

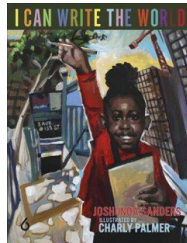
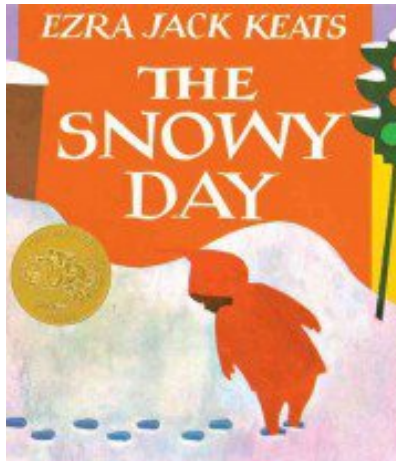
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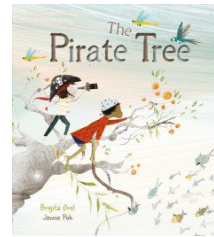
PICTURE BOOKS

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

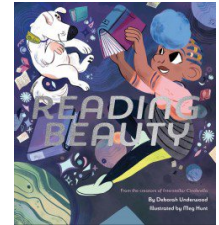
No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than The Snowy Day. The story has become a favorite of millions, as it reveals a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day



I can Write the World
by Joshunda Sanders



The Pirate Tree
by Brigita Orel



Reading Beauty
by Deborah Underwood

FEATURED AUTHOR: Becky Birtha

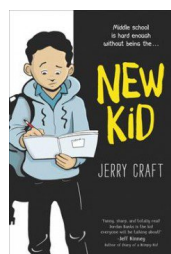
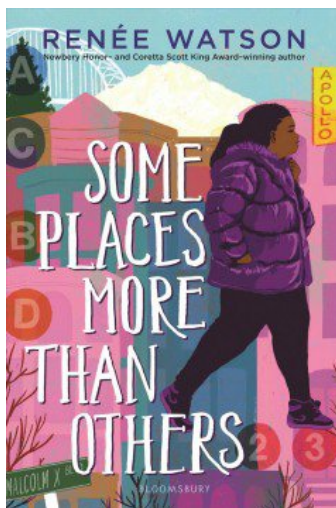
Becky Birtha is an American poet who has started writing short stories and is best known for her poetry depicting African American and LGBTQ relationships, often focusing on topics such as interracial relationships, emotional recovery from a breakup, single parenthood and adoption. Becky began writing children's books and draws in that family warmth and love among children with incarcerated and or single parents. She has been recognized in the New York Public Library 100 top titles to read as well as Publisher's Weekly, Smithsonian Magazine and more.



CHAPTER BOOKS

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

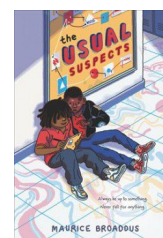
All Amara wants is to visit her father's family in Harlem. Her wish comes true when her dad decides to bring her along on a business trip. She can't wait to finally meet her extended family and stay in the brownstone where her dad grew up. Plus, she wants to visit every landmark from the Apollo to Langston Hughes's home.



New Kid
by Jerry Craft



The Forgotten Girl
by India Hill Brown



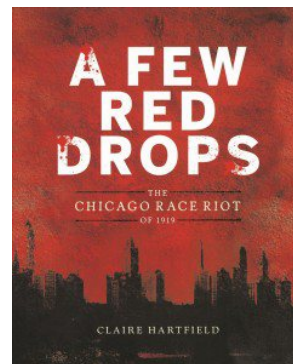
Usual Suspects
by Maurice Broaddus

AWARD-WINNING BOOK

A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919

Written by 2019 Coretta Scott King Award winner Claire Hartfield

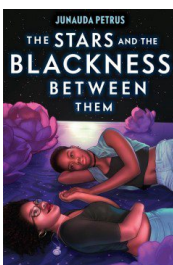
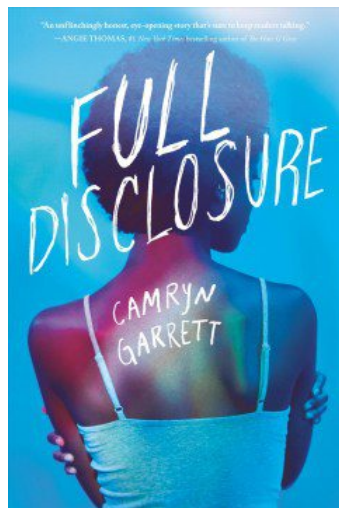
On a hot day in July 1919, three black youths went swimming in Lake Michigan, unintentionally floating close to the "white" beach. An angry white man began throwing stones at the boys, striking and killing one. Racial conflict on the beach erupted into days of urban violence that shook the city of Chicago to its foundations. This mesmerizing narrative draws on contemporary accounts as it traces the roots of the explosion that had been building for decades in race relations, politics, business, and clashes of culture.



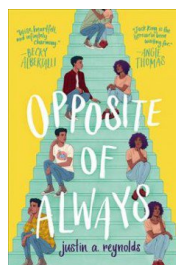
TEENS

Full Disclosure by Camryn Garrett

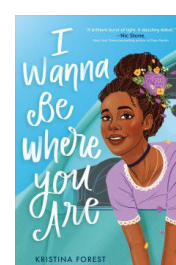
Being a teenager is hard enough, but it is even harder for Simone because she is HIV positive. In this debut novel by Camryn Garrett, you will be engulfed in how Simone navigates the pressures of being an HIV positive teenager as well as falling in love for the first time. This novel brings so much positivity and is sure to keep your heart warm this winter.



The Stars and the
Blackness Between Them
by Junauda Petrus



Opposite of Always
by Justin A. Reynolds

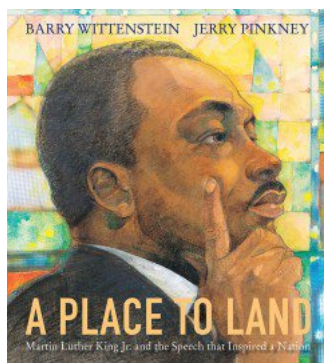


I Wanna Be Where You Are
by Kristina Forest

NON-FICTION

A Place To Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation by Barry Wittenstein and Jerry Pinkney

Many of us know about the famous 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr. given at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, but most of us don't know about all of the hard work that went into writing the speech. The night before the march, he met with some of his closest advisors, referenced The Emancipation Proclamation, used the poetic influences of Langston Hughes, and wrote for countless hours. Yet the speech was still missing something. "A Place To Land" gives us insight into how the sermonic improvisation and motivation by gospel great Mahalia Jackson changed the course of Black America and the world beyond.



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