



Down by Norah McClintok

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr. 8+

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Remy has just been released from juvenile detention and is back in his old neighborhood. He went away because he severely assaulted a guy who insulted his girlfriend—Asia. As a white boy dating an immigrant, Remy has had to take a lot of the inbred racism that exists in the inner-city—from strangers, his family and even the police. When the white kids and the "outsiders" start scrapping over the local basketball court, Remy is caught between sticking up for his friends and siding with Asia, who is now seeing Marcus—the leader of the other group.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks, **Commended, 2008**
- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Best Books for Kids & Teens, **Commended, 2008**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Down [Teachers' Guide](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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