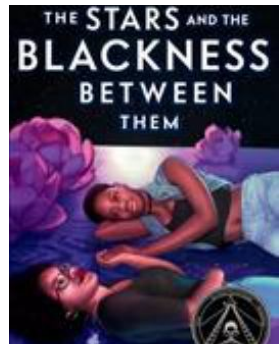


### ***The 57 Bus***

by Dashka Slater

A true story of two teenagers and the crime that changed their lives. One afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight. Non fiction.



### ***The Stars and the Blackness Between Them***

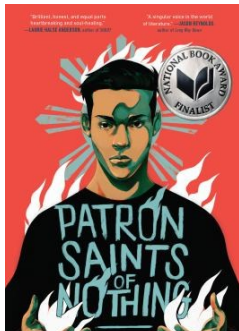
by Junauda Petrus

Told in two voices, sixteen-year-old Audre and Mabel, both young women of color from different backgrounds, fall in love and figure out how to care for each other as one of them faces a fatal illness.

### ***Patron Saints of Nothing***

by Randy Ribay

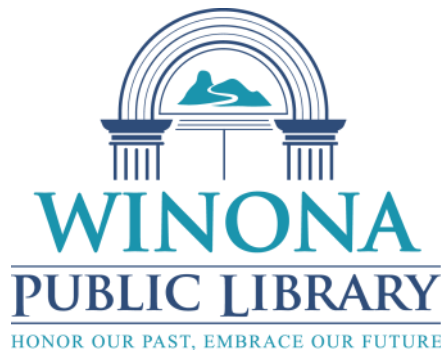
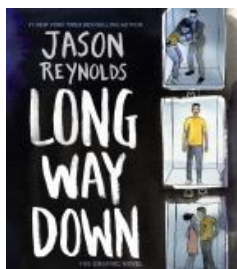
When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.



### ***Long Way Down***

by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. Graphic Novel version. Regular novel also available.



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# Grades 9-12 Book List





**Swing** by Kwame Alexander

Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.

**I Wish You All the Best**

by Mason Deaver  
When Ben De Backer comes out to their parents as nonbinary, they're thrown out of their house and forced to move in with their estranged older sister. Fellow student Nathan Allan decides to take Ben under his wing. As Ben and Nathan's friendship grows, their feelings for each other begin to change.

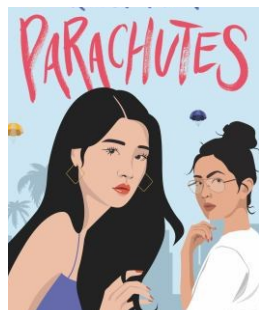
**Pride**

by Ibi Aanu Zoboi  
In this modern retelling of Pride and Prejudice, teenager Zuri Benitez, who is Afro-Latino, lives in Bushwick, New York, with her family. They live next door to a run-down man-

sion that is purchased and remodeled by a family from Manhattan. Zuri can't stand her new neighbors, especially Darius Darcy.

**Parachutes**

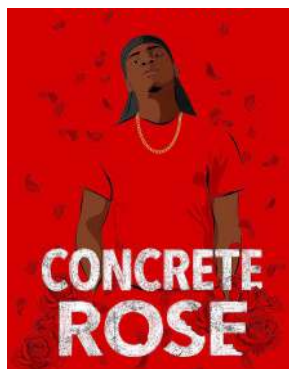
by Kelly Yang  
They're called parachutes: teenagers dropped off to live in private homes and study in the US while their wealthy parents remain in Asia. Claire moves in with Dani De La Cruz, who



couldn't be less thrilled to be her host sister. an unforgettable modern immigrant story about love, trauma, family, corruption, and the power of speaking out.

**Hearts Unbroken**

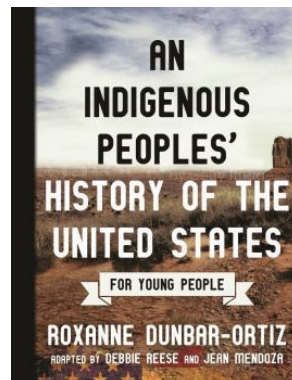
by Cynthia Leitich Smith  
Louise, who writes for the school newspaper, and her younger brother Hughie, who earns the role of the Tin Man in the play, find themselves at the center of the controversy surrounding the inclusive casting. As tensions mount at school, so does a romance between Lou and photojournalist Joey. But 'dating while Native' can be difficult.



**Concrete Rose** by Angie Thomas

Maverick is the son of a mother who is working-class poor and a father who is serving a lengthy prison sentence. The teen-

ager has inherited a gang affiliation from his father, and Maverick accepts the opportunity to make money on the side by selling hard drugs. When Maverick finds out he's become a father, he's forced to decide whether or not to take that risk.



**An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People**

by Jean Mendoza  
Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," Indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that settler colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.

**White Rose**

by Kip Wilson  
Tells the story of Sophie

Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.



**Fat Chance, Charlie Vega**

by Crystal Maldonado  
Charlie is a brown, fat girl who always feels like she comes in second to her stunning BFF - even to her mother. When Charlie starts a tentative relationship with cute classmate Brian, the first worthwhile guy to notice her, everything is perfect until she learns one thing: he asked Amelia out first. Does he really like Charlie? Or is he just using her to get closer to Amelia?

**The Gifted, the Talented, and Me**

by William Sutcliffe  
Fifteen-year-old Sam is happy to be ordinary, but when his family suddenly gets rich, moves to Lon-

don, and enrolls Sam in a school for the gifted and talented, he struggles to find his way.

**The House in the Cerulean Sea**

by TJ Klune  
Linus Baker is tasked with determining whether six dangerous magical children are likely to bring about the end of the world. Arthur Parnassus is the master of the orphanage. He would do anything to keep the children safe, even if it means the world will burn. An enchanting love story about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.

**The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh**

by Candace Fleming  
First human to cross the Atlantic via airplane; Nazi sympathizer and anti-Semite; loner whose baby was kidnapped and murdered; tireless environmentalist. Charles Lindbergh was all of the above and more. Discover the dark side of Lindbergh in a riveting biography of one of America's most celebrated heroes, and most troubled men.