

[Harbor Me](#)

By Jacqueline Woodson *J Fic Woodson*

It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat--by themselves, with no adults to listen in. When the six are together, they can express the feelings and fears they hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and ready for the rest of their lives.

[Forever This Summer](#)

By Leslie C. Youngblood *J Fic Youngblo*

Georgie wants to help out at the family diner, but everyone is too busy to show her the ropes and Mama is treating her like a baby, not letting her leave her sight. When she finally gets permission to leave on her own, Georgie makes friends with Markie, a foster kid who has a limb difference and a huge attitude.

[Love Like Sky](#)

By Leslie C. Youngblood *J Fic Youngblo*

G-baby and her sister are getting used to their 'blended-up' family. They live with Mama and Frank in the suburbs and they haven't seen their real dad much since he got remarried. G-baby misses her best friend and is crushed that her new stepsister wants nothing to do with her.

[Swim Team](#)

By Johnnie Christmas *J Graphic Christmas*

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, until she's stuck with the worse elective—Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree queasy, but soon swim team is counting on Bree to help win the championship.

[Frizzy](#)

By Claribel A. Ortega *J Graphic Frizzy*

According to Marlene's mother, she needs to focus on school and "growing up", which means straightening her hair every weekend so its "presentable." But she hates the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty. With a few hiccups and a dash of embarrassment, Marlene starts a journey to learn to proudly wear her curly hair.

[Miles Morales: Shock Waves](#)

By Justin A. Reynolds *J Graphic Spider*

Miles Morales is a normal kid who juggles school at Brooklyn Visions Academy while swinging through the streets of Brooklyn as Spider-Man. After an earthquake strikes his mother's birthplace of Puerto Rico, Miles springs into action to set up a fundraiser for the devastated island. But there is something sketchy about the large corporate sponsor. What can Spiderman do?

[Black Girls Unbossed](#)

By Khristi Lauren Adams *J Biograph*
Young Black leaders have been at the forefront of the fight for justice, freedom, and equality. And these eight Black girls are stepping up and leading in bold, creative ways.

[The Fierce 44](#)

J Biograph
A dynamic and hip collection of biographies of 44 of America's greatest movers and shakers from Frederick Douglass to Aretha Franklin.

[My Selma](#)

By Willie Mae Brown *J Biograph Brown*
A memoir of growing up Black in a town at the epicenter of the fight for freedom, equality, and human rights

[Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers](#)

By Michelle Obama *J Biograph Obama*
Michelle Robinson was born on the South Side of Chicago. From her modest beginnings, she would become Michelle Obama, the inspiring and powerful First Lady of the United States, when her husband, Barack Obama, was elected the forty-fourth president.

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CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES



[The Crossover](#)

By Kwame Alexander

J Fic Alexande

Twelve-year old Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price.

[The Jumbies](#)

By Tracey Baptiste

J Fic Baptiste

Corinne La Mer isn't afraid of anything. Certainly not jumbies, which are made-up tricksters to frighten children. Then one night Corinne runs into the forbidden forest, and shining yellow eyes follow her to the edge of the trees. They couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they?

[Hurricane Child](#)

By Kheryn Callender

J Fic Callende

Being born during a hurricane is unlucky, and 12-year-old Caroline has lots of bad luck. She's bullied by everyone at school on St. Thomas, a spirit only she can see won't stop following her, and Caroline's mother left home and never came back. But when a new student, Kalinda, arrives, Caroline's luck begins to turn around.

[Bud, Not Buddy](#)

By Christopher Paul Curtis

J Fic Curtis

It's 1936, in Flint Michigan. Times are hard, and 10-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few things going for him, including a suitcase full of special things, in his search to find his father.

[Last Last-Day-of-Summer](#)

By Lamar Giles

J Fic Giles

Otto and Sheed are sleuths in their Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief using their powers of deduction. One day a mysterious man appears with a camera that freezes time. With the help of some strange people and even stranger creatures, Otto and Sheed will have to save their town before time stops for good.

[The Season of Styx Malone](#)

By Kekla Magoon

J Fic Magoon

Caleb Franklin and his big brother Bobby Gene are excited to have adventures in the woods behind their house. But Caleb dreams of venturing beyond their ordinary small town. Then Caleb and Bobby Gene meet new neighbor Styx Malone.

[Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky](#)

By Kwame Mbalia

J Fic Mbalia

Seventh grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote. Tristan is dreading going to his grandparents' farm in Alabama, where he's being sent to heal from the tragedy.

[The Stars Beneath Our Feet](#)

By David Barclay Moore

J Fic Moore

It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but 12-year-old Lolly and his mom are still reeling from his brother's death in a gang-related shooting a few months earlier. Then Lolly receives a gift - two enormous bags full of Legos. Lolly loves Legos, and he prides himself on following the kit instructions exactly. Now, faced with a pile of building blocks and no instructions, Lolly must find his own way forward.

[A Good Kind of Trouble](#)

By Lisa Ramee

J Fic Ramee

Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. After experiencing a powerful protest, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. Soon everyone is taking sides and Shay is given an ultimatum.

[Ghost](#)

By Jason Reynolds

J Fic Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team which could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together.

[Ghost Boys](#)

By Jewell Parker Rhodes

J Fic Rhodes

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's unleashed on his family and community in the wake of an unjust killing. Then, Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances.

[Betty Before X](#)

By Ilyasah Shabazz

J Fic Shabazz

In Detroit, 1945, 11-year-old Betty doesn't quite feel at home except at church. The singing, preaching, and speeches from guest activists like Thurgood Marshall stir African Americans in her community to stand up for their rights. Betty finds purpose in the Housewives League and soon, the American civil rights icon known as Dr. Betty Shabazz is born.

[Genesis Begins Again](#)

By Alicia Williams

J Fic Williams

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

[One Crazy Summer](#)

By Rita Williams-Garcia

J Fic Williams

Eleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother to her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern, ever since their mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago for California. But when the sisters arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with their mother, Cecile is nothing like they imagined.

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#)

By Jacqueline Woodson

J Fic Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.