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The following titles can be found in the Young Adult section:

Abdul-Jabbar *Becoming Kareem: growing up on and off the court*

The NBA all-time leading scorer and Basketball Hall of Fame inductee presents a first memoir for young readers that focuses on the important sports teachers in his life, including his strict father, his high school coach and Coach Wooden.

Ali *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali*
 Myers offers a portrait of one of the world's greatest boxers chronicles his childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinsons' disease.

Anderson *Shout*
 A poetic memoir and urgent call-to-action by the award-winning author of *Speak* blends free-verse reflections with deeply personal stories from her life to rally today's young people to stand up and fight the abuses, censorship and hatred of today's world.

Buddha *Buddha: an enlightened life*
 In the ancient city of Kapilavastu, a prince named Siddhartha Gautama was born, and a wise man declared that he would grow up to be either a powerful king or a spiritual leader who would end suffering. He'd eventually become the founder of a religion which persists today, and has spread a message of compassion and understanding across the world. Follow his journey from prince to pauper and from beggar to Buddha. *[Graphic novel]*

Bryan *Infinite Hope: a Black artist's journey from World War II to peace*
 In May of 1942, at the age of eighteen, Ashley Bryan was drafted to fight in World War II. For the next three years, he would face the horrors of war as a black soldier in a segregated army.

Butler *Star Child: A biographical constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler*
 Through poems and prose, acclaimed novelist Ibi Zoboi paints a vivid portrait of science fiction visionary Octavia Butler, who was born into the Space Race, the Red Scare and the dawning of the Civil Rights Movement.

Clemente *"21": the story of Roberto Clemente*
 The story of baseball star Roberto Clemente and his journey from an impoverished childhood to baseball-sized fortune and fame, as he strives to go the distance for respect. *[Graphic novel]*

Clark *Eugenie Clark: marine biologist*
 Tracing the life and career of one of the world's leading experts on sharks and marine life, Eugenie Clark, who pursued studies in zoology during the 1940s where opportunities for women in science were limited.

Crowther *The red bandana*
 The inspirational story of September 11 hero Welles Crowther traces his faith-based outlook on life, his position as a volunteer in his local fire department and desire to join the FDNY, and how he sacrificed his life to save people trapped in the South Tower.

Feder *Dancing at the pity party*
 A debut graphic novel traces the author's experiences with the loss of her mother, tracing the poignant journey of her mother's diagnosis and treatment and her own experiences with sitting Shiva and making sense of life after her mother's death. *[Graphic novel]*

Friedman *Med Head: my knock-down, drag-Out, drugged-up battle with*
 Follows a family's long struggle with their son's mysterious medical disorder that induced violent physical tics and prompted traumatic treatments, a situation that pitted the family against a disheartening medical establishment.

Gansworth **Apple skin to the core**
Native American author, Eric Gansworth, recounts the story of his family, from the legacy of government boarding schools to his personal experiences fighting to be an artist who balances multiple worlds.

Ginsburg **Dissenter on the bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life & work**
Presents the life and career of the fiercely principled Supreme Court Justice, who is now a popular icon, and includes dramatic accounts of her landmark cases that moved the needle on the legal protection of human rights.

Grimes **Ordinary hazards**
The author recounts her traumatic childhood, with a mother suffering from mental illness, unfortunate experiences in a series of foster homes, and her discovery of her love of writing, which eventually helped her overcome the hazards of her life.

Hamilton **Soul Surfer**
Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer, lost her arm in a shark attack off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii. Not even the loss of her arm keeps her from returning to surfing, the sport she loves.

Hall **Code name badass: the true story of Virginia Hall**
When James Bond was still in diapers, Virginia Hall was behind enemy lines, playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse with Hitler's henchmen, becoming the Gestapo's most wanted spy.

Jennings **Being Jazz**
Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jennings--named one of "The 25 most influential teens" of the year by Time--shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.

Juma **Maison rouge: memories of a childhood in war**

Liliane Leila Juma was sixteen years old when her family home in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was destroyed by rebel soldiers. She gives an account of her life before and after her family was torn apart. *Maison Rouge* is a story of war and unspeakable loss. It is also the story of survival. Eventually, through the United Nations refugee program, Leila and her family were finally able to relocate to Canada.

Kamkwamba **The boy who harnessed the wind**
Presents the story of how a young African inventor built a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his home and his Malawian village, improving life for himself and his neighbors.

Lewis **Run: Book one**
This astounding graphic novel tells the story of an often overlooked chapter of civil rights history through the eyes of Congressman John Lewis—one of the "Big Six" leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington. *[Graphic novel]*

Morris **My Dog Skip**
The author offers an account of growing up in the rural South of the 1940s, sharing anecdotes about his extraordinary dog, Skip, and reflecting on the relationship between a young boy and his beloved pet.

Nurgaivyn **The eagle huntress: the true story of the girl who soared above expectations**
Teenaged eagle hunter Aisholpan Nurgaiv tells her own story for the first time of how she became the first girl to compete in and win the prestigious Ölgii eagle festival.

Paulsen **Gone to the woods: surviving a lost childhood**
The three-time Newbery Honor-winning author of *Hatchet* shares the story of his turbulent childhood, his escape into military service and the life-changing impact of an encouraging librarian who handed him his first book.

Runyon **Burn journals**
Brent Runyon was fourteen years old when he set himself on fire. In this book he describes that suicide attempt and his recovery over the following year.
Saedi **Americanized: a rebel without a green card**

In San Jose, California, in the 1990s, teenaged Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American and her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants.

Sotomayor **The beloved world of Sonia Sotomayor**
The first Hispanic Associate Justice of the Supreme Court traces her childhood ambition to become a lawyer and judge, her battle with juvenile diabetes, the economic roadblocks that challenged her goals and the importance of how she learned to dream big.

Takei **They called us enemy**
Iconic actor and activist George Takei presents a graphic memoir detailing his experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War I, reflecting on the choices his family made in the face of institutionalized racism. *[Graphic novel]*

Van Gogh **Vincent and Theo: the Van Gogh brothers**
A meticulously researched account of the deep and enduring friendship between brothers Theo and Vincent Van Gogh that draws on hundreds of letters written by the master artist that illustrate how Theo supported Vincent throughout his creative and interpersonal struggles.

Walden **Spinning**
A graphic memoir recounts the years Walden spent competitively figure skating, before her developing love of art and first girlfriend causes her to question the insular world of figure skating.