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### TROUBLE FOLLOWS

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**Kimani Press Life Is (Was...Will Be?) Good Indigo Summer has everything she wants: a coveted spot on the high school dance squad, a hot boyfriend (the one and only Marcus Carter) and—her best friend, Jade, is moving back to Atlanta! But why does trouble always have to follow? Jade is suddenly getting too cozy with their good-looking history teacher. And instead of shooting hoops, Marcus is sitting in a courthouse, forced to prove his innocence for something he didn't do. Indigo is feeling the pressure—from the squad, from her friends, from her family. It's time to show everyone—and herself—that she's made of strong stuff.**

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### INDIGO SUMMER

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### MAYA'S CHOICE

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**Kimani Press When a rebellious cousin moves in with her family, Maya learns that following her cousin's lead may harm her relationship with her boyfriend and her future.**

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### DEAL WITH IT

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**Kimani Press Indigo Summer and her best friend, Jade, are at the top of their game. They're the most popular girls at school, the best dancers on the high-school squad, and now one of them is going to be team captain. Indigo just never expected it to be Jade. For the first time in forever, Indigo is jealous of her best friend, and they're not the only ones on the squad dealing with major drama. Tameka rocked her SATs and is destined for a top college, but one lapse in judgment with her boyfriend, Vance, will change everything. Friendships, the team, their futures...this time, it's all on the line.**

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### STEP UP

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**Kimani Press Indigo Summer and her boyfriend, Marcus Carter, have stayed solid through plenty of drama. Now Marcus is a senior, and he's already received his acceptance letter from Harvard. Indigo knows how hard he's worked for this chance. But with his future looking so bright, Indigo suddenly has doubts about where she fits into his life—especially when Marcus meets a beautiful, brainy premed student during a campus visit. Indigo and Marcus have survived separation and temptation before. But this time, everything feels different, and Marcus needs to figure out where his heart lies. But once he's made up his mind, will Indigo still be waiting for him?**

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### JADED

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**Kimani Press What Jade Morgan wants: for her parents to get back together. Instead her dad proposes to his new girlfriend, who has the nerve to ask Jade to be a bridesmaid. Like that'll ever happen. Her new boyfriend, Terrence, thinks she should give her future stepmom a chance, try to get to know her. Yet Jade barely knows Terrence—who is cute and cool, but is seriously hiding something. He's busy all the time and he won't invite her to his house. Yeah, something is definitely up. But sometimes friends, family and boyfriends do things that make you really jaded about**

life.

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### **WAY TOO MUCH DRAMA**

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**Harlequin** The toughest lessons aren't always taught in the classroom... Maya is ready to put the fabulous back into her life—and that means getting her manipulative cousin, Viviana, out of it. Bad enough that Viviana is living under the same roof and tried to claim Maya's boyfriend, Misalo, for herself. Now she's going to Maya's high school and she's part of the quiz team competing on a TV show...alongside Maya, Keysha and Misalo. Maya has no sympathy when Viviana finally starts to feel the pressure of fitting in to her new world. That's until her cousin does something drastic...and dangerous. Maybe Viviana isn't as tough as everyone thought. Maya could be the only person who can help bring her back safely. Question is...does she want to?

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### **GETTIN' HOOKED**

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**Kimani Press** Click for your dream date Could she go to the senior dance with just any guy? No way. Imani Lane has her heart set on Maurice, the hottest guy in town. But he isn't exactly asking. So she comes up with an idea to help herself-and everyone else, too. An online dating hookup site for local teens! Her friends and cousin can find their dream dates, and Imani can brilliantly engineer her own profile to match Maurice's. Problem is, the Web site is becoming too popular. Guys who are looking for hookups-say, with Imani's own impressionable cousin-now include some very sleazy types. So Imani has to get things unhooked and fast.

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### **THE ROAD OF THE DEAD**

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**Chicken House** Late one night, two brothers learn that their sister has died in the worst way imaginable. She's found strangled, hundreds of miles from home. Ruben is the smarter of the two, with a gift for getting into other people's hearts. Cole doesn't care if he lives or dies. Together they set out to find their own answers and retrace Rachel's final journey.

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### **THE PACT**

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**Kimani Press** Break up for the summer... That's the deal Indigo Summer makes with her boyfriend, Marcus Carter. That way, they can both enjoy their vacations, no guilt, no questions asked. Not that Indigo isn't worried when Marcus heads to Texas to spend time with his estranged mother—kissing Marcus goodbye is hard enough, and who knows who'll be kissing him in Houston? But Indigo barely has time to think about her temporarily ex-boyfriend by the time she gets to Chicago. She's hanging out with her cool cousin, who lives alone at seventeen and has her own life—a life Indigo thought she wanted, until things get way out of hand. She needs Marcus, but he has his own thing going on...and his mother wants him to stay with her permanently. Maybe it's time for a new pact.

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### **MYSELF AND I**

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**Kimani Press** Lately, Keysha feels like a magnet for trouble—especially boy trouble. Her last love interest turned out to be a major fraud, and her ex, Wesley, refuses to accept that they're finished. Swearing off relationships and concentrating on herself seems like her smartest move. Then Keysha meets her new neighbor Jerry, who has every girl in town vying for a summer fling. Working as lifeguards together, Keysha realizes that Jerry has more to offer than a great car and a sexy smile, and the harder she tries to ignore him, the more interested he becomes. But is it Keysha that attracts him or the chase itself? And when the biggest party of the year gets dangerously out of line, and Wesley's jealous new girl pins the blame on Keysha, she'll learn exactly who she can trust. Only problem is, it might be too late to save herself....

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### **SHRINK TO FIT**

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**Kimani Press** Losing weight is the solution to all basketball-star Leah Mandeville's problems, or so she thinks. Getting superthin will: a) help her jump shot b) make her look like America's Next Top Model c) get the attention of the high school hottie who ignores any girl with a little junk in the trunk And it's working, isn't it? Her boo is now crushing on her. Everyone says how good she looks. But the problem is that Leah doesn't feel good. And her life is taking a huge turn for the worse, despite her new "perfect body."

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### **IT AIN'T ALL FOR NOTHIN'**

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**Harper Collins** Life in Harlem isn't easy, but Tippy and his grandmother are doing okay. Then Grandma Carrie gets sick, and Tippy goes to live with Lonnie, his father. Lonnie's got his own thing going on, and he doesn't have much room in his life for a son he barely knows -- unless, that is, Tippy is willing to walk the far side of the fine line between right and wrong. Grandma Carrie always said if he had Jesus in his heart there wasn't anything to worry about, but sometimes it's not that simple. When the chips are down, will Tippy be able to call for help -- and is there anyone out there who will listen?

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### **A GIRL LIKE ME**

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**Kensington Publishing Corp.** A high school beauty is out to save her troubled family when she meets a hip-hop Prince Charming in this YA urban Cinderella story. She's got a voice like Keisha Cole and attitude to burn. She's the body-rockin', Bebe-sporting girl everyone in her high school wants to be—or be with. But behind her picture-perfect image,

sixteen-year-old Elite has a crack-addicted mother, no father in sight, and is secretly raising her sister and two brothers on her own. Now a radio contest has put her up-close-and-personal with mega-hot singer Haneef and their chemistry is too sizzling for Elite to stop pretending. As the clock ticks down fast for this 'hood Cinderella, she has only one shot to save her family and make all of her dreams come true.

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### **LEARNING TO SWIM**

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Delacorte Press Seventeen-year-old Steffie Rogers is not happy. Her mother, Barbie, has been suffering from love lunacy since before Steffie was even born. What is love lunacy? It's what happens to her mom when she has affairs with married men. The first stage is the Secret Smile and the last stage occurs when the relationship falls apart: Barbie picks another town in Maryland and they move, which they've done 14 times. Now Steffie lives on Jones Island and is working as a maid at a country club over the summer (long story). She's in love with handsome lifeguard Keith McKnight, but he already has a girlfriend. When Keith offers to teach Steffie how to swim, she finds herself in his arms and fighting the symptoms of love lunacy. But with the help of her feisty, older friend Alice, she's determined not to drown in her mother's problems. Still, Steffie is about to discover that swimming against the current isn't so easy.

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### **THE EVENING AFTER**

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Kimani Press It happens in an instant. On a stormy December night, two cars collide head-on, and four people's lives are forever shattered.—In the aftermath of the accident that took the life of her husband of twenty-one years, Lainey Williams is a widow with conflicting feelings of loss, guilt and regret over a union that was far from ideal. After Lainey failed to give him a son, Don turned from his wife, seeking comfort in alcohol. The night of the accident, Don was at the wheel, and drunk. He never even saw the other car coming. The horrific crash that sent his wife, Marva, into a coma has forced Nathan Sullivan to reassess his life. When their daughter went off to college, he realized how little he and Marva had left in common. What was missing most was the love. It begins as two grieving people offering each other comfort and friendship. Trust grows, along with mutual passion. But just as Lainey and Nathan are starting to rebuild their lives—both separately and together—Lainey uncovers a shocking secret about Don. And Nathan is confronted with the most agonizing decision of his life that will put his relationship with Lainey to the ultimate test.—

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### **BRILLE BOOK REVIEW**

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### **16 ISN'T ALWAYS SWEET**

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Kimani Press From best friend to frenemy to flat-out enemy For her Sweet 16, Jordan Wright gets rid of the frizzy hair, the conservative clothes, and finally likes the hip new girl smiling in the mirror. So when she hears about an open casting call for the hottest rapper's new video, she has the confidence to go for it. She and her best friend, Adrienne, try out with hundreds of hopefuls, but only Jordan makes it. Adrienne seems fine with it. But when Jordan starts getting some serious attention, Adrienne turns into a hater. And after Jordan has an innocent in-the-hall conversation with Adrienne's ex-boyfriend—they dated for one week, like four years ago!—Adrienne plots to ruin Jordan's life by spreading rumors, writing stuff on the bathroom walls and telling Jordan she'd be better off dead. Suddenly Jordan's popularity is fading. Forget sweet sixteen. She soon discovers that what she needs most is to find the strength to be herself.

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### **HOTLANTA**

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Point Living a privileged life in Atlanta, wealthy and beautiful African American twin sisters, Sydney and Lauren, must deal with family secrets and scandal when their father is released from prison.

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### **STAYING PURE**

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Moody Publishers Payton Skky is beautiful and popular and dating Dakari Graham, the most attractive and desirable guy in their Georgia high school. The problem? He wants to have sex with her while she wants to obey God and stay pure until marriage. With pressures coming from all sides, Payton begins to wonder if waiting is really worth it. When he breaks it off with her for a more willing girl, Payton's world crashes down on her. As she struggles to answer these questions and gets to know Tad Taylor, Payton realizes that following God is the real secret to staying pure.

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### **I AM NOT A COP!**

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### **A NOVEL**

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Simon and Schuster IN THIS CAPTIVATING, OFTEN HILARIOUS DEBUT MYSTERY, ONE OF THE GREAT COMEDIANS OF OUR TIME BLENDS FACT WITH FICTION, AS LAW & ORDER: SVU'S RICHARD BELZER'S OFF-CAMERA PERSONA COMES TO LIFE ON THE PAGE, EMPLOYING INVESTIGATIVE KNOW-HOW AND COMEDIC TIMING IN EQUAL MEASURE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A TRUSTED FRIEND. When Richard Belzer meets Rudy Markovich, nyc medical examiner, for dinner in Brighton Beach, he has little reason to expect anything more than a friendly bull session. But in the next twenty-four hours Belzer finds himself in the middle of a vicious street brawl, splashed across the tabloid headlines as an out-of-control celeb, and fearing for the life of his good pal Rudy -- who police assume is sleeping at the bottom of the East River. As Belzer finds himself increasingly required to call upon the resources he taps to portray Detective Munch on nbc, he maintains his sense of humor and carries us along on a rollicking ride through the underworld of New York City. With Rudy kidnapped, or worse, it falls to The Belz to track him down and

solve the riddle to the vanishing act. The lives of Detective Munch and Richard Belzer collide and mesh in *I Am Not a Cop!* as one of America's great comics and TV cops brings all of his talents to bear in book form and provides a triumph of the mystery genre.

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## **BRILLE BOOKS**

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### **SOMETHING SWEETER**

HarperCollins The men in Texas are hard to resist . . . Seattle event planner Allison Lane is an expert at delivering the perfect wedding—even if she might not exactly believe in the whole "'til death do us part" thing. When her father decides to tie the knot with a woman he barely knows, Allison heads to Sweet, Texas, to make sure his new honey is the real deal. What she didn't expect to find at the local honky-tonk was a sexy Southern man as bent on charming her pants off as he is on blowing her "true love doesn't exist" theory all to hell. And they always promise . . . Veterinarian, former Marine, and Sweet's favorite playboy Jesse Wilder takes one look at Allison and knows she's a handful of trouble he can't deny. But even after a sizzling kiss and obvious mutual attraction, it seems Allison has no such problem. When Jesse uncovers her sweet side, can he crush his playboy image, melt her cynical heart, and change her mind about taking a trip down the aisle? *Something sweeter*

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### **KEYSHA'S DRAMA**

Kimani Press Sixteen-year-old Keysha Kendall is a judge's signature away from foster care when she's sent to live with the father she never knew. Suddenly she has her own room in his big fancy house, a high-powered stepmother and a popular half brother who can introduce her to all the right people at her new school. But Keysha can't forget where she came from. And she won't let anyone else, either. Why should her father and his perfect family have it so easy when she and her mother had it so hard? And so Keysha hooks up with a rough crowd and does whatever she wants...until what she wants changes real fast....

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## **FOR YOUNGER READERS; BRILLE AND TALKING BOOKS**

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### **TROPICAL FANTASY**

HarperCollins Australia Sasha Winters has it all planned. She'll spend two days—exactly forty-eight hours—in the Bahamas for her sister's wedding. Then it's back to her hectic life as a lawyer on the fast track to partner. But when a storm strands her on an exotic island, Sasha's suddenly giving in to her sensual side and making moonlit magic with Vince Sullivan, a man she barely knows. The groom's best man, Vince, hasn't given up on finding that special someone. It could be Sasha—if she'd allow herself to feel the full force of their chemistry. Determined to liberate the passionate woman behind the workaholic Atlanta attorney, Vince storms every last one of Sasha's defenses. Yet can their growing love survive, even as a crisis forces Sasha to choose between her lifelong ambitions and a lifetime of love?

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## **POPULAR SERIES FICTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TEEN READERS**

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### **A READING AND SELECTION GUIDE**

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### **AMBITIOUS**

Harlequin There's only one thing tougher than getting in to Premiere High: Staying in... At Premiere School of the Performing Arts, nicknamed Premiere High, talent is a must and competition is fierce. But the payoff is worth it. Some of the biggest stars in music, movies and dance are on the alumni list. New student Marisol Garcia dreams of taking her place among them one day. And being chosen to take part in a local dance contest where a film role is the prize could possibly be her first step into the spotlight. Almost as big a challenge: getting Drew Bishop to see her as more than a friend. But Drew is preoccupied with his own dilemma of either playing basketball, which could be a free ticket to college, or pursuing the stage where he really comes alive. But every dream comes with a price. And as Marisol becomes consumed with winning, the once straight-A student risks losing everything. Starting with her parents' approval, her friends and her place at Premiere High...

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### **AN ISLAND AFFAIR**

HarperCollins Australia A passion for all seasons... Returning to the beloved Eleuthera Islands of her childhood is the best decision Jasmine Talbot ever made. She's determined to succeed in transforming her family's magnificent Caribbean property into a one-of-a-kind B & B. But she needs Jackson Conner's help. A brilliant visionary, the hunky contractor is proud, egotistical...and impossible to resist. Starting his own business was a huge gamble. And so is Jackson's powerful desire for his alluring new boss. But what kind of future can he offer Jasmine when he has just discovered his entire past is a lie? Will his quest to uncover the truth—and the secret he's keeping—jeopardize Jackson's budding romance with the dazzling Bahamian beauty? Or give him the love that could be his lasting legacy...

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## DEAL WITH IT!

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### YOU CANNOT CONQUER WHAT YOU WILL NOT CONFRONT

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Thomas Nelson Nobody understands the issues women face better than dynamic Bible teacher and national speaker Paula White, host of a national television program, who crosses racial and gender lines with her messages. Many of these listeners are women who identify with Paula's straight-forward and candid approach as she shares from what she has experienced in life. Her openness, integrity, and honesty are what draw men and women to her. In this book, Paula highlights 10 women in the Bible and shows how God transformed their lives and can transform anyone's life who is seeking Him and the answers he provides throughout Scripture.

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### IF ONLY YOU KNEW

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### A HOTLANTA NOVEL

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Wealthy and beautiful African American twins Sydney and Lauren both face boyfriend problems as they continue to delve into a murder mystery that somehow involves both their father and stepfather.

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### NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU

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Roaring Brook Press "Through this pitch-perfect rom-com, Kristina Forest explores the legacy of family and what it means to be young and full of artistic passion. I was utterly charmed from start to finish." —Maurene Goo, author of *Somewhere Only We Know* Now That I've Found You is a YA novel about searching for answers, love, and your eccentric grandma in all the wrong places. Following in the footsteps of her überfamous grandma, eighteen-year-old Evie Jones is poised to be Hollywood's next big star. That is until a close friend's betrayal leads to her being blacklisted . . . Fortunately, Evie knows just the thing to save her floundering career: a public appearance with America's most beloved actress—her grandma Gigi, aka the Evelyn Conaway. The only problem? Gigi is a recluse who's been out of the limelight for almost twenty years. Days before Evie plans to present her grandma with an honorary award in front of Hollywood's elite, Gigi does the unthinkable: she disappears. With time running out and her comeback on the line, Evie reluctantly enlists the help of the last person to see Gigi before she vanished: Milo Williams, a cute musician Evie isn't sure she can trust. As Evie and Milo conduct a wild manhunt across New York City, romance and adventure abound while Evie makes some surprising discoveries about her grandma—and herself.

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### A GUIDE TO READING INTERESTS

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### DECISION TIME

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Kimani Press After a chaotic few months, Keysha's life is looking up—and so is her love life. She's scored the lead in the school play, and her tried-and-true boyfriend, Wesley, has moved back home. Perfect, right? Except that a backstabbing rival is scheming to get her role, and rehearsals leave zero time for Wesley in Keysha's already overbooked schedule. But while Keysha is busy with the play, Lori—the girl Wesley risked his life to save from a jealous ex—is busy trying to show Wesley just how grateful she can be. And with junior prom on the horizon and Keysha's hot leading man making his interest known, the one relationship that Keysha thought she could count on is looking shakier by the day....

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## IF I WERE YOUR BOYFRIEND

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Kimani Press Social zero meets unlikely hero How had Keysha gone from popular to social outcast? One word: frenemy. A girl Keysha thought was her friend planted drugs on her—and Keysha got caught. The media blitz on their wealthy suburb turned everyone against her. First day back at school, and Keysha is stared down in the halls. Whispered about. No one will talk to her. And the girl who ruined Keysha's reputation laughs in her face. So when a guy with his own bad rep offers to help, Keysha's first reaction is yeah, right. Talk about an unlikely hero. But soon she realizes that Wesley Morris is more than just hot, more than just talk. He's been there, done that and turned his life around. But no one wants this so-called bad-news boyfriend anywhere near Keysha. Including her family. Still, Wesley isn't willing to walk away and let Keysha Also Available pay for someone else's crime. He'll even risk everything to save her...and their relationship.

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## ALL THE THINGS WE NEVER KNEW

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HarperCollins “Tamani masterfully bounces and slams two hearts up and down a shrouded court of first love and revelations.”—Rita Williams-Garcia, National Book Award Finalist and New York Times-bestselling author “A superb, complex romance full of heart, humor, and unforgettable characters.”—Kirkus (starred review) A glance was all it took. That kind of connection, the immediate and raw understanding of another person, just doesn't come along very often. And as rising stars on their Texas high schools' respective basketball teams, destined for bright futures in college and beyond, it seems like a match made in heaven. But Carli and Rex have secrets. As do their families. Liara Tamani, the author of the acclaimed *Calling My Name*, follows two teenagers as they discover how first love, heartbreak, betrayal, and family can shape you—for better or for worse. A novel full of pain, joy, healing, and hope for fans of Elizabeth Acevedo, Jacqueline Woodson, and Jenny Han. “A beautifully poignant love letter: to a first love, to basketball, and to that enigmatic bunch we think we know best, only to discover we don't know at all—family. Tamani's latest is a bright shining star.”—David Arnold, New York Times-bestselling author of *Mosquitoland*

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## BROWN GIRLS

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### A NOVEL

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Random House NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE • A blazingly original debut novel about a group of friends and their immigrant families from Queens, New York—a tenderly observed, fiercely poetic love letter to a modern generation of brown girls. “An acute study of those tender moments of becoming, this is an ode to girlhood, inheritance, and the good trouble the body yields.”—Raven Leilani, author of *Luster* If you really want to know, we are the color of 7-Eleven root beer. The color of sand at Rockaway Beach when it blisters the bottoms of our feet. Color of soil . . . Welcome to Queens, New York, where streets echo with languages from all over the globe, subways rumble above dollar stores, trees bloom and topple over sidewalks, and the funky scent of the Atlantic Ocean wafts in from Rockaway Beach. Within one of New York City's most vibrant and eclectic boroughs, young women of color like Nadira, Gabby, Naz, Trish, Angelique, and countless others, attempt to reconcile their immigrant backgrounds with the American culture in which they come of age. Here, they become friends for life—or so they vow. Exuberant and wild, together they roam *The City That Never Sleeps*, sing Mariah Carey at the tops of their lungs, yearn for crushes who pay them no mind—and break the hearts of those who do—all while trying to heed their mothers' commands to be obedient daughters. But as they age, their paths diverge and rifts form between them, as some choose to remain on familiar streets, while others find themselves ascending in the world, beckoned by existences foreign and seemingly at odds with their humble roots. A blazingly original debut novel told by a chorus of unforgettable voices, *Brown Girls* illustrates a collective portrait of childhood, adulthood, and beyond, and is a striking exploration of female friendship, a powerful depiction of women of color attempting to forge their place in the world today. For even as the conflicting desires of ambition and loyalty, freedom and commitment, adventure and stability risk dividing them, it is to one another—and to Queens—that the girls ultimately return.

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## LOVE RADIO

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Simon and Schuster Prince Jones, a self-professed teen love doctor known for his radio segment on the local hip-hop station, believes he can get the bookish, anti-romance Dani Ford to fall in love with him in three dates.