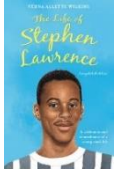


Race, racism and diversity book list

Junior Non-Fiction



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. KS2/3



Racism by Emilie Dufresne

ISBN: 9781786374288

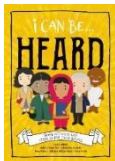
Racism is not a new topic - but it's an important one. What is race? How do we talk about race without hurting people? How is racism harmful and how can we stop it? KS2/3



How to make a better world by Keilly Swift

ISBN: 9780241412206

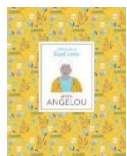
If you want to create a better world that is equally awesome for everyone, this is the book for you. It's packed with tips on how to change the world, one step at a time. You could be an amazing environmental campaigner, or a fantastic equal rights champion. You have the power to make a change. Start today, and who knows where your mission to make a better world will lead. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



Maya Angelou by Danielle Jawando

ISBN: 9781786275066

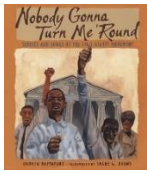
Introduces the life and legacy of African-American writer and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou. Maya Angelou was a writer, singer, dancer, teacher and civil rights activist. She campaigned for equal rights for black people in the USA and in South Africa. She travelled around the world, but she never forgot where she came from. Follow Maya's journey from her grandma's grocery store to reading a poem for President Bill Clinton. KS2/3



Black History Makers: Campaigners by Debbie Foy

ISBN: 9780750288576

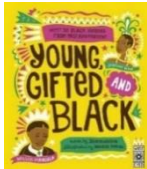
An anthology of biographies focusing on inspirational black people who have made their mark in history by campaigning for civil and human rights. Campaigners includes some of the world's most inspirational and influential people. Discover how Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King fought for black people's rights, and why Oprah Winfrey and Desmond Tutu continue to speak out against racism around the world today. KS2/3



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

ISBN: 9780763638924

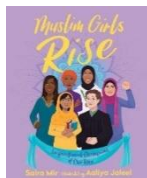
Chronicling the struggles of the black civil rights movement from the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott up until the 1965 Voting Rights Bill, this anthology weaves together songs, poems, memoirs, letters and court testimonies of those active in the movement, along with a historical narrative. It tells the 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. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



Little leaders: exceptional men in black history by Vashti Harrison

ISBN: 9780241407158

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. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



Blast off into space like Mae Jemison by Caroline

ISBN: 9780711245143

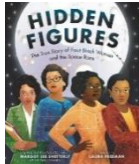
When Mae Jemison was a little girl, she loved science and dancing. She watched the Apollo moon landings and wondered why none of the astronauts were women - and she just didn't buy the answers she was given...Discover how Mae Jemison became the first African American woman in space in this true story of her life. KS2/3



Simone Biles by Sally J Morgan

ISBN: 9781788952514

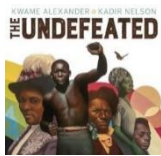
How did Simone Biles become a superstar athlete and gold medallist? On a daytrip to the local sports centre, Simone discovered her natural talent for gymnastics. Despite a challenging start in life, Simone went on to become one of the world's greatest athletes. Find out how this gymnast toughed it out in training and went on to win four Olympic gold medals. KS2/3



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

ISBN: 9780062742469

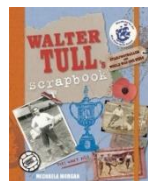
Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at maths... really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world. KS2/3



The undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

ISBN: 9781783449293

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. KS2/3



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

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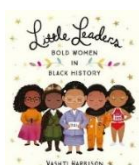
Born in Kent, Walter Tull (28 April 1888 - 25 March 1918) became one of Tottenham Hotspurs' top players. When he joined the Footballers' Battalion during the First World War, his leadership and courage won him a commission and a recommendation for the Military Cross. But Walter wasn't just a great footballer and British officer. He happened to be black, at a time when the rule book stated that only white men could become officers. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



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. KS2/3



Reaching for the Moon by Katherine Johnson

ISBN: 9781534440838

The inspiring autobiography of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, who helped launch Apollo 11. As a young girl, Katherine Johnson showed an exceptional aptitude for maths. In school she quickly skipped ahead several grades and was soon studying complex equations with the support of a professor who saw great promise in her. But ability and opportunity did not always go hand in hand. As an African American and a girl growing up in an era of brutal racism and sexism, Katherine faced daily challenges. In the early 1950s, Katherine was thrilled to join the organisation that would become NASA. She worked on many of NASA's biggest projects including the Apollo 11 mission that landed the first men on the moon. KS2/3

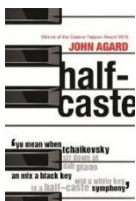
Teenage Non-Fiction



What is race? Who are racists? Why does skin colour matter? by Claire Heuchan and Nikesh Shukla

ISBN: 9781526303981

An important and timely book on race and racism, encouraging children to think for themselves about the issues involved. Talking about race is often discouraged, but this book aims to bring everyone into the conversation. It explores the history of race and society and discusses how racist attitudes come into being. Look at belonging and identity, the damaging effects of stereotyping and the benefits of positive representation. Discover why it's important to identify and challenge racist behaviour, wherever it exists. KS3/4



Half-caste and other poems by John Agard

ISBN: 9780340893890

The tensions brought about by differences of race and culture are at the heart of this powerful and entertaining collection by one of our most exciting and original poets and performers. Many new poems on subjects such as violence, the environment, relationships, politics and grief are included alongside perhaps his best-known poem 'Half-Caste', and other favourites like 'Checking Out Me History'. Full of wit, compassion and hope, this book reveals an inspiring vision of the world today. KS3/4

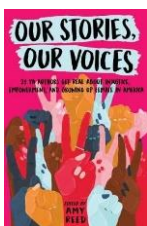


This book is anti-racist by Tiffany Jewell

ISBN: 9780711245204

Who are you? What is your identity? How can you take action against racism? Learn about identities, true histories, and anti-racism work in 20 carefully laid-out chapters. This book is written so young people will feel empowered to stand up to the adults in their lives. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it. In short, this book is for everyone.

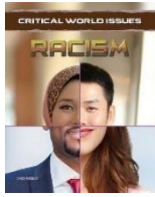
KS3/4



Our stories, our voices edited by Amy Reed

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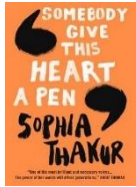
From Amy Reed, Ellen Hopkins, Amber Smith, Sandhya Menon, and more of your favourite YA authors comes an anthology of essays that explore the diverse experiences of injustice, empowerment, and growing up female in America. This collection of twenty-one essays from major YA authors-including award-winning and bestselling writers-touches on a powerful range of topics related to growing up female in today's America, and the intersection with race, religion, and ethnicity. Sure to inspire hope and solidarity to anyone who reads it. KS3/4



Racism by Chuck Robinson

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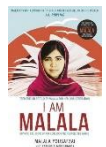
Racism is a belief that all members of each race possess characteristics or abilities that are specific to that race. This belief enables members of one race to distinguish themselves as superior to another race or races. Today, Racism affects the lives of millions of people in many different countries. This book discusses when and why racism began, explores how it feels to be a victim of racism, and suggests approaches for how society can tackle racism in the future. KS3/4



Somebody give this heart a pen by Sophia Thakur

ISBN: 9781406388534

From internationally acclaimed performance poet Sophia Thakur comes a powerful new collection of poems exploring issues of identity, love, loss, family and faith. Sophia Thakur began performing poetry at the age of sixteen and is known for her strong narrative voice and emotional empathy. Her remarkable debut encourages young people to look outside of themselves and to explore their own hearts' journeys through poetry. KS3/4



I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

ISBN: 9781780622163

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes, so she fought for her right to be educated. And on 9 October 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause, shot point-blank on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now she is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Junior Fiction



How high the moon by Karyn Parsons

ISBN: 9780241346891

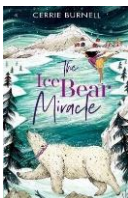
It's 1944, and in a small, Southern, segregated town, eleven-year-old Ella spends her summers running wild with her cousins and friends. But life isn't always so sunny. The deep racial tension that simmers beneath their town's peaceful facade never quite goes away. When she visits her mother in Boston, 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

ISBN: 9780702301834

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 Cerrie Burnell

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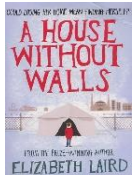
Life with bears is dangerous, as Marv Jackson knows-the large crescent moon shaped scar on his face acts as a constant reminder of the night he survived a bear attack. But when Marv thinks back to the moments before the bear attack, he can hear a baby's cry cutting through the night air. The truth can 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

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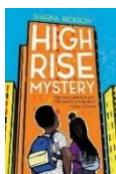
Layla believes she was right to stand up for herself against a bully, but it's landed her a suspension - not the way she (or her parents) would have wished to begin her time at her fancy new school! This is just a setback though, and she's determined to prove that she does deserve her scholarship by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



A house without walls by Elizabeth Laird

ISBN: 9781509828241

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



High-rise mystery by Sharna Jackson

ISBN: 9781999642518

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



The girl who stole an elephant by Nizrana Farook

ISBN: 9781788006347

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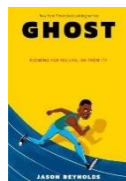
Camilla longs for her former life in North Africa. But, most of all, she wishes for her mother, lost at sea on the terrible journey to the cold, unwelcoming island at the edge of the Roman Empire. Will she ever be able to think of Britannica that way - as home? KS2/3



Some places more than others by Watson, Renee

ISBN: 9781526613684

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

ISBN: 9781999642525

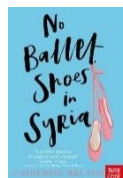
Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons - until he meets Coach who sees something in Ghost: natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness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



Son of the circus by E L Norry

ISBN: 9781407191416

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. 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



No ballet shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

ISBN: 9781788004503

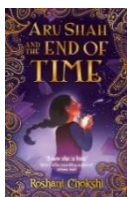
Aya has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, 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



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



Aru Shah and the end of time by Roshani Chokshi

ISBN: 9781407185798

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

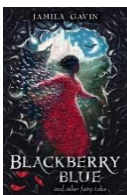


Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky by Kwame Mbalia

ISBN: 9781368039932

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

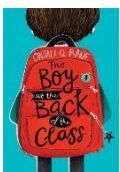


Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales by Jamila Gavin

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



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

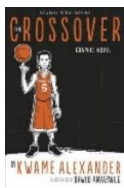
Teen Fiction



The colours that blind by Rutendo Tavengerwei

ISBN: 9781471408182

Fifteen-year-old Tumirai lives with his protective big brother, Mkoma in Harare, Zimbabwe. He's the first albino kid ever to have attended his school and constantly feels like an outsider. When his brother is invited to go travelling for work, Tumirai goes to stay with their grandmother, whose memory is a treasure trove - and her stories of Zimbabwe's war for independence are a long, long way from the history Tumirai has heard before. KS3/4



The crossover graphic novel by Kwame Alexander

ISBN: 9781783449590

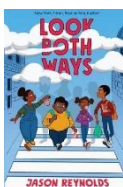
12-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps. But when Jordan meets a girl, the twins' tight-knit bond is tested - are the rules of the game about to be broken? In this heartfelt novel in verse, the boys find that life doesn't come with a play-book and it's not all about winning. KS3/4



Respect : the Walter Tull story by Michaela Morgan

ISBN: 9781781129142

Walter Tull was a true hero and the first black officer in the British Army, but he had to fight for respect throughout his life. The grandson of a slave, Walter was brought up in a children's home. He had to fight against racism on the pitch as one of the first black professional footballers in the UK. Then he faced the greatest fight of his life on the battlefield during the First World War. KS3



Look both ways by Jason Reynolds

ISBN: 9781999642594

When the bell rings and school is finished for the day, the walkers are finally set free. For ten blocks they have no-one telling them what to do; they can talk about bogies, skateboard, plan dramatic escapes, make jokes, face bullies, and hear about the school bus that fell from the sky. From hilarious escapades to brave challenges, join the walkers for one journey and many, many detours. KS3



Offside by Iain McLaughlin

ISBN: 9781788374453

Fifteen-year-old Cal Deane has a chance to make it as a professional footballer. To get there, he'll have to cope with the loss of his mum and a group of racists. For Cal, the battles off the pitch are far more challenging than any game of football. KS3/4 (Hi-Lo)

**Slay by Brittney Morris**

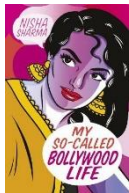
ISBN: 9781444951721

By day, seventeen-year-old Kiera Johnson is a college student, and one of the only black kids at Jefferson Academy. By night, she joins hundreds of thousands of black gamers who duel worldwide in the secret online role-playing card game, SLAY. No one knows Kiera is the game developer - not even her boyfriend, Malcolm. But when a teen in Kansas City is murdered over a dispute in the SLAY world, the media labels it an exclusionist, racist hub for thugs. With threats coming from both inside and outside the game, Kiera must fight to save the safe space she's created. But can she protect SLAY without losing herself? KS3/4

**Where the river runs gold by Sita Brahmachari**

ISBN: 9781510105416

Kairos City was beautiful once, before the storm. Now the flowerbeds are built over with brick, the bees are long gone and children are sent to Freedom Fields to pollinate crops by hand for the good of the nation. Eleven-year-old Shifa knows her twin Themba won't survive this harsh existence for long: they have to escape. But then she uncovers an impossible secret. If she can protect it on their perilous journey home, Shifa could change everything. KS3/4

**My so-called Bollywood life by Nisha Sharma**

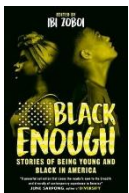
ISBN: 9781788951463

Bollywood film fanatic Winnie Mehta has grown up believing the future is written in the stars. Her family's pandit predicted she would find the love of her life before her eighteenth birthday. So when her relationship with Raj collapses, despite him meeting all the criteria, Winnie is lost. This is not how her perfect ending is scripted. Then fellow film geek Dev challenges Winnie to look beyond her horoscope: is taking the future into her own hands the way to find her happily ever after? To get the perfect ending, Winnie will need a little bit of help from fate, family and, of course, a Bollywood movie star. KS3/4

**Home girl: the miseducation of Naomi Brisset by Alex Wheatle**

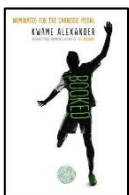
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Home Girl is the story of Naomi, a teenage girl growing up fast in the care system. It is a wholly modern story which sheds a much-needed light on what can be an unsettling life - and the consequences that can follow when children are treated like pawns on a family chessboard. Home Girl is fast-paced and funny, tender, tragic and full of courage - just like Naomi. KS3/4

**Black enough: stories of being young and black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi**

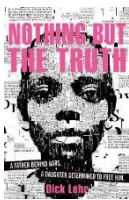
ISBN: 9780008326555

Black Enough is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and black in America. Black is male, Black is female, Black is straight, Black is gay, Black is urban, Black is rural, Black is rich and poor, Black is mixed-race, Black is immigrants, Black is more... Featuring some of the most acclaimed, best-selling black authors - Black Enough is a poignant celebration of diversity KS3/4

**Booked by Alexander, Kwame**

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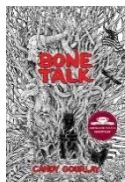
12-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. Football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges - which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal - change his life, as well as his best friend's. KS3/4



Nothing but the truth by Dick Lehr

ISBN: 9780008326555

On a hot summer night in Boston, a 13-year-old African-American girl became the innocent victim of gang-related gunfire. Amid public outcry, a young African-American man was quickly apprehended, charged, and - wrongly - convicted of the crime. Trell was only a baby when her father was imprisoned, but she has always been certain of his innocence. Inspired by the true story of a young man's false imprisonment for murder, this his daughter's fight for justice against the odds. KS3/4



Bone talk by Candy Gourlay

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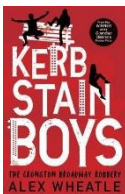
More than a hundred years ago, a boy named Samkad thinks he knows everything about the world. He knows the mountains he lives in. He knows his people. He knows his blood enemy, the Mangili. But everything changes when a new boy arrives in the village. He calls himself Samkad's brother, yet he knows nothing of the ways of the mountain. And he brings news of a people called 'Americans', who are bringing war and destruction to his home. KS3/4



The skin I'm in by Sharon G Flake

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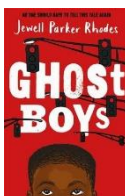
Maleeka suffers every day from the taunts of the other kids in her class. If they're not getting at her about her embarrassing home-made clothes or her good grades at school, it's about her dark, black skin - a deeper shade than any of theirs. When a new teacher, whose face is blotched with a startling white patch, starts at their school, Maleeka can see there is bound to be trouble for her too. But the new teacher's attitude surprises Maleeka. Miss Saunders loves the skin she's in. Can Maleeka too? KS3/4



Kerb-stain boys by Alex Wheatle

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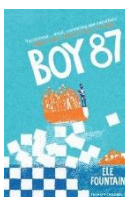
Life on the Crongton estate can be rough for Briggy. Dad's lost his job, Mum's working so hard to make ends meet, and big brother Kingsley just wants out. With all of the shouting and arguing it's difficult not to get lost in the mix. When his best mate Terror and coolest chick in the year Caldonia, cook up a plan to make a quick buck, Briggy hopes this time it might be his chance to shine. Robbing the Post Office ... what could go wrong? KS3/4 (Hi/Lo)



Ghost boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

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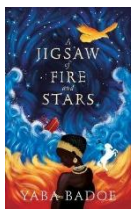
Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. Dead. As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome notices other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common. Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - not just to him, but to all the ghost boys. A poignant and gripping story about how children and families face the complexities of race in today's world. KS3/4



Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

ISBN: 9781782691976

Shif is just an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess, maths and playing with his best friend. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe. Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves. KS3/4



A jigsaw of fire and stars by Yaba Badoe

ISBN: 9781786695499

Sante was a baby when she was washed ashore in a sea-chest laden with treasure. She is the sole survivor of the tragic sinking of a ship carrying migrants and refugees. Fourteen years on she's a member of Mama Rose's unique and dazzling circus. But, from their watery grave, the unquiet dead are calling Sante to avenge them: A bamboo flute. A golden bangle. A ripening mango which must not fall... Rich in the rhythms and colours of Africa and glittering circus days. KS3/4



Zebra crossing soul song by Sita Brahmachari

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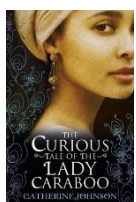
Otis is a soul man, a ferry man, a part of Lenny's life for as long as he can remember. Year after year, on those black and white stripes, Otis keeps Lenny safe. He teaches him to laugh, to sing and to be wise. But as Lenny grows up, the pressure of life soars - for him and for Otis. Past secrets won't stay hidden and memories must be untangled. And so, guitar on his back, Lenny sets out to seek his true path. KS3/4 (Hi/Lo)



The house on Hummingbird Island by Sam Angus

ISBN: 9781447263036

Idie Grace is twelve when she inherits Bathsheba House; a dilapidated, grand old manor on a tropical island. Free to let her imagination run wild, she fills the house with the many exotic animals she finds on the island. But the house holds many secrets and the truth behind Idie's inheritance is the biggest secret of all. Follows the experiences of friendship, racism and bigotry at the start of the 20th century in the West Indies. KS3/4



The curious tale of the Lady Caraboo by Catherine Johnson

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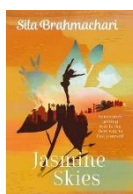
Out of the blue arrives an exotic young woman from a foreign land. Fearless and strong, 'Princess' Caraboo rises above the suspicions of the wealthy family who take her in. But who is the real Caraboo? In a world where it seems everyone is playing a role, could she be an ordinary girl with a tragic past? Is she a confidence trickster? Or is she the princess everyone wants her to be? Set in the early 19th century, the ultimate historical hustle, based on the true story of Mary Baker. KS3/4



Liclle Bit by Alex Wheatle

ISBN: 9780349001999

Venetia King is the hottest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liclle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. When Venetia starts paying Liclle Bit attention, he secretly hopes he's on a fast track to a first date. Unfortunately, as a new gang war breaks out, South Crongton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in Liclle Bit. But when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liclle Bit is forced to question his choices. How can he possibly put things right? KS3/4



Jasmine skies by Sita Brahmachari

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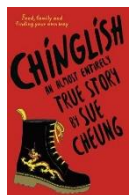
Mira is bursting with excitement as she flies to India to stay with her aunt and cousin for the first time. As soon as she lands Mira is hurled into the sweltering heat and a place full of new sights, sounds, and deeply buried family secrets... From the moment Mira meets Janu she feels an instant connection. Nothing is as she imagined it - and suddenly home feels a long way away. Before Mira leaves India she is determined to uncover the truth about her family, whatever it takes, and she must also make a decision that will break someone's heart. KS3/4



A change is gonna come

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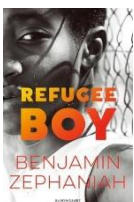
A collection of short stories by minority ethnic British authors. Featuring top Young Adult authors and introducing a host of exciting new voices, this anthology of stories and poetry from BAME writers on the theme of change is a long-overdue addition to the YA scene. Contributors include Tanya Byrne, Inua Ellams, Catherine Johnson, Patrice Lawrence, Ayisha Malik, Irfan Master, Musa Okwonga and Nikesh Shukla. KS3/4



Chinglish by Sue Cheung

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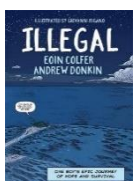
It's 1984. Jo Kwan's family has just moved to Coventry to live in a cramped flat above their Chinese takeaway. Things are seriously awkward, whether Jo's dealing with annoying siblings, school bullies, friendship dramas, fashion disasters or some very unlucky pets. Life is often hilarious, frequently confusing and sometimes just makes Jo want to stick drawing pins in her eyes. KS3/4



Refugee boy by Benjamin Zephaniah

ISBN: 9781408894996

As the family lay sleeping soldiers kicked down the door of the house and entered waving their rifles round erratically...The soldier who was in command went and stood so that his mouth was six inches away from Alem's father's ear and shouted, 'What kind of a man are you?' Life is not safe for Alem. His father is Ethiopian, and his mother Eritean - and with both countries at war, he is welcome in neither place. So his father does an astonishing thing, which at first seems callous, but is in fact the ultimate gift of love from a parent to their child... KS3/4



Illegal: one boy's epic journey of hope and survival by Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin and Rigano, Giovanni

ISBN: 9781444931686

Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister. KS3/4

Older Teenage Fiction



Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

ISBN: 9781444948608

This is Michael's story. Join him as he enters the world, with tiny feather eyelashes. Travel from school to college, where he discovers his flock, and comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen. At university, take a seat in the audience and watch him find his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about discovering that only YOU get the privilege of choosing who you are. There is power in embracing your uniqueness. What's your story? KS4/5



The hate u give by Angie Thomas

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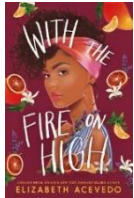
Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. KS4/5



Clap when you land by Elizabeth Acevedo

ISBN: 9781471409127

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people... In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. KS4/5



With the fire on high by Elizabeth Acevedo

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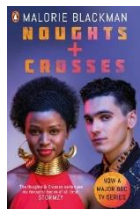
Emoni wants to be a chef more than anything, but having a two-year-old daughter, and being seventeen and still at school, isn't exactly making life easy. The one place she can let everything go is in the kitchen, where she has magical hands - whipping up extraordinary food beloved by everyone from her grandmother to her best friend Angelica. Emoni knows, though, that there are rules she has to play by. And yet, once she gets cooking, her passion to feed will nourish her soul and dreams too. With the fire on high, anything is possible. KS4/5



Who put this song on? by Morgan Parker

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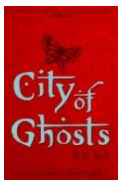
Trapped in sunny, stifling, small-town suburbia, seventeen-year-old Morgan knows why she's in therapy. She can't count the number of times she's been the only non-white person at the sleepover, been teased for her "weird" outfits, and been told she's not "really" black. Life may be a never-ending hamster wheel of agony, but Morgan finds her crew of fellow outcasts, blasts music like there's no tomorrow, discovers what being black means to her, and finally puts her mental health first. After all, darkness doesn't have to be a bad thing. Darkness is just real. KS4/5



Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

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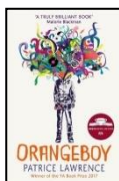
Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Against a background of prejudice, distrust and mounting terrorist violence, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger... A modern classic and now a BBC TV series this is the first of the series. KS4/5



City of ghosts by Bali Rai

ISBN: 9780552556019

Facing the atrocities of World War One head on, Bissen Singh fights for the British Empire and is almost killed. He ends up in hospital in England where he meets a beautiful young nurse. But this can be no ordinary wartime romance between a soldier and a nurse. She is a white girl and he is an Indian Sikh.



Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence

ISBN: 9781444927207

Sixteen-year-old Marlon has made his mum a promise - he'll never follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path. So far, it's been easy, but when a date ends in tragedy, Marlon finds himself hunted. They're after the mysterious Mr Orange, and they're going to use Marlon to get to him. Marlon's out of choices - can he become the person he never wanted to be, to protect everyone he loves? KS4/5



And the stars were burning brightly by Danielle Jawando

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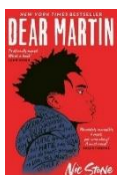
When fifteen-year-old Nathan discovers that his older brother Al, has taken his own life, his whole world is torn apart. Al was special. Al was talented. Al was full of passion and light ... so why did he do it? Convinced that his brother was in trouble, Nathan decides to retrace Al's footsteps. As he does, he meets Megan, Al's former classmate, who is as determined as Nathan to keep Al's memory alive. Together they start seeking answers, but will either of them be able to handle the truth about Al's death when they eventually discover what happened? KS4/5



The poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

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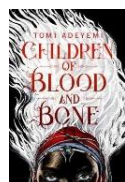
Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But X has secrets. Her feelings for a boy in her bio class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. And a slam poetry club that will pull those secrets into the spotlight. Because in spite of a world that might not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to stay silent.



Dear Martin by Nic Stone

ISBN: 9781471175565

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League - but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighbourhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up - way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty police officer beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crossfire. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack. KS4/5



Children of blood and bone by Tomi Adeyemi

ISBN: 9781509871353

Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were targeted and killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.



Out of heart by Irfan Master

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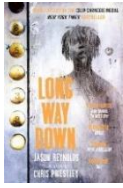
Adam lives with his mum and younger sister. His dad has left them, his sister no longer speaks and his mum works two jobs. Adam feels the weight of the world upon his shoulders. Then his grandfather dies and in doing so he donates a very precious gift - his heart. William is the recipient of Adam's grandfather's heart. He has no family and feels rootless and alone. And then he meets Adam's family. William has received much, but it appears that he has much to offer Adam and his family too. KS4/5



On the come up by Angie Thomas

ISBN: 9781406372168

Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. It's hard to get your come up, though, when you're labelled "trouble" at school and your fridge at home is empty after your mom loses her job. But Bri's success is all that stands between her family and homelessness, so she doesn't just want to make it - she has to. Even if it means becoming exactly what the public expects her to be. KS4/5



Long way down by Jason Reynolds

ISBN: 9780571335121

After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that. As more people from his past arrive, Will has to ask himself if he really knows what he's doing. This haunting, lyrical, powerful verse novel will blow you away. KS4/5



Internment by Samira Ahmed

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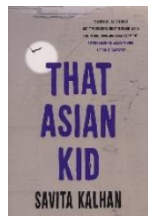
It's been one year since the census landed Layla and her family on the registry. Five months since the attorney general ruled there was precedent for relocation of citizens during times of war. And one month since the president declared that 'Muslims are now a threat to America'. Now, Layla and her parents are taken from their home and forced into an internment camp. Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards. KS4/5



The million pieces of Neena Gill by Emma Smith-Barton

ISBN: 9780241363317

How can I hold myself together, when everything around me is falling apart? Neena's always been a good girl. But when her brother disappears without a trace, her family becomes fractured beyond repair - and Neena finds herself spiralling out of control as she tries to find out what happened to Akash. Surrounded by broken friendships, a broken heart and an increasingly broken grip on her sanity, Neena's never felt more hopeless. But, as she's about to discover, sometimes it's in our darkest moments that we find our true strength. KS4/5



That Asian kid by Savita Kalhan

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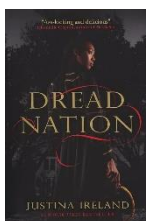
What do you do when you find your teacher has an unbelievably MASSIVE secret? Jeevan is not doing as well as he should in his preparation for his exams. It seems that his teacher dislikes him intensely. He is sure that she is prejudiced against him because he is Asian. But when he finds her with another teacher in the woods - and records the encounter on his phone - he has a chance to get back at her by loading it on to social media. What should he do? KS4/5



Kick the moon by Muhammad Khan

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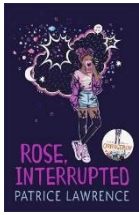
Fifteen-year-old Ilyas is under pressure from everyone: GCSE's are looming and his teachers just won't let up, his dad wants him to join the family business and his mates don't care about any of it. Ilyas finds a kindred spirit in Kelly who is fed up with being pigeonholed as the good girl, and their friendship blows the social strata of high school wide open. But when Kelly catches the eye of one of the local bad boys, Imran, he decides to seduce her for a bet - and Ilyas is faced with losing the only person who understands him. KS4/5



Dread Nation by Justina Ireland

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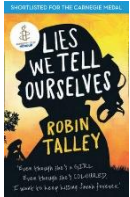
Trained at Miss Preston's School of Combat for Negro Girls in both weaponry and etiquette, Jane is poised for a successful career protecting the wealthy from the encroaching plague of walking dead. But when families begin to go missing, Jane uncovers a conspiracy that pits her against some powerful enemies. Sent far from home, Jane will need all her resourcefulness, wit and strength of character to survive. KS4/5



Rose, interrupted by Patrice Lawrence

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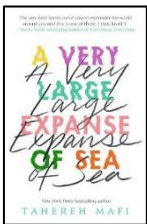
Being a teenager is hard enough, but it's even harder in a world you've never known... Seventeen-year-old Rose and her 13-year-old brother, Rudder escaped a strict religious sect. Goodbye, rigid rules about everything; hello, mobile phones and make-up. But there's loads of stuff in their new life that Rose has zero idea how to handle. It's totally normal for girls to let their boyfriends take topless pictures of them, right? When Rudder accidentally sets a devastating chain of events in motion, Rose must decide whether to sacrifice everything and return to the life she hates, to save the people she loves. KS4/5



Lies we tell ourselves by Robin Talley

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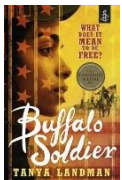
It's 1959 Virginia, the battle for civil rights is raging. It's Sarah's first day of school as one of the first black students at previously all-white Jefferson High. No one wants Sarah there. Not the Governor. Not the teachers. And certainly not the students - especially Linda, daughter of the town's most ardent segregationist. Sarah and Linda are supposed to despise each other. But the more time they spend together, the less their differences matter. And both girls start to feel something they've never felt before. KS4/5



A very large expanse of sea by Tahereh Mafi

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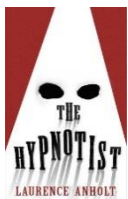
It's 2002, a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another new high school. Shirin is tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments - even the physical violence she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears. But then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know her. It terrifies her - they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds - and Shirin has had her guard up against the world for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down. KS4/5



Buffalo soldier by Tanya Landman

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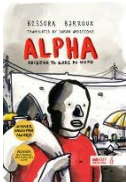
At the end of the American Civil War, Charley - a young African-American slave from the deep south - is ostensibly freed. In a terrifyingly lawless land, where the colour of a person's skin can bring violent death, Charley disguises herself as a man and joins the army. Soon she's being sent to the prairies to fight a whole new war against the "savage Indians". Trapped in a world of injustice and inequality, it's only when she is posted to Apache territory that she learns what it is to be truly free. KS4/5



The hypnotist by Laurence Anholt

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Jack has left his native Ireland and is making a new life as Professor of Neurology at a university in the American South. Thirteen-year-old Pip is plucked out of an orphanage by a farmer, hired as a farm-hand, and as carer for the farmer's wife. But Pip is black. The farmer and his wife are white. And this is 1960s America, where race defines you and overshadows everything. As racial tensions reach boiling point with a danger closer to home and more terrifying than either thought possible, Jack and Pip's lives become inextricably linked. KS4/5



Alpha: Abidjan to Gare du Nord by Bessora and Barroux; translated by Sarah Ardizzone

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Alpha Coulibaly is emblematic of the refugee crisis today - just one of millions on the move, at the mercy of people traffickers, endlessly frustrated, endangered and exploited as he attempts to rejoin his family, already in Europe. With a visa, Alpha's journey would take a matter of hours; without one he is adrift for eighteen months. Along the way he meets an unforgettable cast of characters, each one giving another human face to the crisis. KS4/5