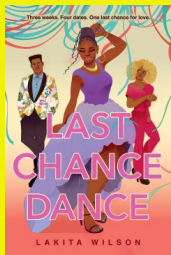




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### Last Chance Dance

by Lakita Wilson

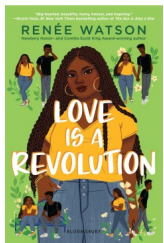
Leila takes part in the Last Chance Dance, which gives students a chance to find love before graduation. Matched with three of her crushes and her nemesis, she must figure out who/what she wants.



### Charming as a Verb

by Ben Philippe

Hiding behind his charming smile and Ivy League ambition, a popular Haitian-American star debater is blackmailed by an intense classmate who wants to improve her image at school.



### Love is a Revolution

by Renee Watson

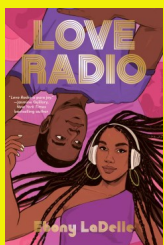
Falling for an activist during an open-mic party, plus-sized Nala tells increasingly complicated lies about how much she shares her crush's interests, before learning lessons in radical love/self-love.



### As You Walk On By

by Julian Winters

When his promposal goes epically wrong, 17-year-old Theo seeks refuge in an empty bedroom where he is joined by others escaping who they're supposed to be outside the bedroom door.



### Love Radio

by Ebony LaDelle

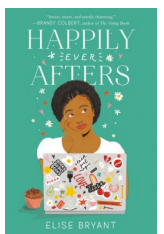
A 17-year-old self-professed teen love doctor with his own segment on Detroit's popular hip-hop show, Prince Jones has only three dates to prove to Dani, an ambitious writer who hates all thing romance, that he's worth falling for.



### The Meet-Cute Project

by Rhiannon Richardson

High school junior Mia, who hates romantic comedies, must endure the "meet-cute" encounters her best friends set up to help her find a date for her sister's wedding.



### Happily Ever Afters

by Elise Bryant

16-year-old Tessa is accepted into a prestigious writing program and suddenly loses her creativity, until an unexpected love comes her way.



### Smash It!

by Francina Simone

Challenging herself to overcome her insecurities at the beginning of junior year, Liv lands a role in her high school's hip-hopera production of Othello that helps launch her journey of self-empowerment.

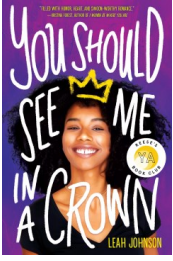


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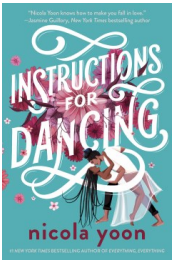
# Black Joy YA Collection



## You Should See Me in a Crown

by Leah Johnson

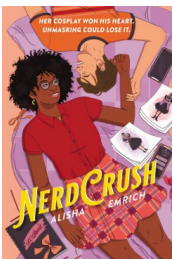
A Black misfit teen from a wealthy, prom-obsessed midwestern community plans to attend a prestigious medical college before the unexpected loss of her financial aid forces her to compete for her school's prom-queen scholarship.



## Instructions for Dancing

by Nicola Yoon

Experiencing visions of heartbreak and trying to understand why this is happening, Evie signs up for lessons at a dance studio, where she falls for her dance partner, forcing her to question all she thought she knew about life and love.



## NerdCrush

by Alisha Emrich

To escape reality, 16-year-old Ramona hides behind her cosplay character who gives her the confidence she lacks in real life, but when an online conversation leads to romance, she must decide whether or not to reveal her identity.



## Seven Minutes in Candyland

by Brian Wasson

When rumors fly that he's not just the master of sweets, due to his candy-selling hustle, but hearts, too, Kal, the son of two therapists, revels in his newfound fame helping heartbroken teens, but his ego, a jealous boyfriend and a competitor threaten everything.



## Where the Rhythm Takes You

by Sarah Dass

17-year-old Reyna has spent her life at the Plumeria, her family's seaside resort in Tobago. It's been two years since Reyna's mother passed away, two years since Aiden, her childhood friend and first love, left the island to pursue his music dreams. When Aiden comes back as a

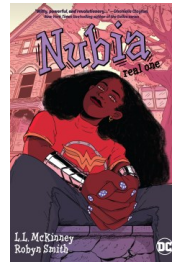
highly successful DJ, things get complicated. Was he really just her first love, or has life given them a second chance?



## The Black Flamingo

by Dean Atta

A fierce coming-of-age novel about identity and the liberating power of drag follows the experiences of a mixed-race teen in London who struggles to connect with his heritage before coming out and establishing his place in Drag Society.



## Nubia : Real One

by L. L. McKinney

Nubia has always stood out because of her Amazonian strength, but although she uses her ability for good she is seen as a threat. When her best friend is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, Nubia risks it all to become the hero society tells her she is not.



## Simone Breaks All the Rules

by Debbie Rigaud

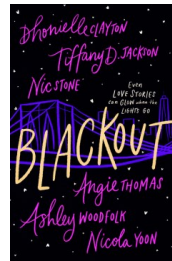
The daughter of strict Haitian parents, Simone creates a Senior Year Bucket List of things she hasn't had a chance to do, but soon her list takes on a life of its own, forcing her to make difficult decisions.



## All the Things We Never Knew

by Liara Tamani

A seemingly idyllic romance between rising basketball stars Carli and Rex is challenged by Carli's secret distaste for the game, her parents' crumbling marriage and a lack of family affection that causes Rex to doubt himself.



## Blackout

by Dhonielle Clayton

Six critically acclaimed, best-selling and award-winning authors celebrate Black teen love in this interlinked novel of heartwarming and hilarious stories that shine a bright light through the dark.