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Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix - Anna-Marie McLemore



"Three teens chase their own version of the American Dream during the Roaring 20s in this YA remix of The Great Gatsby".

New York City, 1922. Nicòls Caraveo, a 17-year-old transgender boy from Minnesota, has no interest in the city's glamor. Going to New York is all about establishing himself as a young professional, which could set up his future--and his life as a man--and benefit his family. Nick rents a small house in West Egg from his 18-year-old cousin, Daisy Fabrega, who lives in fashionable East Egg near her wealthy fianč, Tom--and Nick is shocked to find that his cousin now goes by Daisy Fay, has erased all signs of her Latina heritage, and now passes seamlessly as white. Nick's neighbor in West Egg is a mysterious young man named Jay Gatsby, whose castle-like mansion is the stage for parties so extravagant that they both dazzle and terrify Nick. At one of these parties, Nick learns that the spectacle is all for the benefit of impressing a girl from Jay's past--Daisy. And he learns something else: Jay is also transgender. As Nick is pulled deeper into the glittery culture of decadence, he spends more time with Jay, aiming to help his new friend reconnect with his lost love. But Nick's feelings grow more complicated when he finds himself falling hard for Jay's openness, idealism, and unfounded faith in the American Dream.

Torch - Lyn Miller-Lachmann



"When 17-year-old Pavol fatally sets himself on fire in Prague in 1969 to protest the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, his three best friends must figure out how to survive an oppressive regime without him".

We Are All We Have - Marina Budhos



Her mom said their case with immigration was fine. If this was a lie, what else is? Alone in Brooklyn with her younger brother, Kamal, Rania will have to figure out how to survive. When they wind up in a home with other kids waiting to hear if they can stay in this country, she meets Carlos. He persuades Rania to go to her high school graduation. And from there, they just keep driving. Feeling trapped by circumstances beyond their control, Rania begins to fall for Carlos. She uncovers painful truths about her family, and this country, where being an asylum seeker or an undocumented immigrant can mean anything but freedom.

We Deserve Monuments - Jas Hammonds



When seventeen-year-old Avery moves to rural Georgia to live with her ailing grandmother, she encounters decade-old family secrets and a mystery surrounding the town's racist past.