

AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEEN FICTION

The Cost of Knowing

by Brittney Morris

16-year-old Alex's curse of seeing the future distracts him from being his best, but when he sees his little brother Isaiah's imminent death, he races against time, death, and circumstances to save him.

The Meet-Cute Project

by Rhiannon Richardson

High school junior Mia, who hates romantic comedies, must endure the "meet-cute" encounters her best friends set up to help her find a date for her sister's wedding.

Not So Pure and Simple

by Lamar Giles

High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a Purity Pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush, Kiera.

A Song Below Water

by Bethany C. Morrow

In a society determined to keep her magic under lock and key, Tavia must hide her siren powers while her best friend Effie is fighting against literal demons from her past. Together, these two must use their sisterhood to save themselves from drowning.

On the Come Up

by Angie Thomas

When 16-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy.

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Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America

by Ibi Zoboi (editor)

Short stories that explore what it is like to be young and black; centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else's.

The Stars and The Blackness Between Them

by Junauda Petrus

16-year-old Audre and Mabel, both young women of color from different backgrounds, fall in love and figure out how to care for each other as one of them faces a fatal illness.

When You Look Like Us

by Pamela N. Harris

When Jay's sister Nic goes missing after hanging out with a bad crowd, he must take up the search for her, because in his neighborhood, black girls' disappearances are too often overlooked.

Who Put This Song On?

By Morgan Parker

17-year-old Morgan is a black teen triumphantly figuring out her identity when her conservative town deems depression as a lack of faith, and blackness as something to be politely ignored.

The Belles

by Dhonielle Clayton

In a world where Beauty is a commodity only a few control, one Belle will learn the dark secrets behind her powers, and rise up to change the world.

Monday's Not Coming

by Tiffany Jackson

When her friend Monday goes missing and Monday's mother refuses to give her a straight answer, Claudia digs into her disappearance.