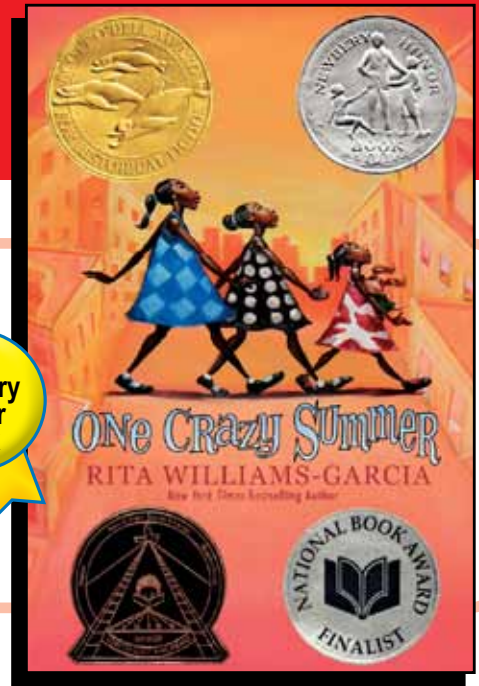
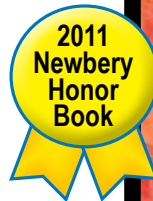


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One Crazy Summer

Written by Rita Williams-Garcia
Grades 6 & up
224 pages
Blue Case/Advanced Reads



About This Book

Eleven-year-old Delphine has it together, even though her mother, Cecile, abandoned her and her younger sisters Vonetta and Fern seven years ago. When her father and Big Ma send them from Brooklyn to Oakland, California to stay with Cecile for the summer, Delphine will have to take care of her sisters, as usual, and learn the truth about the missing past.

When the girls arrive in Oakland in the summer of 1968, their mother wants nothing to do with them. She makes them eat Chinese takeout dinners, forbids them to enter her kitchen, and never explains the visitors with Afros and black berets who knock on her door. Rather than spend time with them, Cecile sends Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern to a summer camp where the girls get a radical new education.

Set in one of the most tumultuous years in recent history, *One Crazy Summer* is the heartbreaking, funny tale of three girls in search of the mother who abandoned them — an unforgettable story told by a multiple award-winning author.

Tips, Scripts and More...

Rita Williams-Garcia is the author of four award-winning novels. She is best known for her strong, memorable characters with engaging voices in powerful stories. She has been recognized by the Coretta Scott King Award Committee, PEN Norma Klien, the American Library Association and Parent's Choice along with her Newbery Award for *One Crazy Summer*.

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