

# AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEEN FICTION

## ***Not So Pure and Simple***

by Lamar Giles

High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a Purity Pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush, Kiera.

## ***On the Come Up***

by Angie Thomas

When 16-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy.

## ***Black Enough: Stories Of Being Young & Black In America***

by Ibi Zoboi (editor)

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else.

## ***The Stars and The Blackness Between Them***

by Junauda Petrus

16-year-old Audre and Mabel, both young women of color from different backgrounds, fall in love and figure out how to care for each other as one of them faces a fatal illness.

## ***Who Put This Song On?***

by Morgan Parker

17-year-old Morgan is a black teen triumphantly figuring out her identity when her conservative town deems depression as a lack of faith, and blackness as something to be politely ignored.

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## ***Long Way Down***

by Jason Reynolds

There are three rules in the neighborhood: Don't cry; Don't snitch; Get revenge. Will takes his dead brother Shawn's gun, and gets in the elevator on the 7th floor...

## ***The Belles***

by Dhonielle Clayton

In a world where Beauty is a commodity only a few control, one Belle will learn the dark secrets behind her powers, and rise up to change the world

## ***Little White Lies***

by Brianna Baker

Having achieved fame and thousands of followers with her Tumblr exposé of her brilliant-yet-clueless parents, a 17-year-old African American honors student tries to keep secret that her microblog is ghostwritten by a 41-year-old white man.

## ***This Way Home***

by Wes Moore

Elijah, 17, has always been sure of just one thing—basketball—and believes it will be his way out of West Baltimore, but when gang violence knocks him down, helping a veteran repair his rickety home helps Elijah see what really matters.

## ***Allegedly***

by Tiffany Jackson

When she was 9 years old, Mary killed a baby that was being babysat by her mother...Or did she?