

Juvenile African American Authors and Main Characters



Youth Services

- J/Fiction
Anderson ***Zack Delacruz Just My Luck*** by Jeff Anderson 173 pages
Zach is crushing on the new girl at school, but things get off to a rough start when he accidentally knocks her over.
- J/Fiction
Bouwman ***A Crack in the Sea*** by H.M Bouwman 350 pages
Pip, a young boy who can speak to fish, and his sister Kinchen set off on a great adventure, joined by twins with magical powers, refugees fleeing post-war Vietnam, and helpful sea monsters.
- J/Fiction
Farrey ***The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse*** by Brian Farrey 243 pages
A princess and a peasant girl, who hides sorrow in a town where everyone lives with unending joy, embark on a dangerous quest to outwit a centuries-old warning foretelling the fall of the Monarchy.
- J/Fiction
Hilton ***Full Cicada Moon*** by Marilyn Hilton 389 pages
In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimi and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider.
- JFiction
Rhodes ***Bayou Magic*** by Jewell Rhodes 239 pages
Visiting her grandmother in the Louisiana bayou, ten-year-old Maddy begins to realize that she may be the only sibling to carry on the gift of her family's magical legacy.
- J/Fiction
Vickers ***Like Magic*** by Elaine Vickers 261 pages
Three ten-year-old girls find a mysterious box in the school library and put some of their own precious things inside. The treasures may lead them to something more: true friendship.
- J/Fiction
Williams-Garcia ***P.S. Be Eleven*** by Rita Williams-Garcia 274 pages
Eleven-year-old Brooklyn girl Delphine feels overwhelmed with worries and responsibilities. She's just started sixth grade and is self-conscious about being the tallest girl in the class, and nervous about her first school dance. She's supposed to be watching her sisters, but Fern and Vonetta are hard to control.
- J/Fiction
Woods ***Zoe in Wonderland*** by Brenda Woods 196 pages
Introverted Zoe is afraid her real life will never be as exciting as her imaginary one.

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kids

- J/Chapter Warner ***ElRay Jakes*** series by Sally Warner 128-144 pages
This humorous and true-to-life series is just right for boys who are beginning to read chapter books. From trouble with bullies to the need to impress friends, ElRay Jakes finds himself in situations that young boys can relate to.
- J/Poetry Grimes ***One Last Word*** by Nikki Grimes 120 pages
In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance -- including voices like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and many more writers of importance and resonance from this era -- by combining their work with her own original poetry.
- J/Graphic Novel Gardner ***Alabaster Shadows*** by Matt Gardner 181 pages
Carter Normandy knows there's something weird about the neighborhood he and his family move into. Carter and his friends discover a whole other world alongside his seemingly normal community—a world filled with terrifying monsters. A world the adults of the community already know all about. Now it's up to Carter and his friends to keep these monsters from crossing over into our world, or face the dire consequences!