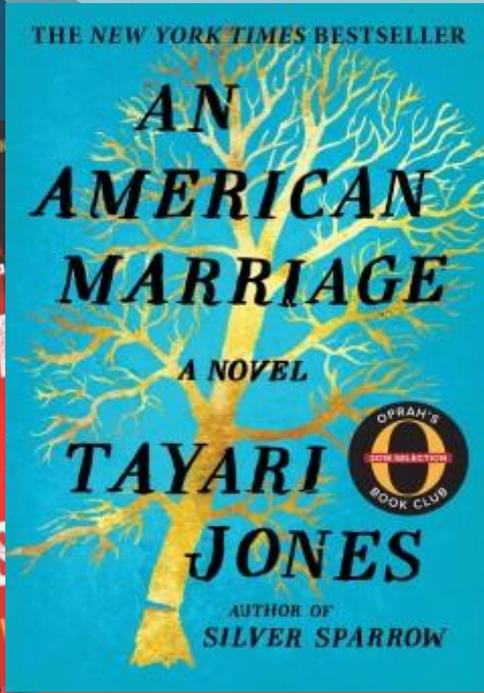




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FICTION

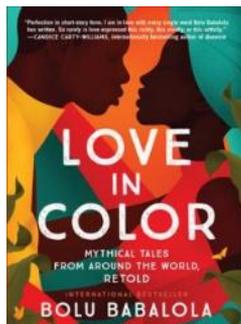
Author: Bolu Babalola

Title: Love in Color : Mythical Tales from Around the World, Retold

Call Number: FIC BABALOLA

Description: A debut anthology reimagines cultural folk and love stories from West Africa, Greek mythology and Middle East legend, from the tale of an unappreciated Nigerian goddess to the story of a powerful Ghanaian spokeswoman's fateful decision.

Genre: Literary fiction, Love stories, Mythological fiction, Short stories



Author: James Baldwin

Title: Go Tell it on the Mountain

Call Number: FIC BALDWIN

Description: While his family struggles with guilt, bitterness, and spiritual issues, John Grimes experiences a religious conversion in the Temple of the Fire Baptised.

Genre: Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, Literary fiction, Modern classics

Author: Toni Cade Bambara

Title: Those Bones Are Not My Child

Call Number: FIC BAMBARA

Description: Presents a fictionalized account of one family's nightmare as they learn their child is a victim of Atlanta serial killer Wayne Williams.

Genre: Literary fiction

Author: Quan Barry

Title: When I'm Gone, Look for Me in the East

Call Number: FIC BARRY

Description: Tasked with finding the reincarnation of a great lama across windswept Mongolia, young monk Chulun and his estranged identical twin, Mun, who can hear each other's thoughts, traverse through this land, making a journey where faith, love and brotherhood haunts them.

Genre: Mainstream fiction, Religious fiction

Author: Brit Bennett

Title: The Vanishing Half

Call Number: FIC BENNETT, LP FIC BENNETT

Description: Twin sisters, inseparable as children, ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

Genre: Book club best bets, Historical fiction, Literary fiction

Author: Abby Collette

Title: A Killer Sundae

Call Number: FIC COLLETTE

Description: Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is gorgeous in the spring, and Bronwyn Crewse, owner of Crewse Creamery, knows just how to welcome the rising temperature. At the annual Memorial Day Weekend Blossom Time Festival she gets into a sprinkle of trouble when a festivalgoer is poisoned, and Win is implicated.

Genre: Cozy mysteries, Gentle reads



Author: Abi Daré

Title: The Girl with the Louding Voice

Call Number: FIC DARE

Description: Adunni, a 14-year-old Nigerian girl who longs for an education, must find a way for her voice to be heard loud and clear in a world where she and other girls like her are taught to believe, through words and deeds, that they are nothing.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, Literary fiction

Author: Eric Jerome Dickey

Title: Before We Were Wicked

Call Number: FIC DICKEY

Description: Ken Swift from Bad Men and Wicked Women falls obsessively in love with a Harvard-bound beauty before a one-night stand culminates in an unplanned pregnancy that is further complicated by their disparate backgrounds.

Genre: Drama lit

FICTION

Author: Akwaeke Emezi

Title: *The Death of Vivek Oji*

Call Number: FIC EMEZI

Description: In the wake of a southeastern Nigerian mother's discovery of her son's body on her doorstep, a family struggles to understand the enigmatic nature of a youth shaped by disorienting blackouts, diverse friendships and a cousin's worldly influence.

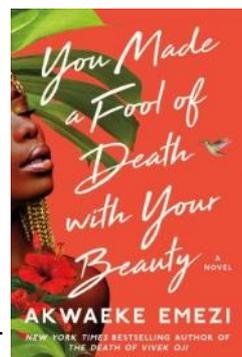
Genre: First person narratives, Literary fiction, Multiple perspectives

Title: *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty*

Call Number: FIC EMEZI

Description: Learning how to feel joy while healing from loss, Feyi Adekola starts dating the perfect guy, but discovers she has feelings for someone else who is off limits and must decide just how far she is willing to go for a second chance at love.

Genre: Book club best bets, Contemporary romances, Multicultural romances



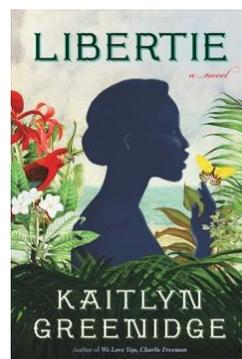
Author: Kaitlyn Greenidge

Title: *Libertie*

Call Number: LP FIC GREENIDGE

Description: Coming of age as a free-born Black girl in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn, Libertie Sampson is all too aware that her mother, a physician, has a vision for their future together: Libertie will go to medical school and practice alongside her. But Libertie feels stifled by her mother's choices and is constantly reminded that, unlike her mother, Libertie has skin that is too dark. When a young man from Haiti proposes to Libertie and promises she will be his equal on the island, she accepts, only to discover that she is still subordinate to him and all men. As she tries to parse what freedom actually means for a Black woman, Libertie struggles with where she might find it-for herself and for generations to come.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, Historical fiction, Literary fiction



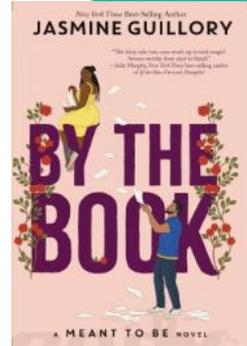
Author: Jasmine Guillory

Title: By the Book

Call Number: FIC GUILLORY

Description: Isabelle is completely lost. Overworked and underpaid. So when she overhears her boss complaining about a beastly high-profile author who has failed to deliver his long-awaited manuscript, Isabelle sees an opportunity to finally get the recognition she deserves. All she has to do is go to the author's mansion and give him a quick pep talk.

Genre: Contemporary romances, Fairy tale and folklore-inspired fiction, Multicultural romances, Romantic comedies



Title: Party of Two

Call Number: FIC GUILLORY

Description: Going against her better judgement, LA lawyer Olivia Monroe secretly starts dating a hotshot junior senator until their romance is made public and her life falls under intense media scrutiny, jeopardizing everything.

Genre: Contemporary romances, Multicultural romances

Title: While We Were Dating

Call Number: FIC GUILLORY

Description: Featuring Ben Stephens, Theo's brother from The Wedding Party, this charming and hilarious new Romance finds Ben and a famous actress struggling to keep their working relationship strictly professional.

Genre: Contemporary romances, Multicultural romances

Author: Yaa Gyasi

Title: Transcendent Kingdom

Call Number: FIC GYASI

Description: A novel about faith, science, religion, and family that tells the deeply moving portrait of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression and addiction and grief, narrated by a fifth year candidate in neuroscience at Stanford school of medicine studying the neural circuits of reward seeking behavior in mice.

Genre: Book club best bets, Literary fiction, Psychological fiction

FICTION

Author: Yaa Gyasi

Title: Homegoing

Call Number: FIC GYASI

Description: Two half-sisters, unknown to each other, are born into different villages in 18th-century Ghana and experience profoundly different lives and legacies throughout subsequent generations marked by wealth, slavery, war, coal mining, the Great Migration and the realities of 20th-century Harlem.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Book club best bets, Family sagas, Historical fiction, Multiple perspectives

Author: Nathan Harris

Title: The Sweetness of Water

Call Number: FIC HARRIS

Description: In the waning days of the Civil War, brothers Prentiss and Landry, freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping through friendship to stanch their grief.

Genre: Book club best bets, Historical fiction

Author: Zakiya Dalila Harris

Title: The Other Black Girl

Call Number: FIC HARRIS

Description: Tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books, 26-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel is hired until she after a string uncomfortable events, is elevated to Office Darling, leaving Nella in the dust.

Genre: Book club best bets, Thrillers and suspense

Author: Zora Neale Hurston

Title: Their Eyes Were Watching God

Call Number: FIC HURSTON

Description: When Janie Starks returns home, she seeks identity and independence as the small southern black community buzzes with gossip about the outcome of her affair with a younger man.

Genre: Book club best bets, Literary fiction, Love stories, Modern classics, Psychological fiction, Southern fiction

Author: Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

Title: The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois

Call Number: FIC JEFFERS

Description: To come to terms with who she is and what she wants, Ailey, the daughter of an accomplished doctor and a strict schoolteacher, embarks on a journey through her family's past, helping her embrace her full heritage, which is the story of the Black experience itself.

Genre: Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, Family sagas

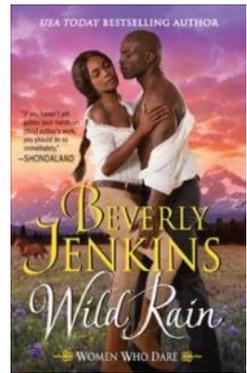
Author: Beverly Jenkins

Title: Wild Rain

Call Number: FIC JENKINS

Description: In the wake of the Civil War, Spring Lee, running her own ranch in Paradise, Wyoming, second guesses her resolve to avoid men when a reporter arrives to interview her brother and becomes enamored with her instead.

Genre: Historical romances, Multicultural romances



Title: To Catch a Raven

Call Number: FIC JENKINS

Description: Raven Moreaux comes from a long line of grifters and couldn't be prouder...Until she's forced to help the government. A former Confederate official is suspected of stealing the Declaration of Independence, and Raven is tasked with getting it back. Her partner "Brax" masquerades as a valet/driver and her "husband." But when their pretend marriage ignites into fiery passion, they'll have to put everything—including their hearts—on the line.

Genre: Historical romances, Multicultural romances

Author: Tayari Jones

Title: An American Marriage

Call Number: FIC JONES

Description: When her new husband is arrested and imprisoned for a crime she knows he did not commit, a rising artist takes comfort in a longtime friendship, only to encounter unexpected challenges in resuming her life when her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned.

Genre: Domestic fiction, Literary fiction, Southern fiction

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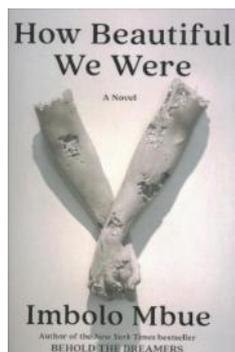
Author: Imbolo Mbue

Title: How Beautiful We Were

Call Number: FIC MBUE

Description: A young revolutionary risks everything to secure her people's freedom when her small African village is decimated by an American oil company that reneges on promises of reparation.

Genre: Literary fiction, Multiple perspectives



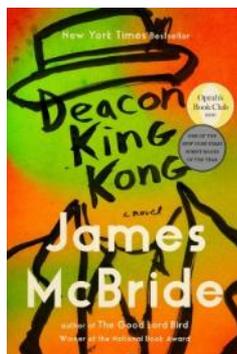
Author: James McBride

Title: Deacon King Kong

Call Number: FIC MCBRIDE

Description: In the aftermath of a 1969 Brooklyn church deacon's public shooting of a local drug dealer, the community's African-American and Latinx witnesses find unexpected support from each other when they are targeted by violent mobsters.

Genre: Book club best bets, Farical fiction, Historical fiction



Author: Terry McMillan

Title: I Almost Forgot About You

Call Number: FIC MCMILLAN

Description: Feeling stuck and restless in spite of her great friends, family and career, Dr. Georgia Young confronts long-standing fears to embark on a wild journey that may or may not give her a second chance at love.

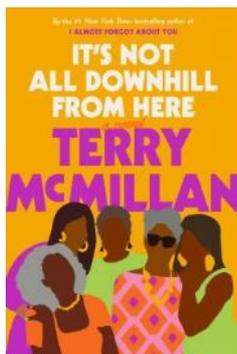
Genre: Relationship fiction

Title: It's Not All Downhill From Here

Call Number: FIC MCMILLAN

Description: Confident that her best days are still ahead, a successful businesswoman relies on close friends and her resourcefulness when an unexpected loss turns her world upside down.

Genre: Relationship fiction



Author: Wanda M. Morris

Title: All Her Little Secrets

Call Number: FIC MORRIS

Description: The lone black female corporate attorney in midtown Atlanta discovers her white boss, and lover, dead with a gunshot wound to his head, and must deal with office suspicions and gossip when she is promoted as his successor.

Genre: Thrillers and suspense

Title: Anywhere You Run

Call Number: FIC MORRIS

Description: A young black woman flees Jim Crow justice in Mississippi after killing the man who brutally attacked her in the new novel from the acclaimed author of All Her Little Secrets.

Genre: Historical thrillers

Author: Toni Morrison

Title: Beloved

Call Number: FIC MORRISON

Description: Sethe, an escaped slave living in post-Civil War Ohio with her daughter and mother-in-law, is persistently haunted by the ghost of her dead baby girl.

Genre: Historical fiction, Literary fiction, Magical realism, Page to screen, Southern fiction, Southern Gothic

Title: The Bluest Eye

Call Number: FIC MORRISON

Description: Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl in an America whose love for blonde, blue-eyed children can devastate all others, prays for her eyes to turn blue.

Genre: Coming-of-age stories, Literary fiction

Title: God Help the Child

Call Number: FIC MORRISON

Description: Traces the impact of childhood trauma on the lives of a beautiful multiracial woman, the man she loves, and an abused white girl who looks to her for help.

Genre: Literary fiction, Psychological fiction

FICTION

Author: Helen Oyeyemi

Title: Peaces

Call Number: FIC OYEYEMI

Description: Honeymooning aboard a historic former tea-smuggling train, newlyweds Otto and Xavier enjoy the locomotive's fantastical accommodations before encountering a secretive fellow passenger, who imparts a surprising message.

Genre: Literary fiction, Magical realism



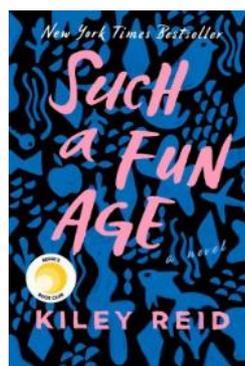
Author: Kiley Reid

Title: Such a Fun Age

Call Number: FIC REID, CD FIC REID

Description: A story about race and privilege is centered around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.

Genre: Book club best bets, Debut title, Literary fiction



Author: Kimberla Lawson Roby

Title: Sister Friends Forever

Call Number: FIC ROBY

Description: This powerful story of friendship follows four best friends who, leading very different lives, come together each month to discuss their hopes and dreams.

Genre: Christian fiction

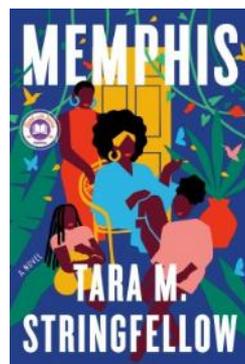
Author: Tara M. Stringfellow

Title: Memphis

Call Number: FIC STRINGFELLOW

Description: Told over the course of 70 years, this novel traces three generations of a Southern Black family and one daughter, who, channeling her rage into art, discovers with the power of her paint brush, she can change her family's legacy.

Genre: Book club best bets, Domestic fiction, Family sagas, Multiple perspectives



Author; Kiki Swinson

Title: Playing Their Games

Call Number: FIC SWINSON

Description: A national best-selling author brings readers back to the 1990s at the start of wild-card lawyer Yoshi Lomax's career, as her first elite white-shoe-law job puts an inescapable target on her back.

Genre: Drama lit

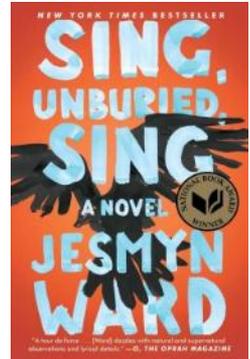
Author: Jesmyn Ward

Title: Sing, Unburied, Sing

Call Number: FIC WARD, CD FIC WARD

Description: Sing Unburied Sing describes the life of a biracial boy, his addicted, grieving black mother, and his incarcerated white father. A road trip to Dad's prison kick-starts the novel, which offers deeply affecting characters, a strong sense of rural Mississippi, and appearances by the dead.

Genre: Literary fiction, Multiple perspectives, Southern fiction



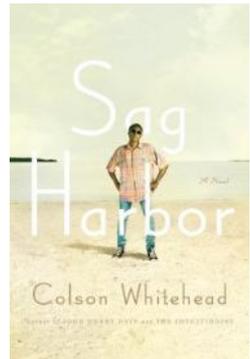
Author: Colson Whitehead

Title: Sag Harbor

Call Number: FIC WHITEHEAD

Description: Benji, one of the only black kids at an elite prep school, tries desperately to fit in, but every summer, he and his brother, Reggie, escape to the East End of Sag Harbor, where a community of Black professionals has built a world of their own.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, First person narratives



Title: Zone One

Call Number: FIC WHITEHEAD

Description: In a post-apocalyptic world, Mark Spitz works as a "sweeper" - eliminating zombie stragglers as he struggles with PASD (Post-Apocalyptic Stress Disorder) and recalls humanity before the apocalypse.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Horror, Satirical fiction

FICTION

Author: Colson Whitehead

Title: The Underground Railroad

Call Number: FIC WHITEHEAD, CD FIC WHITEHEAD, LP FIC WHITEHEAD

Description: After Cora, a pre-Civil War Georgia slave, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South.

Genre: Historical fiction, Literary fiction, Page to screen

Title: Harlem Shuffle

Call Number: FIC WHITEHEAD, CD FIC WHITEHEAD

Description: A furniture salesman in 1960s Harlem becomes a fence for shady cops, local gangsters and low-life pornographers after his cousin involves him in a failed heist in the new novel from the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad*.

Genre: Crime fiction, Historical fiction, Literary fiction

Author: Charmaine Wilkerson

Title: Black Cake

Call Number: FIC WILKERSON, LP FIC WILKERSON

Description: Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny: a traditional Caribbean black cake, made from a family recipe with a long history, and a voice recording. In her message, Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder. Can Byron and Benny piece together Eleanor's history?

Genre: Book club best bets, Debut title, Family sagas, Historical fiction

Author: Jacqueline Woodson

Title: Red at the Bone

Call Number: FIC WOODSON

Description: As Melody celebrates a coming of age ceremony at her grandparents' house in 2001 Brooklyn, her family remembers 1985, when Melody's own mother prepared for a similar party that never took place in this novel about different social classes.

Genre: Book club best bets, Coming-of-age stories, Literary fiction, Multiple perspectives

Author: Maya Angelou

Title: A Song Flung up to Heaven

Call Number: BIO ANGELOU

Description: In a sixth memoir, the author and poet describes her return from Africa to the U.S., her work with the civil rights movement, and the writing of her first autobiographical work, "I know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

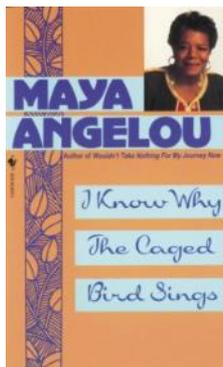
Genre: Adult books for young adults, Arts and Entertainment, Autobiographies and memoirs, Biographies, Life stories

Title: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Call Number: BIO ANGELOU

Description: This is a 1969 autobiography about the early years of American writer and poet Maya Angelou. The first in a seven-volume series, it is a coming-of-age story that illustrates how strength of character and a love of literature can help overcome racism and trauma.

Genre: Arts and Entertainment, Autobiographies and memoirs, Life stories



Title: Letter to My Daughter

Call Number: BIO ANGELOU

Description: A collection of short essays includes personal reminiscences, hard-won wisdom, and inspirational ideas.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Arts and Entertainment, Essays

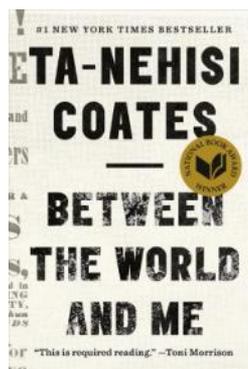
Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates

Title: Between the World and Me

Call Number: BIO COATES

Description: Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Antiracist literature, Autobiographies and memoirs, Life stories, Society and culture



BIOGRAPHY

Author: Trevor Noah

Title: Born a Crime

Call Number: BIO NOAH, CD BIO NOAH

Description: Trevor Noah, host of The Daily Show, shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa, with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child like him to exist. Trevor surmounted staggering obstacles and created a promising future for himself, thanks to his mother's unwavering love and indomitable will.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Antiracist literature, Autobiographies and memoirs, Biographies, Book club best bets, Essays, Family and Relationships, Humor writing, Life stories

Author: Solomon Northup

Title: 12 Years a Slave

Call Number: BIO NORTHUP

Description: Describes the life of Solomon Northup, a free Black man from Saratoga, N.Y., who was kidnapped in 1841 and forced into slavery in Louisiana for twelve years.

Genre: Autobiographies and memoirs, Biographies, History writing, Life stories, Page to screen

Author: Barak Obama

Title: Dreams From My Father

Call Number: BIO OBAMA, CD BIO OBAMA

Description: The son of an African father and white American mother discusses his childhood in Hawaii, his struggle to find his identity as an African American, and his life accomplishments.

Genre: Antiracist literature, Autobiographies and memoirs, Biographies, Life stories, Society and culture

Title: A Promised Land

Call Number: BIO OBAMA, CD BIO OBAMA, LP BIO OBAMA

Description: A deeply personal account of history in the making—from the president who inspired us to believe in the power of democracy.

Genre: Autobiographies and memoirs, History writing, Life stories, Politics and global affairs

Author: Michelle Obama

Title: Becoming

Call Number: BIO OBAMA, CD BIO OBAMA, LP BIO OBAMA

Description: An intimate memoir by the former First Lady chronicles the experiences that have shaped her remarkable life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her setbacks and achievements in the White House.

Genre: Autobiographies and memoirs, History writing, Life stories

Author: Michelle Obama

Title: The Light We Carry

Call Number: BIO OBAMA, LP BIO OBAMA

Description: Mrs. Obama offers readers insightful reflections on change, challenge, and power, including her belief that when we light up for others, we can illuminate the richness and potential of the world around us, discovering deeper truths and new pathways for progress.

Genre: Book club best bets, Life stories

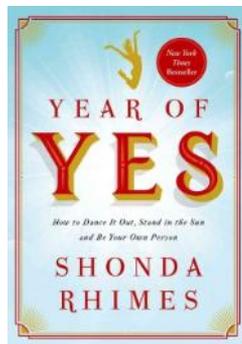
Author: Shonda Rhimes

Title: Year of Yes

Call Number: BIO RHIMES

Description: The creator of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal" details the one-year experiment with saying "yes" that transformed her life, revealing how accepting unexpected invitations she would have otherwise declined enabled powerful benefits.

Genre: Autobiographies and memoirs, Life stories



Author: Elaine Welteroth

Title: More than Enough: Claiming Space for Who You Are (No Matter What They Say)

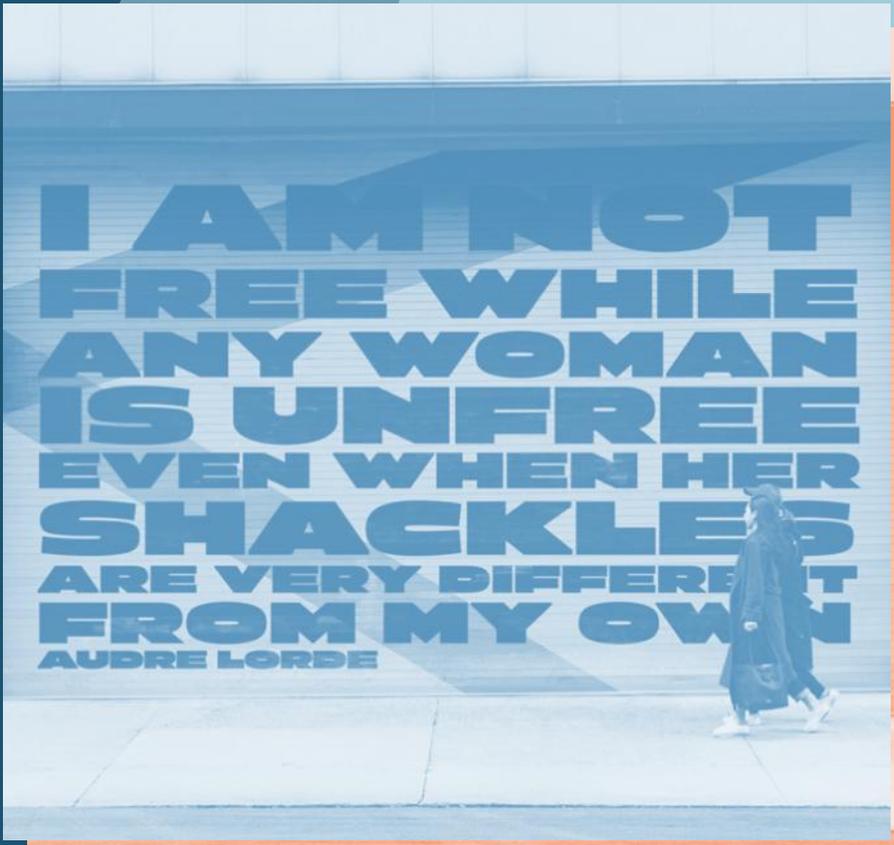
Call Number: BIO WELTEROTH

Description: In this part-manifesto, part-memoir, the revolutionary editor who infused social consciousness into the pages of Teen Vogue explores what it means to come into your own -- on your own terms.

Genre: Adult books for young adults, Autobiographies and memoirs, Biographies, Life stories

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