

URBAN

FICTION

November Blues by Sharon Draper. A teen-aged boy's death in a hazing accident has lasting effects on his pregnant girlfriend and his guilt ridden cousin, who gives up a promising music career to play football during his senior year. **YA/DRA**

Harlem Hustle by Janet McDonald. 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. **YA/MCD**

Indigo Summer by Monica McKayhan. When fifteen-year-old Indigo's perfect world falls apart she turns to her neighbour, sixteen-year-old Marcus Carter for help. **YA/MCK**

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes. While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they're written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears. **YA/GRI**

The First Part Last by Angela Johnston. Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. **YA/JOH**

Tyrell by Coe Booth. 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. **YA/BOO**

Life is Not a Fairy Tale by Fantasia. A memoir by the winner of "American Idol" describes the obstacles she overcame before achieving celebrity. **YA/B/FAN**

Hip-Hop High School by Alan Lawrence Sotom. Follows an African-American teenager through four years at her inner-city high school. **YA/SIT**

Game by Walter Dean Myers. 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. **YA/MYE**



Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah. Winter Santiago, the daughter of one of Brooklyn's most powerful drug czars, uses her own weapons to stay on top, after her father's drug empire is threatened. **YA/SOU**

Secrets In the Shadows by Anne E. Schraff. High-school student Roy Bailey tries to impress the new girl in history class, but when one of his friends disappears, he becomes caught in a web of lies and threats. **YA/SCH (A Bluford High series)**

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers. Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him. **YA/MYE**

Flyy Girl by Omar Tyree. A tale of the fast life of Tracy Ellison becoming an adult during the hip-hop era. **YA/TYR**

After Tupac & D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson. In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music. **YA/WOO**

Bad Girlz 4 Life by Shannon Holmes. Tonya leaves the world of stripping behind to become a hairstylist. Due to circumstances she finds herself being pulled into her old business. **YA/HOL**

The Fight by L. Divine. Jayd just wants to start her Junior year of high school drama free. But wanting ain't getting, especially at a place like Drama High, a predominately white high school in a wealthy part of Los Angeles, where Jayd and 30 other Compton kids are bussed daily. **YA/DIV (A Drama High Series)**

Romiette and Julio by Sharon M. Draper. Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, an Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating. **YA/DRA**

Dope Sick by Walter Dean Myers. Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a strange man. **YA/WYE**

Fish: A Memoir of a Boy in a Man's Prison by T. J. Parsell. When seventeen-year-old T.J. Parsell held up a local photo mat with a toy gun, he had no idea how severe the consequences of his joke would be. **YA/B/PAR**

Push: A Novel by Sapphire. When Precious, pregnant with her second child, meets a determined and highly radical teacher, we follow her on a journey of education and enlightenment. **YA/SAP**

Black and Ugly by Toy Styles. This is a tale of four totally different friends from the same block, whose friendship is tested during a seemingly innocent game of truth or dare. **YA/STY**

