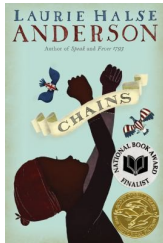


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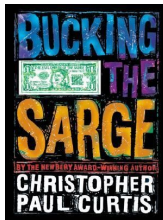
## **Chains: Seeds of America**

by Laurie Halse Anderson YA Anderson  
After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.



## **Pick up Game: A Full Day of Full Court**

edited by Marc Aronson and Charles R. Smith YA Push  
A series of short stories, interspersed with poems and photographs, provides different perspectives on a game of streetball played one steamy July day at the West 4th Street court in New York City known as The Cage.



## **Bucking the Sarge**

by Christopher Paul Curtis YA Curtis  
Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

## **Mare's War**

by Tanita S. Davis YA Davis  
Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.



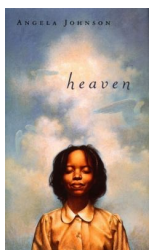
## **Just Another Hero**

by Sharon M. Draper YA Draper  
As Kofi, Arielle, Dana, November, and Jericho face personal challenges during their last year of high school, a misunderstood student brings a gun to class and demands to be taken seriously.

## **Something Like Hope**

by Shawn Goodman YA Goodman  
Shavonne, a fierce, desperate seventeen year-old in juvenile lockup, wants to turn her life around before her eighteenth birthday, but corrupt guards, out-of-control girls, and shadows from her past make her task seem impossible.





### Heaven

by Angela Johnson

YA Johnson

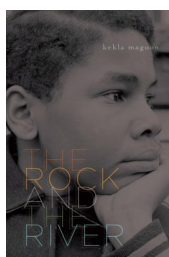
Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.

### Standing Against the Wind

by Traci L. Jones

YA Jones

As she tries to escape her poor Chicago neighborhood by winning a scholarship to a prestigious boarding school, shy and studious eighth-grader Patrice discovers that she has more options in life than she previously realized.



### The Rock and the River

by Kekla Magoon

YA Magoon

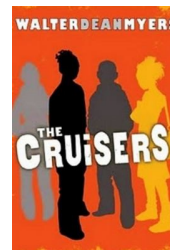
In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

### The Cruisers

by Walter Dean Myers

YA Myers

Friends Zander, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi, caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at DaVinci Academy, learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative newspaper, The Cruiser, to try to make peace.



### Flygirl

by Sherri L. Smith

YA Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

### Rucker Park Setup

by Paul Volponi

YA Volponi

While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened.



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