

**I'M NOT
ALONE. I'M
NOT
WEIRD.
WE'RE ALL
JUST
DIFFERENT.**

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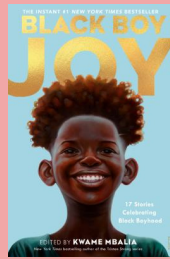
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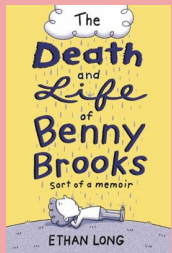
Black Boy Joy

Multiple authors (YT SS BLACK)
From seventeen acclaimed Black male and non-binary authors comes a vibrant collection of stories, comics, and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.



Call Me Adnan

Reem Faruqi (YT FARUQI, R)
Twelve-year-old Adnan dreams of making it to the Ultimate Table Tennis championship, but when tragedy strikes his family, Adnan loses his passion for table tennis and must learn to channel his grief and heal.



The Death and Life of Benny Brooks

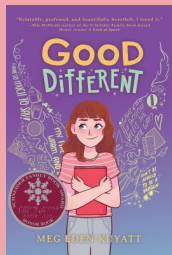
Ethan Long (YT LONG, E)
Fifth grader Benny wants to focus on not flunking out of school, but he must also cope with his complicated home life with newly divorced parents, a mother who moves away, and a father with terminal lung cancer.

Emma and the Love Spell

Meredith Ireland (YT IRELAND, M)
To keep her best friend—and secret crush—Avangelina from moving away, twelve-year-old Korean-American adoptee Emma casts a love spell on Avangelina's parents so they won't get divorced, which backfires spectacularly.

Focused

Alyson Gerber (YT GERBER, A)
Diagnosed with ADHD after years of struggling through school with a mind that has difficulty focusing, Clea uses her love of chess to develop better concentration skills and block out challenging symptoms and distractions.



Good Different

Meg Eden Kuyatt (YT KUYATT, M)
Neurodivergent girl Selah, who always tries to keep her feelings in check—especially her anger—explodes at school one day, hitting a fellow student, and must figure out more about who she is in order to understand that different doesn't mean damaged.

House Without Walls

Ching Yeung Russell (YT RUSSELL)
Eleven-year-old Lam, her brothers, and other ethnic Chinese flee Vietnam in 1979, embarking on a long and perilous journey toward a refugee camp, where Lam finds new hope and happiness.

Iveliz Explains It All

Andrea Beatriz Arango (YT ARANGO, A)
Twelve-year-old Iveliz is trying to manage her mental health and advocate for the help and understanding she deserves, but in the meantime her new friend calls her crazy and her abuela Mimi dismisses the therapy and medicine Iveliz needs to feel like herself.

The List of Things That Will Not Change

Rebecca Stead (YT STEAD)
Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.



Louder Than Hunger

John Schu (YT SCHU, J)
Jake volunteers at a nursing home because he likes helping people. He likes skating and singing, playing Bingo and Name That Tune, and reading mysteries and comics aloud to his teachers. He also likes avoiding people his own age...and the cruelty of mirrors...and food.

Jake has read about kids like him in books—the weird one, the outsider—and would do anything not to be that kid, including shrink himself down to nothing. But the less he eats, the bigger he feels. How long can Jake punish himself before he truly disappears?

Me & Miranda Mullaly

Kaija Langley (YT LANGLEY, K)
The fates of three eighth grade boys converge in biology class one day, as each falls desperately in love with the same girl.



Moonflower

Kacen Callender (YT CALLENDER, K)
Moon is convinced that they do not belong to this world: that most of the time they are invisible (unless they stay still too long), that they belong to the stars, and want to go back to them—they live entirely in their imagination with an imaginary spirit guide who can appear in any

shape and refuses to speak to anyone, lest their words tie them to a world they reject.

The Order of Things

Kaija Langley (YT LANGLEY, K)
Eleven-year-old April must come to terms with the sudden death of her best friend, Zee.



A Place to Shine

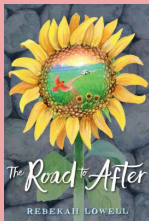
Marie Arnold (YT ARNOLD, M)
After their grandma is admitted to a nursing home due to her worsening dementia, 10-year-old Sunny Williams and her little brother Miles are determined to avoid foster care. They wind up staying with their new music teacher, who seems unprepared to care for them. Believing the cure for her grandma's failing memory rests in the pages of her favorite book, Sunny searches Chicago for magical components, a quest that pushes her boundaries, tests her friendships, and prompts her to face bullies as well as her own fears.

Rain Rising

Courtne Comrie (YT COMRIE, C)
Thirteen-year-old Rain, who struggles with low self-esteem, must overcome sadness after her older brother Xander is severely beaten up at a frat party, but through the help of an after-school circle group, Rain finds the courage to help herself and her family heal.

The Road to After

Rebekah Lowell (YT LOWELL, R)
Eleven-year-old Lacey rediscovers life and the soothing power of nature and art after she, her little sister, and mom escape from their controlling and abusive father.



Simon Sort of Says

Erin Bow (YT BOW, E)
Two years after surviving a school shooting, 12-year-old Simon moves to the only place in America where the internet is banned, finally getting a chance to spin his own story with the help of a new friend.

A Work in Progress

Jarrett Lerner (YT LERNER, J)
Hiding himself in baggy jeans and oversized hoodies, Will resorts to increasingly drastic measures to transform his appearance in an effort to win over his crush, until he meets someone who helps him see his body and all it contains as an ever-evolving work in progress.

Worser

Jennifer Ziegler (YT ZIEGLER, J)
William Wyatt Orser's life is turned upside down after his mother has a stroke, but the socially awkward, word-loving 12-year-old finds glimmers of hope when he discovers friends who share his love of wordplay and books.