

STANDING AGAINST THE WIND

BY TRACI L. JONES

YA FIC JON

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.

TEN MILE RIVER

BY PAUL GRIFFIN

YA FIC GR

HAVING ESCAPED FROM JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS AND FOSTER CARE, TWO TEENAGED BOYS LIVE ON THEIR OWN IN AN ABANDONED SHACK IN A NEW YORK CITY PARK, MAKING THEIR WAY BY STEALING, OCCASIONALLY WORKING, AND TRYING TO KEEP FROM BEING ARRESTED.

TYRELL

BY COE BOOTH

YA FIC BOO

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD TYRELL, WHO IS LIVING IN A BRONX HOMELESS SHELTER WITH HIS SPACED-OUT MOTHER AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, TRIES TO AVOID TEMPTATION SO HE DOES NOT END UP IN JAIL LIKE HIS FATHER.

WHO AM I WITHOUT HIM?

BY SHARON FLAKE

YA FIC FLA

A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES ABOUT TEENAGE GIRLS AND THE ISSUES THEY MUST DEAL WITH IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOYS.

TEENAGE BLUEZ

BY VARIOUS AUTHORS

YA FIC TEE

ACCUSTOMED TO THE SHELTERED LIFE, RICKY YEARNS TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE IN CROWD. SOON HE GOES FROM STUDY HALL TO HANGING WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMINAL INFLUENCED BY HIS THUGGED OUT BOY, MARCO, RICKY FINDS HIMSELF IN A POLICE CHASE THAT COULD SEAL HIS FATE.

HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH AN OLDER MAN, NIYAH, 17, FALLS INTO A DOUBLE TRAP. MALIK, HER SMOOTH TALKING BOYFRIEND, WINES AND DINES HER INTO A WEB OF DECEPTION. ONCE RIPPED FROM THE SAFETY OF HER FAMILY AND BEST FRIEND, DENIM, SHE FINDS HERSELF LOST AND TURNED OUT. WITH NOWHERE TO TURN, NIYAH HITS ROCK BOTTOM.

BLUFORD SERIES

YA FIC BLU

LOST AND FOUND (BOOK 1)

WHEN DARCY WILLS IS STALKED BY A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER, FINDS A THREATENING NOTE ON HER DESK, AND DISCOVERS THAT HER SISTER IS MISSING, SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN TO FOR HELP, BUT MUST TAKE ACTION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

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BABYLON BOYZ

BY JESS MOWRY

YA FIC MOW

INNER CITY TEENAGERS FIND A SUITCASE FULL OF COCAINE AND MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO SELL IT AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY THE MONEY WOULD PROVIDE OR TO DESTROY IT TO KEEP THE DRUG FROM POISONING THEIR COMMUNITY.

BRONX MASQUERADE

BY NIKKI GRIMES

YA FIC GR

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.

CASHAY

BY MARGARET MCMULLAN

YA FIC MCMUL

WHEN HER WORLD IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN BY HER SISTER'S DEATH, A MENTOR IS ASSIGNED TO FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD CASHAY TO HELP HER THROUGH HER ANGER AND GRIEF.

CHAMELEON

BY CHARLES R. SMITH, JR

YA FIC SM

THE SUMMER BEFORE STARTING HIGH SCHOOL IN INNER CITY LOS ANGELES, FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SHAWN GRAPPLES

WITH HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF LOVE, THE COMPLICATED BONDS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND THE REALITY OF STREET GANG

VIOLENCE.

CHILL WIND

BY JANET MCDONALD

YA FIC MCDON

AFRAID THAT SHE WILL HAVE NOWHERE 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.

DOPE SICK

BY WALTER DEAN MYERS

YA FIC MYE

SEEKING NO WAY OUT OF HIS DIFFICULT LIFE IN HARLEM, SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD JEREMY "LIL J" DANKE 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.

HARLEM HUSTLE

BY JANET MCDONALD

YA FIC MCDON

ERIC "HUSTLE" SAMSON, A SMART AND STREET-WISE SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD DROPOUT FROM HARLEM, ASPIRES TO RAP STARDOM, A DREAM HE NAIVELY BELIEVES IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE.

HOT GIRL

BY DREAM JORDAN

YA FIC JOR

KATE, A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BROOKLYN GIRL AND FORMER GANG MEMBER, RISKS LOSING HER FIRST GOOD FOSTER FAMILY WHEN SHE ADOPTS THE RISQUE WAYS OF HER FLIRTATIOUS NEW FRIEND, NALEENAH.

IF I GROW UP

BY TODD STRASSER

YA FIC STR

GROWING UP IN THE INNER CITY PROJECTS, DESHAWN IS RELUCTANTLY FORCED INTO THE GANG WORLD BY CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND HIS CONTROL.

MONEY HUNGRY

BY SHARON FLAKE

YA FIC FLA

ALL THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD RASPBERRY CAN THINK OF IS MAKING MONEY SO THAT SHE AND HER MOTHER NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LIVING ON THE STREETS AGAIN.

NOTHING BUT DRAMA

BY RESHONDA TATE BILLINGSLEY

YA FIC BIL

FOUR TEENAGED GIRLS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS FIND FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP AFTER JOINING GOOD GIRLZ, AN AFTERSCHOOL CHURCH YOUTH GROUP.

ROOFTOP

BY PAUL VOLPONI

YA FIC VOL

STILL REELING FROM SEEING POLICE SHOOT HIS UNARMED COUSIN TO DEATH ON THE ROOF OF A NEW YORK CITY HOUSING PROJECT, SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD CLAY IS DRAGGED INTO THE WHIRLWIND OF POLITICAL MANIPULATION THAT FOLLOWS.

ROMETTE AND JULIO

BY SHARON DRAPER

YA FIC DRA

AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN GIRL AND A LATINO BOY FALL IN LOVE AFTER MEETING ON THE INTERNET, BUT THEY ARE HARASSED BY A GANG WHO OBJECTS TO THEIR DATING.

