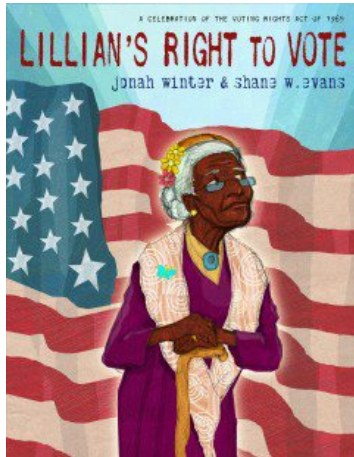


YBR: young black reader's newsletter

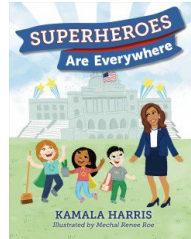
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PICTURE BOOKS

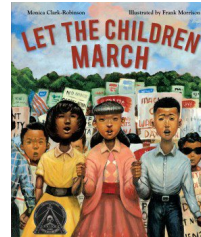


Lillian's Right to Vote by Jonah Winter and Shane W. Evans

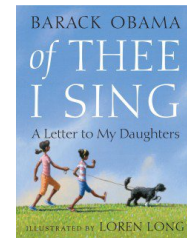
Lillian is one hundred years old and she climbs a steep hill to vote on voting day. Walking up this steep hill, she sees the history of what it took to be able to vote. Lillian remembers the great triumphs and injustices imposed on those before her. Jonah and Shane's book is beautifully illustrated and reads like poetry. This book shows the importance of voting, especially for Black Americans. We all have a Lillian in our family.



Superheroes Are Everywhere
by Kamala Harris



Let The Children March
by Monica Clark- Robinson



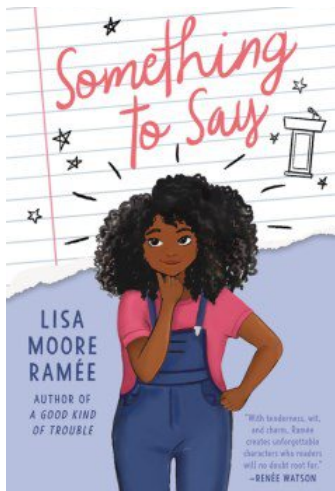
Of Thee I Sing
by Barack Obama

FEATURED AUTHOR: Kwame Mbalia

Kwame Mbalia is the author of the *"Rick Riordan Presents Tristan Strong"* series which has influence from West African and African American mythology. He is a graduate of Howard University and previously worked as a pharmaceutical metrologist. Mbalia stated that alternating between scientist and writer allows him to use both the creative and logical sides of his brain. Sounds like something a science person would say! While working on an unpublished book he categorized as "West African Steampunk" in 2017, he learned that Rick Riordan was searching for stories about African American mythology. In one week, Mbalia was able to write and submit 3 Chapters to Riordan. This was the birth of *"Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky,"* which landed him on the New York Times Bestsellers list. The sequel *"Tristan Strong Destroys the World"* was released October 2020.

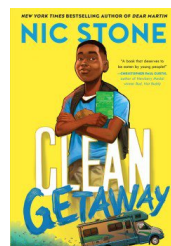


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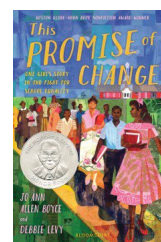


Something to Say by Lisa Moore Ramee

Eleven-year-old Jenae doesn't have any friends and she's just fine with that. She's so good at being invisible in school, it's almost like she has a superpower. When a new student named Aubrey comes to the school, their friendship challenges her find her voice. They are proposing a name change for their school. Jenae would prefer to keep quiet instead helping her friend secure a spot on the debate team. However, she realizes she does has something to say.



Clean Getaway
by Nic Stone



This Promise of Change
by Jo Ann Allen Boyce

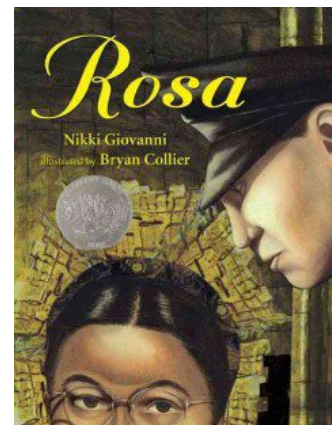


Isaiah Dunn is My Hero
by Kelly J. Baptist

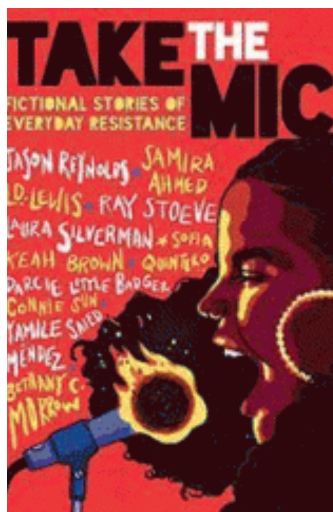
CLASSIC BOOK

Rosa by Nikki Giovanni

Originally published in 2005 on the 50th anniversary of Rosa Parks' historic arrest, this book tells the story of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white man in 1955. Renowned poet Nikki Giovanni uses her poetic words to give life to a story heard many times before. Giovanni's magnetic words paired with captivating illustrations draw you into a story of woman who grew tired and changed history forever.

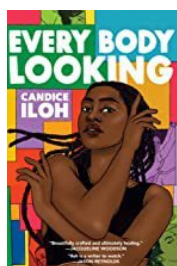


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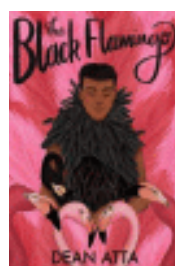


Take the Mic by Bethany Morrow and Jason Reynolds

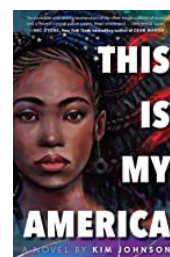
A young adult anthology featuring fictional stories of everyday resistance. You might be the kind of person who stands up to trolls or who marches to protest injustice. Or perhaps you are the trans mentor that you wish you had when you were younger. Maybe you call out false allies, or stand up to loved ones. Maybe you speak your truth and drop the mic, or maybe you take it with you when you leave. You will read stories--in poems, prose, and art--that reflect readers like you resist every day. This powerful collection of stories features work by literary luminaries and emerging talent alike, including Jason Reynolds, Samira Ahmed, and a host of brilliant authors, with cover and interior art by Richie Pope.



Every Body Looking
by Candice Iloh

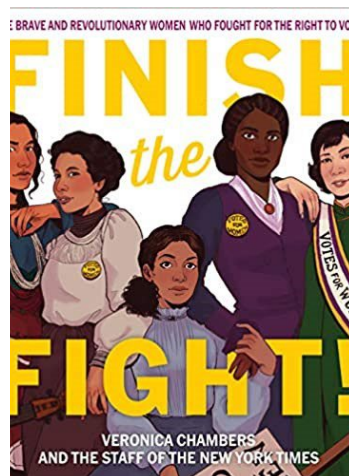


The Black Flamingo
by Dean Atta



This is My America
by Kim Johnson

NON-FICTION



Finish the Fight by Veronica Chambers

Many know a few of the famous names, such as like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who were at the forefront of women's right to vote, but this book celebrates many others from diverse backgrounds, ie Black, Asian, Latinx, Native American, and more, names and stories have yet to be told.

Gorgeous portraits accompany biographies of such fierce but forgotten women as Yankton Dakota Sioux writer and advocate Zitkála-Šá, Mary Eliza Church Terrell, who cofounded the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), and Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, who, at just sixteen years old, helped lead the biggest parade in history to promote the cause of suffrage.

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