

# NEARLY STREET LIT:

BOOKS FROM THE TEEN SECTION THAT MAY FULFILL YOUR SISTER SOULJAH CRAVING

## KEESHA'S HOUSE

BY HELEN FROST

YA FROST

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.

## HOT GIRL

BY DREAM JORDAN

YA JORDAN

Kate, a fourteen-year-old Brooklyn girl and former gang member, risks losing her first good foster family when she adopts the risqué ways of her flirtatious new friend, Naleejah.

## SIXTEEN GOING ON TWENTY-ONE (DENIM DIARIES SERIES)

BY DARRIEN LEE

YA LEE

Sixteen-year-old Denim Mitchell goes against her parent's wishes and secretly sees André Patterson, a rising basketball star and budding artist, until one lie, one party, and one bullet change all of their lives forever.

## BROTHER HOOD

BY JANET MCDONALD

YA MCDONALD

Sixteen-year-old Nate, an academically gifted student who attends an exclusive private boarding school, straddles two cultures as he returns home for occasional visits to see his family and "gangsta crew" in Harlem, New York.

## CHILL WIND

BY JANET MCDONALD

YA MCDONALD

Afraid that she will have no where to go when her welfare checks are stopped, nineteen-year-old high school dropout Aisha tries to figure out how she can support herself and her two young children in New York City.

## AMIRI AND ODETTE: A DANCE FOR TWO

BY WALTER DEAN MEERS

YA MEERS

Presents a modern, urban retelling in verse of the ballet in which brave Amiri falls in love with beautiful Odette and fights evil Big Red for her on the streets of the Swan Lake Projects.

**The Young Adult Collection is made up of books for a wide age range (12-18) and includes a variety of different topics and interests. Not all titles will be appropriate for all readers.**

## DOPE SICK

BY WALTER DEAN MEERS

YA MEERS

Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a weird man who shows different turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.

## STREET PHARM

BY ALLISON VAN DIEPEN

YA VANDIEPEN

Inheriting the family business when his father is thrown in jail, seventeen-year-old Ty Johnson becomes one of the most successful drug dealers on the streets of Brooklyn until a competitor enters the neighborhood and a nasty turf war begins.

## STREET WORLD: URBAN ART AND CULTURE FROM 5 CONTINENTS

BY ROGER GASTMAN

YA 307.76 GAST

From New York and Los Angeles to the Brazilian mega-cities, South African townships, and Mumbai, authors Roger Gastman, Caleb Neelon, and Anthony Smyrski highlight cultural hotspots around the world. Divided into more than 50 topics and illustrated with more than 500 photographs, this book celebrates the street as a stage for the visual creativity of a generation.

## NO CHOIRBOYS: MURDER, VIOLENCE, AND TEENAGERS ON DEATH ROW

BY SUSAN KUKLIN

YA 364.66 KUKLI

In their own voices--raw and uncensored--inmates sentenced to death as teenagers talk about their lives in prison, and share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up there. Susan Kuklin also gets inside the system, exploring capital punishment itself and the intricacies and inequities of criminal justice in the United States.

## THE SPOKEN WORD REVOLUTION: SLAM, HIP HOP, AND THE POETRY OF A NEW GENERATION

BY MARK ELEVELD

YA 811 SPO

Describes how contemporary poetry intended to be spoken out loud has brought about a revitalization of interest in poetry, and presents works by more than forty leading poets.



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