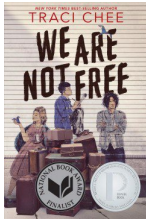




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Teen Services Reading List



We Are Not Free
Chee, Traci

[YA CHEE](#)

For fourteen-year-old budding artist Minoru Ito, her two brothers, her friends, and the other members of the Japanese-American community in southern California, the three months since Pearl Harbor was attacked have become a waking nightmare: attacked, spat on, and abused with no way to retaliate--and now things are about to get worse, their lives forever changed by the mass incarcerations in the relocation camps.

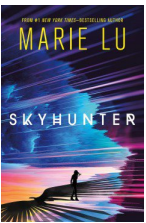
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Shine
Jung, Jessica

[YA JUNG](#)

Seventeen-year-old Rachel Kim confronts the dark underbelly of the K-pop world as she strives to become a K-pop star.

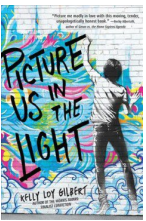


Skyhunter
Lu, Marie

[YA LU](#)

Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite fighting force that stands as the last defense for Mara, the only free nation in the world, but when a mysterious prisoner is brought from the front to Mara's capital, Talin senses there is more to him than meets the eye.

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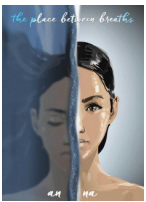


Picture Us In The Light
Gilbert, Kelly Loft

[YA GILBERT](#)

Daniel, a Chinese-American teen, must grapple with his plans for the future, his feelings for his best friend Harry, and his discovery of a family secret that could shatter everything.

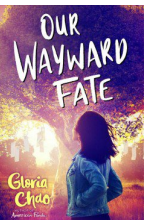
[Hoopla audiobook](#)



The Place Between Breaths
Na, An

[YA NA](#)

Grace, sixteen, fears that she will succumb to the schizophrenia that took her mother away, while she and her father work for a genetics lab rushing to find a cure.



Our Wayward Fate
Chao, Gloria

[YA CHAO](#)

Forging a bond with the only other Taiwanese kid in her school, 17-year-old Ali Chu finds a sense of belonging and the courage to push back against discrimination before her mother's disapproval of the relationship reveals astonishing family secrets.

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Somewhere Only We Know
Goo, Maurene

[YA GOO](#)

Told from two viewpoints, teens Lucky, a very famous K-pop star, and Jack, a part-time paparazzo who is trying to find himself, fall for each other against the odds through the course of one stolen day.

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Rebelwing
Tang, Andrea

[YA TANG](#)

At New Columbia Preparatory Academy in a near-future Washington, D.C., black market smuggler Prudence Wu and friends Anabel, Alex, and Cat become key players in a conflict with the United Continental Confederacy.



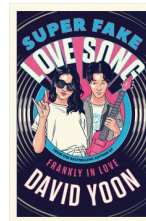
Butterfly Yellow
Lai, Thanhha

[YA LAI](#)

A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy with rodeo dreams to track down the younger brother she was separated from six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

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Super Fake Love Song
Yoon, David

[YA YOON](#)

When new-girl Cirrus mistakes self-described nerd Sunny Dae as the lead in a rock band, Sunny rolls with it forming a fake band with his friends, but as the lies continue he risks losing both Cirrus and his friends.

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Ignite the Stars
Milan, Maura

[YA MILAN](#)

When the notorious I.A. Cōcha is captured by the Olympus Commonwealth and revealed to be a sixteen-year-old girl, she is sentenced to correctional rehabilitation at a training ground for the elite Star Force where she forms unlikely alliances.

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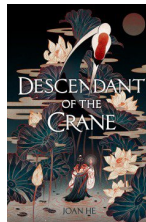


A Taste For Love
Yen, Jennifer

[YA YEN](#)

Both high school senior Liza Yang and her mother share a love and talent for baking but disagree on the subject of dating, especially when Mrs. Yang turns her annual baking contest into a matchmaking scheme.

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Descendant of the Crane
He, Joan

[YA HE](#)

Princess Hesina of Yan is thrust into power when her beloved father is murdered, and she's determined to find his killer--whatever the cost.

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I Love You So Mochi
Kuhn, Sarah

[YA KUHN](#)

Eagerly visiting her estranged grandparents in Japan to distance herself from the mother who disapproves of her fashion ambitions, a talented young designer immerses herself in Kyoto's markets and cherry blossom festival and bonds with a cute med student while uncovering illuminating family secrets.

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Spin the Dawn
Lim, Elizabeth

[YA LIM](#)

Disguising herself as a boy to compete for the position of imperial tailor, Maia must somehow complete the impossible task of sewing three magic gowns for the emperor's bride-to-be from the sun's laughter, the moon's tears, and the blood of stars.

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Wicked Fox
Cho, Kat

[YA CHO](#)

After eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his.

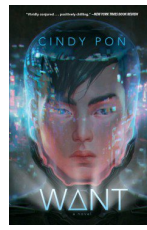


This Time Will Be Different
Sugiura, Misa

[YA SUGIURA](#)

Preferring a simple future to her mother's ambitions for her, a 17-year-old Japanese-American teen discovers her talent for flower arranging before her mother tries to sell the flower shop to the swindlers responsible for their hardships.

[Hoopla audiobook](#)



Want
Pon, Cindy

[YA PON](#)

Jason Zhou is trying to survive in Taipei, a city plagued by pollution and viruses, but when he discovers the elite are using their wealth to evade the deadly effects, he knows he must do whatever is necessary to fight the corruption and save his city.



The Downstairs Girl
Lee, Stacey

[YA LEE](#)

1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for 'the genteel Southern lady'.



A Thousand Beginnings and Endings: 15 Retellings of Asian Myths and Legends

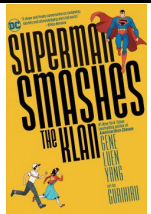
[YA THOUSAND](#)

Fifteen authors of Asian descent reimagine the folklore and mythology of East and South Asia, in short stories ranging from fantasy to science fiction to contemporary, from romance to tales of revenge.

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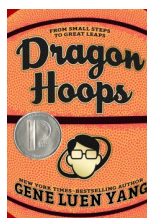
Graphic Novels



Superman Smashes the Klan [YA GN SUPERMAN](#)
Yang, Gene Luen

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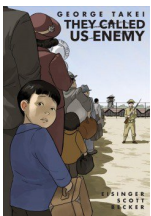


Dragon Hoops
Yang, Gene Luen

[YA GN YANG](#)

The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships.

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They Called Us Enemy [YA GN 940.53 TAK](#)
Takei, George

The iconic actor and activist presents a graphic memoir detailing his experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II, reflecting on the hard choices his family made in the face of legalized racism.

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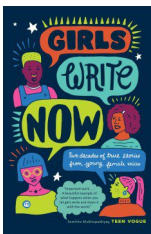


Displacement
Hughes, Kiku

[YA HUGHES](#)

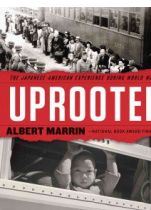
Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II.

Nonfiction



Girls Write Now: Two Decades of True Stories from Young Female Voices. [YA 305.235 GIR](#)

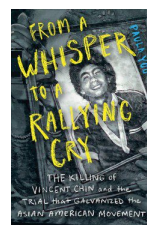
Teenage girls tell their most urgent stories in personal essays, punctuated by inspiration and advice from Zadie Smith, Roxane Gay, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Gloria Steinem, Alice Walker, and more of today's great writers.



Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience During World War II [YA 940.53 MAR](#)
Marrin, Albert

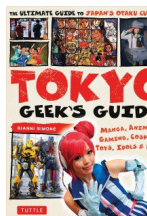
On the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor comes a harrowing and enlightening look at the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II—from National Book Award finalist Albert Marrin

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From A Whisper To a Rallying Cry [On Order](#)
Yoo, Paula

America in 1982. Japanese car companies are on the rise and believed to be putting American autoworkers out of their jobs. Anti-Asian American sentiments simmer, especially in Detroit. A bar fight turns fatal, leaving Vincent Chin—a Chinese American man—beaten to death at the hands of two white men, autoworker Ronald Ebens and his stepson Michael Nitz.



Tokyo Geek's Guide [YA 915.2 SIM](#)
Simone, Gianni

Tokyo is ground zero for Japan's popular "geek" or otaku culture, a phenomenon that has now swept across the globe. This is the most comprehensive guide to Tokyo's geeky underworld ever produced.



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