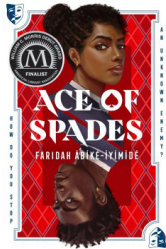


# YA Black History Month

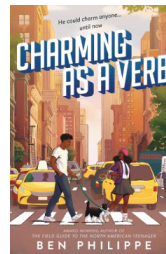


Celebrate Black History Month by reading young adult books written by contemporary Black YA authors!



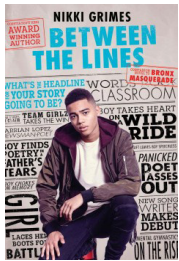
## ***Ace of Spades*** **by Faridah Ābiké-Íyímídé** (Young Adult Fiction - Y Abikely)

At Niveus Private Academy, Devon and Chiamaka are the only students chosen to be Senior Prefects who are also Black, which makes them targets for a series of anonymous texts revealing their secrets to the entire student body.



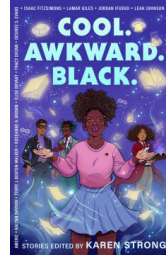
## ***Charming as a Verb*** by Ben Philippe (Young Adult Fiction - Y Philipp)

Henri can charm just about anyone. There is only one person who seems immune to Henri's charms: his "intense" classmate and neighbor Corinne. Soon, what started as a mutual hustle turns into something more surprising than either of them ever bargained for.



## ***Between the Lines*** by Nikki Grimes (Young Adult Fiction - Y Grimes)

Darrian dreams of writing for *The New York Times*. To hone his skills, he enrolls in Mr. Ward's class, known for its open-mic poetry readings and poetry slams. Everyone in class has something important to say, and in sharing, they learn that they all face challenges and have a story to tell.



## ***Cool. Awkward. Black.*** **Edited by Karen Strong** (Young Adult Fiction - Y Cool)

This multi-genre story collection--drawing from contemporary, historical, fantasy, sci-fi, magical and realistic--celebrates and redefines the many facets of Blackness and geekiness, both in the real world and those imagined.



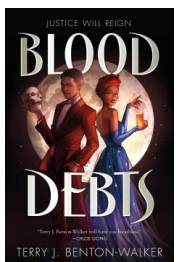
## ***The Blackwoods*** by Brandy Colbert (Young Adult Fiction - Y Colbert)

Told from multiple points of view, Ardith and Hollis Blackwood's lives are upended when their great-grandmother, legendary actress Blossom Blackwood, passes away, and family secrets emerge.



## ***Felix Ever After*** by Kacen Callender (Young Adult Fiction - Y Callend)

Felix Love has never been in love, painful irony that it is. He desperately wants to know why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. He is proud of his identity, but fears that he's one marginalization too many—Black, queer, and transgender. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages—after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned—Felix comes up with a plan for revenge.



## ***Blood Debts*** **by Terry J. Benton-Walker** (Young Adult Fiction - Y Bentonw)

Clement and Cristina feel lost after their father's death, but find a new sense of purpose as they work to quell the rising tensions between New Orleans's magic and non-magic communities and find out who cursed their mother.



## ***The Gilded Ones*** by Namina Forna (Young Adult Fiction - Y Forna)

Inspired by the culture of West Africa, a feminist fantasy debut traces the experiences of an intuitive girl who is invited to leave her village to join the emperor's army of near-immortal women warriors.



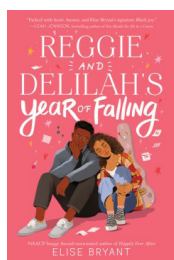
**Legendborn by Tracy Deonn**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y Deonn)

To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.



**Love is a Revolution by Renée Watson**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y Watson)

Harlem teenager Nala is looking forward to a summer of movies and ice cream until she falls in love with the very woke Tye and pretends to be a social activist.



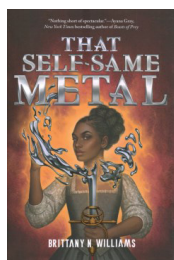
**Reggie and Delilah's Year of Falling by Elise Bryant**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y Bryant)

Delilah always keeps her messy, gooey insides hidden behind a wall of shrugs and yeah, whatever. Reggie is a D&D Dungeon Master and self-declared Blerd. These two, who have practically nothing in common, meet for the first time on New Year's Eve. As their holiday meetings continue, the two begin to fall for each other. But what happens once they realize they've each fallen for a version of the other that doesn't really exist?



**The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y Douglass)

When a murderous ghost begins to haunt Jake Livingston, high school soon becomes a different kind of survival game.



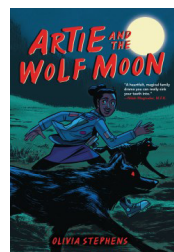
**That Self-Same Metal by Brittany N. Williams**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y William)

In 1605 London, Joan Sands' magical ability to control metal makes her a skilled craftswoman, but her family gift for observing the Fae, who recently broke the Pact and are now brutally attacking mortals, draws Joan into political intrigue in both human and Fae worlds.



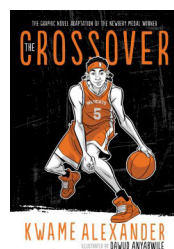
**We Are All So Good at Smiling by Amber McBride**  
(Young Adult Fiction - Y McBride)

When hospitalized for her clinical depression, Whimsy connects with a boy named Faerry, who also suffers from the traumatic loss of a sibling, and together they work to unearth buried memories and battle the fantastical physical embodiment of their depression.



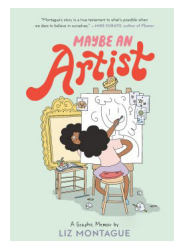
**Artie and the Wolf Moon by Olivia Stephens**  
(Graphic Novels - GN Stephen Artie And The Wolf Moon)

Thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves, Artie asks her mom to share everything—including the story of Artie's late father. Her mom reluctantly agrees. And to help Artie figure out her wolflike abilities, she recruits some old family friends.



**The Crossover by Kwame Alexander**  
(Graphic Novels - GN Alexand Crossover)

13-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



**Maybe an Artist by Liz Montague**  
(Graphic Novels - GN 741.5092 Montague Mon)

A heartfelt and funny graphic novel memoir by one of the first Black female cartoonists to be published in the New Yorker, at the age of 22.



**Wash Day Diaries by Jamila Rowser**  
(Graphic Novels - GN Rowser Wash Day Diaries)

From self-care to spilling the tea at an hours-long salon appointment to healing family rifts, the stories are brought to life through beautifully drawn characters and different color palettes reflecting the mood in each story.

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