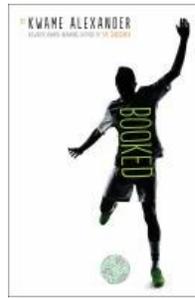




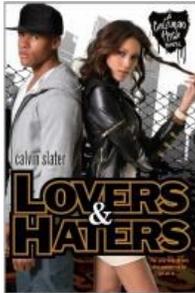
**Gabi, a Girl in Pieces**  
by Isabel Quintero

Gabi Hernandez chronicles her last year in high school in her diary: Cindy's pregnancy, Sebastian's coming out, the cute boys, her father's meth habit, the food she craves, and the poetry that inspires her.



**Booked**  
by Kwame Alexander

Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.



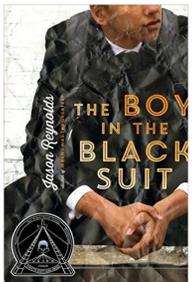
**Lovers & Haters**  
by Calvin Slater

Xavier Hunter is trying to get good grades and get the hottest girl. But with his father and brother both locked up in jail, there's no money. So he does what he has to – deal with a gang.



**Knockout Games**  
by G. Neri

This is a gritty tale of a group of teens who have been playing the "knockout game" of rushing and hitting people and video recording it.



**The Boy in the Black Suit**  
by Jason Reynolds

Life has kept knocking Matt down since his mother died. Then he finds an unusual job at a funeral parlor and meets Lovey, a girl who's been through more crazy than he can imagine.



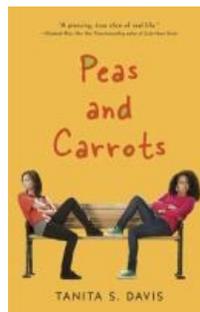
**Yaqui Delgado Wants To Kick Your Ass**  
by Meg Medina

A Latina teen is targeted by a bully at her new school. Without closing herself off or running away, she must discover resources she never had to survive.



**Down by Law**  
by Ni-Ni Simone

Isis learned early to survive on the streets. When she was robbed, she took back what was hers. When her brother was killed and her mom left, Isis fought to stay strong. Then a run-in with the law shatters her world.



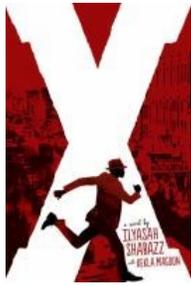
**Peas and Carrots**  
by Tanita S. Davis

After years of abuse and neglect, Dess is sent to a foster home. Her and Hope, her foster sister, are very different and struggle to get along.

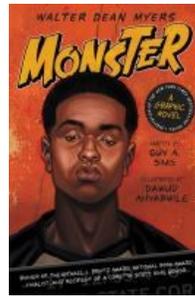
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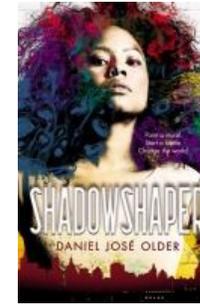
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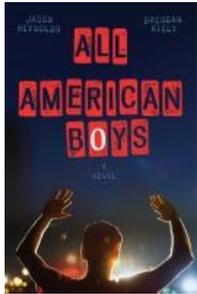
**X : a novel**  
by Ilyasah Shabazz  
with Kekla Magoon  
Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years, from childhood to age 20, of the man whose words and actions shook the world.



**Monster: a graphic novel**  
by Walter Dean Myers  
with Guy A. Sims & Dawud Anyabwile  
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.



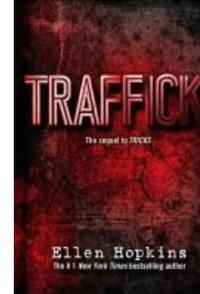
**The Shadowshaper**  
by Daniel Jose Older  
When the graffiti murals in Bed-Stuy start to weep.... Something strange is going on. Turning her talent for art to graffiti, Sierra discovers and fights a supernatural force called the Shadowshapers.



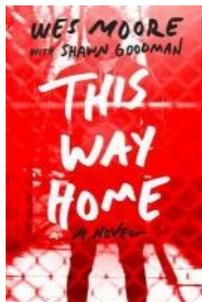
**All American Boys**  
by Jason Reynolds  
with Brendan Kiely  
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the brother of his best friend.



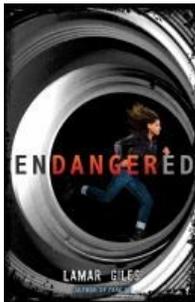
**The Crossover**  
by Kwame Alexander  
*"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering."* Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too.



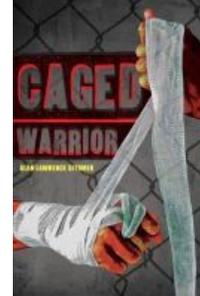
**Traffick**  
By Ellen Hopkins  
Five teens victimized by sex trafficking try to find their way to a new life in this riveting companion to the New York Times bestselling 'Tricks.'



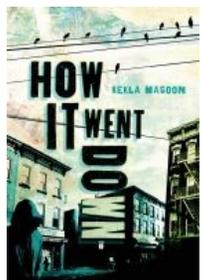
**This Way Home**  
by Wes Moore  
with Shawn Goodman  
All Elijah and his two friends want to do is play good basketball. Then, at the high school finals, a street gang wants them to wear their colors. What can they do?



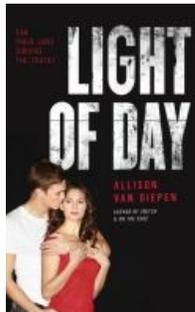
**Endangered**  
by Lamar Giles  
Lauren "Panda" Daniels is on a mission. Hurt in the past, Lauren has made it her goal to help those who have endured cruelty from others. Her weapons of choice are her camera and an anonymous blog upon which she posts compromising photos of classmates.



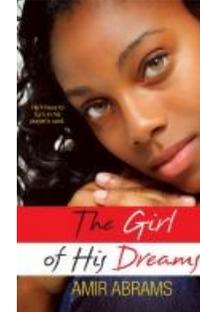
**Caged Warrior**  
By Alan Sitomer  
McCutcheon Daniels, 16, has been trained in Mixed Martial Arts and must keep winning to feed his five-year-old sister and father. Then one day, chance presents another way to escape the Detroit slums.



**How It Went Down**  
By Kekla Magoon  
When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson dies from two gunshot wounds, his community is thrown into an uproar. Tariq was black. The shooter, Jack Franklin, is white.



**Light of Day**  
by Allison Van Diepen  
When Gabby Perez is almost drugged at a nightclub, she decides to take action. Teaming up with a mysterious stranger known as X, the two go after a gang who is drugging and kidnapping innocent girls .



**Girl of His Dreams**  
by Amir Abrams  
Antonio's life rules are simple: play or get played. And never, ever catch feelings. He thinks that he wants Miesha, but she has a motto of her own: The thrill of the chase is not getting caught. Game knows game.