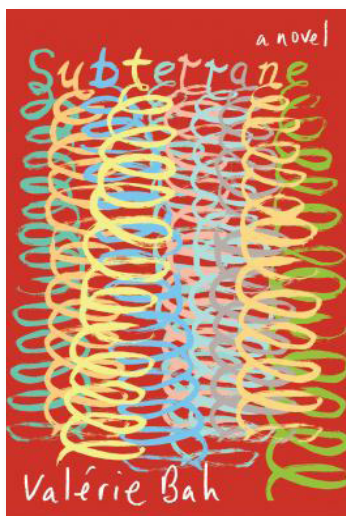


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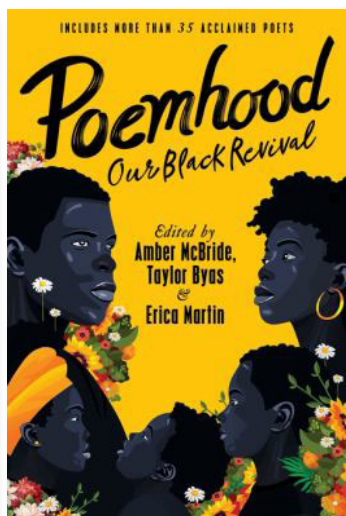
by Valérie Bah E

**Queenie: A Novel**

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by Candice Carty-Williams

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**What Thunder** / 2021

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tonnerres** / 2023

by Myriam J.A. Chancy E

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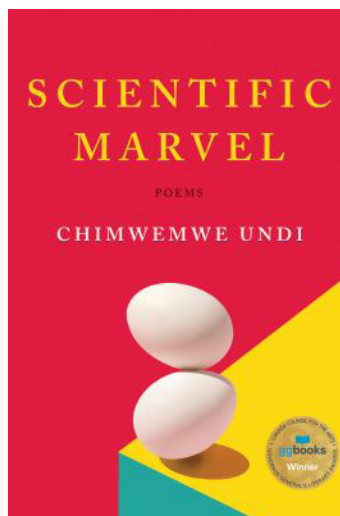
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In English: **In the Belly of**

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by Elamin Abdelmahmoud E, EA

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by James Baldwin A, EA, E

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**Between the World**

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**noire : lettre à mon fils** /

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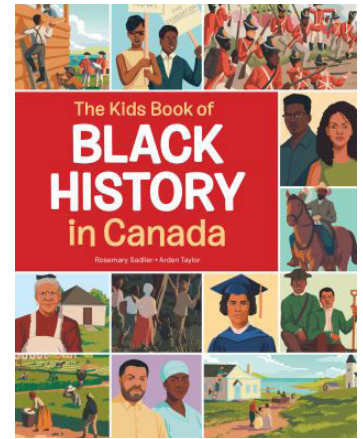
by Shanice Nicole 🍁

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