

Ages 10-14

Note: Highlighted titles are those that I, as a student, thought could be the most interesting to read in a classroom setting.

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi

Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson

The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds

Unbroken by Marieke Nijkamp

Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake

Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Mike Morales Spider Man by Jason Reynolds

The Stars Beneath our Feet by David Barclay Moore

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

American Street by Ibi Zoboi

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

The Black Friend by Frederick Joseph

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III

You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

Dreaming In Indian by Lisa CharleyBoy

Stand Up, Yumi Chung! By Jessica Kim

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Everything Sad Is Untrue: (A True Story) by Daniel Nayeri

The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba by Margarita Engle

Displacement by Kiku Hughes (graphic novel)

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds

I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosin

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Ages 14+

Note: The majority of these titles are YA, but there are several adult titles at the end.

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto by George M. Johnson
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo
X a Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon
Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
Mexican White Boy by Matt de la Pena
Let Me Hear a Rhyme by Tiffany D. Jackson
American Born Chinese by Gene Yuen Lang (graphic novel)
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson
Everybody Looking by Candice Iloh
The Stars and the Blackness Between Them by Junauda Petrus
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
The Surrender Tree: Poems for Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle
The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography in Poems of Juan Francisco Manzano by Margarita Engle
Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina
Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez
Woven in Moonlight by Isabel Ibañez
The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
How It All Blew Up by Arvin Ahmadi
Kindred by Octavia E. Butler
Stamped by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon
The Map of Salt and Stars By Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi (graphic novel)
Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
I'm Not Dying With You Tonight by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Sengal
Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko
The Gilded Ones Namina Forna
Out of Darkness by Ashely Hope Pérez
The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed
You Bring The Distance Near by Matali Perkins
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward
The Fire This Time by Jesmyn Ward

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Four Hundred Souls edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

I Apologize for the Eyes in my Head by Yusef Komunyakaa

African American Poetry, 250 Years of Struggle and Song edited by Kevin Young