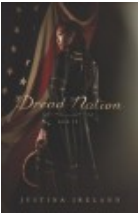


### **Internment by Samira Ahmed**



Internment is set in the near future of the United States in which Muslim Americans are forced into internment camps. Layla is a 17 year old who begins the rumbling of a revolution to start a journey to freedom.

### **Dread Nation by Justina Ireland**



Dread Nation is an alternative history in which the dead rise after the Civil War. Youth of color like Jane are trained in protecting the wealthy white community. When families start to go missing, Jane gets caught up in the conspiracy and must survive the might of powerful families.

### **Ms. Marvel by G. Willow Wilson**

Ms. Marvel gains new powers with extraordinary gifts. Can she fight the new forces she is expected to conquer?



### **Pet by Akwaeke Emezi**

Lucille discovers that creatures can come from paintings with a drop of blood. The creature has come out to hunt a monster haunting Lucille's best friend's house. Adults are unaware of this threat so the responsibility falls on Lucille.



### **March by John Lewis**

In graphic novel format, learn about John Lewis's experience growing up to become one of the leaders of the Civil Rights movement and a congressman for many years.



# **YA Texts with Characters Of Color**

*What Next?*



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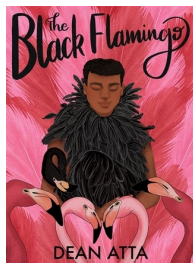
**With the Fire on High**  
by Elizabeth Acevedo  
High school senior Emoni has a lot of responsibilities between caring for her daughter and her grandma, but cooking is where something extra special happens.

**We Set the Dark on Fire**  
by Tehlor Kay Mejia



Daniela is attending a school for the elite in society that she had to lie to get into. The tensions rise when she is recruited to a rebel group and discovers a forbidden love.

**The Black Flamingo** by Dean Atta



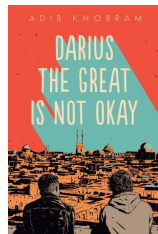
A boy is finding confidence in himself as he explores his identity as a mixed-race gay teen and finds his niche as a drag artist.

**The Astonishing Color of After** by Emily X.R.



After Leigh's mother dies, Leigh is sure she can find her as a bird. When she meets her maternal grandparents for the first time in Taiwan she begins her search for her mother's bird. How will Leigh's search help her cope with her grief?

**Darius the Great is Not Ok** by Adib Khorram



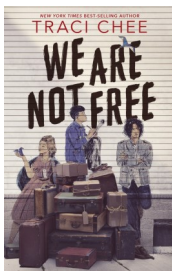
Darius is not ok when he learns that his family is taking an extended trip to Iran to reconnect with his grandparents. But once he gets there Darius meets the boy next door, things may change for the better

**The Boy in the Black Suit**



Matt has got it pretty tough working in a funeral home to help dad pay bills. But his whole view is shifted when her meets a girl that is dealing with even more. If she can deal with all that, maybe he can too.

**We Are Not Free** by Traci Chee



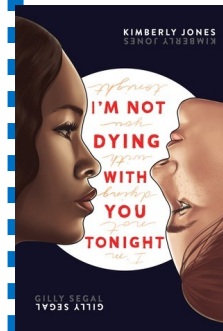
Fourteen teens who are second generation Japanese-Americans are forced into incarceration camps as WWII breaks out. What will it take to stick together?

**Elatsoe** by Darcie Little Badger



In a different America, where magic is part of the every day, Elatsoe can raise the ghost of animals. When her cousin is murdered she sets out to reveal her town's dark secrets.

**I'm Not Dying With You Tonight** by Kim-



Two teen girls must learn a lot about each other and face racial issues when a violent race riot breaks you at their high school football game.

**Don't Ask Me Where I'm From** by Jennifer De Leon



Liliana Cruz has tried to fit in and stay under the radar at her all white school. When racism increases and a family secret is revealed, however, Liliana must decide if she's ready to embrace her culture and stand up for her identity.

**Punching the Air** by Ibi Zoboi



Amal is in jail...even though he did not commit the crime. He turns to his art for solace and finds that maybe he can re-write his own story.