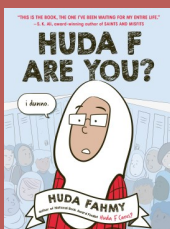


Arab American Heritage



Check out some of the great YA books in our collection, featuring Arab American characters and authors.

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Huda F Are You?

by Huda Fahmy

Huda F. is starting high school in a new town and needs to figure out where she fits in. It'll take finding out who she isn't to figure out who she is.



Squire

by Nadia Shamas

Hiding her status as a girl from conquered lands while training as a Squire on her quest to become a Knight, the only path to true citizenship, Aiza navigates friendships and rivalries until she discovers the military's endgame.



Desert Echoes

by Abdi Nazemian

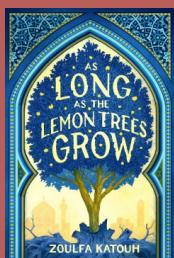
Two years after the boy he loved went missing during their trip to Joshua Tree, Kam returns to find closure but instead finds himself in danger of facing a similar fate unless he reckons with the truth.



Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win

by Susan Azim Boyer

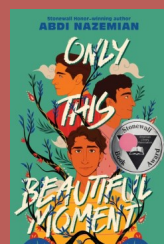
In 1979, Jasmine finds her Senior Class President campaign—and NYU dreams—threatened by an event that causes her opponent to stir up anti-Iranian hysteria, forcing her to make difficult decisions.



As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow

by Zoulfa Katouh

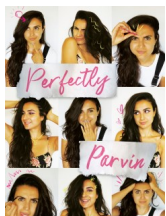
Volunteering at a hospital during the Syrian Revolution, Salama manifests an imagined companion as a trauma response and is torn between loyalty to her country and her will to survive.



Only This Beautiful Moment

by Abdi Nazemian

Set in Tehran and LA, this story examines queer identity in different decades, following three boys in an Iranian family as they each gain an understanding of their history, culture and themselves.



Perfectly Parvin

by Olivia Abtahi

Heartbroken and humiliated when she is dumped, Parvin struggles to remain true to herself while attempting to prove to the school that she's girlfriend material.



Hollow Fires

by Samira Ahmed

Aspiring journalist Safiya investigates the murder of a 14-year-old boy who was wrongfully arrested, labeled a terrorist and killed, seeking to tell the whole truth.



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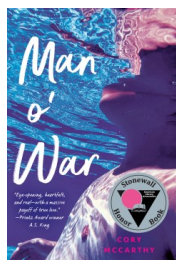


We Hunt the Flame

by Hafsah Faizal

Zafira disguises herself as a man called the Hunter to hunt food for her people in the cursed and forbidden forests of Arawiya, a fantasy realm inspired by ancient Arabia. Nasir, the Prince of Death, assassinates those who disobey his father, the autocratic Sultan. When

Zafira embarks on a quest to collect an artifact that will restore the kingdom's lost magic, Nasir is sent to kill her and claim the artifact.



Man O' War

by Cory McCarthy

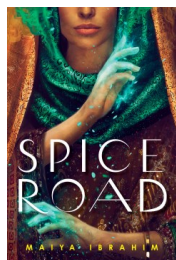
While at a marine life theme park, River's encounter with a queer person lands him in the shark tank, which launches a journey of self-discovery, from internalized homophobia and gender dysphoria, through layers of coming out, affirmation surgery, and true love.



Unbecoming

by Seema Yasmin

Working on an illegal guide to abortion in Texas for those in need in an America where abortions are prosecuted and the right to choose no longer exists, two best friends fight for what they believe in while one of them harbors a painful secret.



Spice Road

by Maiya Ibrahim

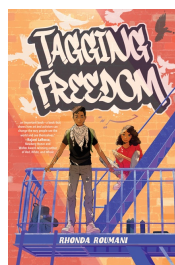
When she learns that her brother is spreading the nation's secret spice magic to outsiders, 16-year-old Shield warrior Imani sets out on a dangerous mission to find him, discovering secrets that lie beyond the Forbidden Wastes—and in her own heart.



Home is Not a Country

by Safia Elhillo

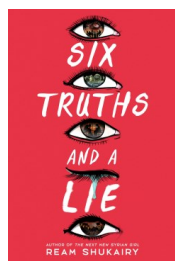
A novel in verse follows the experiences of a misfit teen in a discriminatory suburban community who questions her mixed heritage before unexpected family revelations force her to fight for her own identity.



Tagging Freedom

by Rhonda Roumani

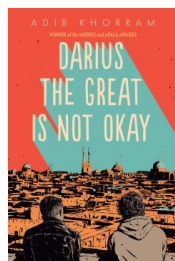
Set in the early days of the Syrian Civil War, cousins Kareem and Samira, living in Massachusetts, navigate the growing conflict in Syria, new friendships, and the use of art to express themselves. Available digitally as an audiobook on Hoopla.



Six Truths and a Lie

by Ream Shukairy

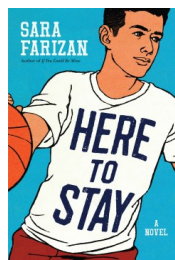
Told in their separate voices, six Muslim teens are falsely accused of an alleged attack on a Los Angeles beach and must trust or turn their backs on each other to prove their innocence.



Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

A Persian-American youth who prefers pop culture to the traditions of his mixed family struggles with clinical depression and the misunderstandings of older relatives while bonding with a boy who helps him embrace his Iranian heritage.



Here to Stay

by Sara Farizan

When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photo-shopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.



A Very Large Expanse of Sea

by Tahereh Mafi

Withdrawing into solitude after enduring a year of cruel prejudice in the aftermath of September 11, Muslim teen Shirin, an enthusiastic breakdancer, struggles to trust a boy who is the first friend who really seems to want to know her.