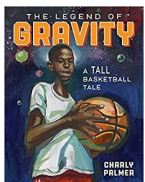


Picture Books

***The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale* by Charly Palmer**



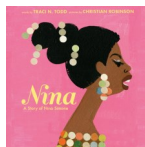
“A pick-up basketball squad's ride to glory behind their newest member—nicknamed "Gravity" because he jumped so high that everyone on the team could go out for ice cream before he came down.”

***Stella's Stellar Hair* by Yesenia Moises**



“Stella hoverboards across the universe to try different hairstyles for the Big Star Little Gala, but the winning style is the one that makes her feel most herself.”

***Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* by Traci. N. Todd**



“Nina Simone was a singing prodigy who used her talent to put voice to the anger and frustration of those fighting for racial justice.”

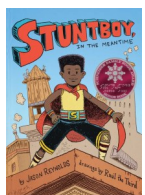
Middle Grade

***Black Boy Joy* edited by Kwame Mbalia**



“From 17 acclaimed Black male and non-binary authors comes a vibrant collection of stories, comics, and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.”

***Stuntboy, In the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds**



“Portico Reeves's secret identity as Stuntboy allows him to use his superpower to keep everybody safe, but when his superhero parents start fighting, he feels the responsibility to save his own family.”

***Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renée Watson**



“The Hart family (who live in Portland) faces setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.”

Young Adults

***So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix* by Bethany C. Morrow**



“A truly spectacular remix of one of my favorite books of all time—Morrow makes fascinating choices with Jo's and Beth's stories in particular. I loved how angry this book made me and how much I learned, and I'd venture to say that anyone reading Alcott's classic should be reading this book right alongside.”

***The Cost of Knowing* by Brittney Morris**



“Alex can see the future of an object or person just by touching them. These visions are a curse that distract him and make him anxious, especially when he touches a photo that gives him a vision of his brother's imminent death.”

***The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna**



“In Otera, girls who bleed gold are considered impure, then exiled. Deka soon learns gold means power and gifts, gaining the responsibility to fight for truth and justice in this action-packed teen fantasy.”

***Blackout* by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon**



“Six critically acclaimed authors bring the glowing warmth and electricity of Black teen love to this interlinked novel of charming, hilarious, and heartwarming stories that shine a bright light through the dark.”

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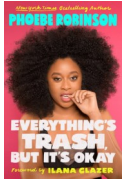
Staff Picks

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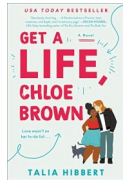
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Everything's Trash, But It's Okay by Phoebe Robinson



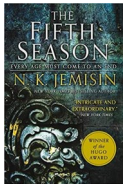
"This was my introduction to Phoebe Robinson: her wit, her experiences, and her unabashed love for U2. This collection of essays is thoughtful, compassionate, and hilarious."

Get A Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert



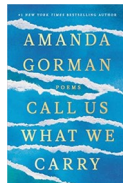
"Living with chronic illness, a fiercely organized but unfulfilled computer geek recruits her artist apartment manager to help her establish meaning in her life. Believable, wholeheartedly human, and written with humor, you will fall in love with Chloe Brown."

The Fifth Season by N. K. Jemisin



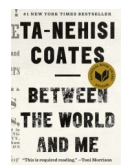
"This story, the first in a series by the award-winning science-fiction and fantasy novelist, opens with a series of catastrophic events including a flight of refugees from a natural disaster. Jemisin is a master at creating worlds filled with awesome powers and the strangest beings I've perhaps ever encountered in fiction. But despite the strangeness, this novel is infused with compassion and relatability."

Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman



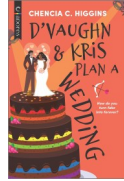
"This luminous poetry collection captures an important moment in our country's consciousness, bears witness to our current struggles and collective grief, and through the lens of American history, offers hope and healing. Inventive, moving, and powerful—a literary salve for our time."

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates



"This book is part memoir, part essay, and written as a letter from a father to a son. It's a more personal book, in which Coates uses his own life experiences to reflect what it means to be Black in the United States."

D'Vaughn and Kris Plan A Wedding by Chencia C. Higgins



"This book singlehandedly destroyed my months-long 2021 reading slump. Laugh-out-loud funny, deeply emotional, and wildly romantic, it's the f/f fake relationship reality TV romance we all need in our lives."

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho



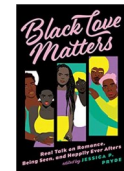
"Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, that many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all Americans need the answers to, now more than ever. This book is very upbeat and written in a conversational style."

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo



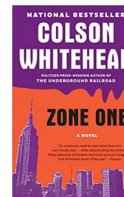
"This is a large, melodic collection of stories (some which intersect and some which don't) that celebrates the diversity of the female experience through some of the most authentic female voices I've ever read."

Black Love Matters edited by Jessica P. Pryde



"Book Riot contributor and podcaster Jessica Pryde has put together a beautiful essay collection, featuring engaging and thought-provoking pieces from some of my favorite romance authors—Katrina Jackson, Piper Huguley, Christina C. Jones, Beverly Jenkins, and Kosoko Jackson, to name just a few—and many other writers and thinkers. I'll be thinking about this one for a long time."

Zone One by Colson Whitehead



A More Perfect Union by Tammye Huf



"This is a historical novel set in the mid-1800's and is about so many things, but ultimately it is love story between an enslaved Black woman and a white, Irish immigrant. What makes this book so thrilling to read is that is based on the real-life story of the author's great-great grandparents!"

Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon



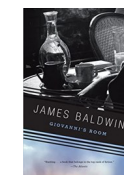
"By attempting to name secrets and lies he and his mother spent a lifetime avoiding, Laymon asks himself, his mother, his nation, and us to confront the terrifying possibility that few in this nation actually know how to responsibly love, and even fewer want to live under the weight of actually becoming free."

If the Boot Fits by Rebekah Weatherspoon



"A modern take on the timeless tale of a struggling Cinderella who finds her prince charming at the eleventh hour. This is a sexy, smart, and uplifting retelling of a classic fairy tale."

Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin



"Reading this at a young age, and again at an older age, it impressed upon me the myriad obstacles facing a Black man drawn to a relationship with another man in the 1950s, and how the protagonist navigated such within a European setting, namely Paris, France."

When Stars Rain Down by Angela Jackson-Brown



"This is a historical novel set in 1936 that focuses on a young Black teenager's coming of age at a time when the Ku Klux Klan descends on her Georgia community."