

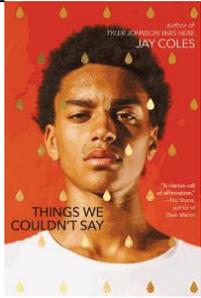
Black History Month Recommendations List 3



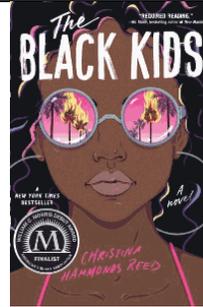
"A smash up of art and text that viscerally captures what it means to not be able to breathe, and how the people and things you love most are actually the oxygen you most need"-Publisher



Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.



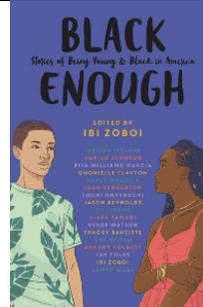
There's always been a hole in Gio's life. Not because he's into both guys and girls. Not because his father has some drinking issues. Not because his friends are always bringing him their drama. No, the hole in Gio's life takes the shape of his birth mom, who left Gio, his brother, and his father when Gio was nine years old. For eight years, he never heard a word from her...and now, just as he's started to get his life together, she's back. It's hard for Gio to know what to do. Can he forgive her like she wants to be forgiven? Or should he tell her she lost her chance to be in his life?



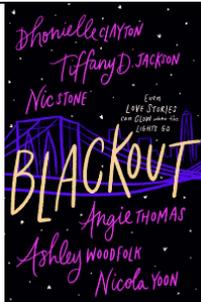
With the Rodney King riots closing in on high school senior Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.



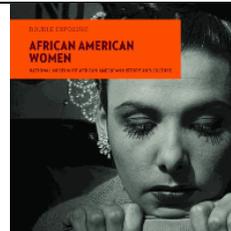
Fabiola Toussaint and her mother are headed for American Street and Joy Road, finally leaving Haiti for the good life in the U.S. After leaving Port-au-Prince, however, Fabiola's mother is detained by immigration officials. Now Fabiola has to navigate life in loud, gritty, new, and surprising America by herself, leading her to an impossible choice and the possibility of paying a heavy price to achieve the American dream.



A collection of coming-of-age short stories that reflect on the African American teenage experience in America.



"Six . . . authors bring the . . . warmth and electricity of Black teen love to this interlinked novel of . . . stories that shine a bright light through the dark"-- Provided by publisher.



Includes a collection of photographs represented in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture from formal nineteenth-century portraits to twentieth-century snapshots depicting the dignity, joy, and heartbreak of African American women over the decades.