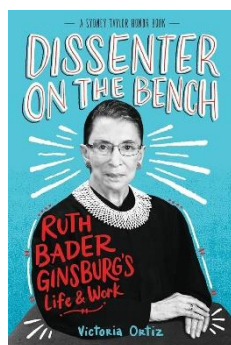
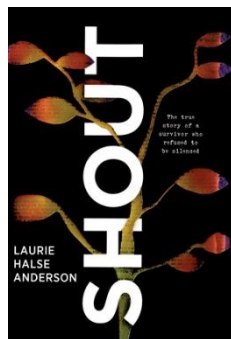
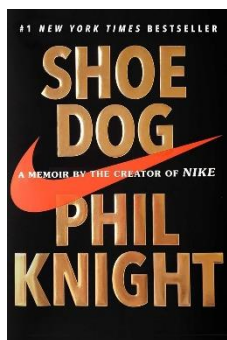
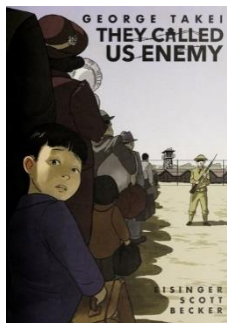


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Aïsholpan, N. *The Eagle Huntress: The True Story of the Girl Who Soared Above Expectations*

Teenaged eagle hunter Aïsholpan Nurgaïv 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.

Anderson, L. *Shout: A Poetry Memoir*
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.

Bryan, A. *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.

Demetrios, H. *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.

Feder, T. *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, H. *Med Head: my knock-down, drag-Out, drugged-up battle with my Brain*

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, E. *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.

Gharib, M. *I Was Their American Dream*
The daughter of parents with unfulfilled dreams themselves, Malaka navigated her childhood chasing her parents' ideals, learning to code-switch between her family's Filipino and Egyptian customs, adapting to white culture to fit in and trying to understand the tension between holding onto cultural values and trying to be an all-American kid. This graphic memoir brings to life to teenage antics and illuminates earnest questions about identity and culture, while providing thoughtful insight into the lives of modern immigrants and the generation of millennial children they raised. *[Graphic Novel]*

Grimes, N. *Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir*
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.

Heiligman, D. *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.

Hernandez, L. I Got This: To Gold and Beyond
The young Olympic gold-winning gymnast describes her life and career, covering her loving family, her rigorous training, her intense sacrifices, and her amazing triumphs.

Homayoonfar, N. Taking cover: One Girl's
When five-year-old Nioucha moves from the U.S. to Iran in 1979, its open society means a life with dancing, women's rights, and other freedoms. But soon the revolution erupts and the rules of life in Iran change. Nioucha's story sheds light on the timely conversation about religious, political, and social freedom.

Jennings, J. 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, L. 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.

Knight, P. Shoe Dog: A Memoir of the Creator of Nike
Nike founder and board chairman Phil Knight opens up about how he went from being a track star at an Oregon high school to the founder of a brand and company that changed everything.

Lewis, J. 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]*

Moore, K. 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]*

Mufleh, L. From Here: A Memoir
Refugee advocate Luma Mufleh writes of her tumultuous journey to reconcile her identity as a gay Muslim woman and a proud Arab-turned-American refugee.

Ortiz, V. 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.

Runyon, B. 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, S. Americanized: 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.

Santiago, W. "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]*

Sotomayor, S. 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.

Stevenson, B. Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice
In this very personal work--proceeds of which will go to charity--Bryan Stevenson recounts many and varied stories of his work as a lawyer in the U.S. criminal justice system on behalf of those in society who have experienced some type of discrimination and/or have been wrongly accused of a crime and who deserve a powerful advocate and due justice under the law.

Takei, G. 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]*

Zoboi, I. A. 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.