Haunted and haunting, *How We Fight for Our Lives* tells the story of a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself, within his family, within his country, and within his own hopes, desires, and fears.

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