

Finding Diverse Books 2023

GRADES 9-12



Blum, Isaac

[The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen](#)

Hoodie's Orthodox Jewish community migrates to the mostly non-Jewish town of Tregaron, where he finds himself torn between the two communities after he falls in love with the mayor's daughter, Anna-Marie Diaz-O'Leary.

Religion | Jewish



Boyer, Susan Azim

[Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win](#)

After lying about being student body president on her college application, Jasmine's must-win campaign is disrupted by anti-Iranian sentiment as the Iran Hostage Crisis explodes across the nightly news.

Religion | Muslim

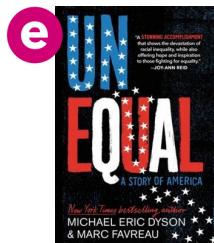


Chee, Traci

[A Thousand Steps into Night](#)

When a girl who's never longed for adventure is hit with a curse that begins to transform her into a demon, she embarks on a quest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life.

Race & Ethnicity | Asian & Pacific Islander

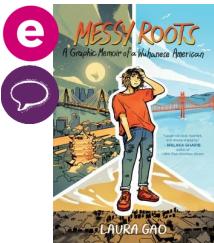


Dyson, Michael Eric

[Unequal: A Story of America](#)

Interconnected stories present a picture of racial inequality in America, showing systemic discrimination in all areas of society and showing the unbroken line of Black resistance to this inequality.

Race & Ethnicity | Black

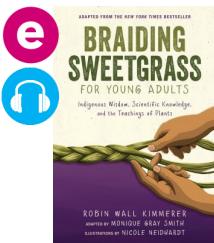


Gao, Laura

[Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American](#)

This funny graphic memoir follows Chinese-American Laura's immigration to Texas where she just wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why she is attracted to girls.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



Kimmerer, Robin Wall (adapted by Monique Gray Smith)

[Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults](#)

This adaptation of Indigenous botanist Kimmerer's bestselling book brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.

Race & Ethnicity | Indigenous

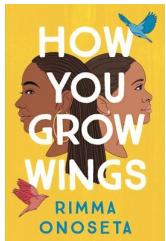


Maldonato, Crystal

[**Charlie Vega Tiene Un Problema Gordo / Fat Chance, Charlie Vega**](#)

Overweight sixteen-year-old Charlie yearned for her first kiss while her perfect best friend, Amelia, fell in love, so when she finally starts dating and learns the boy asked Amelia out first, she is devastated.

Language | Spanish



Onoseta, Rrimma

[**How You Grow Wings**](#)

Sisters Cheta and Zam's paths to break free of their oppressive home diverge wildly—one moves into an aunt's luxurious home and the other struggles to survive on her wits alone.

Income Inequality



McCall, Guadalupe Garcia

[**Echoes of Grace**](#)

On the Texas-Mexico border, Grace's relationship with her older sister Mercy is fractured when Mercy's young son dies in an accident, bringing to old family traumas and literal ghosts to the surface as the family struggles to heal.

Race & Ethnicity | Latine

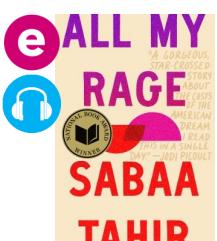


Midori, Wataru

[**Run On Your New Legs Vol. 1**](#)

Shouta Kikuzato's athletic dreams are derailed when a terrible incident costs him his leg until a passing prophet offers to build him a brand-new leg designed solely for speed.

Disability

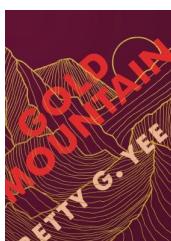


Tahir, Sabaa

[**All My Rage**](#)

Sal struggles to save his Pakistani-American family's struggling California motel while his best friend Noor plots an escape to college in this multigenerational story of young love, old regrets, and forgiveness.

Race & Ethnicity | Asian & Pacific Islander



Yee, Betty

[**Gold Mountain**](#)

Tam Ling Fan disguises herself as her twin brother, journeys from her village in China to California, and takes a dangerous job as a laborer on the Transcontinental Railroad to earn the money her family desperately needs.

Citizenship Status



**e-book
available**



**audiobook
available**



**graphic
novel**



**Spanish
available**