

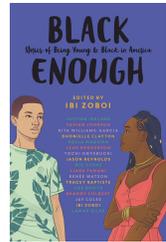
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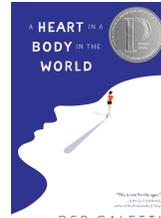
Here is a thing everyone wants: A miracle. Here is a thing everyone fears: What it takes to get one. At the heart of Bicho Raro, CO you will find the Soria family, who all have the ability to perform unusual miracles. And at the heart of this family are three cousins longing to change its future.



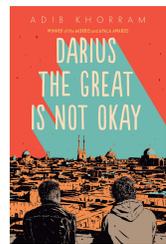
This is the memoir of a 12 year old North Korean boy named Sungju who was forced to live on the streets and fend for himself. To survive, he creates a gang and lives by thieving, fighting, begging, and stealing rides on cargo trains. Sungju depicts what it was like for a boy alone to create a new family with his gang, to daily be hungry and to fear arrest, imprisonment, and even execution.



Black is urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more—because there are countless ways to be *Black Enough*: an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America.



Annabelle is running from the pain and the tragedy from the past year. With only Grandpa Ed and her journal, she runs from Seattle to Washington, DC, and toward a destination she doesn't understand. With every beat of her heart Annabelle steps closer to healing and the strength she discovers within herself to let love and hope back into her life.



Darius speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's half Persian on his mom's side, and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life. This book is for anyone who's ever felt not good enough, then met a friend who makes them feel so much better than okay.

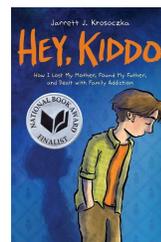


When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot on the team. Behind the plate is the only place she's ever felt comfortable, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. But soon, the pills do more than take away pain; they make her feel good.

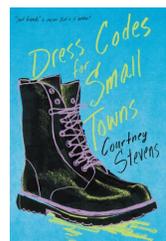


Killing isn't supposed to be easy. But it is. It's the after that's hard to deal with.

Devils Within is gut-wrenching, thought-provoking, no-holds-barred look at the plague of white supremacy in contemporary American culture that may have you examining your own soul.



Jarrett goes through childhood trying to make his life as normal as possible, expressing himself through drawing. As a teenager he begins to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. This is an important memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive.



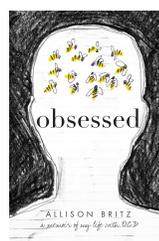
As the tomboy daughter of the town's preacher, Billie McCaffrey has always struggled with fitting the mold of what everyone says she should be. When Janie Lee confesses to Billie that she's in love with Woods, Billie's filled with a nagging sadness as she realizes that she is *also* in love with Woods...and maybe with Janie Lee, too.



Set in a horrifying near-future US, Layla and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim Americans. With the help of new friends in the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the camp's Director and his guards.



The drought has been going on for a while now. Life has become a list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, fill the pool, take long showers. Then the taps run dry. Alyssa's suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation. When her parents don't return and her life is threatened, she has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.



Allison was a good student with loving parents. After a nightmare in which she was diagnosed with cancer, she believed that she had to stop her dream from becoming a reality. Unable to act "normal," she became an outcast. Finally, she asked for help and was diagnosed with OCD. This memoir tracks her descent and ultimately climb out of the depths.

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Elwood Curtis takes the words of Dr. Martin Luther King to heart: He is "as good as anyone." But for a black boy in the South of the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future, like the one that gets Elwood sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, a grotesque chamber of horrors.



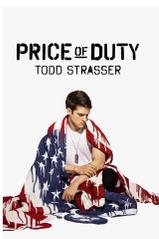
George Takei woke up as a four-year-old boy to find his own birth country at war with his father's -- and their entire family forced from their home into an uncertain future. In 1942, at the order of President Roosevelt, every person of Japanese descent was rounded up and shipped to one of ten "relocation centers," miles from home, where they would be held for years under "armed guard."



Jay plans to spend senior year playing video games. When he discovers that his cousin Jun was murdered as part of Duterte's war on drugs, and no one wants to talk about what happened, he travels to the Philippines. Jay is forced to reckon with the many sides of his cousin before he can face the whole horrible truth -- and the part he played in it.



Ellingham Academy, was a private school founded by Albert Ellingham, who wanted to make a wonderful place full of riddles, twisting pathways, and gardens. Shortly after the school opened, his wife and daughter were kidnapped. The only clue was a riddle listing methods of murder, signed with the frightening pseudonym "Truly, Devious."



Jake Liddell is a war hero. The military is considering awarding him a Silver Star. But he's questioning everything his family brought him up to believe. Now at home, the memories haunt him. He was raised to believe that fighting for one's country was a moral obligation. But now that he's seen firsthand the human cost of war, he is no longer sure.



A year after 9/11 is a turbulent time politically, but especially so for a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. She's built up protective walls and refuses to let anyone close enough to hurt her. But then she meets Ocean James.



Kiera is one of the only Black kids at school. At home, she joins thousands of Black gamers who duel in the secret online role-playing card game, SLAY. No one knows Kiera is the game developer, not even her boyfriend, who believes video games are partially responsible for the "downfall of the Black man."



Best friends since childhood, Luke and Toby have dreamed of one thing: getting out of their dead-end town. But then one choice, or maybe it is a series of choices, sends them down an irrevocable path. *We'll Fly Away* weaves together Luke and Toby's senior year of high school with letters Luke writes to Toby later—from death row.

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