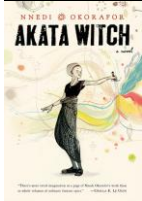


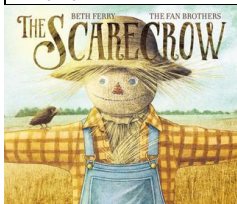
If I could recommend only one book on U.S. history, it would be this one. Engagingly written and surprisingly balanced, it is a work of art. The only weakness is the lack of Native Americans after the AIM movement which could have been included in the healthcare or crime debacles. Definitely recommend to those who want to meet the unsung heroes of our history!



Okorafor's "Akata Witch" is a fantasy novel set in Nigeria with a protagonist who was born in the United States. I liked the different types of magic and the relationships between the kids; however, for a story based on preventing the "end of the world", this story was slow in several places. Also, the adult sorcerers were pretty much useless. Still, I have some young fantasy readers who will be happy to have a new story.



The artwork in this graphic novel by Jerry Craft is great. The story is thought provoking, funny, and serious all at the same time. This is a winner. I am not usually a fan of graphic novels, per se, but this one was enjoyable from start to finish.



This picture book shows compassion and friendship between a scarecrow and a crow as the seasons change. It is just beautiful.