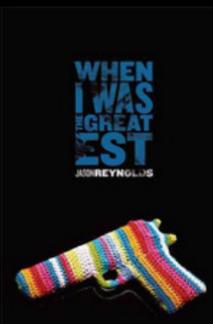


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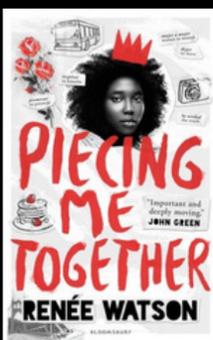
THE HATE U GIVE BY ANGIE THOMAS

Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, *The Hate U Give* is about an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty.



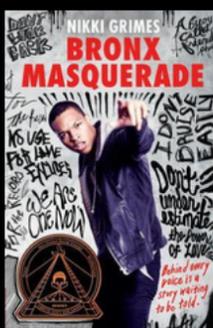
WHEN I WAS THE GREATEST BY JASON REYNOLDS

Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.



PIECING ME TOGETHER BY RENEE WATSON

Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.



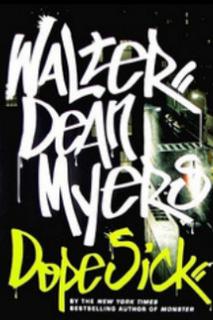
BRONX MASQUERADE BY NIKKI GRIMES

When Wesley Boone writes a poem for his high school English class, some of his classmates clamor to read their poems aloud too. Soon they're having weekly poetry sessions and, one by one, the eighteen students are opening up and taking on the risky challenge of self-revelation.



DEAR MARTIN BY NIC STONE

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.



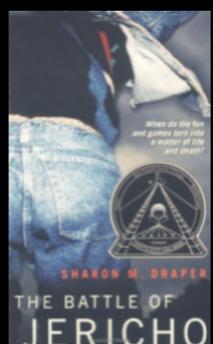
DOPE SICK BY WALTER DEAN MYERS

Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a strange man who reveals different turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.



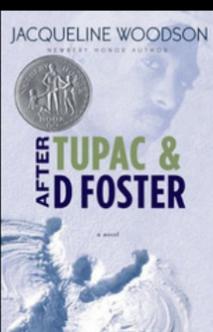
THE STARS BENEATH OUR FEET BY DAVID BARCLAY MOORE

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.



THE BATTLE OF JERICO BY SHARON DRAPER

Jericho is psyched when he and his cousin and best friend, Josh, are invited to pledge for the Warriors of Distinction, the oldest and most exclusive club in school. As the secret initiation rites grow increasingly humiliating, Jericho has to make painful choices.



AFTER TUPAC & D FOSTER BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

In the New York City borough of Queens, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.