

READS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers

Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. They are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that life in Harlem throws at them. The two friends must face down bullies, an abusive uncle, and the idea that they'll be stuck in the same place forever.

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.

Don't Fail Me Now by Una LaMarche

It has always been up to 17-year-old Michelle to care for her younger siblings Cass and Denny; their mother cannot stay clean, and her father, Buck, left when Cass was a baby. When word reaches Michelle that Buck is dying in California and has something for them, a road trip seems in order.

X: a novel by Ilyasah Shabazz

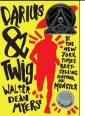
Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world. *X* follows Malcolm from his childhood to his imprisonment for theft at age twenty, when he found the faith that would lead him to forge a new path and command a voice that still resonates today.

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

When America enters the war with Germany and Japan, the Army creates the WASP, the Women's Airforce Service Pilots—and Ida suddenly sees a way to fly as well as do something significant to help her brother stationed in the Pacific. But even the WASP won't accept her as a black woman, forcing Ida Mae to make a difficult choice of pretending to be white to be accepted into the program. Hiding one's racial heritage, denying one's family, denying one's self is a heavy burden. And while Ida Mae chases her dream, she must also decide who it is she really wants to be.

Copper Sun by Sharon M. Draper

Having watched her village torched, witnessed her family killed, and been kidnapped by slave traders, Amari arrives on Mr. Derby's Carolina plantation afraid and confused. With time and hard work, she learns the language, befriends another slave, and struggles to attain her one true goal: to be a free person once again.

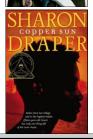












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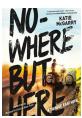
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Marvel's Black Widow: Forever Red by Margaret Stohl

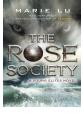


Library of Souls by Ransom Riggs

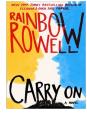


Nowhere But Here by Katie McGarry





The Rose Society by Marie Lu



Carry On by Rainbow Rowell



The Shepherd's Crown by Terry Pratchett

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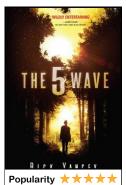


- ♦ Yoshi's Wooly World
- ◆ Super Mario Maker
- ◆ Splatoon
- ♦ Mario Tennis Ultra Smash

- ♦ Halo 5: Guardians
- ◆ Adventure Time: Finn and Jake Investigations
- ◆ Bladestorm: Nightmare
- ◆ Dark Souls II

- ♦ Kirby and the Rainbow Curse
- ♦ FIFA 15
- ♦ MLB 15 The Show
- ◆ Adventure Time: Finn and Jake Investigations

NOVELIST RECOMMENDS: READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT



The 5th Wave

by Richard Yancey

Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them. The film adaptation is in theaters now!

Plot-driven ... Compelling ... Suspenseful ...

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