

How it Went Down

By Kekla Magoon

YA MAGOON

When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

Not Otherwise Specified

By Hannah Moskowitz

YA MOSKOWITZ

Auditioning for a New York City performing arts high school could help Etta escape from her Nebraska all-girl school, where she's not gay enough for her former friends, not sick enough for her eating disorders group, and not thin enough for ballet--but it may also mean real friendships.

All the Right Stuff

by Walter Dean Myers

YA MYERS

The summer after his absentee father is killed in a random shooting, Paul volunteers at a Harlem soup kitchen where he listens to lessons about "the social contract" from an elderly African American man, and mentors a seventeen-year-old unwed mother who wants to make it to college on a basketball scholarship.

Darius & Twig

By Walter Dean Myers

YA MYERS

Two best friends, a writer and a runner, deal with bullies, family issues, social pressures, and their quest for success coming out of Harlem.

Knockout Games

By G. Neri

YA NERI

As a gang of urban teenagers known as the TKO Club makes random attacks on bystanders, Erica, who is dating the gang leader, wrestles with her dark side and "good kid" identity.

Getting Played

by Celeste Norfleet

YA NORFLEET

If there's one thing Kenisha Lewis has learned, it's that the people you think you know best often surprise you the most. And not always in a good way...

My Own Worst Frenemy

by Kimberly Reid

YA REID

Chanti Evans moves from the streets of Detroit to the exclusive Langdon preparatory school, where her upbringing immediately makes her a suspect in the string of thefts occurring on campus, and she must find the culprit and clear her name.

All American Boys

By Jason Reynolds

YA REYNOLDS

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 older brother of his best friend.

The Keysha Diaries, Volume 1

by Earl Sewell

YA SEWELL

Sent to live the wealthy father she has never known, street-smart Keysha Kendall, bitter about her troubled childhood, refuses to forget--or let anyone else forget--where she came from as she struggles to belong.

No Boyz Allowed

by Ni-Ni Simone

YA SIMONE

Gem doesn't find it easy to make new friends, until high school, where she meets Savannah, who asks her to join her crew. One of the rules of their crew is to never let boys come between them. Gem is okay with that until she meets Phoenix, who can't stop talking about this boy she was dating -- the same boy Gem has also been seeing.

This Side of Home

By Renee Watson

YA WATSON

Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new--white--family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.

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He Said, She Said
By Kwame Alexander
YA ALEXANDER

He says: Omar "T-Diddy" Smalls has got it made - a full football ride to U Miami & hero-worship status at school. She says: Football, shmootball. Claudia Clarke cares more about Harvard, the poor, and the hungry. Throw these two high-school seniors together and they unexpectedly end up leading the biggest social protest this side of the Mississippi.

Kendra
by Coe Booth
YA BOOTH

High schooler Kendra longs to live with her mother who, unprepared for motherhood at age fourteen, left Kendra in the care of her grandmother.

Pointe
By Brandy Colbert
YA COLBERT

Four years after Theo's best friend, Donovan, disappeared at age thirteen, he is found and brought home and Theo puts her health at risk as she decides whether to tell the truth about the abductor, knowing her revelation could end her life-long dream of becoming a professional ballet dancer.

A La Carte
By Tanita Davis
YA DAVIS

Lainey, a high school senior and aspiring celebrity chef, is forced to question her priorities after her best friend (and secret crush) runs away from home.

Courtin' Jade
by L. Divine
YA DIVINE

Just as South Bay High's Jayd Jackson is feeling good that her two main social circles have finally come together, drama takes over once more.

The Battle of Jericho
by Sharon Draper
YA DRAPER

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

Romiette and Julio
by Sharon Draper
YA DRAPER

Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high

school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harrassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.

Tears of a Tiger
by Sharon Draper
YA DRAPER

The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school. [First in a series]

Most Likely to Succeed
By Jennifer Echols
YA ECHOLS

Sawyer and Kaye fall in love despite hating each other.

Begging for Change
by Sharon Flake
YA FLAKE

Teenaged Raspberry Hill tries to sort out her confused feelings of disgust, shame, and love for her homeless, drug addicted father and worries that she may have inherited his lying and stealing ways.

Pinned
by Sharon Flake
YA FLAKE

Adonis is smart, intellectually gifted and born without legs; Autumn is strong, a great wrestler, and barely able to read in ninth grade--but Autumn is attracted to Adonis and determined to make him a part of her life whatever he or her best friend thinks.

See No Color
By Shannon Gibney
YA GIBNEY

Alex has always identified herself as a baseball player, the daughter of a winning coach, but when she realizes that is not enough she begins to come to terms with her adoption and her race.

Endangered
By Lamar Giles
YA GILES

When Lauren (Panda), a teen photoblogger, gets involved in a deadly game, she has to protect the classmates she despises.

Something Like Hope
by Shawn Goodman
YA GOODMAN

Shavonne, a fierce, desperate seventeen year-old in juvenile lockup, wants to turn her life around before

her eighteenth birthday, but corrupt guards, out-of-control girls, and shadows from her past make her task seem impossible.

Teenie
by Christopher Grant
YA GRANT

High school freshman Martine, longing to escape Brooklyn and her strict parents, is trying to get into a study-abroad program but when her long-time crush begins to pay attention to her and her best friend starts an on-line relationship, Teenie's mind is on anything but her grades.

The First Part Last
by Angela Johnson
YA JOHNSON

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Standing Against the Wind
by Traci Jones
YA JONES

As she tries to escape her poor Chicago neighborhood by winning a scholarship to a prestigious boarding school, shy and studious eighth-grader Patrice discovers that she has more options in life than she previously realized.

Don't Fail Me Now
By Una LaMarche
YA LAMARCHE

Interracial half-siblings come together for the first time and embark on a cross-country road trip to confront their absentee father before he dies.

Like No Other
By Una LaMarche
YA LAMARCHE

Though their relationship is strictly forbidden, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go?

Scarlett Undercover
By Jennifer Latham
YA LATHAM

Scarlett, a sixteen-year-old private detective in the fictional city of Las Almas, finds herself at the center of a mysterious case--involving ancient curses, priceless artifacts, and jinn--as she discovers that her own family secrets may have more to do with the situation than she thinks.