Harlem high school sophomore, Xiomara, finds a creative outlet in her school poetry club and at the Nuyorican Poets Café. Becoming the Poet X she struggles to reconcile her own voice with her Dominican immigrant family and culture.

*National Book Award for Young People’s Literature*

**FICTION**

Audible audiobook by HarperAudio (2018)
Downloadable Format: DB092221
Braille Format: BR022420

The story of how those waves of millions cascaded upon American shores is told brilliantly, even unforgettable…while this is a New York story, it really is an American story, one that belongs to all of us.

**NON-FICTION**

Audio by Audible

After five years on the road, Hayley and her father, an ex-soldier suffering from PTSD, try to make a new life in an upstate New York town. But will the past get in the way of their future?

*2014 SLJ Best Books: Young Adults*

**FICTION**

Braille Format: BR 020689
Audio available from Brilliance Audio.

True to the title, the book is a history of crime that permeated the underbelly of New York City and its boroughs in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of these gangs were so vicious they would post signs warning police to stay out of their neighborhoods -- or else!
NON-FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 055088

In a riveting biography that reads like a crime novel, Sibert Medalist and Newbery-Honor winner Susan Campbell Bartoletti uncovers the true story of Mary Mallon, a.k.a. Typhoid Mary, one of the most notorious and misunderstood women in American history.
NON-FICTION
Audio available from Dreamscape Media

Four kids from different parts of the country are dealing with life, as they know it, before it all changes. And then it changes...and we travel with these characters as they deal with the attacks.

FICTION

In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager (setting is Oswego and the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter) named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.
2000 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction
2000 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 050366

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 067296
Audiobook by Listening Library (2008)

In 1969, a police raid on a gay bar in a New York City neighborhood becomes a riot that ushers in a national gay rights movement in America.
NON-FICTION
Audio available from Listening Library
Braille Format: BR020927
Downloadable Format: DB081767

It’s the end of 1977, and high school senior Nick is trying to reinvent himself. In his effort to become a better person, he makes a list consisting of four phrases to live by: Stand Up, Stand Out, Stand By, Stand Fast. Adhering to the list proves to be difficult when Zod, a lowlife from Nick’s past, reappears and persuades Nick to deal drugs. Nick is able to convince himself that delivering cocaine is just a means to an end- a way to get enough money so he and his new crush, Dawn, can escape snowy upstate New York
and move to Florida. Despite the danger and illegal nature of his activities, Nick comes to believe that he has achieved his metamorphosis into a better self though his drug deals.

FICTION

When Maggie Silver's parents are falsely accused of stealing priceless gold coins, she must use her safecracking skills to try to clear their names, with help from the "team" she has formed as an undercover operative in a New York City high school.

FICTION
Audio CD by Brilliance Audio (2014)

Told in several voices, a group of Long Island high school seniors conspire to protect eighteen-year-old Jimmy after he brutally assaults two Salvadoran immigrants, until they begin to see the moral implications of Jimmy's actions and the consequences of being loyal to a violent bully.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB074436

Prenna arrives in New York from 80 years in the future, where a mosquito-borne illness has left the world in ruins. She and her fellow time travelers must follow strict rules to survive in the present day.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 078901
Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Evie O’Neill is sent from her small town in Ohio to live with her uncle in New York City. But there, the 17-year-old and her uncle get thrust into the investigation of numerous murders.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 075439

Bruchac, now a well-known children's author and storyteller, relates his childhood and high school years spent living with his grandparents near Saratoga, NY, and his discovery of his Abenaki heritage, which he learns to honor.

NON-FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 047175

Brunt, Carol Rifka. Tell the wolves I'm home. New York: Dial, 2012
It is 1987, and only one person has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus -- her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies, far too young, of a mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June's world is turned upside down. But Finn's death brings a surprise acquaintance into June's life -- someone who will help her to heal, and to question what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart.

FICTION
Audio CD by Blackstone Audio, (2012)

2007 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 062372


FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Carter, Graydon and David Friend (Eds). *Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers and Swells: The Best of Early Vanity Fair*. Penguin Press: 2014. *Vanity Fair* editor Graydon Carter introduces these fabulous pieces written between 1913 and 1936, when the magazine published a murderer’s row of the world’s leading literary lights. *Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers, and Swells* features great writers on great topics, including F. Scott Fitzgerald on what a magazine should be, Clarence Darrow on equality, D. H. Lawrence on women, e.e. cummings on Calvin Coolidge, John Maynard Keynes on the collapse in money value, Thomas Mann on how films move the human heart, Alexander Woollcott on Harpo Marx, Carl Sandburg on Charlie Chaplin, Djuna Barnes on James Joyce, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., on Joan Crawford, and Dorothy Parker on a host of topics ranging from why she hates actresses to why she hasn’t married.

NON-FICTION

Castle, Jennifer. *You Look Different in Real Life*. New York: HarperTeen, 2013. Five kids in upstate New York have been the subject of documentaries recording their lives every five years. Now as teens, they spend a weekend together to try and figure out their lives.

FICTION


FICTION

Audio available from Simon & Schuster Childrens

Colasanti, Susane. *City Love*. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2015. Told from alternating points of view, this is the story of three very different girls living together in New York City as they struggle to find the balance between their dreams, their pasts, and their complicated hearts.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone

Audio Downloadable Format: DB082491
Kevin Cook examines the truths and myths surrounding the life and death of Kitty Genovese, a native Brooklynite who was murdered in Kew Gardens in 1964.
NON-FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 078440
Downloadable Audio by Audible Inc. (2014)

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs. Has he infected himself and all of New York City?
FICTION
Braille Format: BR 017938
Downloadable Format: DB 066309

This exciting adventure story is set during the Seven Year’s War fought between France and England in North America. Hawkeye and his American Indian companions become involved in the bloody war.
FICTION
Braille Format: BR 004092
Downloadable Format: DB 019920 Audio CD by Brilliance (2005)

Written in 1821, this historical novel is Cooper's paean to the Revolutionary War Protagonist Harry Birch finds himself wrongly accused of selling vital information to the British.
FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 016416 Audio by Audible, Inc.

This is a compilation of 13 stories set in New York in the late 1800s, including the story of Maggie, a girl of the tenements, whose life turns downward when she becomes involved with a boy named Pete.
FICTION
Braille Format: BR 011578 Downloadable Format: DB 009418 Audio by Audible, Inc.

To break his curse of invisibility, a New York City boy is helped by a girl, newly arrived from the Midwest, who is the only one who can see him.

Presents a history of New York in sixteen momentous events, from the launch of the state's government in April 1777 to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

*2016 Award for Merit, presented by the American Association for State and Local History*


A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide. To uncover the truth, she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.


With the atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan’s first historical novel follows Anna and Styles into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men. *Manhattan Beach* is a deft, dazzling, propulsive exploration of a transformative moment in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world. It is a magnificent novel by the author of *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, one of the great writers of our time.


Members of the American Association of University Women in New York State have meticulously researched the lives and actions of some of New York's finest women.


Contains accounts of paranormal activity in and around New York's Hudson River Valley, including hauntings, ghosts, and UFOs.


Set in 1975, this coming of age story explores the cross-cultural friendship of Lewis Blake, a Native American teen living on the Tuscarora Reservation in Western New York, and George Haddonfield, a military kid from a nearby Air Force base.

Fifteen-year-old Wren and her three lifelong best friends are celebrating the opening of a major exhibit curated by her father at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, when Wren finds first love with her brother's new friend, Nolan. The relationship transforms her and her life.

**FICTION**

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

*2003 Coretta Scott King Author Award*
*2003 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*
*2017 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award*

**POETRY**

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**POETRY**

From the Adirondacks and the Catskills to the depths of Lake Champlain and the shores of Montauk, *Monsters of New York* takes the reader on a journey covering bizarre beasts of the Empire State.

**NON-FICTION**

The story of New Netherland is told in a highly readable fashion; from the exploration of Henry Hudson in 1609 to the final transfer of the Dutch colony to the English in 1674. The work introduces the multicultural makeup of the population and the influence of distinctive Dutch traits such as tolerance, free trade, and social mobility, all of which persisted long after New Netherland became New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and parts of Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

**NON-FICTION**

Freelance writer Hauser tracks the staff and students at the International High School at Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, N.Y., providing their personal histories as well as their day-to-day experiences.

*2012 Alex Award*

**FICTION**

This compilation includes excerpts and poems from the work of Langston Hughes.

**POETRY**
Chronicles the story of the early 1900s typhoid fever epidemic in New York, providing details as to how its infamous carrier was ultimately tracked down and stopped.

**NON-FICTION**
Braille Format: BR020803
Downloadable Format: BR020803

Freshman Daniel is a pretty average rookie on a high-school chess team made up of mostly attractive overachievers. So, he’s surprised to be invited to a father-son tournament, until he discovers that his father was a teenage grandmaster.

**FICTION**
Downloadable Format: DB 078852

In a remote community, out of sight of beaches along the South Shore of Long Island, the stories of five young missing women come together. It is a story of unsolved murders in an idyllic community and of the dark side of the Internet.

**NON-FICTION**
Downloadable Format: DB077197

Kim Chang and her mother move to Brooklyn from Hong Kong after Kim’s father dies. Kim goes to school during the day, and then joins her mother working in a sweatshop owned by her bitter older sister. Kim excels, winning a scholarship to a private school, and falls in love with a boy who also helps his mother fill the sweatshop quotas.

**FICTION**
Downloadable Format: DB073069

Marin hasn’t spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she’s tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit, and Marin will be forced to face everything that’s been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart.

*2017 Michael L. Printz Award*

**FICTION**
Downloadable Format: DB087287

Luna’s mother died a year ago when she was hit by a car on the busy streets of New York City’s East Village. Devastated by the sudden death of her mother, it takes Luna a full year to finally begin to clean out her mother’s office. When she does, she finds seven voicemails on her mother’s cell phone that reveal her mother’s death was not what it originally seemed.

**FICTION**
Audio available from Audible, Inc.
In New York City’s Spanish Harlem in 1969, 14-year-old Evelyn is trying to spread her wings and break free from her conservative family. When her activist grandmother comes to stay, she finds life getting more complicated and dangerous.

2013 Pura Belpré Award
FICTION

In this mystery/thriller, Kate tries to prove that her 15-year-old daughter, Amelia, didn’t jump from the roof of her prestigious Brooklyn private school. The story is told in alternating voices, Kate’s and Amelia’s, as well as through text messages, Facebook updates, and blog posts revealing that the teen was involved with a secret club.

2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens
FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 078077

In this graphic novel, Ciara O'Dwyer is a young woman raising a daughter alone in the Five Points slums of 1870; Johnny McCormack is a struggling actor drawn to the nascent folk music movement in 1960 Greenwich Village; and Lewis Healy is a successful Irishman who's come to present-day Manhattan on his wife's anniversary-present promise to reveal a secret.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Piddy Sanchez’s life is turned upside down when she finds out that Yaqui Delgado wants to kick her ass. While struggling to deal with the threat on her own, Piddy explores her identity, her culture, and the role of others in her life. A powerful story about bullying and resilience, set in a Queens school.

2014 Pura Belpré Author Award Winner
FICTION
Braille Format: BR 020400
Downloadable Format: DB 078106

Audio CD

A group of Tribeca high school kids go in for flu shots… and end up being able to read each other’s minds.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB079140
Audio available from Listening Library

The story of how two wounded warriors, one soldier and one golden retriever, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. It is a story about the love between a man and a dog and how they healed each other’s souls.

NON-FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 074020

Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. But they are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that Harlem life throws at them.

2014 Coretta Scott King Honor Book
2014 Notable Children’s Book

Braille Format: BR 020371
Downloadable Format: DB 077864

If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new—white—student threatens to take the scouts’ attention away from him.

FICTION
Braille Format: BR 018088
Downloadable Format: DB 067450

In Five Points, New York, in the 1840s, African-American teenager William Henry “Juba” Lane works hard to achieve his dream of becoming a professional dancer, but his real break comes when he is invited to perform in England. Based on the life of Master Juba; includes historical note.

FICTION
Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Reese needs to stay on track to get early release from the Progress juvenile detention facility in the Bronx.

2011 Coretta Scott King Author Honor
2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Top Ten

Downloadable Format: DB071823

Myers uses 10 short stories to create snapshots of a pulsing, vibrant community with diverse ethnic threads.

2001 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION
Braille Format: BR 013133
Downloadable Format: DB 065859

The owner of Harlem’s National Memorial African Bookstore, Lewis Michaux, was passionate about knowledge. His bookstore became a legendary influence on people worldwide.
2013 Coretta Scott King Honor
FICTION
Downloadable Format:
DB 076556 Braille
Format: BR 019995

Young Nellie Bly had ambitious goals, especially for a woman at the end of the nineteenth century, when the few female journalists were relegated to writing columns about cleaning or fashion. But fresh off a train from Pittsburgh, Nellie knew she was destined for more and pulled a major journalistic stunt that skyrocketed her to fame: feigning insanity, being committed to the notorious asylum on Blackwell's Island, and writing a shocking exposé of the clinic’s horrific treatment of its patients.

NON-FICTION

Older, Daniel Jose. Shadowhouse Fall, New York: Scholastic, 2017.
In addition to the ordinary problems of a Puerto Rican teenager in Brooklyn, Sierra Santiago is working on developing her shadowshaping skills, and she is beginning to think she may need all the skill she can summon because it seems that when she channeled hundreds of spirits through herself in order to defeat Wick she woke up something very powerful and very unfriendly and put her family and friends at risk.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB089349
Braille Format: BR022105

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB083151
Braille Format: BR021320

In the poor town of Carp, New York, a group of teens enters a high-stakes game that involves a series of secretive, possibly deadly challenges throughout the summer, with the winner receiving more than $50,000--enough money to start a new life.

FICTION
Audio available from Harper
Audio downloadable Format:
DB078376

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. The Dead and the Gone, New York: Graphia, 2010.
After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

FICTION
Kyle’s high school is evacuated on the morning of September 11, 2001. On his way home, he rescues a girl ready to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge wearing giant wings and covered in ash. Suffering from temporary amnesia, the girl develops an intimate relationship with Kyle in the chaotic week following the terrorist attack.

FICTION

For her graduation from high school in 1920, Frankie Pratt receives a scrapbook and her father’s old Corona typewriter. Through a kaleidoscopic array of vintage postcards, letters, magazine ads, ticket stubs, catalog pages, fabric swatches, candy wrappers, fashion spreads, menus, and more, we meet and follow Frankie on her journey in search of success and love.

*2012 Alex Award*

FICTION

Soon after his mother’s death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.

*2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB081907

Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.

*2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Winner*

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Seth Rudetsky has worked as the music director and/or pianist for some of Broadway’s biggest stars. He spent years as a pianist on Broadway playing such shows as *Les Mis*, *The Producers* and *Ragtime* and currently divides his time between being the afternoon deejay on the SiriusXM Broadway channel/host of “Seth Speaks” and touring North America doing his show Deconstructing Broadway.

NON-FICTION

A blind London teenager and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook.

FICTION

*Caste American* is a novel set in the near future in which America’s judicial system has been replaced with social media platforms and people’s statuses in society are based on a point system. Guilt or innocence is judged in real-time message boards and defendants are notified through notifications called Medusas—these freeze the screens of not only the defendants but every one of their contacts, too. The story is set in a small Long Island town and follows a collection of characters as they adapt to the new systems.

FICTION


This fascinating and very readable history of Manhattan draws on 17th-century Dutch records that were recently translated by scholar Charles Gehring. Shorto brings to exuberant life the human drama behind the story of the colony's founding in 1623.

NON-FICTION


Teenagers Jon and Ray dream of escaping from their dysfunctional and even dangerous parents in their rural New York town in this novel set in 1969. Themes of friendship and violence reflect the tensions of the Vietnam War.

*2014 Alex Award*

*2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens*

FICTION


Sonia Sotomayor was just a girl when she dared to dream big. Her dream? To become a lawyer and a judge even though she’d never met one of either, and none lived in her neighborhood.

*2019 Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults*

NON-FICTION


Brandon Stanton set out on an ambitious project: to single-handedly create a photographic census of New York City. Armed with his camera, he began crisscrossing the city, covering thousands of miles on foot, all in his attempt to capture ordinary New Yorkers in the most extraordinary of moments.

*2016 Alex Award Winner*

NON-FICTION


Under the alias GirlOnline, Penny blogs about school dramas, boys, her mad, whirlwind family--and the panic attacks she's suffered from lately. When things go from bad to worse, her family whisks her away to New York, where she meets the gorgeous, guitar-strumming Noah. Suddenly Penny is falling in love--and capturing every moment of it on her blog.
Enza and Ciro meet at the turn of the 20th century as teens in the Italian Alps. Through unfortunate circumstances, both are forced to immigrate to America, and they find each other again in New York City. A wonderful depiction of the immigrant experience and of New York City during the early 20th Century.

After living through a massacre in Democratic Republic of Congo, Sandra and her family immigrate to Rochester, New York, where she must adapt to American culture and middle school.

Harry Jones was horribly disfigured in a childhood accident and despite years of therapy, he has never been able to move beyond his scarred appearance until he plays with The Scar Boys, a punk rock band. *2015 William C Morris Award finalist*

In alternating chapters, 18-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy’s novel, slips into the “Afterworld” to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges, and both fall in love.

A collection of interesting facts and trivia about New York City, with walking tours.

In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures. *2009 Newbery Honor*
Over the course of a single day in New York City, two teenagers meet and fall in love. Natasha is a practical young woman trying to keep her family from being deported in a matter of hours, and Daniel is on his way to a college interview. Told in alternating chapters, with additional characters adding their voices.

2017 *Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award*

2017 *Michael L. Printz Honor Book*

*FICTION*

Audio by Listening Library

Set in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, this timely update of Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* balances cultural identity, class and gentrification with the magic of first love.

*FICTION*

Downloadable Format: DB093056
Audio book by HarperAudio