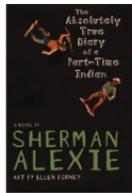


MULTICULTURAL FICTION

for
TEENS



The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian
by Sherman Alexie

Junior, a budding cartoonist, leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white public school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

American born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
(YA Graphic Novel)

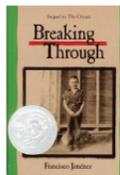
Three alternating and interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans who are trying to participate in American popular culture. Presented in comic book format.



Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe
by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Fifteen year old loner Ari meets Dante at the local pool and, although they have nothing in common other than being the same age and Mexican-American, their friendship develops into a life-changing experience.

Ask me no questions by Marina Budhos
Nadia and her family have been living illegally in New York City since coming to the United States from Bangladesh. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, they flee to Canada where their father is detained and their lives are turned upside down.

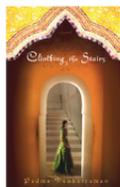
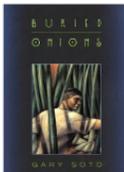


Breaking through (sequel to The circuit)
by Francisco Jimenez

Fourteen year old Francisco Jimenez continues his story of being forced to leave home in California with his family. They travel to Arizona and struggle with extreme poverty, hard labor and harsh prejudice.

Buried onions by Gary Soto

After dropping out of community college and working at a number of menial jobs, a nineteen-year old Hispanic boy struggles to make a life for himself in a rough neighborhood in Fresno, California.

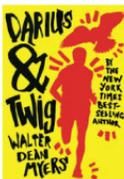


Climbing the stairs by Padma Venkatraman

In India, in 1941, when her father is brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

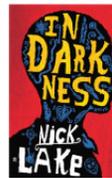
Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers

Darius and Twig are best friends living in Harlem. Darius, a writer and Twig, a track runner, are planning their futures while navigating gangs, bullies, family issues and other obstacles.



If I ever get out of here by Eric Gansworth

Set in the mid 1970's, this is the story of Lewis Blake from the Tuscarora Indian Reservation in upstate New York. Lewis' family is dirt poor and he is bullied at school, but he makes friends with George Haddonfield, the new boy in town who shares his love of music and has a German mother.



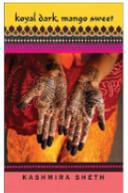
In darkness by Nick Lake

Fifteen-year-old Shorty, a gang member from the slums of Haiti, is trapped under the rubble of a building after an earthquake. As he grows weaker, he starts having visions of his own life and that of Toussaint L'Ouverture, a 200-year-old Haitian historical figure.



Koyal dark, mango sweet by Kashmiri Sheth

As her mother tries to arrange marriages for three daughters in Mumbai, India, Jeeta's rebellion against old fashioned traditions becomes more intense when she falls in love.

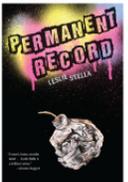


Never fall down: a novel
by Patricia McCormick

Arn is living a simple life in his Cambodian hometown until the day Khmer Rouge soldiers arrive and force his entire town into the countryside.

Permanent record by Leslie Stella

After 16-year old Iranian-American Badi Hessamizadeh is taken from his old school and enrolled in a private school, his father changes his name to Bud Hess hoping Badi will change his ways. But with his issues of depression, anger, anxiety and compulsions, Badi has a hard time fitting in.



Shabanu: daughter of the wind
by Suzanne Fisher Staples

A headstrong young girl living with her nomadic family in a desert in Pakistan struggles to decide whether to go along with a traditional arranged marriage or refuse her country's traditions.

Since you asked by Maureen Goo

Fifteen-year-old Holly Kim is the daughter of Korean immigrants and the copy editor of the school newspaper. Holly uses her monthly column as an outlet to navigate the pressures of high school and the traditional Korean family life at home.



Sold by Patricia McCormick

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi, though poor, enjoys her life until the Himalayan monsoons wash away her family's crops and she is sold to a brothel in India by her stepfather.

Ten things I hate about me
by Randa Abdel-Fattah

Lebanese-Australian Jamilah, known in school as Jamie, hides her heritage from her classmates by dyeing her hair blonde and wearing blue-tinted contact lenses. At home she is Jamilah, a rebellious, but dutiful, Muslim daughter of a strict, widowed father.



Under the persimmon tree
by Suzanne Fisher Staples

When Najmah loses her family to the Taliban and the air strikes on Afghanistan in 2001, she travels to Pakistan to a refugee school run by an American woman who allows her to see a different viewpoint of war and terrorism.

Yaqui Delgado wants to kick your ass
by Meg Medina

High school sophomore Piddy Sanchez has just started at a new school in Queens, New York, and is told "Yaqui Delgado wants to kick your ass." As her bully increases the attacks, her life goes downhill and she has to decide how to deal with the situation.

