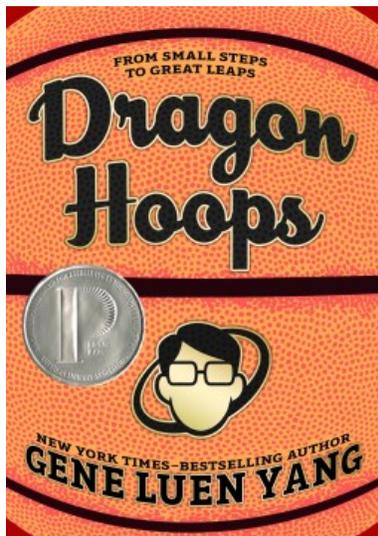


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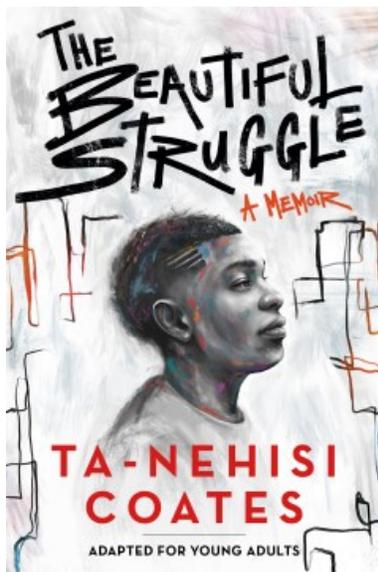


Dragon Hoops

Ynng, Gene Luen, 2020

Gene Luen Yang understands stories -- comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him 'Stick' and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championship. Once Gene meets these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons' lives, but his own life as well.

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The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoir

Adapted for Young Adults

Coates, Ta-Nehisi, 2021

A memoir from Ta-Nehisi Coates adapted for young adults. As a child, Ta-Nehisi Coates was seen by his father, Paul, as too sensitive and lacking focus. Paul Coates was a Vietnam vet who'd been part of the Black Panthers and was dedicated to reading and publishing the history of African civilization. When it came to his sons, he was committed to raising proud Black men equipped to deal with a racist society, during a turbulent period in the collapsing city of Baltimore where they lived.

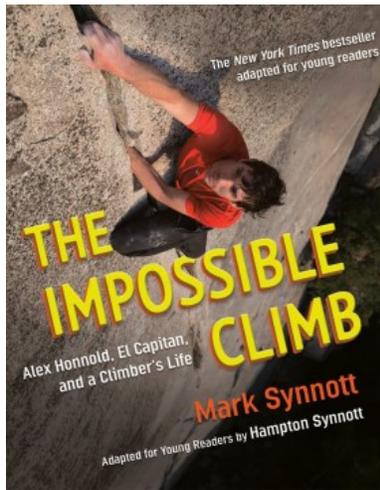
Coates details with candor the challenges of dealing with his tough-love father, the influence of his mother, and the dynamics of his extended family, including his brother Big Bill, who was on a very different path than Ta-Nehisi. Coates also tells of his family struggles at school and with girls, making this a timely story to which many readers will relate.

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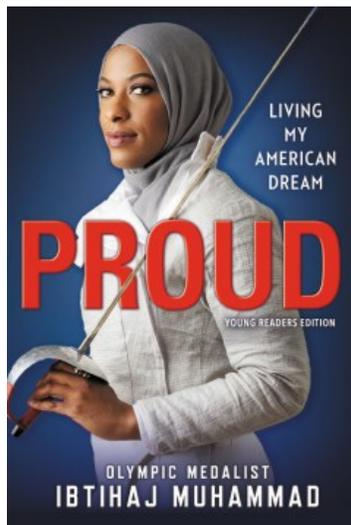
The Impossible Climb: Alex Honnold, El Capitan, and a Climber's Life

Synnott, Mark and Hampton Synnott 2021

The impossible climb tells the story of Mark and Alex's decade long friendship, the climbing sphere that the two came of age in, and how a quiet kid from Sacramento California grew up to capture the attention of the entire globe by redefining the limits of human potential through hard work, discipline, and a deep respect for the natural world.

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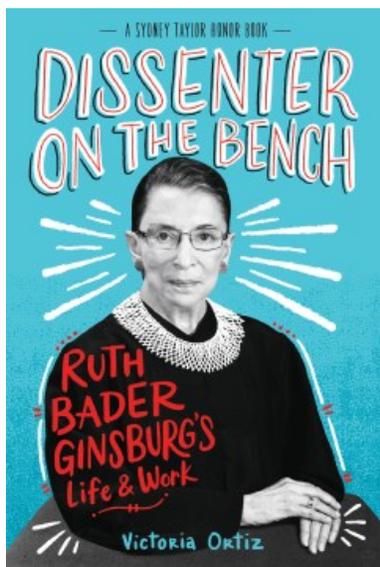


Proud: Living My American Dream

Muhammad, Ibtihaj 2018

Ibtihaj Muhammad, an Olympic medalist in fencing and the first Muslim woman to represent the U.S. in international competition, explores identity, her path to the 2016 Olympics, and their intersection in this eye-opening memoir adapted for young readers. Muhammad was always competitive, especially when it came to sports. Wearing a hijab and coming from a large family, she realized that fencing allowed her an easier way to maintain her faith than in other sports and work toward a scholarship for college. And it turned out she was excellent!

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Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work

Ortiz, Victoria, 2019

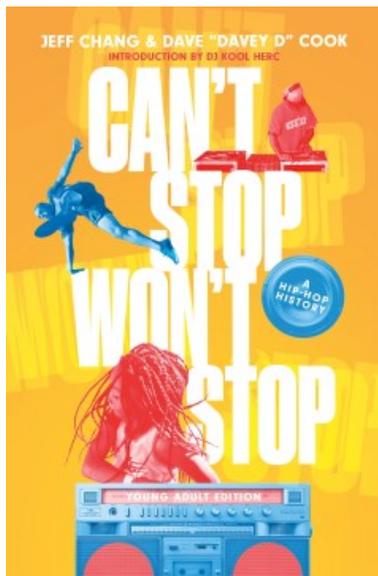
Since her appointment to the Supreme Court in 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has become a hero to many Americans for her progressive positions on cases involving free speech, freedom from discrimination, and gender equality. Ortiz's volume is a good introduction to Ginsburg's life, along with being a fine primer for studying the United States Constitution. Each chapter opens with an important Supreme Court case, switching midway to events in Ginsburg's biography that were relevant to that case. The discussion of the free speech case of high-school student Joe Frederick, for example, recalls Ginsburg's college days at Cornell in the early 1950s, where, as a research assistant, she learned about the McCarthy-era threat to democratic values and institutions and how "the United States was straying from its most basic values, that is, the right to think, speak, and write freely."

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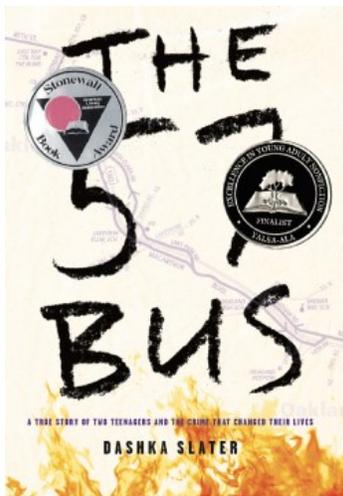
Chang, Jeff and Davey "D" Cook, 2021

The American Book Award winner, now completely adapted for a young adult audience!

Hip hop is one of the most dominant and influential cultures in America, giving new voice to the younger generation. It defines a generation's worldview.

Based on original interviews with DJs, b-boys, rappers, activists, and gang members, with unforgettable portraits of many of hip hop's forebears, founders, mavericks, and present day icons, this book chronicles the epic events, ideas and the music that marked the hip hop generation's rise.

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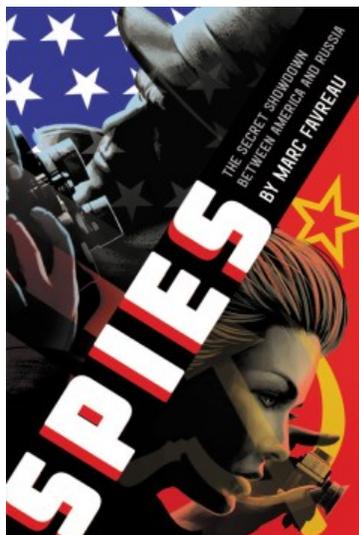
The 57 Bus

Slater, Dashka 2017

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.

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Spies: The Secret Showdown Between America and Russia

Favreau, Marc 2019

A thrilling account of the Cold War spies and spycraft that changed the course of history. Over the course of the war, with the threat of mutually assured nuclear destruction looming, billions of dollars and tens of thousands of lives were devoted to the art and practice of spying, ensuring that the world would never be the same.

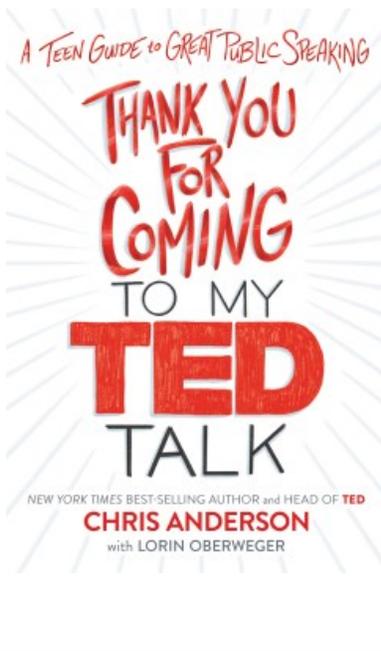
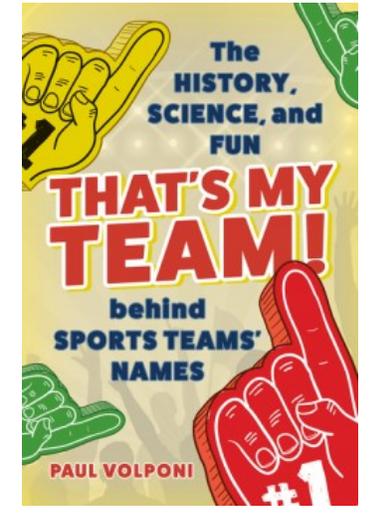
Rife with intrigue and filled with fascinating historical figures whose actions shine light on both the past and present, this timely work of narrative nonfiction explores the turbulence of the Cold War through the lens of the men and women who waged it behind closed doors, and helps explain the role secret and clandestine operations have played in America's history and its national security.

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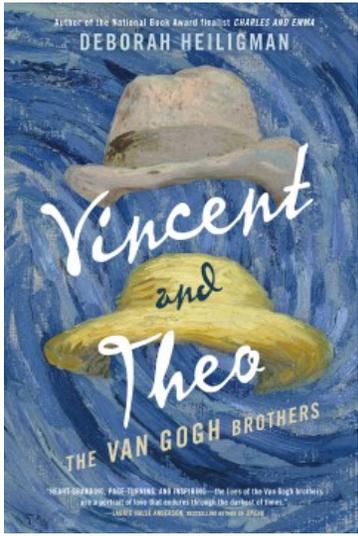
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	<p><i>Thank You for Coming to my TED Talk: A Teen's Guide to Great Public Speaking</i> Anderson, Chris, 2020</p> <p>Most people—whether young or adult—fear speaking before an audience, regardless of its composition or size. Anderson, head of TED Conferences, seeks to mitigate this fear through this teen-oriented crash course in public speaking and presentation. He captures readers' attentions in the compelling introduction by relating the experience of a 12-year-old girl as she steps on stage to give a TED talk to an audience of 1,200 people. Moving into his message, he asks readers to consider “the point” of their talk, noting that “at least one person in your life is sure to be a Rambler.” How can one avoid this dreaded designation? Focus and tell the truth of your story. Anderson’s tips and tools for onstage presentation are solid, practical, and easily adaptable. This approachable, encouraging guide will help teens step on stage or behind a podium with confidence.</p> <p>Find in SORA App</p>
	<p><i>That's My Team: The History, Science and Fun Behind Sports Teams' Names</i> Volponi, Paul 2019</p> <p>The unifying power of sports, writes novelist Volponi, means an affiliation with a certain team can create “lifelong bonds” and extend into the “collective consciousness” of the team’s city and beyond. Yet many team names are often puzzling—Utah Jazz, anyone? Volponi dedicates a paragraph or two of context to dozens of team names—past and present, popular and obscure—whose origins span an encyclopedic array of history, science, literature, pop culture, geography, and other subjects. He also sprinkles in a collection of sports-related challenges for those who are competitive about trivia. The book is full of fascinating factoids about mostly collegiate and professional teams.</p> <p>Find in SORA App</p>

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	<p><i>Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers</i> Heiligman, Deborah 2019</p> <p>The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend--Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions. Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, Deborah Heiligman weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the extraordinary love of the Van Gogh brothers.</p> <p>Find in SORA App or Nassau Digital Doorway</p>
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