

Kabul

Wanting Mor

Rukhsana Khan

YA KHAN

Jameela feels relatively secure, sustained by her Muslim faith and the love of her mother, Mor. But when Mor dies, Jameela's father impulsively decides to start a new life in Kabul where Jameela ultimately becomes an orphan after being abandoned in a busy marketplace by her father and stepmother.

Jerusalem and Palestine

Habibi

Naomi Shihab Nye

YA NYE

When Liyanne and her family move to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians

Middle East - General

The Fire Wish

Amber Lough

YA LOUGH

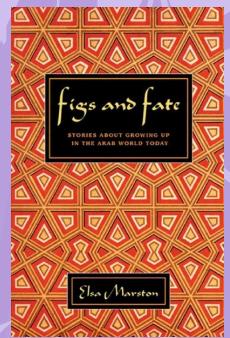
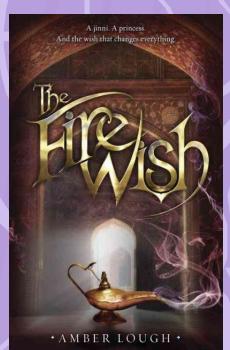
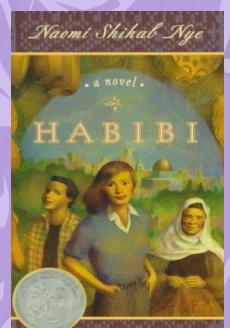
In this romantic and evocative fantasy, Najwa, a jinni, and Zayele, a human on her way to marry a prince, switch places after Zayele makes a wish. Both girls must play their parts among enemies who would kill them if the deception were ever discovered.

Figs and Fate

Elsa Marston

YA MARSTON

A collection of five stories portraying Arab life in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, and Iraq today.



Pakistan

Written in the Stars

Aisha Saeed

YA SAEED

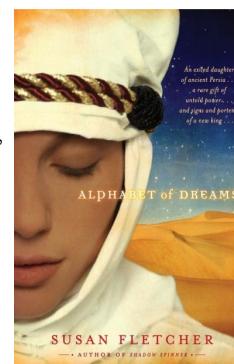
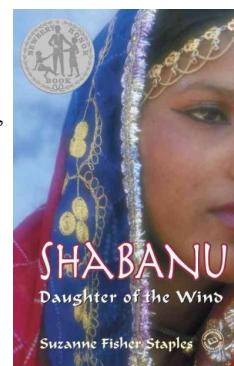
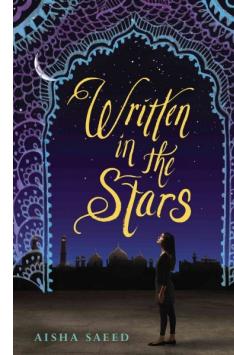
Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she has never met.

Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind

Suzanne Fisher Staples

PB YA STAPLES

When Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.



Persia

Alphabet of Dreams

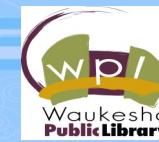
Susan Fletcher

YA FLETCHER

Mitra, of royal Persian lineage, and her brother Babak, whose dreams foretell the future, flee for their lives in the company of a magus and two priests, traveling through Persia as they follow star signs leading to a newly-born king in Bethlehem.

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Africa

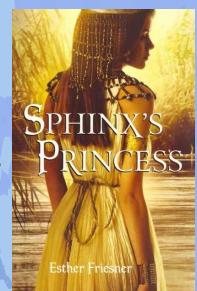
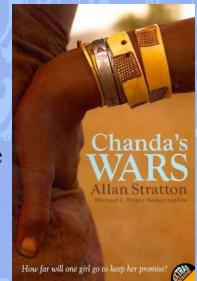
Africa - General

Chanda's Wars

Allan Stratton

YA STRATTON

Chandra, an African girl, must save her younger siblings after they are kidnapped and forced to serve as child soldiers in General Mandiki's rebel army.



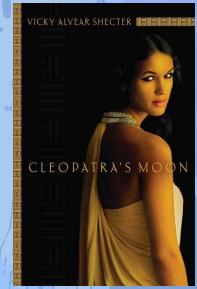
Egypt

Sphinx's Princess

Esther M. Friesner

YA FRIESNER

Nefertiti's dancing abilities, beauty, and intelligence garner attention, so much so that her family is summoned to the Egyptian royal court, where she becomes a pawn of her scheming aunt, Queen Tiye.

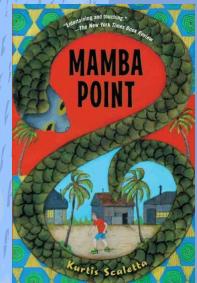


Cleopatra's Moon

Vicky Alvear Shecter

YA SHECTER

Cleopatra Selene, the only surviving daughter of Cleopatra and Marc Antony, recalls her life of splendor in Egypt and, after her parents' deaths, captivity and treachery in Rome.



Liberia

Mamba Point

Kurtis Scaletta

YA SCALETTA

After moving with his family to Liberia, Linus discovers that he has a mystical connection with the black mamba, one of the deadliest snakes in Africa.

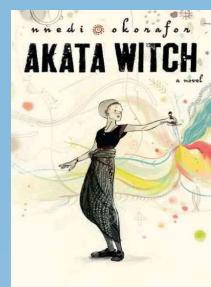
Nigeria

Akata Witch

Nnedi Okorafor-Mbachu

YA OKORAFOR-MBACHU

Sunny, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has magical powers which she uses to catch a serial killer.



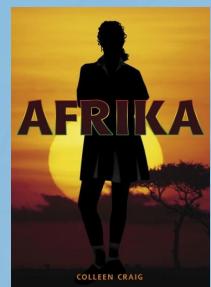
South Africa

Afrika

Colleen Craig

PB YA CRAIG

Kim travels to South Africa with her journalist mother and must come to terms with the country's diverse and often shocking history.

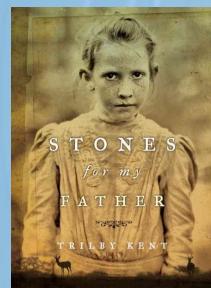


Stones for My Father

Trilby Kent

YA KENT (also +)

Corlie's life in South Africa is shaken when the British invade and drive out the Boer families, and some, including Corlie's, are driven to interment camps.

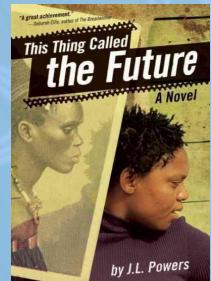


This Thing Called the Future

J. L Powers

YA POWERS

Khosie's mother wants her to get an education to break out of their South African shantytown, although she herself is wasting away from an untreated illness.



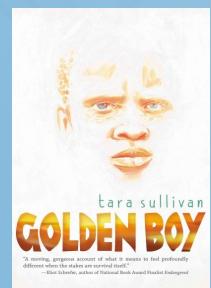
Tanzania

Golden Boy

Tara Sullivan

YA SULLIVAN

A Tanzanian albino boy finds himself the ultimate outsider, hunted because of the color of his skin.



Uganda

Child of Dandelions

Shenaaz Nanji

YA NANJI

In Uganda in 1972, Sabine and her family, wealthy citizens of Indian descent, try to preserve their normal life as all foreign Indians are ordered to leave the country, while soldiers and others terrorize them.



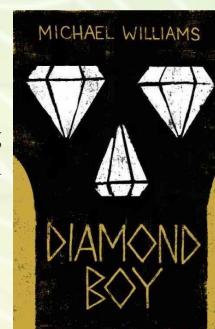
Zimbabwe

Diamond Boy

Michael Williams

YA WILLIAMS

When Patson's family moves to Zimbabwe, he begins working in the mines, searching for blood diamonds, until soldiers arrive and Patson journeys to South Africa in search of his missing sister and a better life.



Now is the Time for Running

Michael Williams

YA WILLIAMS

When soldiers attack their village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, with little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.



The Middle East

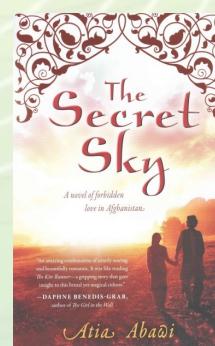
Afghanistan

The Secret Sky

Atia Abawi

YA ABAWI

Two teens from different ethnic groups in present-day Afghanistan must fight their culture, tradition, families, and the Taliban to stay together as they relate the story of their forbidden love.



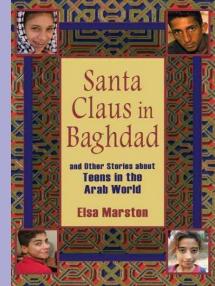
Baghdad

Santa Claus in Baghdad

Elsa Marston

PB YA MARSTON

A collection of eight stories about what it is like to grow up in the Middle East today.



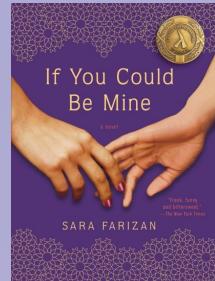
Iran

If You Could Be Mine

Sara Farizan

YA FARIZAN

In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin's parents announce their daughter's arranged marriage.



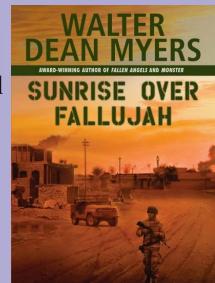
Iraq

Sunrise Over Fallujah

Walter Dean Myers

YA MYERS

Robin, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.



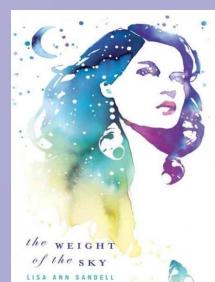
Israel

The Weight of the Sky

Lisa Ann Sandell

YA SANDELL

Sarah travels to Israel to spend the summer on a kibbutz and discovers who she is and what she wants out of life.



Jerusalem

The Book of Trees

Leanne Lieberman

PB YA LIEBERMAN

When Mia, a Jewish teenager from Toronto, goes to Jerusalem to spend the summer studying at a yeshiva, she expects to connect with the land and deepen her understanding of Judaism. Instead she gets a crash course in both the politics of the Middle East and the intricacies of the human heart.

