

## NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY

***Stamped* by Jason Reynolds - YA 305.8009 REY**

The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. Racist ideas are woven into the fabric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America's racist past and present.

***The Greatest Stories Ever Played* by Dustin Hansen - YA 794.8 HAN**

A lifelong gamer with over 20-years experience in the gaming industry examines the storytelling skills in some of the most beloved and moving games of the past thirty years.

***My Name Is Jason. Mine Too.* by Jason Reynolds - YA 811.6 REY**

Jason Reynold. Jason Griffin. One a poet. One an artist. One black. One white. Two voices. One journey. To move to New York, and make it in New York. Best friends willing to have a hard life if it meant a happy life.

***Better Than We Found It* by Frederick Joseph - YA 303.484 JOS**

Every generation inherits the problems created by the ones before them, but no generation will inherit as many problems--as many crises--as the current generation of young people.

***Ready for Launch* by Scott Kelly - YA B KEL**

Using ten life-changing moments from his path to space, Astronaut Scott Kelly shares his advice for mastering fear and failure, and turning our daily struggles into rocket fuel for success.

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Don't worry about any of this stuff, okay?  
It's all just adult junk that doesn't mean anything.

*This One Summer*, Mariko Tamaki

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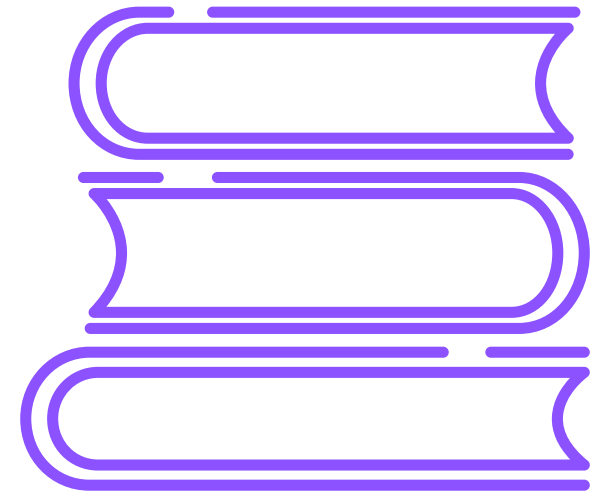


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## BOOK LOCATIONS

If the book's spine label begins with the letter(s)

**TWEEN:** tween fiction, 3rd floor

**Dewey Decimal:** nonfiction, 2nd floor

**GRAPHIC:** graphic novel, 1st floor

**YA:** young adult, 1st floor

## TWEEN FICTION

### ***Ten Thousand Tries* by Amy Makechnie - TWEEN F MAK**

Twelve-year-old Golden Maroni starts eighth grade determined to be master of his universe, but learns he cannot control everything on the soccer field, in his friendships, and especially in facing his father's incurable disease.

### ***Bad Best Friend* by Rachel Vail - TWEEN F VAI**

Eighth-grader Niki's best friend, Ava, dumps her just as life at home is becoming more complicated by her brother Danny's behavior and her mother's refusal to admit Danny is on the autism spectrum.

### ***Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone* by Tae Keller - TWEEN F KEL**

Mallory Moss knows the rules of middle school. The most important one? You have to fit in to survive. But then Jennifer Chan moves in across the street, and that rule doesn't seem to apply. Jennifer doesn't care about the laws of middle school...Then Jennifer goes missing.

### ***Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan - TWEEN F RYA**

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century.

## TWEEN FICTION CONT.

### ***Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky* by Kwame Mbalia - TWEEN F MBA**

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

### ***The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander - TWEEN F ALE**

A novel in verse about a boy escaping slavery during the nineteenth century.

## YA FICTION

### ***Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo - YA F ACE**

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people. In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.

### ***I'll Give You The Sun* by Jandy Nelson - YA F NEL**

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

### ***The Gravity of Us* by Phil Stamper - YA F STA**

When his volatile father is picked to become an astronaut for NASA's mission to Mars, seventeen-year-old Cal, an aspiring journalist, reluctantly moves from Brooklyn to Houston, Texas.

### ***When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon - YA F MEN**

When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting an arranged marriage with him.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### ***The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang - GRAPHIC WAN**

When Prince Sebastian confides in his dressmaker friend Frances that he loves to masquerade at night as the fashionable Lady Crystallia, Frances must decide if Sebastian's secret is worth a lifetime of living in the shadows.

### ***Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson - GRAPHIC STE**

Lord Blackheart, a villain with a vendetta, and his sidekick, Nimona, an impulsive young shapeshifter, must prove to the kingdom that Sir Goldenloin and the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.

### ***This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki - GRAPHIC TAM**

Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens.

### ***Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha - GRAPHIC B HA**

Shares the author's experiences as an only child born to a single mother in Korea, who abruptly moved to the United States as a teenager and the difficulties she had fitting in in both countries.

### ***Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett Krosoczka - GRAPHIC B KRO**

Shares the author's upbringing in a family grappling with addiction and how he used art to survive.

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**Maybe anger is like a river. Maybe it crumbles everything around it. Maybe it hides so many skeletons beneath the rolling surface.**

*Clap When You Land*, Elizabeth Acevedo