

Finding Diverse Books for Kids 2021

GRADES 9-12



Brown, Echo

[Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard](#)

From age six through her high school valedictory speech, believing she and her mother are wizards helps young Echo cope with poverty, hunger, her mother's drug abuse, and much more.

Income Inequality



Chee, Traci

[We Are Not Free](#)

Budding fourteen-year-old artist Minoru Ito's life is upended in 1942, when she and her Japanese-American friends and neighbors are incarcerated in relocation camps following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Race & Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific Islander



de Leon, Jennifer

[Don't Ask Me Where I'm From](#)

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.

Citizenship Status

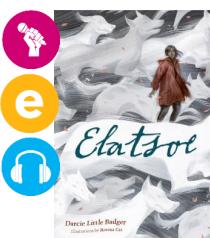


Fantauzzo, Laurel Flores

[My Heart Underwater](#)

Reeling from her father's coma and kissing a female teacher, seventeen-year-old Corazon suddenly finds herself in the Philippines with a half-brother she had never met.

Intersectionality



Little Badge, Darcie

[Elatsoe](#)

Elatsoe, a Lipan Apache teenage girl who can raise the ghosts of dead animals, uncovers her picture-perfect town's gruesome secrets while seeking justice for her cousin's murder.

Race & Ethnicity: American Indian

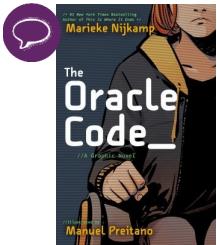


Méndez, Yamile Saied

[Furia](#)

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

Race & Ethnicity: Latinx

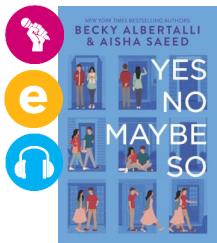


Nijkamp, Marieke

The Oracle Code

After a gunshot leaves her paralyzed, Barbara Gordon must adapt to a new normal, but she cannot shake the feeling that something is dangerously amiss in the Arkham Center for Independence.

Disability



Saeed, Aisha and Becky Albertalli

Yes No Maybe So

Jamie Goldberg, who chokes when speaking to strangers, and Maya Rehman, who is having the worst Ramadan ever, are paired to knock on doors and ask for votes for the local state senate candidate.

Religion: Muslim



Sam, Dan

Buenos Días, Avril: ¿estás En Delhi!

Avril Santana is about to turn fifteen and has never been kissed. After an embarrassing incident, she accompanies her mother to India, where her mother enters an emotional detox program and Avril falls in love.

Language (Spanish)

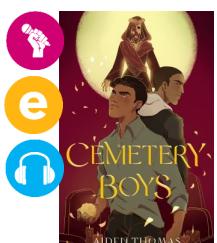


Solomon, Rachel

Today, Tonight, Tomorrow

It's the last day of senior year. Rivals Rowan Roth and Neil McNair, both overachievers, reluctantly decide to team up for Howl, the senior class game. They'll play until they are the last players left—and then destroy each other.

Religion: Jewish



Thomas, Aiden

Cemetery Boys

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



Zoboi, Ibi and Yusef Salaam

Punching the Air

Amal's bright future is upended when he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. This never should have been his story. But can he change it using his words and art.

Race & Ethnicity: Black



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available



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graphic
novel



Oregon author
or setting



Spanish
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