



BOOKS FOR TEENS



The Black Kids

By [Hammonds Reed, Christina](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

With the Rodney King riots closing in on high school senior Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.

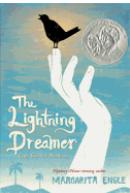


With a Star in My Hand: Rubén Darío, Poetry Hero

By [Engle, Margarita](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

A novel in verse about the life and work of Rubén Darío, a Nicaraguan poet who started life as an abandoned child and grew to become the father of a new literary movement.

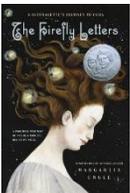


The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist

By [Engle, Margarita](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook, Hoopla eBook

In free verse, evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba.

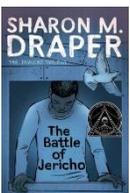


The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba

By [Engle, Margarita](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

Draws on little-known Cuban history to tell a stirring story in poetry. Based on the diaries and letters of Swedish suffragist Fredrika Bremer, who spent three months in Cuba in 1851, the story focuses on oppressed women, the privileged as well as the enslaved, in three alternating free-verse narratives.



The Jericho trilogy

By [Draper, Sharon M.](#)

Books, Hoopla eAudio series

1. The Battle of Jericho
2. November Blues
3. Just Another Hero

A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club.



Panic

By [Draper, Sharon M.](#)

Book, Hoopla eAudio

As rehearsals begin for the ballet version of Peter Pan, the teenaged members of an Ohio dance troupe lose their focus when one of their own goes missing.



Love from A to Z

By [Ali, S. K.](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

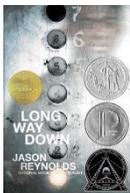


Saints and Misfits

By [Ali, S. K.](#)

Book, Overdrive eAudio

Fifteen-year-old Janna Yusuf, a Flannery O'Connor-obsessed book nerd and the daughter of the only divorced mother at their mosque, tries to make sense of the events that follow when her best friend's cousin--a holy star in the Muslim community--attempts to assault her at the end of sophomore year.



Long Way Down

By [Reynolds, Jason](#)

Book, Graphic Novel, Audio, Overdrive eBook & eAudio

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.



Permanent Record

By [Choi, Mary H. K.](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook & eAudio

Nineteen-year-old Pablo Neruda Rind is working in an upscale health food store in New York City when pop star Leanna Smart rushes in and turns his life upside-down.



Emergency Contact

By [Choi, Mary H. K.](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

After a chance encounter, Penny and Sam become each other's emergency contacts and find themselves falling in love digitally, without the humiliating weirdness of having to see each other.



Don't Ask Me Where I'm from

By [de Leon, Jennifer](#)

Book

Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school, but when family secrets come out and racism at school gets worse than ever, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.

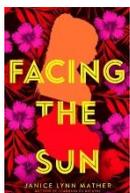


Learning to Breathe

By [Mather, Janice Lynn](#)

Book, Hoopla eAudio

Sixteen-year-old Indy struggles to conceal that she is pregnant by rape and then, turned out by relatives, must find a way to survive on her own.



Facing the Sun

By [Mather, Janice Lynn](#)

Overdrive eBook, Hoopla eAudio

Told from multiple viewpoints, follows teenaged friends Nia, KeeKee, Faith, and Eve as they experience unexpected life changes the summer a hotel developer purchases their Caribbean community's beloved beach.



Slay

By [Morris, Brittney](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook & eAudio

An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.

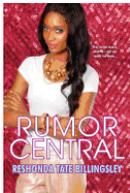


My Summer of Love and Misfortune

By [Wong, Lindsay](#)

Overdrive eBook

After a series of disastrous choices and rejections, seventeen-year-old Chinese American Iris Wang is thrust into the decadent world of Beijing high society as her cousin's English tutor.



Rumor Central series

By [Billingsley, ReShonda Tate](#)

Overdrive eBook, Hoopla eBook & eAudio

- Real as it Gets
- Eye Candy
- You Don't Know Me Like That
- Boy Trouble
- Rumor Central
- Truth or Dare

After appearing on the reality show "Miami Divas," Maya Morgan is offered her own television show, but stepping up to the fame means spilling secrets about her friends, and someone will do anything to shut her up.



Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens

By [Boteju, Tanya](#)

Book

After a bewildering encounter at her small town's annual summer festival, seventeen-year-old biracial, queer Nima plunges into the world of drag, where she has the chance to explore questions of identity, acceptance, self-expression, and love.



The Effigies series

By [Raughley, Sarah](#)

Overdrive eBooks

- Fate of Flames
- Siege of Shadows
- Legacy of Light

Before they can save the world from the monstrous phantoms, four girls who have the power to control the classical elements: earth, air, fire, and water must first try to figure out how to work together.

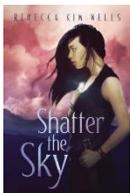


Legendborn

By [Deonn, Tracy](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights. New series.

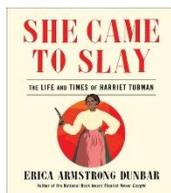


Shatter the Sky

By [Wells, Rebecca Kim](#)

Book, Overdrive eAudio, Hoopla eAudio

Maren, desperate to save her kidnapped girlfriend, plans to steal one of the emperor's dragons and storm the Aurati stronghold, but her success depends on becoming an apprentice to the emperor's mysterious dragon trainer, which proves to be a dangerous venture. Sequel *Storm the Earth*.



She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman

By [Dunbar, Erica Armstrong](#)

Book

A lively, informative and illustrated tribute to one of the most exceptional women in American history—Harriet Tubman—looks at a heroine whose fearlessness and activism still resonates today.

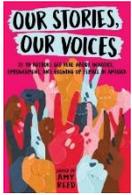


Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir

By [Engle, Margarita](#)

Book, Overdrive eBook

In this memoir, Margarita Engle, the first Latina woman to receive a Newbery Honor, tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War. Also available in Book and Overdrive eBook *Soaring Earth: A companion memoir to Enchanted Air*.

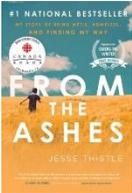


Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America

By [Reed, Amy Lynn](#)

Book

A collection of essays from twenty-one young adult authors explore their experiences of injustice, empowerment, and growing up female in America.



From the Ashes: My Story of Being Métis, Homeless, and Finding My Way

By [Thistle, Jesse](#)

Overdrive eBook & eAudio

In this extraordinary and inspiring debut memoir, Jesse Thistle, once a high school dropout and now a rising Indigenous scholar, chronicles his life on the streets and how he overcame trauma and addiction to discover the truth about who he is.

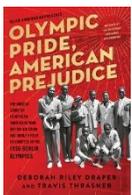


High School

By [Quin, Tegan](#) & [Quin, Sara](#)

Book, Overdrive eAudio, Hoopla eAudio

Award-winning identical twin music artists Tegan and Sara share the coming-of-age story of their high school years, detailing how their early relationships, family tragedies and high expectations shaped their rise to celebrated musicians and global LGBTQ icons.



Olympic Pride, American Prejudice: The Untold Story of 18 African Americans Who Defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to Compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics

By [Draper, Deborah Riley](#)

Author [Underwood, Blair](#)

Book, Overdrive eAudio, Hoopla eVideo

Presents the story of eighteen African Americans, including Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson's brother Mack, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics despite racism at home and abroad.

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