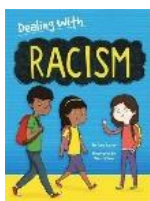


# Race, racism and diversity book list

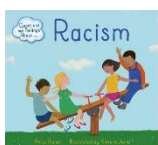
## Primary Non-Fiction



### **Dealing with Racism by Jane Lacey**

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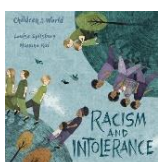
Sometimes you can sort out a problem on your own. But sometimes you need to ask for help. This book helps young children to make this decision and find out about and understand racism. It features seven case studies from children who have a range of racism problems from a girl who is being left out because she is Muslim to the new boy in school from another country who is struggling to fit in. The end of the book features a short playscript to act out and discuss. KS1/2



### **Questions and feelings about Racism by Anita Ganeri**

ISBN: 9781445164434

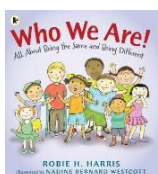
Racism is a very hard concept for children to understand, so it is important children learn about respect and equality and how to deal with discrimination, should they encounter it. This hands-on picture book is designed to help children with their questions and feelings about tricky topics that can be hard to talk about. The exquisite and approachable illustrations give a comforting story book feel, particularly aimed at 5-7 year olds, while also appealing to both younger and older children. A perfect aid to help children open up and explore how they feel and give them steps they can take to help them cope. KS1/2



### **Racism and intolerance by Louise Spilsbury**

ISBN: 9781526300539

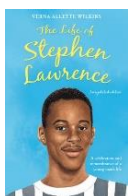
Explains what racism and prejudice are and explores the reasons why they exist, and why they are wrong. Sometimes we hear words in the news and it's hard to understand what they mean and how they affect us. Using artwork and clear explanations, Racism and Intolerance looks to answer our questions and reassure our concerns about these issues. KS1/2



### **Who we are!: all about being the same and being different by Robie H. Harris**

ISBN: 9781406367393

Join Nellie, Gus, baby Jake, and their parents at Funland as they go on rides, watch performers, and play games along with many other children and grown-ups. As they enjoy their excursion, they - and young readers - notice that people are the same as one another in lots of ways, and different in lots of ways too. KS1/2



### **The life of Stephen Lawrence by Verna Wilkins**

ISBN: 9781848531055

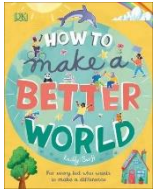
Stephen Lawrence was a bright, athletic, young man with high hopes for the future. He lived in south-east London with both parents, one younger brother and sister. On April 22nd 1993, he was brutally murdered while he was waiting for the bus. He was eighteen years old. This is the story of his life. He will be remembered. KS2



### **Racism by Emilie Dufresne**

ISBN: 9781786374288

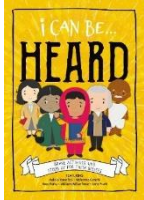
Racism is not a new topic - but it's an important one. What is race? How do we talk about race without hurting people? How is racism harmful and how can we stop it? KS2



### **How to make a better world by Keilly Swift**

ISBN: 9780241412206

If you want to create a better world that is equally awesome for everyone, this is the book for you. It's packed with tips on how to change the world, one step at a time. You could be an amazing environmental campaigner, or a fantastic equal rights champion. You have the power to make a change. Start today, and who knows where your mission to make a better world will lead. KS2



### **Heard: brave activists who stood up for their beliefs by Shalini Vallepuri**

ISBN: 9781786378392

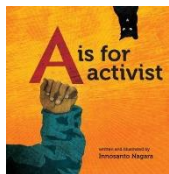
Biographies of inspirational activists who have campaigned for change. Explore the achievements and lives of key figures from the past and present. How did Galileo make important discoveries and how did Frida Kahlo overcome hardship? This series will inspire you to be whatever you want to be. KS2



### **Maya Angelou by Danielle Jawando**

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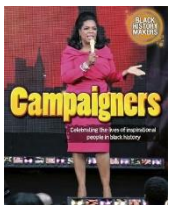
Introduces the life and legacy of African-American writer and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou. Maya Angelou was a writer, singer, dancer, teacher and civil rights activist. She campaigned for equal rights for black people in the USA and in South Africa. She travelled around the world, but she never forgot where she came from. Follow Maya's journey from her grandma's grocery store to reading a poem for President Bill Clinton. KS2



### **A is for activist by Innosanto Nagara**

ISBN: 9781609806934

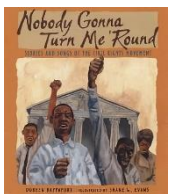
This bestselling ABC book is written and illustrated for the next generation of progressives: families who want their kids to grow up in a space that is unapologetic about activism, environmental justice, civil rights, LGBTQ rights and everything else that activists believe in and fight for. KS1/2



### **Black History Makers: Campaigners by Debbie Foy**

ISBN: 9780750288576

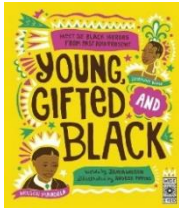
An anthology of biographies focusing on inspirational black people who have made their mark in history by campaigning for civil and human rights. Campaigners includes some of the world's most inspirational and influential people. Discover how Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King fought for black people's rights, and why Oprah Winfrey and Desmond Tutu continue to speak out against racism around the world today. KS2



### **Nobody gonna turn me 'round: stories and songs of the civil rights movement by Doreen Rappaport**

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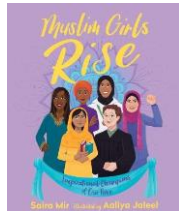
Chronicling the struggles of the black civil rights movement from the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott up until the 1965 Voting Rights Bill, this anthology weaves together songs, poems, memoirs, letters and court testimonies of those active in the movement, along with a historical narrative. It tells the stories of as yet uncelebrated heroes, alongside more familiar figures like Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks and creates a powerful and moving account of what it means to be free-and what it is to be human. KS2



### **Young, gifted and black by Jamia Wilson**

ISBN: 9781786039835

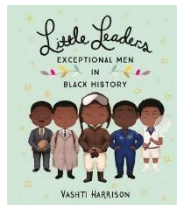
Join us on a journey across borders, through time and even through space to meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in a celebration of achievement. Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and sporting heroes, including Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams. Strong, courageous, talented and diverse, these extraordinary men and women's achievements will inspire a new generation to chase their dream... whatever it may be. KS2



### **Muslim girls rise: inspirational champions of our time by Saira Mir**

ISBN: 9781534418882

Introduces readers to nineteen contemporary powerhouse American Muslim women who rose up and made their voices heard in areas such as science, education, law, fashion and film. They rise to the challenges before them and use their talents not just to overcome them, but to change the world around them for the better. KS2



### **Little leaders: exceptional men in black history by Vashti Harrison**

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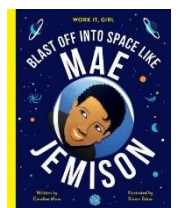
Featuring the true stories of pioneering black men throughout history, this book shows how sensitivity, bravery and self-belief can change the world for the better. Among these biographies, readers will find aviators and artists, politicians and pop culture icons. The men featured include writer James Baldwin, artist Aaron Douglas, photographer Gordon Parks, diplomat Kofi Annan, comic book author Dwayne McDuffie, and musician Prince. KS2



### **Become a leader like Michelle Obama by Caroline Moss**

ISBN: 9780711245174

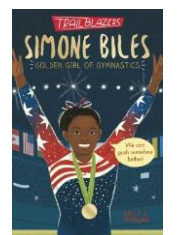
Young Michelle Robinson was a brilliant girl who loved her family. She created amazing opportunities for herself in the world of education, law and business. When she met a guy called Barack Obama her life changed dramatically, giving her a global platform to bring change. Discover how Michelle became a lawyer, executive, director and trailblazing FLOTUS in this true story of her life. KS2



### **Blast off into space like Mae Jemison by Caroline**

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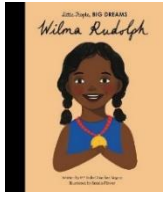
When Mae Jemison was a little girl, she loved science and dancing. She watched the Apollo moon landings and wondered why none of the astronauts were women - and she just didn't buy the answers she was given...Discover how Mae Jemison became the first African American woman in space in this true story of her life. KS2



### **Simone Biles by Sally J Morgan**

ISBN: 9781788952514

How did Simone Biles become a superstar athlete and gold medallist? On a daytrip to the local sports centre, Simone discovered her natural talent for gymnastics. Despite a challenging start in life, Simone went on to become one of the world's greatest athletes. Find out how this gymnast toughed it out in training and went on to win four Olympic gold medals. KS2



### **Wilma Rudolph by Isabel Sanchez Vegara**

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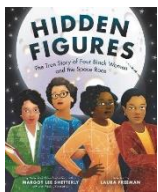
When Wilma Rudolph was a little girl, she contracted polio. Doctors said she would never walk again. But with persistent treatment, she made a remarkable recovery aged 11. Wilma went on to show a supreme talent for sprinting at school. She was at university when she went to the 1960 Olympics, where she not only won gold medals in sprint events, but also broke world records with her sprinting skill. KS1/2



### **Zaha Hadid by Isabel Sanchez Vegara**

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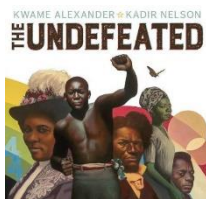
By the age of seven, young Zaha Hadid was designing her own clothes and bedroom furniture. Fast forward 40 years and Zaha has changed the face of architecture, designing building that defy gravity, harnessing the power of computer engineering. Mathematician, artist and architect, this inspiring story features a facts and photos section at the back. KS1/2



### **Hidden figures: the true story of four black women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly and Winifred Conkling**

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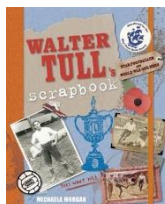
Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at maths... really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world. KS2



### **The undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson**

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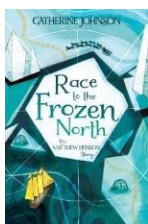
This is for the unforgettable. The unafraid. The undefeated. From New York Times bestselling-author Kwame Alexander comes this powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists. With references to lyrics and lines originally shared by our most celebrated heroes, this poem digs into the not-so-distant past to underline the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present. KS2



### **Walter Tull's scrapbook: star footballer and war hero by Michaela Morgan**

ISBN: 9781847804914

Born in Kent, Walter Tull (28 April 1888 - 25 March 1918) became one of Tottenham Hotspurs' top players. When he joined the Footballers' Battalion during the First World War, his leadership and courage won him a commission and a recommendation for the Military Cross. But Walter wasn't just a great footballer and British officer. He happened to be black, at a time when the rule book stated that only white men could become officers. KS2

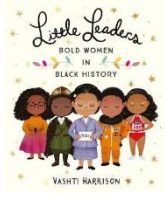


### **Race to the frozen North by Catherine Johnson**

ISBN: 9781781128404

Matthew Henson become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. This is his incredible and often untold story. KS2

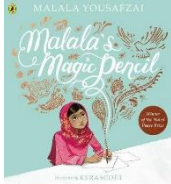




### **Little leaders: bold women in black history by Vashti Harrison**

ISBN: 9780241346846

Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations. From nurse Mary Seacole, to politician Diane Abbott, mathematician Katherine Johnson and singer Shirley Bassey. Among these biographies, readers will find heroes, role models and everyday women who did extraordinary things. KS2



### **Malala's magic pencil by Malala Yousafzai**

ISBN: 9780241322574

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. She would use it to give gifts to her family, to erase the smell from the rubbish dump near her house, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as Malala grew, her world changed and so did her wishes. Her right to attend school was threatened - just because she was a girl. Instead of a magic pencil, Malala now picked up a real one. She wrote alone in her room about the challenges she faced, but people from all over the world read her words. And her wishes started to come true. KS1/2

## **Picture Books**



### **Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o**

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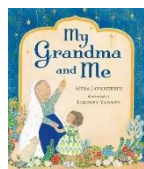
Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heart-warming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty. Author is Kenyan-Mexican actress, Lupita Nyong'o, who has starred in films such as 12 Years a Slave and Black Panther. KS1/2



### **Colour of people by Mauricio Negro**

ISBN: 9781912417070

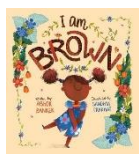
People come in different colours. But no matter what they look like, people all eat when they're hungry, shiver when they're cold, smile when they're happy. This wordless picture book takes a playful look at the idea of race and shows us that we are all the same - whatever colour we happen to be. KS1/2



### **My grandma and me by Mina Javaherbin**

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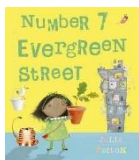
While Mina is growing up in Iran, the centre of her world is her grandmother. Whether visiting friends next door, going to the mosque for midnight prayers during Ramadan, or taking an imaginary trip around the planets, Mina and her grandma are never far apart.



### **I am brown by Ashok Banker**

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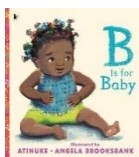
Celebrates different ethnicities and the cultures of people around the world. I am brown. I am beautiful. I am perfect. I drew this picture. I built this building. I designed this computer. I ran this race. I won this prize. I wrote this book. I am brown. I am amazing. I am you.



### **Number 7 Evergreen Street by Julia Patton**

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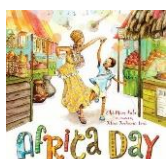
Pea lives in a flat at Number 7 Evergreen Street. It's a grey building in a grey street, in a grey city. Inside the building, however, it's not grey at all. Pea and her parents have lots of amazing, colourful neighbours. But one day a terrible letter arrives, and it looks like everyone in number 7 will have to move away. Can Pea and her friends save their homes?



### **B is for baby by Atinuke**

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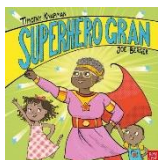
B is for Baby. B is for Brother. B is for going to see Baba! Baby's brother is getting ready to take a basket of bananas all the way to Baba's bungalow in the next village. He will have to go along the bumpy road, past the baobab trees, birds and butterflies, and all the way over the bridge. What he doesn't realise is that his cute, very curious baby sister is secretly coming along for the amazing bicycle ride, too!



### **Africa day by Chi Mary Kalu**

ISBN: 9781912678112

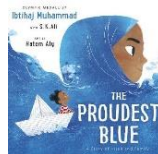
A little boy and his mum discover many colourful, fun and exciting things about Africa at a cultural festival.



### **Superhero gran by Timothy Knapman**

ISBN: 9781788005470

All Grans are great and full of fun, but we know one who can make every day the very best... our Superhero Gran! Gran may not look like a superhero, but she can plan super sleepovers, tells super-funny stories, and she can even put together super disguises!



### **The proudest blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali**

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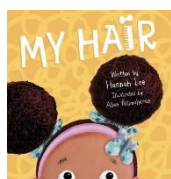
Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? Written by Ibtihaj Muhammad, a fencer and the first Muslim American woman in a hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympic Games. KS1/2



### **Mira's curly hair by Maryam Al Serkal**

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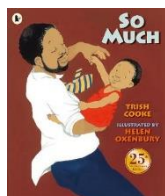
Mira doesn't like her hair. It curls at the front. It curls at the back. It curls everywhere! She wants it to be straight and smooth, just like her Mama's. But then something unpredictable happens...and Mira will never look at her Mama's hair the same way again!



### **My hair by Hannah Lee**

ISBN: 9780571346875

My birthday's coming up so soon, I'll need new clothes to wear. But most of all, I need to know, How shall I style my hair? Will it be dreads or a twist out? Braids or a high-top fade? Joyous and vibrant, this captures perfectly the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles.



### **So much by Trish Cooke**

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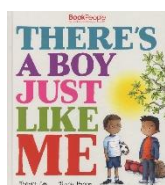
Everyone in the family has his or her own way of showing the baby how much they love him. Everybody wants to squeeze the baby, Everybody wants to kiss the baby, Everybody loves the baby SO MUCH!



### **Billy and the dragon by Nadia Shireen**

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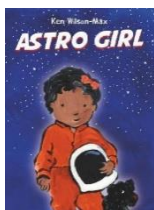
Whilst at a fancy-dress party, something terrible happens- Billy's loyal sidekick Fatcat is kidnapped by a fire-breathing dragon. Uh-oh! But luckily for Fatcat, Billy won't stand for that- off she goes on a brave rescue mission...



### **There's a boy just like me by Frasier Cox**

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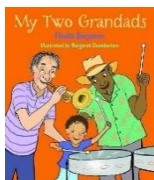
This emotive story shows that despite different lives, languages, and cultures we are all human. It reminds readers that in finding common ground we can hope to find friendship.



**Astro girl by Ken Wilson-Max**

ISBN: 9781910959213

Astrid has always loved the stars and space. While Mama is away, Papa and Astrid have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission - eating food from a tube, doing space experiments, living and sleeping in near-zero gravity. Astrid can do it all! Then it's time to meet Mama at the airbase. But where has Mama been?



**My two grandads by Floella Benjamin**

ISBN: 9780711240919

Aston's Grandad Harry plays the trumpet in a brass band, while Grandad Roy plays the steel drum in a steel band. But only one band can play at Aston's summer fair at school... Which band should Aston choose? Or can he find a way to bring everyone together?



## Junior Fiction



### **How high the moon by Karyn Parsons**

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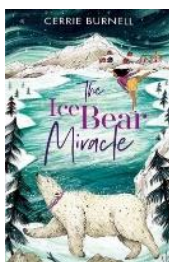
It's 1944, and in a small, Southern, segregated town, eleven-year-old Ella spends her summers running wild with her cousins and friends. But life isn't always so sunny. The deep racial tension that simmers beneath their town's peaceful facade never quite goes away. When she visits her mother in Boston, Ella sees what life outside of segregation is like, and begins to dream of a very different future. But her happiness is shattered when she returns home to the news that her classmate George has been arrested for the murder of two white girls - and nothing will ever be the same again. KS2/3



### **Shuri: A Black Panther novel by Nic Stone**

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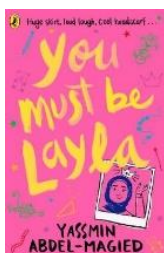
Much like Vibranium, the Heart-Shaped Herb is essential to the survival and prosperity of Wakanda. But something is wrong. The plants are dying. No matter what the people of Wakanda do, they can't save them. And their supply is running short. It's up to Shuri to travel from Wakanda in order to discover what is killing the Herb, and how she can save it. KS2/3



### **The ice bear miracle by Carrie Burnell**

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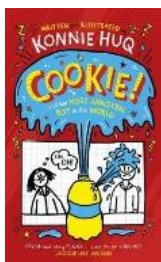
Life with bears is dangerous, as Marv Jackson knows-the large crescent moon shaped scar on his face acts as a constant reminder of the night he survived a bear attack. There he was, all but five-years-old dressed head to toe in an ice hockey kit, drawn to the frozen lake by his love of skating, or so people say. But when Marv thinks back to the moments before the bear attack, he can hear a baby's cry cutting through the night air. The truth can be found at a travelling carnival, where a mysterious young girl and her magnificent polar bear skate beneath the northern stars. KS2/3



### **You must be Layla by Yassmin Abdel-Magied**

ISBN: 9780241440490

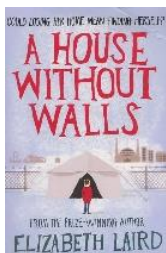
Layla believes she was right to stand up for herself against a bully, but it's landed her a suspension - not the way she (or her parents) would have wished to begin her time at her fancy new school! This is just a setback though, and she's determined to prove that she does deserve her scholarship by making new friends and setting her sights on inventing something that could win the big robotics competition. But where to begin? KS2/3



### **Cookie! ...and the most annoying boy in the world by Konnie Huq**

ISBN: 9781848128095

Cookie's life is a disaster! Not only is her best friend moving away, but now the most annoying boy in the world is buying the kitten she has set her heart on! And then he joins her class at school!! And then he moves in next door!!! AAAGGGGHHHHH!!!!But there is a glimmer of hope, and Cookie's love of science is about to come in handy. KS2



### **A house without walls by Elizabeth Laird**

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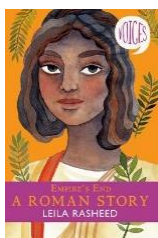
Thirteen-year-old Safiya and her family have been driven out of Syria by civil war. Safiya knows how lucky she is - lucky not to be living in a refugee camp, lucky to be alive. But it's hard to feel grateful when she's forced to look after her father and brother rather than go back to school, and now that she's lost her home, she's lonelier than ever. As they struggle to rebuild their lives, Safiya realises that her family has always been incomplete and with her own future in the balance, it's time to uncover the secrets that war has kept buried. KS2/3



### **The girl who stole an elephant by Nizrana Farook**

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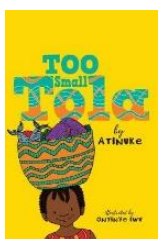
Chaya can talk her way out of anything - except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best of reasons. So she escapes on the back of a stolen elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. And this gives Chaya an idea. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero? KS2/3



### **Empire's end by Leila Rasheed**

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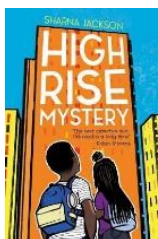
Camilla longs for her former life in North Africa. But, most of all, she wishes for her mother, lost at sea on the terrible journey to the cold, unwelcoming island at the edge of the Roman Empire. Will she ever be able to think of Britannica that way - as home? KS2/3



### **Too small Tola by Atinuke**

ISBN: 9781406388916

Tolu lives in a flat in Lagos with her sister, Bola, who is very clever; her brother, Femi, who is very fast; and Grandmummy, who is very bossy. Tolu proves to be stronger than she seems when she goes to market with Grandmummy and manages to carry home a basket full of yams and vegetables, chilli peppers and fish. When the taps in the flat don't work, it's Tolu who brings water from the well, and it's Tolu who saves the day when Mr Abdul, the tailor, needs his goods to be delivered quickly. KS2



### **High-rise mystery by Sharna Jackson**

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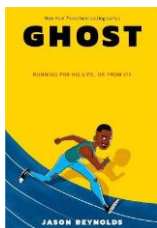
If you think finding a body is a fun adventure, you're 33% right. In the right place at the wrong time. There's been a murder in The Tri, and super-sleuths Nik and Norva are the detective duo the Block needs to solve it. KS2/3



### **Some places more than others by Watson, Renee**

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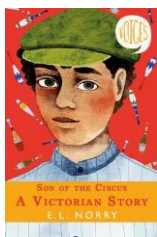
All Amara wants is to visit her father's family in New York City. She can't wait to finally meet her Grandpa Earl and cousins, and to stay in the brownstone where her father grew up. With her mom about to have a new baby, Amara wants to feel grounded. When New York City isn't what she thought it would be, Amara can't help wondering - even if she does discover more about where she came from, will it help her know where she belongs? KS2/3



### **Ghost by Jason Reynolds**

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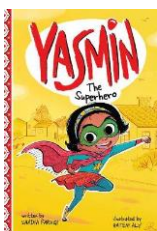
Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons - until he meets Coach who sees something in Ghost: natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up with him? KS2/3



### **Son of the circus by E L Norry**

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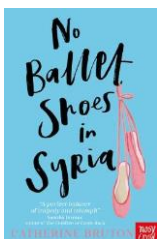
When a stranger, a man the boys don't remember ever seeing before, appears in their kitchen, Ted is hit with a shocking revelation. This man is his father - the first black circus owner in Victorian Britain, Pablo Fanque. Before Ted can recover from his shock, he is sent away with Pablo to learn the tricks of the circus trade. Pablo is determined for Ted to follow in his footsteps. But can Ted adapt to this terrifying new life amongst strangers? And will he ever see his beloved mother and brother again? KS2/3



### **Yasmin the superhero by Saadia Faruqi**

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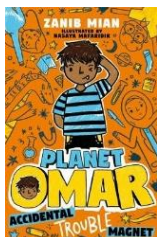
Superhero Yasmin! She's got the cape. She's got the mask. Now she just needs a villain to defeat! While she's looking for one, she meets lots of friends and neighbours who need her help, but no villains. Then Yasmin discovers that she might not need a villain to use her super powers! KS1/2



### **No ballet shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton**

ISBN: 9781788004503

Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. KS2/3



### **Planet Omar: Accidental trouble magnet by Zanib Mian**

ISBN: 9781444951226

Welcome, readers, my parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target. At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough... KS2

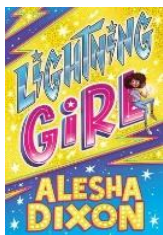


### **Worry angels by Sita Brahmachari**

ISBN: 9781781126950

Amy-May knows about webs of worries - so many people she meets are caught in them, from her own artist dad to newly arrived refugee Rima and her family. By being brave enough to open her worry box, Amy-May helps all those around her find a way forward. KS2/3

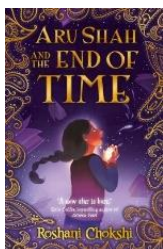




### **Lightning Girl by Alesha Dixon and Katy Birchall**

ISBN: 9781407180847

10-year-old Aurora Beam lives at home with her utterly unremarkable family... until the day she sees her little sister being picked on in the playground and suddenly beams of light shoot out of her fingers! It's time for her parents to drop a life-changing bombshell. Mum is a secret superhero, fighting crime across the globe while Dad looks after the kids at home. Then an evil supervillain pops up with a plot to steal a very precious stone. Can Aurora save the day, helped (or more likely hindered) by her fierce friends and a very snooty ostrich? KS2



### **Aru Shah and the end of time by Roshani Chokshi**

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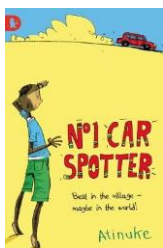
When Aru's schoolmates dare her to prove that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, she doesn't think there's any harm in lighting it. Little does Aru know that lighting the lamp has dire consequences. She unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose duty it is to awaken the God of Destruction. Accompanied by a wise-cracking pigeon and her long-lost half-sister, she must find the reincarnations of the five Pandava brothers and journey through the Kingdom of Death on a quest to prevent the End of Time. KS2/3



### **Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky by Kwame Mbalia**

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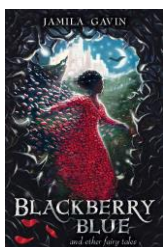
Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is staying on his grandparents' farm in Alabama when a sticky creature shows up in his bedroom and steals Eddie's journal. Tristan chases after it and a tug-of-war ensues between them underneath a Bottle Tree. In a last attempt to wrestle the journal out of the creature's hands, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place with a burning sea, haunted bone ships, and iron monsters that are hunting the inhabitants of this world. Tristan finds himself in the middle of a battle that has left black American folk heroes John Henry and Brer Rabbit exhausted. KS2/3



### **The no 1 car spotter by Atinuke**

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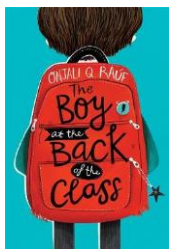
Oluwalase Babatunde Benson is Number 1. He's the Number 1 car spotter in his village. The Number 1 car spotter in the world. He is good at solving all sorts of problems for his village. When the family's cart breaks down and there's no way of bringing goods to market, it's Number 1 who devises the Toyota Cow-rola and saves the day. KS2



### **Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales by Jamila Gavin**

ISBN: 9781848531079

Six original fairy tales with a magical element. Prepare to enter a world of magicians, enchanted forests, talking animals and wicked witches... Here are six magical stories to thrill and enchant you. Watch Blackberry Blue rise from the bramble patch; follow Emeka the Pathfinder on his mission to save a lost king; join Princess Desire as she gallops across the Milky Way on her jet-black horse. KS2/3

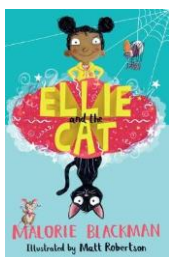


### **The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Rauf**

ISBN: 9781510105010

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I

find out about him, the more I want to help. KS2/3



### **Ellie and the cat by Malorie Blackman**

ISBN: 9781781128244

Ellie's behaviour is driving Grandma mad! It's time to teach her a lesson she'll never forget... by swapping Ellie's body with Jolly the cat. There's only one way for Ellie to break Grandma's curse, and time is running out. Can she change her ways and find some friends to lend a hand? Or will Ellie be trapped as a cat for ever? KS2

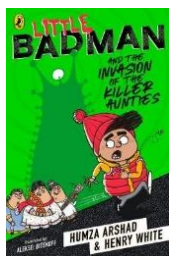


### **Asha & the spirit bird by Jasbinder Bilan**

ISBN: 9781911490197

Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. From her den in the mango tree, Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. But the journey is dangerous: they must cross the world's highest mountains and face hunger, tiredness -

even snow leopards. And yet, Asha has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother - her nanijee - will be watching over her. KS2/3



### **Little Badman and the invasion of the killer aunties by Humza Arshad and Henry White**

ISBN: 9780241340608

Humza Khan is the greatest eleven-year-old rapper Eggington has ever known: he is Little Badman and he is destined to be rich and famous.

But when Humza's music teacher is taken ill his dreams are put on hold. His Auntie has stepped in as substitute, and nobody seems to care about the unorthodox teaching because of the endless sweet treats. As other teachers

start to disappear, with more Aunties appearing in their place, Humza knows something isn't right. With the help of his elderly Uncle and friends Umer and Wendy, Humza discovers that the suspicious Aunties might not be as friendly as they seem. Now he must find a way to destroy them before they take over the world. KS2/3