

#### **Nigeria Jones**

by Ibi Aanu Zoboi (she/her) - Y ZOBOI

When her mother disappears, Nigeria Jones, the daughter of the leader of a Black liberation group, searches for her, uncovering a shocking truth which leads her to question everything she thought she knew about her life and her family.



#### Victory. Stand! : Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith (he/him) - YG B SMITH

On October 16, 1968, during the medal ceremony at the Mexico City Olympics, Tommie Smith, the gold medal winner in the 200-meter sprint, and John Carlos, the bronze medal winner, stood on the podium in black socks and raised their black-gloved fists to protest racial injustice inflicted upon African Americans. Both men were forced to leave the Olympics, received death threats, and

faced ostracism and continuing economic hardships.



#### Black Internet Effect

by Shavone Charles (she/her) - Y 791.46 CHARLES Shavone explores how curiosity and nerve led her to some of the most influential spaces in the tech world: from Google to Twitter to eventually landing a spot on the coveted Forbes 30 Under 30 list. Charles tells her story in the hopes of guiding others and shaping a future where people, particularly women of color, feel empowered. to make space for themselves.

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# **BLACK** TEEN VOICES





## There Goes the Neighborhood

by Jade Adia (she/her) - Y ADIA With her friends and family being pushed out of their South L.A. neighborhood, Rhea decides it's time to push back and manipulates

social media to create the illusion of gang violence in their community to create fear and scare newcomers off, with deadly consequences.



#### **Blood Debts**

by Terry J. Benton-Walker (he/him) - Y BENTON-WALKER Cristina and Clement, 16-year-old twin heirs to a powerful, magical, dethroned family in New Orleans, must find a way to trust each other and their family's magic to solve a decade's old murder and stop another massacre from destroying the city.



#### Sing Me to Sleep

by Gabi Burton (she/her) - Y BURTON

Forced to accept a job guarding the crown prince, siren-in-hiding Saoirse Sorkova, a soldier who survives on lies, finds herself drawn to Prince Hayes, especially when they must work together to stop a deadly killer, who, unbeknownst to him, is Saoirse, herself.

#### The Blackwoods

by Brandy Colbert (she/her) - Y COLBERT Told from multiple points of view, Ardith and Hollis Blackwood's lives are upended when their great-grandmother, legendary actress Blossom Blackwood, passes away, and family secrets emerge.



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## Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute

by Talia Hibbert (she/he/they) - Y HIBBERT

To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship.



## **Invisible Son**

#### by Kim Johnson (she/her) - Y JOHNSON

After spending two months in a juvenile detention center for a crime he did not commit, seventeen-year-old Andre Jackson returns home and tries to adapt to a Covid-19 world and find his missing best friend.



## Love Radio

by Ebony LaDelle (she/her) - Y LADELLE

A 17-year-old self-professed teen love doctor with his own segment on Detroit's popular hip-hop show, Prince Jones has only three dates to prove to Dani, an ambitious writer who hates all things romance, that he's worth falling for.



## We Are All So Good at Smiling

by Amber McBride (she/her) - Y MCBRIDE

Whimsy, who is clinically depressed, befriends a boy named Faerry, with whom she feels a magical connection, and together they brave the Forest, a place of monsters, fairy tales and pain that they have both been running from for 11 years.

## Kin : Rooted in Hope

by Carole Boston Weatherford (she/her) - Y WEATHERFORD

Conjuring up voices of their kin, who are among the founders of Maryland, the author and her son trace their family history back five generations, painting a powerful portrait of a Black family tree shaped by enslavement and freedom.



#### Their Vicious Games

by Joelle Wellington (she/her) - Y WELLINGTON

Blacklisted from her top choice Ivy League college, prestigious Edgewater Academy scholarship student Adina Walker participates in the Finish, a high-stakes competition whose prize of wealth and power can open any door, only to find that she's playing for her life.