, Al's former classmate, who is as determined as Nathan to keep Al's memory alive.



HARROW LAKE
by Kat Ellis
Horror / Supernatural

Lola Nox is the daughter of a celebrated horror filmmaker - she thinks nothing can scare her. But when her father is brutally attacked in their New York apartment, she's swiftly packed off to live with a grandmother she's never met in Harrow Lake, the eerie town where her father's most iconic horror movie was shot.



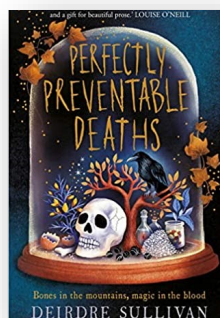
QUEEN OF AIR AND DARKNESS
by Cassandra Clare
Horror / Supernatural

Innocent blood has been spilled on the steps of the Council Hall, the sacred stronghold of the Shadowhunters. In the wake of the tragic death of Livia Blackthorn, the Clave teeters on the brink of civil war. One fragment of the Blackthorn family flees to Los Angeles, seeking to discover the source of the disease that is destroying the race of warlocks.



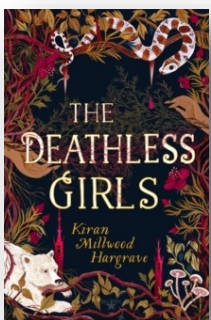
THE RECKLESS AFTERLIFE OF HARRIET STOKER
by Lauren James
Horror / Supernatural

When Harriet Stoker dies after falling from a balcony in a long-abandoned building, she discovers a world of ghosts with magical powers – shape-shifting, hypnosis, even the ability to possess the living. Felix, Kasper, Rima and Leah welcome her into their world, eager to make friends with the new arrival. Yet Harriet is more interested in unleashing her own power, even if it means destroying everyone around her.



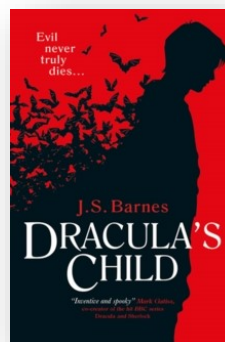
PERFECTLY PREVENTABLE DEATHS
by Deidre Sullivan
Horror / Supernatural

Sixteen-year-old twins Madeline and Catlin move to a new life in Ballyfrann, a strange isolated Irish town, a place where the earth is littered with small corpses and unspoken truths. A place where, for generations, teenage girls have gone missing in the surrounding mountains. As distance grows between the twins - as Catlin falls in love, and Madeline begins to understand her own nascent witchcraft - Madeline discovers that Ballyfrann is a place full of predators .



THE DEATHLESS GIRLS
by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Horror / Supernatural

Forced to work in the harsh and unwelcoming castle kitchens, Lil is comforted when she meets Mira, a fellow slave who she feels drawn to in a way she doesn't understand. But she also learns about the Dragon, a mysterious and terrifying figure of myth and legend who takes girls as gifts.



DRACULA'S CHILD
by J.S. Barnes
Horror / Supernatural

It has been some years since Jonathan and Mina Harker survived their ordeal in Transylvania and, vanquishing Count Dracula, returned to England to try and live ordinary lives. But shadows linger long in this world of blood feud and superstition - and, the older their son Quincey gets, the deeper the shadows that lengthen at the heart of the Harker's' marriage.



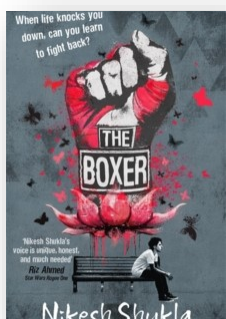
A VERY LARGE EXPANSE OF SEA
by **Tahereh Mafi**
Tackling Racism

It's 2002, a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another new high school. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. She's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments - even the physical violence she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day.



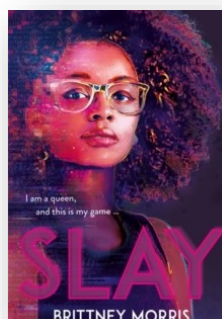
PUNCHING THE AIR
by **Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam**
Tackling Racism

One fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighbourhood escalates into tragedy. 'Boys just being boys' turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal Shahid's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?



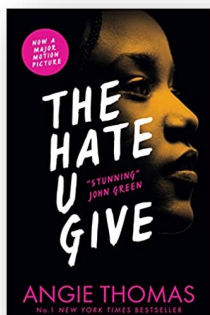
THE BOXER
by **Nikesh Shukla**
Tackling Racism

Told over the course of the ten rounds of his first fight, this is the story of amateur boxer Sunny. A seventeen year old feeling isolated and disconnected in the city he's just moved to, Sunny joins a boxing club to learn to protect himself after a racist attack. He finds the community he's been desperately seeking at the club, and a mentor in trainer Shobu, who helps him find his place in the world.



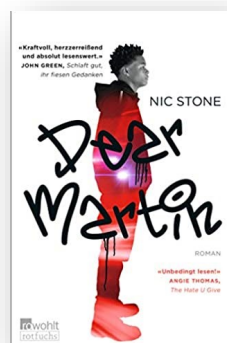
SLAY
by **Brittney Morris**
Tackling Racism

By day, seventeen-year-old Kiera Johnson is a college student, and one of the only black kids at Jefferson Academy. By night, she joins hundreds of thousands of black gamers who duel worldwide in the secret online role-playing card game, SLAY. No one knows Kiera is the game developer but when a teen in Kansas City is murdered over a dispute in the SLAY world, the media labels it an exclusionist, racist hub for thugs.



THE HATE U GIVE
by **Angie Thomas**
Tackling Racism

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.



DEAR MARTIN
by **Nic Stone**
Tackling Racism

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League - but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighbourhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.