U.S. DEMOCRACY: 2020 marks an important year for U.S. democracy. This year, America will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, officially granting women the right to vote, and our nation will elect our 46th president. Throughout 2020, and in advance of America’s 250th anniversary in 2026 known as the “Semiquincentennial,” PBS will provide quality programming to highlight what it means to be an engaged citizen in a democratic nation. For a successful democracy, civic engagement is crucial; “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” depends upon it. We hope these books will inspire understanding, voting (or the aspiration to vote at age 18), and engaged citizenship for young adults.

**Hope Nation: YA Authors Share Personal Stories of Inspiration**
Rose Brock (Ed.)
This book is a compilation of inspiring reflections of struggle and hope by some of today’s most prolific YA authors including: Atia Abawi, Renee Ahdieh, Libba Bray, Howard Bryant, Ally Carter, Kate Hart, Aly Condie, Gayle Forman, Romina Garber, I.W. Gregario, Nicola Yoon, Christina Diaz Gonzales, Bendan Kiely, David Levithan, Nic Stone, Alex London, Marie Lu, Julie Murphy, Jenny Torres Sanchez, and Jeff Zentner.

**The Gettysburg Address: A Graphic Adaption**
Jonathan Hennessey (Author) Aaron McConnell (Illustrator)
With vibrant and detailed illustrations, this book examines Abraham Lincoln’s most famous speech, the Civil War battle that prompted it, and how these events became a defining moment in US history.

**We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide**
Jonathan Hennessey (Author) Aaron McConnell (Illustrator)
With vibrant and detailed illustrations, this book examines Abraham Lincoln’s most famous speech, the Civil War battle that prompted it, and how these events became a defining moment in US history.

**Dead Feminists: Historic Heroines in Living Color**
Chandler O’Leary and Jessica Spring
This national bestselling book combines feminist history and a vision for a better future, highlighting 27 women. With gorgeously illustrated pages and a letterpress-inspired design, this book celebrates trailblazing women that transformed the world.

**Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights**
Lawrence Goldstone
This book examines the systematic suppression of the African-American vote throughout US history starting with the post-Reconstruction era. Using the perspectives of various individuals and analyzing acts and legal cases that impacted the Black vote, the author suggests threats to suffrage based on current policies today.

**Voting Booth**
Brandy Colbert
This novel takes place on Election Day and offers the different points of view of two black teens, who must overcome various obstacles to cast their first presidential election ballots. Marva and Duke start on a mission for democracy and find romance along the way.

**Watch Us Rise**
Ellen Hagan & Renée Watson (author)
This YA novel features poet Chelsea and actress Jasmine, who are frustrated with their school’s lack of interest in social justice issues and started a blog to showcase their progressive writing. This novel demonstrated how artistry and activism can have an important impact.

**The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaption**
Jonathan Hennessey (Author) Aaron McConnell (Illustrator)
This book uses full color graphic art to illustrate the US Constitution and our critical democratic principles. Through the imagery and words, the reader is able to explore the Constitution’s seven articles and 27 amendments to understand its meaning, background, and impact today.

**Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card**
Sara Saedi
This humorous memoir tells the true story of an Iranian-American, who discovers that she is an undocumented immigrant as a teenager and the challenges that come with that—fear of deportation, journey toward getting her green card, and possibly not having a date to the prom!

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