

SAT Quiz

Roller coasters and Ferris wheels are to a Feeling of Danger as books (including eBooks, Manga, Comics, etc.) are to:

- Experiencing Moral Dilemmas
- Enhancing Values
- Deepening Empathy
- Understanding Yourself

Publishers

- James Lorimer & Co, LTD - <http://www.lorimer.ca/childrens/childrens-home.html>
 - Emphasis on reluctant readers and on diversity
- Cinco Puntos Press - <http://www.cincopuntos.com/products.sstg?id=3>
 - based in El Paso, Texas. Like most independent houses, it goes for the quality over quantity approach. Native American and Spanish esp.
- Albert Whitman & Company - <http://www.albertwhitman.com/content.cfm/multicultural-books>
- Lee & Low Books - <http://www.leeandlow.com/>
 - The company's mission to meet the need for stories that *all* children can identify with and enjoy with a focus on diversity.
 - IMPRINTS
 - Tu books – S/F, Mystery, Fantasy
 - ARCOIRIS – Spanish language
 - Children's Book Press – literature for children by and about people from the Latino, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American communities.
- Harlequin – Kimani TRU
- Children's Book Council Diversity Committee - <http://www.cbcdiversity.com/>
- Just Us Books <http://www.justusbooksonlinestore.com/pages/ABOUT-JUST-US-BOOKS.html>
- Hispanic – Latinoteca - <http://www.latinoteca.com/code/artePublicoPress/Publications/catalog>
- American Indians in Children's Literature - <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.net/>
- AllTheColorsOfLove press <http://allthecolorsoflove.com>
- Independent Book Publishers Association
 - info@ibpa-online.org • www.ibpa-online.org
 - <http://www.ibpa-online.org/featuretitles/PLACatalog2012.pdf>

References

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- <http://www.thedigitalshift.com/2012/06/ebooks/califa-lands-325000-in-funding-for-ebook-ownership-project-deal-close-with-smashwords>
- <http://blog.smashwords.com/2012/08/new-smashwords-direct-enables-libraries.html>
- SCBWI – Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
 - Speakers bureau <http://www.scbwi.org/Pages.aspx/Speaker-Bureau>

- Indiana chapter <http://www.indianascbwi.com/home.html>

Awards

- **28 days Later** - <http://thebrownbookshelf.com/>
- **Burt Award** for African literature <http://www.codecan.org/get-involved/burt-award-africa>
- **Cybil** awards has a multicultural classification (Children and Young Adult Bloggers literary awards) – www.cybils.com
- **New Voices** is an award for picture books written by writers of color by Lee & Low books.
- Independent Publisher Awards <http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=1534>
- **Mildred L. Batchelder Award** - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mildred_L._Batchelder_Award
outstanding children's book translated into English
- **South Asia** book award <http://www.sanoc.org/saba.html>
- **Mexican American** experience - Tomás Rivera Book Award <http://www.education.txstate.edu/c-p/Tomas-Rivera-Book-Award-Project-Link.html>
- Books exploring the **Jewish** experience
<http://www.jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/stba/index.htm>
- Awards for books with characters who have **disabilities**
<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=awards&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=170880>
Dolly Gray biennial award <http://daddcec.org/Awards/DollyGrayAwards.aspx>
- **LGBT** Literature - <http://www.lambdaliterary.org/awards/>

Bloggers/Review

- Independent bloggers
 - <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>
 - <http://thebrownbookshelf.com/>
 - Books from African Authors - <http://bookshybooks.blogspot.com/>
 - Books focusing on the pacific rim and South Asia
<http://www.papertigers.org/home.html>
 - <http://campbele.wordpress.com>
 - International Board on Books for Young People <http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=266>
 - Reading in Color - <http://blackteensread2.blogspot.com/>
 - Masala Reader <http://masalareader.wordpress.com/>
 - My multicultural reviews -
<http://harperwriterstogether.blogspot.com/search/label/Multicultural>
- Goodreads http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/9688.YA_Books_With_Minorities
- Goodreads: Children's Book Council Diversity Committee list
http://www.goodreads.com/review/list/7947376-cbc-diversity?shelf=read&utm_medium=api&utm_source=custom_widget

Initiatives

Partnering with multi-cultural days at schools

Author visits

Working with community organizations

- Arts and humanities organizations (historical societies, museums, cultural centers)
- Book clubs
- Area religious and interfaith organizations
- Professional associations
- School districts / Community colleges / Universities
- Writers groups and poetry guilds
- Local businesses
- Minority group associations
- Other libraries
- Some examples of partnerships:
 - Center for Teaching through Children's Books - <http://www.nl.edu/t4/ctcb/>
 - a partnership between National Louis University Library and National Louis University College of Education.
 - Suburban Mosaic Project <http://www.suburbanmosaicbooks.org/>

Final thoughts:

Don't just display for special events or designated months. Actively seek to incorporate diverse books in every display.

Keep them circulating, not as multi-cultural books, but as "darn good reads."

BIO

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She is a member of the Romance Writers of America, the Chicago Writers Association, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association). In 2009 her work won the Oklahoma Romance Writers Finally a Bride Contest and the Rose City Golden Rose Contest. In 2010 she was a finalist in the RWA Golden Heart® contest. Her debut novel, PULL is the winner of the 2010 National Readers Choice Award for Young Adult fiction presented by the Oklahoma Romance Writers of America. PULL was named to the [2012 YALSA list of Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#) and [School Library Journal's 2011 Best Books for Youth In Detention](#) list.

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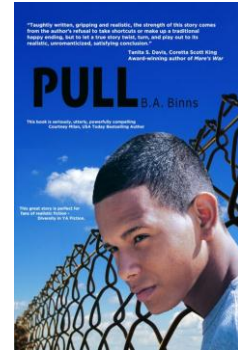
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ISBN **978-09881821-0-3**

The world implodes for seventeen-year-old David Albacore and his younger sisters when their father kills their mother. His own dreams for his future clash with the dreams of his dead mother. He feels compelled to live for her because he failed in his self-appointed job of protecting her from his violent father. Stuck in a cramped apartment with an aunt he suspects is only interested in the money from his after school construction job, all David wants to do is separate himself from the violence in his past. David deals with homework, and hormones; all drawing him ever closer to Yolanda, the hottest girl in the "in" crowd. His attempts to steer clear of her fail and lead him to discover that she has her own secret wounds, wounds that he alone can heal. But Yolanda means trouble in more ways than one, because she's pack leader Malik's girl. Malik has it out for David, not only as a romantic rival, but also on the basketball court and -- most importantly -- as a threat to David's freshman sister.

**Die Trying**

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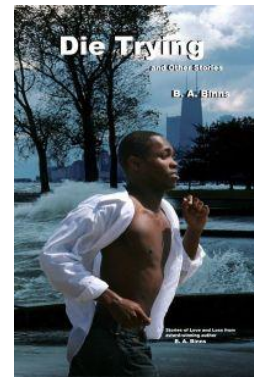
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ME? A generation gap story about a woman designated by her family to talk Grandfather into leaving the past behind and moving into assisted living. In the process she learns that the past can hold unexpected value.

ABOMINATION Life is good for sixteen year old Neill Mallory, until the day his boyfriend dumps him. Maybe they do love each other, but Carl's parents have prayed over him, and he can't fight people invoking the God thing and calling him an abomination.

FATHERS and SONS The age-old epic battle between a fourteen-year-old boy and his father as they play the "my way or the highway" game and then wait to see who blinks.

BEGGAR BOY She's African-American from Indiana. He's Iranian-African from Illinois. They meet in Jamaica, brought together by a boy too proud to beg and too ashamed to admit a painful past.

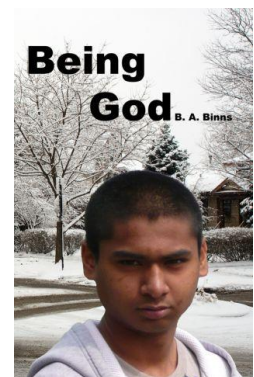
DIE TRYING Juvon spent years with only one goal, the 2012 Olympics, preparing to bring medals home to his parents. A diagnosis of terminal cancer strips him of his chances. Experimental treatments are failing. He makes the decision to take his future into his own hands.

**Being God**

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Malik Kaplan, bad boy of Farrington High School, has more than just David Albacore to worry about. He has his own cross to bear, or maybe it's a Star of David; being the black teenaged son of a Catholic mother and Jewish father can make life confusing. He has to deal with an "offer he can't refuse" from a gang leader, handle parents who never understand him, and learn how to get close to an angry ten-year-old who hates the world. All this while discovering there's more to life than just crushing all opposition. Especially when the opposition is a fourteen-year-old who has developed an awesome left hook – David's younger sister. Malik has some growing up to do, as he learns he may not be a god, but he's not the devil either.



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