

# First Choice Authors



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Mike Lupica

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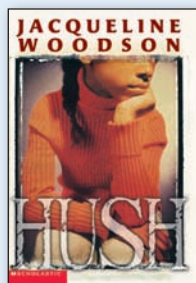
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In the futuristic ruins of North America, selected boys and girls fight to the death on t.v.—and young heroine Katniss has been chosen. "Brilliantly

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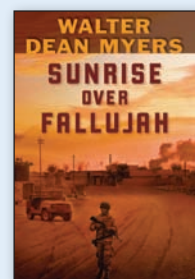


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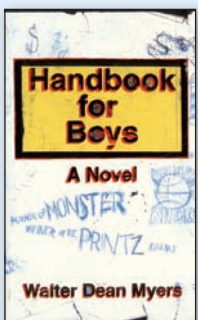
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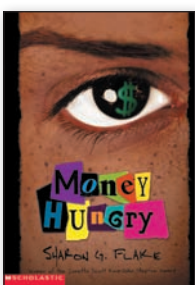
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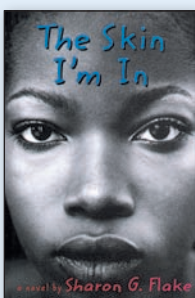
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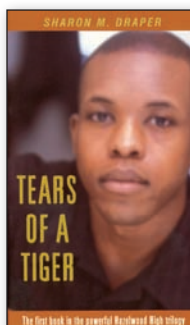
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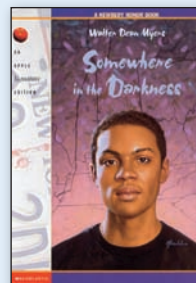
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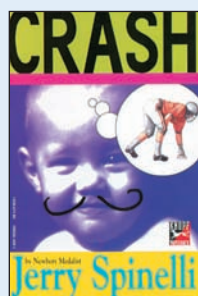
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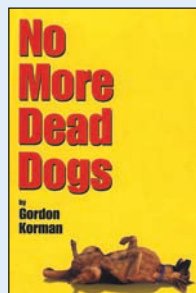
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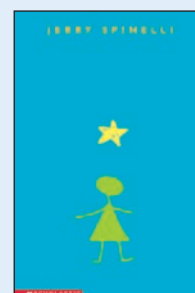
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