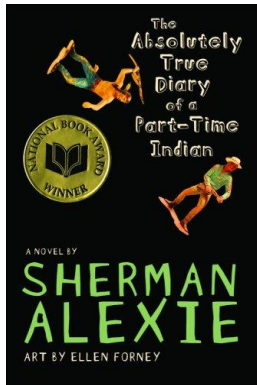


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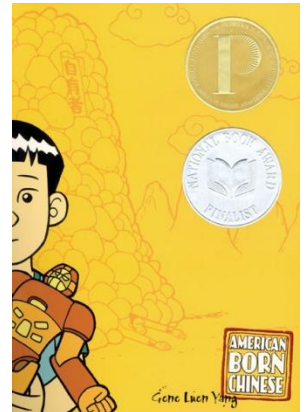


The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (YA FIC ALEXIE)
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang (YA GRAPHIC FIC YANG)

Three apparently unrelated characters' stories come together with an unexpected twist in this action-packed modern fable. Jin Wang, who moves with his family and discovers that he's the only Chinese-American student at his new school; the powerful Monkey King, subject of one of the oldest and

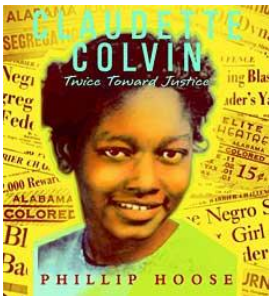
greatest Chinese fables; and Chin-kee, a personification of the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype who ruins his cousin Danny's life with his yearly visits.



Barack Obama's 2008 Speech on Race. "But race is an issue that I believe this nation cannot afford to ignore right now. We would be making the same mistake that Reverend Wright made in his offending sermons about America – to simplify and stereotype and amplify the negative to the point that it distorts reality."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/18/us/politics/18text-obama.html>

Claudette Colvin : Twice Toward Justice by Phillip M. Hoose (J BIO COLVIN) Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history.



Race by Marc Aronson (J 305.8 ARONSON) Award-winning author Marc Aronson explores not only the different forms racial prejudice has taken, but the way it has manifested itself in the politics, philosophies, and beliefs of individuals and civilizations, in this ambitious and fascinating study.

"See Baby Discriminate." (*Newsweek*) This article discusses various academic studies of racism as presented in the new book, *Nurtureshock*, in which the authors assert that many modern strategies for nurturing children are backfiring.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/214989>

Windows & Mirrors: A Discussion on Race. Lee and Low Books provides articles and activities to start talking about race. <http://www.leeandlow.com/p/race.mhtml>

