

# STREET LIT/URBAN FICTION IN THE GUARINI LIBRARY JUVENILE COLLECTION

Apollo	Concrete Candy (Six stories about urban youth written by a fifteen year old author.)	Juv.A664c
Booth, Coe	Bronxwood (Continuation of <i>Tyrell</i> . Tyrell's life is spinning out of control after his father is released from prison, his little brother is placed in foster care, and the drug dealers he's living with are pressuring him to start dealing.)	Juv.B7252b
Booth, Coe	Tyrell (Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.)	Juv. B7252t
Buckhanon, Kalisha	Upstate (17 year-old Antonio is found guilty and imprisoned for killing his father. His only solace is his correspondence with his girlfriend. A novel in letters)	Juv.B9223u
Marina Budhos	Ask me no questions (Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family).	Juv. B927a
Cle, Troy	Marvelous World: Book One: The Marvelous Effect (Thirteen year old African-American Louis Proof may be the only person who can save the Earth when it is being invaded by beings from Midlandia. The author is from East Orange, NJ)	Juv.C6229m
Cle, Troy	Olivion's Favorites (Marvelous world) (Transported to the fantasy world of Midlandia, Louis Proof, an inner-city boy from New Jersey, tries to return home using his newly acquired powers.)	Juv.C6229o
Draper, Sharon M.	Romiette and Julio (Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Latino boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.	Juv. D765r

Zetta Elliott	<p>Ship of Souls</p> <p>(Three African-American teens: D, a math whiz, Hakeem, a Muslim basketball star; and Nyla, a beautiful military brat. D strives to please his foster mother and succeeds--until Mercy arrives. Unable to compete with a needy, crack-addicted baby, D disappears into the nearby park and immerses himself in bird watching. An unexpected discovery in the park changes everything. A mysterious bird leads D and his friends on a perilous journey that will take them from Brooklyn to the African Burial Ground in lower Manhattan, and into the very realm of the dead.)</p>	Juv. E4669s
Flake, Sharon	<p>Bang!</p> <p>(A teenage boy must face the harsh realities of inner city life, a disintegrating family, and destructive temptations as he struggles to find his identity as a young man.)</p>	Juv. F576b
Flake, Sharon	<p>Money hungry</p> <p>All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again. )</p>	Juv. F5765m
Flake, Sharon	<p>Skin I'm in</p> <p>(Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.)</p>	Juv.F576s
Flake, Sharon	<p>Who am I without him? :</p> <p>short stories about girls and the boys in their lives</p>	Juv.F576w
Grimes, Nikki	<p>Bronx masquerade</p> <p>(While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.).</p>	Juv. G862b
Hardrick, Jackie	<p>Imani in young love &amp; deception</p> <p>(Covers issues that teenagers face today sex, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, alcoholism, divorce, low-self esteem, dating and love.)</p>	Juv.H2656i
Hardrick, Jackie	<p>Imani in never say goodbye</p> <p>(As seventeen-year-old Imani, star of her high school basketball team, struggles with the SATs and worries about the cost of college tuition, other girls in her crowd deal with grimmer problems, including drug addiction, domestic violence, and teenage pregnancy. )</p>	Juv.H2656i

Johnson, Angela	First part last (Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. )	Juv.J65f
Jordan, Dream	Hot Girl (Kate, a fourteen-year-old Brooklyn girl and former gang member, risks losing her first good foster family when she adopts the risqué ways of her flirtatious new friend, Naleejah.)	Juv. J824h
Juwell & Precious	Ab-solute truth (When Porsha's boyfriend Abdul decides to tell the truth about a certain something the girls would like to keep private, Kera, Porsha, and Dymon anxiously wait to see what the repercussions will be. Part of the Platinum ten series. Caution: Mature situations.)	Juv.J976a
Myers, Walter Dean	Autobiography of my dead brother (Jesse uses his sketchbook and comic strips to make sense of his home in Harlem and the loss of a close friendship.)	Juv.M9967a
Myers, Walter Dean	Street love (This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.)	Juv.M9967sl
Neri, G.	Chess Rumble (Branded a troublemaker due to his anger over everything from being bullied to his sister's death a year before, Marcus begins to control himself and cope with his problems at home and at his inner-city school when an unlikely mentor teaches him to play chess.)	Juv.N4454c
Neri, G.	Ghetto Cowboy (A young boy becomes one of the urban cowboys of Philadelphia. See also Winkler, Lisa K., On the Trail of the Ancestors: A Black Cowboy's Ride Across America , Juv. 917.3 .W775o)	Juv.N4452g
Reynolds, Jason	All American Boys (When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.)	Juv. R4635a
Reynolds, Jason	Boy in the black suit (Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.)	Juv.R4635b
Reynolds, Jason	When I was the greatest (Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.)	Juv.R4635w

Sitomer, Alan Lawrence	Homeboyz	Juv.S6235hm
Sitomer, Alan Lawrence	Hoopster	Juv. 6235ho
Sitomer, Alan Lawrence	Hip-hop high school	Juv.S6235h
Souljah, Sister	Coldest winter ever	PS3569.O7374 C6
Volponi, Paul.	Black and white	Juv.V9336b
Volponi, Paul	Rooftop	Juv.V9336r

*Bluford High Series*

*(Series of novels in a variety of genres with African-American characters for intermediate high school students)*

Kern, Peggy	No way out	Juv.K396n
Langan, Paul	Blood is Thicker	Juv. L2718bl
Langan, Paul	Bully	Juv. L2718bu
Langan, Paul	Fallen	Juv. L2718f
Langan, Paul	Gun	Juv. L2718g
Langan, Paul	Shattered	Juv.L2718s
Langan, Paul	Search for safety	Juv. L2718se
Langan, Paul	Shattered	Juv. L2718s
Langan, Paul	Summer of secrets	Juv. L2718su
Langan, Paul and Alirez, Ben	Brothers in Arms	Juv.L2718b
Schraff, Anne	Lost and found	Juv. S3771L
Schraff, Anne	Matter of Trust	Juv.S3771m
Schraff, Anne	Secrets in the Shadows	Juv. S3771s
Schraff, Anne	Someone to Love Me	Juv. S3771st
Schraff, Anne	Until We Meet Again	Juv.S3771u

*(Scobre) Dream Series*

Campbell, Tonie	Highest Stand	Juv.C1914h
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*Imani series*

Hardrick, Jackie	Imani in Young Love & deception (An entertaining novel covering hot issues that teenagers face today: sex, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, alcoholism, divorce, low-self esteem, dating and love intertwined in a young adult novel.)	Juv.H2656i
Hardrick, Jackie	Imani in Never say Goodbye (As seventeen-year-old Imani, star of her high school basketball team, struggles with the SATs and worries about the cost of college tuition, other girls in her crowd deal with grimmer problems, including drug addiction, domestic violence, and teenage pregnancy)	Juv. H2656i

*Kimani Tru Series*

Sarkar, Dona	How to Salsa in a sari (Issa Mazumder is proud of her African-American and Indian heritage but is upset when she learns that her mother is dating the father of her high-school enemy, Cat Morena!)	Juv.S2457h
Sarkar, Dona	Shrink to fit (Leah Mandeville's weight loss should make her feel perfect, so why doesn't she?)	Juv.S2455s
Sewell, Earl	Keysha's Drama (Keysha goes to live with her wealthy father, but can't forget where she comes from and joins a rough crowd.)	Juv.S5163k

*Roosevelt High Series*

Velasquez, Gloria	Ankiza (When she begins dating a wealthy white senior, Ankiza must face the reactions and prejudices of other students, parents, and school officials.)	Juv. V4344a
Velasquez, Gloria	Juanita fights the school board (Johnny, the eldest daughter of Mexican farm workers, is expelled from high school, but with the help of a Latina psychologist and a civil rights attorney, she fights the discriminatory treatment and returns determined to finish school.)	Juv. V4344j
Velasquez, Gloria	Maya's Divided World (When a seventeen-year-old Mexican American girl starts getting into trouble as a reaction to her parents' divorce, she is helped by a psychologist who has problems of her own.)	Juv. V4344m
Velasquez, Gloria	Rina's Family Secret (Puerto Rican teenager describes her family's life with her abusive stepfather in alternating chapters with the story of the counselor who is trying to help them.)	Juv. V4344r
Velasquez, Gloria	Teen Angel (When fifteen-year-old Celia Chavez becomes pregnant, she receives help	Juv. V4344te

from her friends, family, and a psychiatrist who recently had a miscarriage.)

Velasquez, Gloria	Tommy stands alone (A high school student and member of a Mexican American family struggles with his sexual identity and finally learns that he will not have to stand alone any more.)	Juv. V4344t
Velasquez, Gloria	Tyrone's Betrayal (Angry and troubled when his alcoholic father abandons the family, high school senior Tyrone gives up his plans to become an engineer, drops out of school, and takes a full-time job, refusing help from his girlfriend, school counselor, and a psychologist with problems of her own.)	Juv. V4344ty

### **GUIDES**

Honig, Megan	Urban grit : a guide to street lit	CMC PS374 .U73 H66 2011
Morris, Vanessa Irvin.	Readers' advisory guide to street literature	PS374 .U73 M67 2012
Ratner, Andrew	Street lit : teaching and reading fiction in urban schools	PS42 .R37 2010

### **SURVEYS**

Street lit: representing the urban landscape	PS228 .C54 S88 2014
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### **WEBSITES**

#### **ALA (American Library Association) StreetLit/Urban Fiction**

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Street\\_Lit/Urban\\_Fiction](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Street_Lit/Urban_Fiction)  
(booklists, resources, reviews, history)

#### **Diversity in YA Life**

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2016/03/11/diversity-ya-life-urban-fiction/>  
(booklists, links to author pages)

#### **RAWSISTAZ**

[http://aalbc.com/reviews/rawsistaz\\_reviewers.htm](http://aalbc.com/reviews/rawsistaz_reviewers.htm)  
(book reviews)

#### **Street Literature .com (Vanessa J. Morris)**

<http://www.streetliterature.com/>  
(blog)

#### **The Urban Book Source**

<http://www.theubs.com/>  
(reviews of all levels)