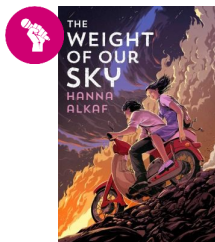


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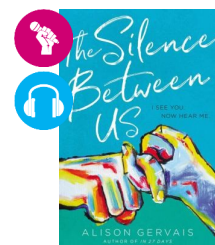


Alkaf, Hanna

[The Weight of Our Sky](#)

Melati Ahmad, who believes that she must appease a djinn inside her by counting and tapping in order to save her mother's life, must survive the chaotic outbreak of war with China in 1969 Kuala Lumpur.

Asian & Pacific Islander

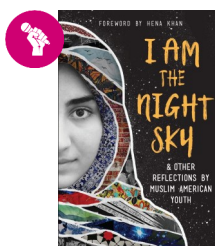


Gervais, Alison

[The Silence Between Us](#)

After moving to Colorado, deaf seventeen-year-old Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, where she must navigate a new life and prove that her lack of hearing will not stop her from pursuing her dreams.

Disability

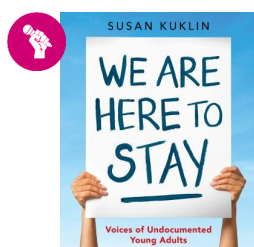


Khan, Hena (foreword by)

[I Am the Night Sky & Other Reflections by Muslim American Youth](#)

During an era characterized by both hijabi fashion models and enduring post 9/11 stereotypes, ten Muslim American teenagers came together to explore what it means to be young and Muslim in America today.

Muslim



Kuklin, Susan (edited by)

[We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults](#)

Meet 9 courageous teens who have lived in the US with a secret for much of their lives: they are not US citizens. All have heartbreaking and hopeful stories about leaving their homelands and starting a new life in America.

Citizenship Status



Locke, Katherine and Laura Silverman (edited by)

[It's a Whole Spiel: Love, Latkes, and Other Jewish Stories](#)

From confronting their relationships with Judaism to rom-coms with a side of bagels and lox, It's a Whole Spiel features stories that says we are both Jewish and queer, disabled, creative, political, and anything we want to be.

Jewish

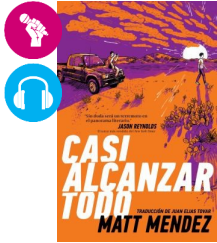


Mejia, Tehlor Kay

[We Set the Dark on Fire](#)

A top student at the Medio School for Girls, which trains upper class young women for roles as homemakers or mothers, Daniela Vargas must spy for a resistance group in order to keep her lower-class origins hidden.

Latinx

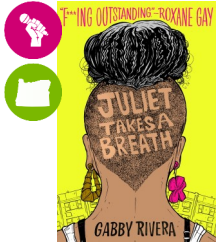


Mendez, Matt

Casi alcanzar todo / Barely Missing Everything

Three Mexican-Americans—Juan, JD, and Fabi—each try to overcome their individual struggles as they all grapple with how to make a better life for themselves when it seems like brown lives don't matter.

Language (Spanish)

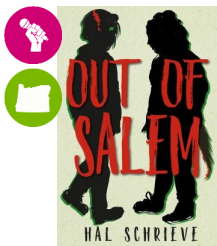


Rivera, Gabby

Juliet Takes a Breath

Juliet, a self-identified queer Puerto Rican-American, comes out to her family to disastrous results the night before flying to Portland, OR to intern with an icon whose problematic definition of feminism excludes women of color.

Intersectionality

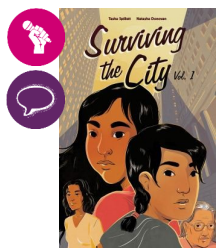


Schrieve, Hal

Out of Salem

Genderqueer 14-year-old Z has to adjust quickly to their new status as a zombie after a car crash that killed their parents and sisters. Set in an alternate version of 1990s Salem, OR filled with werewolves, fey, and other monsters.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



Spillet, Tasha (Nehiyaw)

Surviving the City Vol. 1

Miikwan and Dez are best friends. When Dez's grandmother becomes too sick, Dez is told she can't stay with her anymore and disappears. Miikwan is devastated. Will Dez's community find her before it's too late?

American Indian

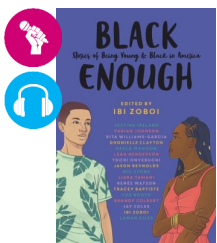


Thomas, Angie

On the Come Up / Hora de brillar

Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.

Income Inequality



Zoboi, Ibi (edited by)

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that each person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are unique.

Black



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