

## Middle Grade

### Jerry Craft—**Class Act**

Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities, no matter how hard he works, that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted.

### Hidekichi Matsumoto—**With a Dog and a Cat, Everything is Fun**

With both a cat and a dog, there's double the antics, double the fun (and double the kibble!) But while Inu and Neko coexist peacefully, they have their own distinct personalities, which play out in unexpected, charming ways during these short-form stories.

Omar Mohammed and Victoria Jamieson—**When Stars Are Scattered**  
Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp

### Brenna Thumler—**Delicates**

Marjorie Glatt's life hasn't been the same ever since she discovered a group of ghosts hiding in her family's laundromat. Wendell, who died young and now must wander Earth as a ghost with nothing more than a sheet for a body, soon became one of Marjorie's only friends. When new girl, Eliza Duncan, comes to town, feels invisible too. She's an avid photographer, and her zealous interest in finding and photographing ghosts to get her labeled as "different" by all the other kids in school. Will Marjorie see a kindred spirit in Eliza or shun her to maintain her status with the "in" crowd?

### Audra Winslow—**Jo and Rus**

Introduced by a mysterious one-eyed cat, a bullied middle school student and a high school rock-band musician forge an unexpected friendship that helps them better understand themselves and what they really want from life.

### Gene Luen Yang—**Dragon Hoops**

The men's varsity team at school Gene teaches at, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Once Gene gets to know 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's lives, but his own life as well.

### Gene Luen Yang and Gurihiru—**Superman Smashes the Klan**

When Dr. Lee moves his family to Metropolis, his son Tommy adjusts to the new neighborhood while daughter Roberta feels out of place, so when the evil Klan of the Fiery Cross begins a string of terrorist attacks on the city, Superman fights them, and Roberta and Superman soon learn to embrace their own unique features that set them apart.

### Jessi Zabarsky—**Witchlight**

Sanja gets taken by Lelek, a witch, and they find themselves on an adventure to discover the truth about Lelek's powers and each other.

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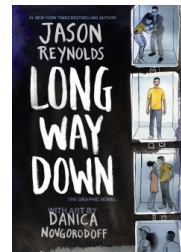
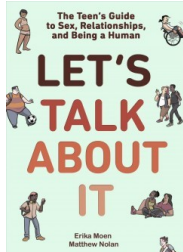
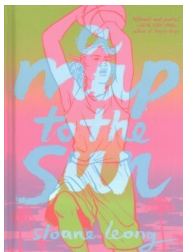
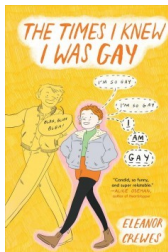
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## Young Adult

### Matsuri Akai—*My Status as an Assassin Obviously Exceeds the Hero's*

When Akira's class is magically summoned to another world, he and his classmates are awarded fantastical powers--but while one of them is lucky enough to become a true Hero, Akira becomes a mere Assassin.

### Eleanor Crewes—*The Times I Knew I Was Gay*

Ellie always had questions about who she was and how she fit in. As a girl, she wore black, obsessed over Willow in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and found dating boys much more confusing than many of her friends did. Ellie tells her story through a fresh and funny self-portrait of a young woman becoming herself.

### Mike Curato—*Flamer*

Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone's going through changes--but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance.

### Tyler Feder—*Dancing at the Pity Party*

Tyler Feder shares her story of her mother's first oncology appointment to facing reality as a motherless daughter in this frank and refreshingly funny graphic memoir.

### Sloane Leong—*A Map to the Sun*

Ren meets Luna at a beachside basketball court and a friendship is born. But when Luna moves back to Oahu, Ren's messages to her friend go unanswered. Years go by. Then Luna returns, hoping to rekindle their friendship. Ren is hesitant. She's dealing with a lot, including family troubles, dropping grades, and the newly formed women's basketball team at their high school. With Ren's new friends and Luna all on the basketball team, the lines between their lives on and off the court begin to blur.

### LL McKinney & Robyn Smith—*Nubia: Real One*

Nubia has always been a little bit...different. As a baby she showcased Amazonian-like strength by pushing over a tree to rescue her neighbor's cat. Yet, every time she comes to the rescue, she's reminded people see her as a threat. When Nubia's best friend, Quisha, is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, Nubia will risk it all--her safety, her home, and her crush on that cute kid in English class--to become the hero society tells her she isn't.

### Erika Moen & Matthew Nolan—*Let's Talk About It: the Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human*

A graphic novel about sex, sexuality, gender, body, consent, and many other topics for teens"--

### Trung Le Nguyen—*The Magic Fish*

Tien struggles to communicate with his Vietnamese immigrant parents. Yet, he finds solace and understanding in the interwoven narratives of familiar fairy tales, from Cinderella to Little Mermaid and traditional Vietnamese stories too. Vibrant art and strong storytelling bring real magic to this tale.

### Jason Reynolds—*Long Way Down*

As Will, 15, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. The graphic novel adaptation of Reynolds' YA novel.

### Gabby Rivera—*Juliet Takes a Breath*

Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She just came out to her family and isn't sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But don't worry, Juliet has something kinda resembling a plan that'll help her figure out what it means to be Puerto Rican, lesbian and out. See, she's going to intern with Harlowe Brisbane - her favorite feminist author, someone whose last work on feminism, self-love and lots of other things will help Juliet find her ever elusive epiphany. There's just one problem--Harlowe's white, not from the Bronx and doesn't have the answers. Okay, maybe that's more than one problem but Juliet never said it was a perfect plan... The graphic novel adaptation of Rivera's YA novel.

### David Walker—*The Black Panther Party*

Founded in Oakland, California, in 1966, the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense was a radical political organization that stood in defiant contrast to the mainstream civil rights movement. This gripping illustrated history explores the impact and significance of the Panthers, from their social, educational, and healthcare programs that were designed to uplift the Black community to their battle against police brutality through citizen patrols and frequent clashes with the FBI, which targeted the Party from its outset.