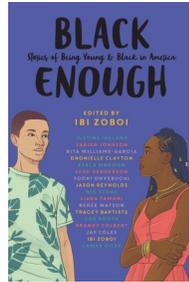


## Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America

Edited by Ibi Zoboi

National Book Award Finalist Zoboi presents seventeen short stories by some of the most acclaimed Black children's and YA authors. These captivating stories celebrate and counteract society's idea of what it's like to be young and Black in America.



## On the Come Up

by Angie Thomas

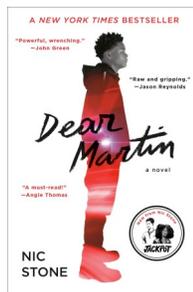
Written by the author of the acclaimed, "The Hate U Give", this novel is an ode to hip hop, telling the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you, and about how, especially for young Black people, the price of freedom is not always free.



## Dear Martin

by Nic Stone

Seventeen-year old Justyce McAllister is good kid and an honor student but experiences police violence and scorn from his classmates. He looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. He starts a journal to Dr. King and finds hope in unexpected places.



## Piecing Me Together

by Renee Watson

African American teen Jade lives in a poor neighborhood but is bused to a private school where she feels like an outsider. Although her mother wants her to take advantage of every opportunity she can, Jade is not happy about joining the mentoring program for "at-risk" girls. She is tired of being singled out as someone who needs help.



## Anger is a Gift

by Mark Oshiro

Moss Jeffries is a considerate student, devoted son, loyal friend, and someone who has panic attacks due to his father's murder by police. He feels stuck—and he and his friends feel like they are treated like criminals at school. Something will have to change—but who will listen to a group of teens?



## Internment

by Samira Ahmed

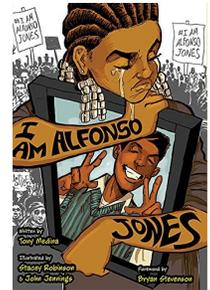
In this near-future dystopian novel, 17-year old Layla Amin, a Muslim, and her parents are forced into an internment camp by a racist Islamophobic regime. With the help of others also trapped in the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla leads a revolution against the camp's Director and his guards, but freedom may come at the cost of lives.



## I Am Alfonso Jones

by Tony Medina

In this graphic novel for young readers that focuses on police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement, Alfonso Jones meets "Ancestors" in the Afterlife, who, like him, were killed by white police officers. Meanwhile, Alfonso's family and friends struggle with grief and seek justice for Alfonso on the streets.



## With the Fire on High

by Elizabeth Acevedo

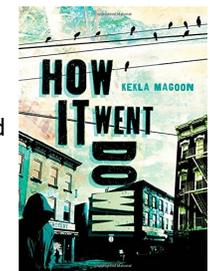
Teen mom Emoni has a complex life with caring for her two-year old and her grandmother. She tries to keep her head down at school and not fall for the new boy Malachi. But when she signs up for a culinary class, she begins to see a path forward—if only she dare follow it.



## How it Went Down

by Kekla Magoon

Sixteen-year old Tariq Johnson is killed by gunfire by a white assailant. There were seven eye-witnesses with seven different stories. Tariq's friends, family, and community struggle to make sense of the tragedy and the unanswered questions. They grapple with a way to say with certainty: This is how it went down.



### Monday's Not Coming

by Tiffany D. Jackson

How can a teenage girl just vanish without anyone noticing that she's gone? This is what has happened to Claudia's friend, Monday. Claudia undertakes a heart wrenching quest to find her missing best friend. The search leads readers through a tale of sisterhood, identity, loss, and secrets.



### March: Book One

by John Lewis

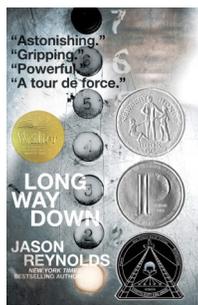
Civil rights leader, Congressman John Lewis, recounts his formative years in the first volume of this trilogy with emotion-filled black and white art. The book begins with "Bloody Sunday" and fast forwards to Barack Obama's inauguration in January 2009. March is a vivid first-hand account of Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.



### A Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds

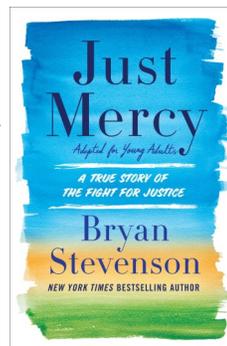
After fifteen-year old Will's brother, Shawn, was murdered, Will locates his brother's gun to avenge his death. As he descends on the elevator to each floor from his family's eighth floor apartment, Will is joined by another individual in the chain of violence that took his brother's life. This intense verse novel is a high-stakes moral thriller.



### Just Mercy (adapted for young adults)

by Bryan Stevenson

In this adaptation of the original #1 bestseller, acclaimed lawyer and social justice advocate Bryan Stevenson chronicles his early career as a lawyer fighting for prisoner rights in the south, including the poor, the wrongly convicted, and those who face discrimination and marginalization.



### American Born Chinese

by Gene Luen Yang

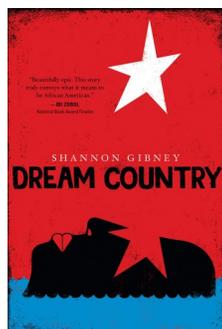
This graphic novel, a National Book Award Finalist, tells the story of Jin Wang, a Chinese-American student who just wants to be an all-American boy. Danny is an all-American boy, but his reputation gets ruined when his obnoxious Chinese cousin comes for a visit and creates a disaster. The Monkey King is ready to join the ranks of the immortal gods in Heaven. How can these characters help each others?



### Dream Country

By Shannon Gibney

This riveting tale of a family seeking freedom begins by introducing Kollie, a Liberian American teen in 2008 Minnesota, who is beginning to crack under the strain of his life as a Liberian refugee. Readers travel back to Liberia and back in time where the threads of this sprawling tale are tied together.



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