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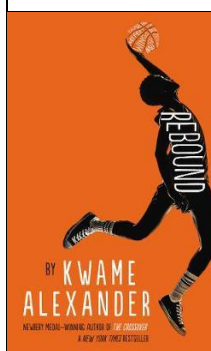
Middle Grade Fiction (S1-S3)



A Change is Gonna Come

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.

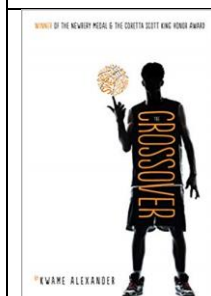
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Rebound

By Kwame Alexander

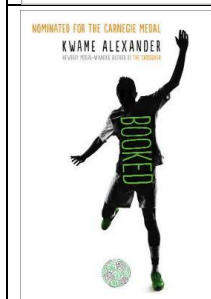
It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?



The Crossover

By Kwame Alexander

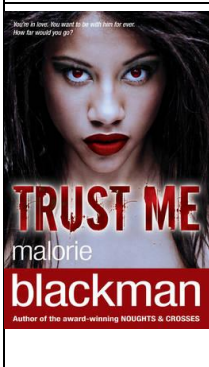
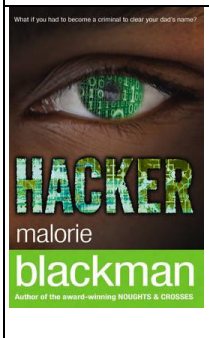
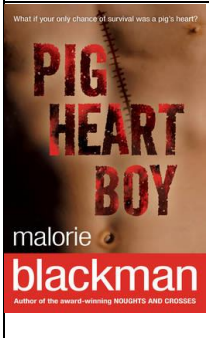
2-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps. Both on and off the court, there is conflict and hardship which will test Josh's bond with his brother. 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.

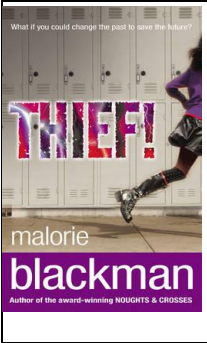
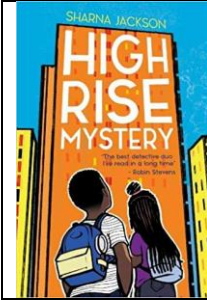
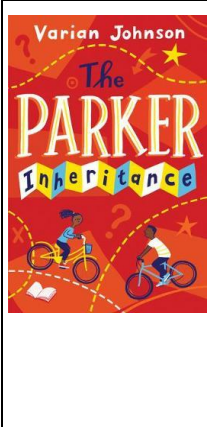
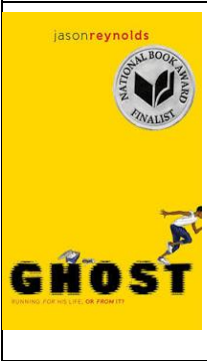
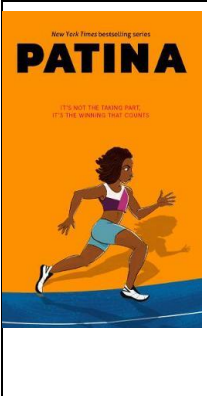


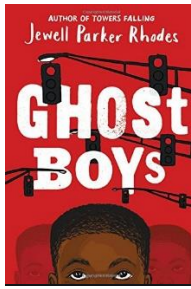
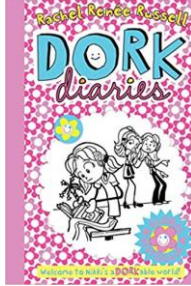
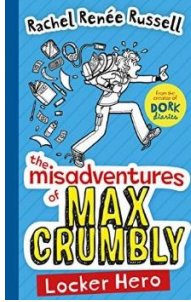

Booked

By Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *The Crossover*, 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. This energetic novel-in-verse by the poet Kwame Alexander captures all the thrills and setbacks, the action and emotion of a World Cup match.

	<p><i>A Jigsaw of Fire and Stars</i> By Yaba Badoe</p> <p>Sante was a baby when she was washed ashore in a sea-chest laden with treasure. It seems she is the sole survivor of the tragic sinking of a ship carrying migrants and refugees. Her people. 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 . . . are these the missing pieces of the jigsaw which will tell Sante's story?</p>
	<p><i>Wolf Light</i> By Yaba Badoe</p> <p>Born in wolf light, the magical dusk, in Mongolia, Ghana and Cornwall, Zula, Adoma and Linet are custodians of the sacred sites of their homelands. When copper miners plunder Zula's desert home in Gobi Altai, and Adoma's forest and river are polluted by gold prospectors, it is only a matter of time before the lake Linet guards with her life is also in jeopardy</p>
	<p><i>Trust Me</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Seventeen-year-old Jayna wishes she could spend every second of the day with Andrew. He's her first love, and he understands her like nobody else can. Jayna just wishes Andrew's prejudiced family could accept her - but when they're alone together, it hardly seems to matter. But something strange has happened to Andrew. He looks . . . different. Pale and drawn, as if he hasn't been outside for days, with mysteriously cold green eyes. He won't go out in the sunlight, and he's unnaturally fast and strong. And now he wants Jayna to join him. Now she has to make the choice: to lose Andrew forever, or to be with him always - no matter the cost.</p>
	<p><i>Hacker</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how? There's only one way - to attempt to break into the bank's computer files. Even if Vicky is the best hacker in the world, will she find the real thief before they find her?</p>
	<p><i>Pig Heart Boy</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before. Shortlisted for Carnegie Medal</p>

	<p><i>Thief</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>You're the new girl in school. You're just trying to fit in - and it's not working. Then someone accuses you of theft, and you think things can't get any worse. Until you get caught in a freak storm . . . The next thing you know, you're in the future. Being shot at for being out after curfew. You don't even recognise your hometown. And you're heading for a confrontation from your worst nightmare. What if you could change the past to save the future?</p>
	<p><i>High-Rise Mystery</i> By Sharna Jackson</p> <p>The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson.</p>
	<p><i>The Parker Inheritance</i> By Varian Johnson</p> <p>When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding its writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. So with the help of Brandon, the quiet boy across the street, she begins to decipher the clues. The challenge will lead them deep into Lambert's history, full of ugly deeds, forgotten heroes, and one great love; and deeper into their own families, with their own unspoken secrets. Can they find the fortune and fulfill the letter's promise before the answers slip into the past yet again?</p>
	<p><i>Ghost (Run Club series)</i> By Jason Reynolds</p> <p>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, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy 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 to him? National Book Award finalist</p>
	<p><i>Patina (Run Club series)</i> By Jason Reynolds</p> <p>Patina, or Patty, runs like a flash. She runs for many reasons--to escape the taunts from the kids at the fancy-schmancy new school she's been sent to ever since she and her little sister had to stop living with their mom. She runs from the reason WHY she's not able to live with her "real" mom any more: her mom has The Sugar, and Patty is terrified that the disease that took her mom's legs will one day take her away forever. And so Patty's also running <i>for</i> her mom, who can't. But can you ever really run away from any of this? As the stress builds, it's building up a pretty bad attitude as well. Coach won't tolerate bad attitude. No day, no way. And now he wants Patty to run relay...where you have to <i>depend</i> on other people? How's she going to do THAT?</p>

	<p><i>Ghost Boys</i> By Jewell Parker Rhodes</p> <p>ALIVE: 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.</p> <p>DEAD: As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice 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 of the ghost boys.</p>
	<p><i>Dork Diaries series</i> By Rachel Renee Russell</p> <p>Follow Nikki's adorkable life through sketches, doodles and diary entries as she spills all the details of her not-so-fabulous life full of BFF drama, hopeless crushes and an extremely cringe-worthy family!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tales from a Not-So-Glamorous Life 2. Takes from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl (aka: Party Time) 3. Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star (aka Pop Star) 4. Tales from a Not-So-Graceful Ice Princess (aka Skating Sensation) 5. Tales from a Not-So-Smart Miss Know-it-All (aka Dear Dork) 6. Tales from a Not-So-Happy Heartbreaker (aka Holiday Heartbreak) 7. Tales from a Not-So-Glam TV Star (aka TV Star) 8. Tales from a Not-So-Happily Ever After (aka Once Upon a Dork) 9. Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen (aka Drama Queen) 10. Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter (aka Puppy Love) 11. Tales from a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy (aka Frenemies Forever) 12. Tales from a Not-So-Secret Crush Catastrophe (aka Crush Catastrophe) 13. Tales from a Not-So-Happy Birthday (aka Birthday Drama)
	<p><i>Misadventures of Max Crumbly series</i> By Rachael Renee Russell</p> <p>Max is about to face the scariest place he's ever been – South Ridge Middle School! He has been home-schooled by his grandmother until now, and he's begged his parents to finally let him start attending a real school. He's starting to question that choice, though, with the Doug aka <i>Thug</i> Thurston Problem. As in, Thug keeps stuffing Max in his locker. If only Max could be like the hero in all the comics he likes to read – or the ones he draws – and magically escape the locker and defeat Thug. Unfortunately, Max's uncanny, almost superhuman ability to smell pizza from a block away won't exactly save any lives or foil bad guys. But that doesn't mean Max won't do his best to be the hero his school needs!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locker Hero 2. Middle School Mayhem 3. Masters of Mischief
	<p><i>Oh My Gods!</i> By Alexandra Sheppard</p> <p>She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an <i>actually</i> cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. She needs to rein in her chaotic family before they blow their cover AND her chances at a half-normal social life.</p>

All Rico wants is to change the world
**Benjamin
Zephaniah**



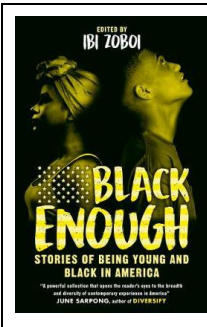
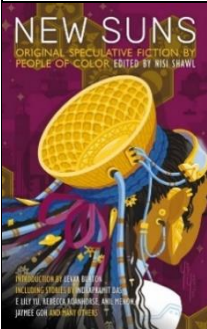
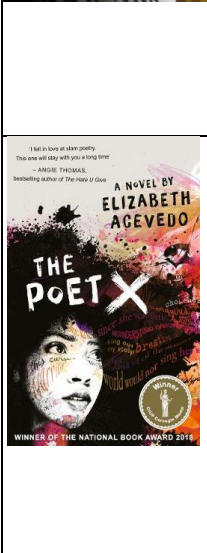

Terror Kid

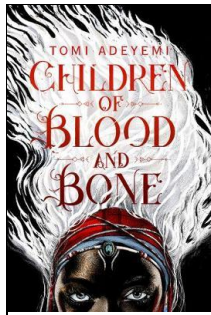
Terror Kid

By Benjamin Zephaniah

Rico knows trouble. He knows the look of it and the sound of it. He also knows to stay away from it as best as he can. Because if there's one thing his Romany background has taught him, it's that he will always be a suspect. Despite his best efforts to stay on the right side of the law, Rico is angry and frustrated at the injustices he sees happening at home and around the world. He wants to do something - but what? When he is approached by Speech, a mysterious man who shares Rico's hacktivist interests, Rico is given the perfect opportunity to speak out about injustice. After all, what harm can a peaceful cyber protest do...From the bestselling author of *Refugee Boy* comes a powerful novel about justice, trust and idealism gone wrong that will make you look again at your definition of a terrorist.

Young Adult Fiction (S3+)

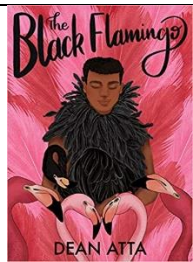
	<p><i>Black Enough</i> Ed. Ibi Zoboi</p> <p>Edited by National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi, <i>Black Enough</i> is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and black. Featuring stories by: Renee Watson, Varian Johnson, Leah Henderson, Lamar Giles, Kekla Magoon, Jason Reynolds, Brandy Colbert, Tochi Onyebuchi, Liara Tamani, Jay Coles, Rita Williams-Garcia, Tracey Baptiste, Dhonielle Clayton, Justina Ireland, Coe Booth, Nic Stone and Ibi Zoboi</p>
	<p><i>New Suns: Original Speculative Fiction by People of Colour</i> Ed. Nisi Shawl</p> <p>Anthology of contemporary science fiction, fantasy and horror stories by emerging and seasoned BAME writers. Showcases emerging and seasoned writers of many races telling stories filled with shocking delights, powerful visions of the familiar made strange. Between this book's covers burn tales of science fiction, fantasy, horror, and their indefinable overlappings. These are authors aware of our many possible pasts and futures, authors freed of stereotypes and cliched expectations, ready to dazzle you with their daring genius.</p> <p>Includes stories by Kathleen Alcala, Minsoo Kang, Anil Menon, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Alex Jennings, Alberto Yanez, Steven Barnes, Jaymee Goh, Karin Lowachee, E. Lily Yu, Andrea Hairston, Tobias Buckell, Hiromi Goto, Rebecca Roanhorse, Indrapramit Das, Chinelo Onwualu and Darcie Little Badger.</p>
	<p><i>The Poet X</i> By Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019, 2018 National Book Award, Michael L. Printz Award, Pura Belpre Award, Boston Globe-Hornbook Award, Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019</p>
	<p><i>With the Fire on High</i> By Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMING SOON!</p> <p>Ever since she got pregnant, seventeen-year-old Emoni's life has been about making the tough decisions - doing what has to be done for her young daughter and her grandmother. Keeping her head down at school, trying not to get caught up with new boy Malachi. The one place she can let everything go is in the kitchen, where she has magical hands - whipping up extraordinary food beloved by everyone. Emoni wants to be a chef more than anything, but she knows it's pointless to pursue the impossible. There are rules she has to play by. And yet, once she starts cooking, and gets that fire on high, she sees that her drive to feed will feed her soul and dreams too. And anything is possible.</p>



The Children of Blood and Bone
By Tomi Adeyemi

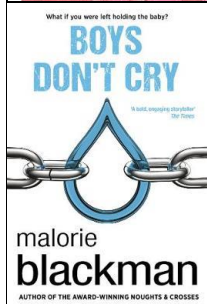
Zélie remembers when the soil of Orïsha hummed with magic. When different clans ruled – Burners igniting flames, Tiders beckoning waves, and Zélie’s Reaper mother summoning forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, anyone with powers was targeted and killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Only a few people remain with the power to use magic, and they must remain hidden. Zélie is one such person. Now she has a chance to bring back magic to her people and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must learn to harness her powers and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner 2019, British Book Awards Shortlist 2019



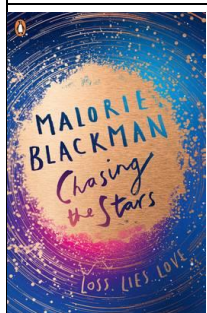
The Black Flamingo
By Dean Atta

A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.



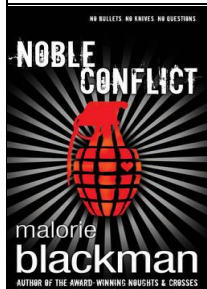
Boys Don't Cry
By Malorie Blackman

You're waiting for the postman - he's bringing your A level results. University, a career as a journalist - a glittering future lies ahead. But when the doorbell rings it's your old girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby. Your baby. You're happy to look after it, just for an hour or two. But then she doesn't come back - and your future suddenly looks very different.



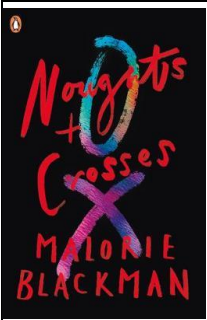
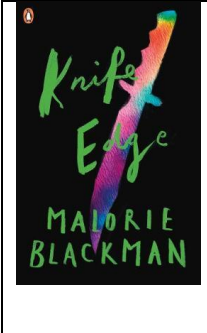
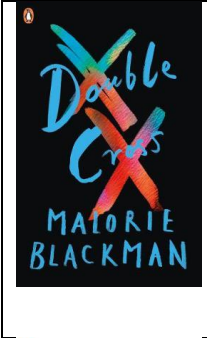
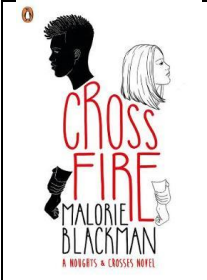
Chasing the Stars
By Malorie Blackman

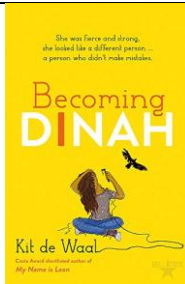
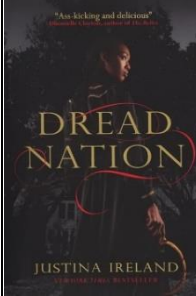

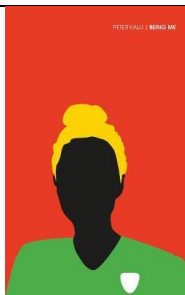

Olivia and her twin brother, Aidan, are heading alone back to Earth following the virus that completely wiped out the rest of their crew, and their family, in its entirety. Nathan's ship is heading in the opposite direction. But on the journey it is attacked. Only a few survive. Their lives unexpectedly collide. Nathan and Olivia are instantly attracted to each other, deeply, head over heels. But not everyone is pleased. Surrounded by rumours, deception, even murder, is it possible to live out a happy-ever-after...?

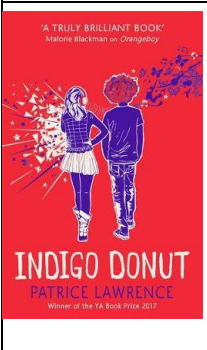
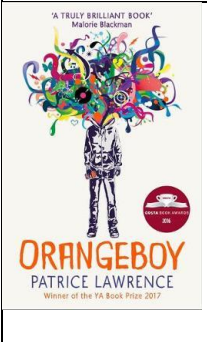
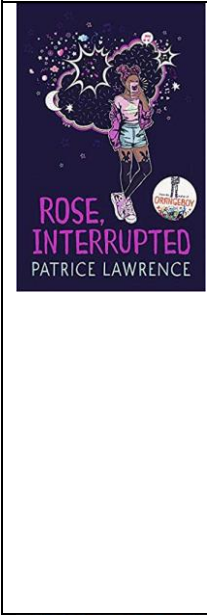
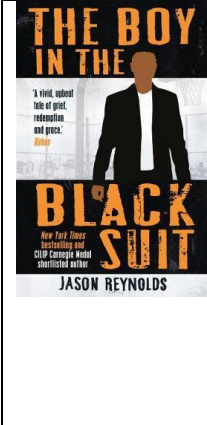


Noble Conflict
By Malorie Blackman

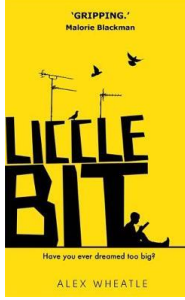


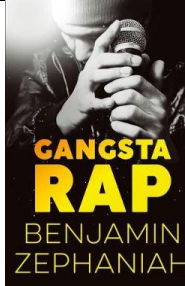
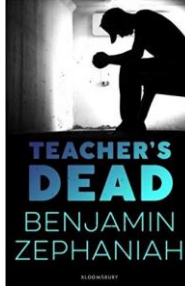
Part of a peacekeeping force protecting his city from rebel fighters, Kaspar realises that he hasn't been told the truth about what the rebels really want when he meets one of them. Decades after a violent war annihilated much of the world, Kaspar has grown up in a society based entirely on peace. Weapons are now illegal, and an elite peacekeeping force called the Guardians ensure this new harmony is maintained. But beyond the boundaries of Kaspar's city, a vicious band of rebels are gathering strength. When Kaspar joins the Guardians, he has a chance encounter with a rebel-a beautiful girl named Rhea. Haunted from that moment on by strange visions and memories-memories that could only belong to Rhea-he realises he hasn't been told the truth about what the rebels really want,

	<p>and what he's really fighting for. Shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award 2015</p>
	<p><i>Noughts and Crosses</i> (Book #1 <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> series) By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her. Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life. They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question. Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other. But this is love story that will lead both of them into terrible danger . . . and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.</p> <p>Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award for older readers and overall winner 2002</p>
	<p><i>Knife Edge</i> (Book #2 <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> series) By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Where there has been love, now there is hate. Two families have been shattered by the divided and violent society they live in. Sephy Hadley - a Cross, supposedly powerful and privileged - has bound herself forever to her nought lover Callum McGregor's family. But Jude McGregor blames Sephy for all the tragedies his family has suffered. And he is determined to force her to take sides, and destroy her life . . . just like she destroyed his. . .</p>
	<p><i>Checkmate</i> (Book #3 <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> series) By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Sixteen years have passed since Sephy Hadley first met Callum McGregor - and the hate that divided them turned to hope. But the world hasn't changed quickly enough for their daughter, Callie Rose. Growing up dual heritage in a world where bitter prejudice divides Noughts and Crosses has meant she's an outsider wherever she turns. Enter Jude McGregor. Jude teaches Callie about her real family history, and the more she learns the more he persuades her where her loyalties really lie. But soon Callie is caught in a trap she can't get out of - one which will have deadly consequences.</p>
	<p><i>Double Cross</i> (Book #4 <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> series) By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Tobey wants a better life - for him and for Callie Rose. He wants nothing to do with the violent gangs that rule the world he lives in. But when he's offered the chance to earn some extra money, how much could it hurt to just this once say 'yes'? Callie Rose knows all about the danger of saying 'yes'. She knows about terrible mistakes, and violence and revenge, and the fierce divide between Noughts and Crosses. And knowing so much about the past makes her afraid for her future. Because sometimes, one little bad decision can change everything . . .</p>
	<p><i>Cross Fire</i> (Book #5 <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> series) By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Years have passed since the love between Sephy - a Cross - and Callum - a Nought - destroyed their world and changed their families and society forever. Society appears to be very different now. For the first time ever, a Nought Prime Minister - Tobey Durbridge - is in power. Race and class don't divide people anymore. But things are never really that easy. Because Tobey's just been framed for murder, and the only way to free himself is to turn to his oldest friend -</p>

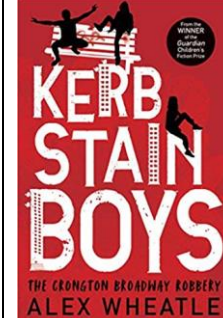
	<p>Callie-Rose. Their families divisions run deep, and when two young people are kidnapped, their lives and everything they've fought for are put in the firing line. And when you're playing a game as dangerous as this one, it won't be long before someone gets caught in the crossfire...</p>
	<p>Becoming Dinah By Kit De Waal</p> <p>A YA coming-of-age road trip novel about obsession, self-discovery, female power, and the people we meet along the way - by Costa Award shortlisted author Kit de Waal. The perfect read for anyone who's ever wondered where they came from and where they might be going next.</p>
	<p>Dread Nation By Justina Ireland</p> <p>Trained at Miss Preston's School of Combat for Negro Girls in both weaponry and etiquette, Jane McKeene 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.</p>
	<p>The Silent Striker (Striker series) By Pete Kalu</p> <p>Marcus is a 14-year-old footballing genius who keeps getting into deep trouble at school. He is the best player by far in a tough, ethnically diverse inner-city area of London. The team gets tantalisingly close to Schools League and Cup glory. His Nigerian father is a wannabe soul singer with a day job as a postman, and his English mum cold-calls double glazing. The parents are at a loss what to do with their wayward son Marcus. Dealing with deafness, shifting friends, crazy parents and a special measures school, Marcus will have to gather all the strength he can find in others as well as within himself.</p>
	<p>Being Me By Pete Kalu</p> <p>Meet Adele Vialli: an intelligent, funny and resourceful 14-year-old and a born troublemaker. Bored by her privileged life in a leafy suburb, Adele prefers shoplifting and hanging out with her footballer boyfriend, Marcus (from <i>The Silent Striker</i>). Adele is the star of her schools football team, and when an England scout comes on the lookout for potential new players, her future seems full of promise. But when her City banker dad suddenly starts flirting with the mother of her frenemy and fellow footballer Mikaela, a war breaks out between the two girls which threatens to throw everything off course. Teenage rivalry, family troubles and the beautiful game. An honest, tender and witty examination of what it means to grow up in a culturally-diverse Britain today, and the struggle every young person goes through of finding out and understanding who they really are.</p>
	<p>Zombie XI (Striker series) By Pete Kalu</p> <p>Football-crazy Leonard sits on the substitutes bench of the Ducie High School XI, but is never asked to play. Then everything changes. After a game near a nuclear power plant, a weird energy passes through Leonard, and that night he is visited by zombies . . . The ghostly players from the winning 1966 England World Cup team tell him that if he follows their instructions, not only will he get off the bench but Ducie High XI will start to take control. Leonard obeys, and the teams prospects surge. But what is the price of the zombies involvement? How high will</p>

	<p>that price be and what pound of living flesh will they demand? <i>Zombie XI</i> is a story about football, friendship, family and cross-cultural teen relationships. Its humour, drama - and occasional shivers - send this book straight to the back of the net.</p>
	<p><i>Indigo Donut</i> By Patrice Lawrence</p> <p>Seventeen-year-old Indigo has had a tough start in life, having grown up in the care system after her dad killed her mum. Bailey, also seventeen, lives with his parents in Hackney and spends all his time playing guitar or tending to his luscious ginger afro. When Indigo and Bailey meet at sixth form, serious sparks fly. But when Bailey becomes the target of a homeless man who seems to know more about Indigo than is normal, Bailey is forced to make a choice he should never have to make.</p>
	<p><i>Orangeboy</i> By Patrice Lawrence</p> <p>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? Winner of the YA Book Prize. Shortlisted for Waterstone's Children's Book Prize for Older Readers, The Costa Children's Book Prize.</p>
	<p><i>Rose, Interrupted</i> By Patrice Lawrence</p> <p>Being a teenager is hard enough, but it's even harder in a world you've never known ... ighteen months ago, 17-year-old Rose and 13-year-old Rudder escaped a strict religious sect with their mum. They are still trying to make sense of the world outside - no more rules about clothes and books, films and music, no more technology bans. But also no more friendship with the people they've known all their lives, no community and no certainty. It doesn't help that their mum has to work all hours to pay rent on their cramped, smelly, one-bed flat above a kebab shop in Hackney. While Rudder gorges on once-taboo Harry Potters and dances to Simon and Garfunkel and show tunes, Rose swaps the ankle skirts and uncut hair of the Woodford Pilgrims for Japanese-cute fairy dress and her new boyfriend, Kye. Kye, who she wants with all her being. But there's loads of scary stuff about their new life that Rose and Rudder have no idea how to handle - it's normal for girls to let their boyfriends take naked pictures of them, right? When Rudder accidentally sets a devastating chain of events into action, Rose must decide whether to sacrifice everything and go back to the life she hates, in order to save the people she loves</p>
	<p><i>The Boy in the Black Suit</i> By Jason Reynolds</p> <p>Matt wears a black suit every day. No, not because his mom died--although she did, and it sucks. But he wears the suit for his gig at the local funeral home, which pays way better than the Cluck Bucket, and he needs the income since his dad can't handle the bills (or anything, really) on his own. So while Dad's snagging bottles of whiskey, Matt's snagging fifteen bucks an hour. Not bad. But everything else? Not good. Then Matt meets Lovey. Crazy name, and she's been through more crazy stuff than he can imagine. Yet Lovey never cries. She's tough. Really tough. Tough in the way Matt wishes he could be. Which is maybe why he's drawn to her, and definitely why he can't seem to shake her. Because there's nothing more hopeful than finding a person who understands your loneliness--and who can maybe even help take it away. A 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor</p>

	<p>book.</p> <p>Long Way Down By Jason Reynolds</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2019. UKLA Book Award Winner 2019</p>
	<p>The Opposite of Always By Justina A. Reynolds</p> <p>When Jack and Kate meet at a party, he knows he's falling – hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences. And when one choice turns deadly for someone else close to him, he has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves.</p>
	<p>On the Come Up By Angie Thomas</p> <p>Teenager Bri wants to pursue her dream of being a rap star but her family troubles keep getting in the way. 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.</p>
	<p>Crongton Knights (#1 South Crongton trilogy) By Alex Wheatle</p> <p>Living on the South Crongton council estate has its worries - and life for McKay has been even tougher since his mum died. His dad has been working all hours to keep the bailiffs from their door. His brother is always out riding the streets at night, tempting trouble. And now, having strayed off his turf on a 'heroic' (if misguided) mission to help out a girl, McKay finds himself facing a friend's crazy ex-boyfriend, some power-tripping hood-rats <i>and</i> a notoriously violent gangster with a vendetta which hits too close to home. Poor McKay. He never asked for trouble . . . But during one madcap night of adventure and danger, he will find out who his true friends are and what it means to stick with your family.</p> <p>Winner of the <i>Guardian</i> Children Fiction's Prize 2016 Shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2017</p>

	<p><i>Liddle Bit</i> (#2 <i>South Congton</i> trilogy) By Alex Wheatle</p> <p>Venetia King is the hottest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liddle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liddle Bit wishes he could do something - anything! - to make life better. A new phone would be a start... When Venetia starts paying Liddle Bit attention, he secretly hopes he's on a fast track to a first date. Unfortunately, as a new gang war breaks out, he finds himself on a fast track to something much more sinister. South Congton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in Liddle Bit. Before he knows what's happening, he finds himself running errands. But when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liddle Bit is forced to question his choices. How can he possibly put things right?</p>
	<p><i>Straight Outta Congton</i> (#3 <i>South Congton</i> trilogy) By Alex Wheatle</p> <p>Life's a constant hustle for Mo. Her mum's boyfriend Lloyd is just another man who likes to beat down women; the South Cong streets are fraught with hazards and nasty G's; and when it comes to matters of the heart . . . she's still hung up on Sam. No wonder she's vexed so much of the time. Thank god her sistrens, Elaine and Naomi, are on her side: if one of them falls then they all fall. But when badness goes down and a life is left hanging in the balance, Mo has to face her hot urge for revenge . . . and she might end up losing more than she wins.</p>
	<p><i>Home Girl: The Miseducation of Naomi Brisset</i> By Alex Wheatle</p> <p><i>Home Girl</i> 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.</p>
	<p><i>Gangsta Rap</i> By Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p>Ray has trouble at home, and he has trouble at school - until he's permanently excluded and ends up sleeping on the floor of a record shop. What happens to a boy like Ray? If he's lucky, maybe he gets a chance to shine. The story of three boys who aren't easy. They don't fit in. They seem to attract trouble. But they know what they want, and they've got the talent to back it up</p>
	<p><i>Teacher's Dead</i> By Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p>A teacher is dead, murdered by two of his students in front of the whole school. Right in front of Jackson Jones. But Mr Joseph was a good man - people liked him, respected him. How could those boys stab him and jog away like nothing had happened? Unable to process what he has seen, Jackson begins his own investigation: everyone knows who did it, but as Jackson uncovers more about the boys, he becomes convinced that people need to understand why.</p>

Reluctant and Struggling Readers Fiction

	<p><i>Hostage</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Blindfolded. Alone. Afraid. No idea where she is or what will happen next. The only thing Angela knows is that she's been kidnapped. Does she have the courage to escape? Will she ever see her father again?</p>
	<p><i>Jon for Short</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Jon keeps waking up from a recurring bad dream to find that he is missing his arms and parts of his legs. Kept constantly sedated, as Jon's body disappears his nightmare gets worse. The nurses seem to hate him and the doctor won't answer his questions. Who is Joe? Why do they keep calling him by that name?</p>
	<p><i>Peace Maker</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Michela knows the law - everyone must wear a Peace Maker device at all times, and it must never be tampered with. Non-aggression is her society's founding principle, and the Peace Maker the means by which it is enforced. But Michela is desperate to experience the full range of human emotions in her own fantasy world of books and games, and the Peace Maker is the only thing stopping her. And when her mother captains their ship into enemy airspace and they come under attack, it seems that Michela's freedom from the Peace Maker may be the only thing that can save them.</p>
	<p><i>Robot Girl</i> By Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Claire is keen to find out what her dad has been working on in his lab. He's been really excited about it and Claire knows it must be something that will make him even more famous. But the big reveal isn't at all what she expected and now Claire has a dilemma on her hands - what do you do when your dad has created a monster...?</p>
	<p><i>Kerb Stain Boys</i> By Alex Wheatle</p> <p>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. So 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?</p>

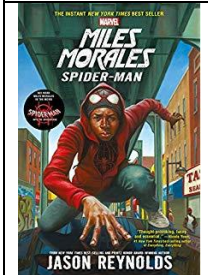
Graphic Novels

	<p><i>Noughts and Crosses</i> By Malorie Blackman, John Aggs, and Ian Edington</p> <p>Sephy is a Cross - and the daughter of one of the most powerful, ruthless men in the country. In their hostile, violent world, noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. But when Sephy and Callum's childhood friendship grows into love, they're determined to find a way to be together. And then the bomb explodes . . .</p>
	<p><i>Black Panther: A Nation Under our Feet</i> By Ta-Nehisi Coates and Brian Stelfreeze</p> <p>When a superhuman terrorist group that calls itself The People sparks a violent uprising, the land famed for its incredible technology and proud warrior traditions will be thrown into turmoil. If Wakanda is to survive, it must adapt - but can its monarch survive the necessary change?</p>
	<p><i>Rise of the Black Panther</i> By Ta-Nehisi Coates, Paul Renaud, and Evan Narcisse</p> <p>Witness the early years of the man who will come to rule one of the most scientifically advanced countries in the world! Wakanda has always kept itself isolated from Western society, but that's all about to change. Young T'Challa knows he is destined to become king, but when his father is brutally murdered by outsiders, he'll find himself taking up a mantle he may not be ready for. Experience never-before-seen drama from the reign of T'Chaka, the king whose death changes a nation's history forever. Learn about the mother T'Challa never knew. See how the world learns about this wondrous nation for the first time. Will the power of the Black Panther be enough to keep his country safe?</p>
	<p><i>Black Panther: The Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda #1</i> By Ta-Nehisi Coates and Kev Walker</p> <p>When a dissident from the Martian-conquered future, Erik Killraven, threatens to overthrow Wakanda, the disgraced prince must wager what little is left of his soul to save his people! And for years, the Maroons have lain dormant, planning the next stage of their rebellion. At last, it is time to strike - with a treasure hunt for unstable Vibranium! And with the Black Panther once again in their ranks, they're certain of victory. But what will victory cost? When the chips are down, will the Maroons rise to heroism, or are they doomed by the trauma of their past?</p>
	<p><i>Black Panther: The Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda #2</i> By Ta-Nehisi Coates</p> <p>When a dissident from the Martian-conquered future, Erik Killraven, threatens to overthrow Wakanda, the disgraced prince must wager what little is left of his soul to save his people! And for years, the Maroons have lain dormant, planning the next stage of their rebellion. At last, it is time to strike - with a treasure hunt for unstable Vibranium! And with the Black Panther once again in their ranks, they're certain of victory. But what will victory cost? When the chips are down, will the Maroons rise to heroism, or are they doomed by the trauma of their past?</p>



Captain America: Winter in America
By Ta-Nehisi Coates and Lenil Yu

It's winter in America! For over 70 years, Captain America has stood in stalwart defense of our country and its people. But in the aftermath of Hydra's takeover of the nation, Cap is a figure of controversy, carrying a tarnished shield...and a new enemy is rising! Who are they? And how do they intend to co-opt and corrupt the symbol that is Captain America? Distrusted by a nation that seems to have lost faith in him, Steve Rogers is a man out of time - and out of options! Where can a now-unsanctioned Captain America turn for aid and assistance in order to stem the rise of the cabal of influence brokers known as the Power Elite?

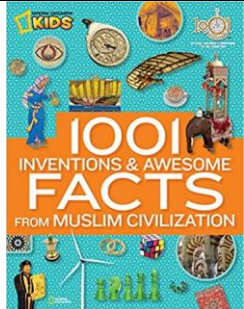
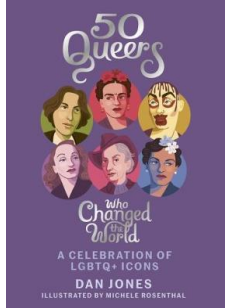


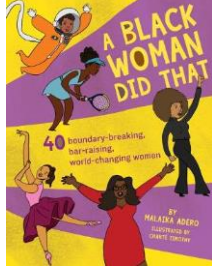
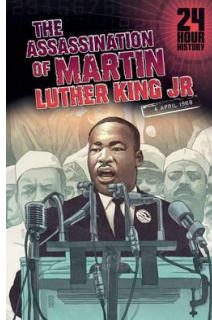
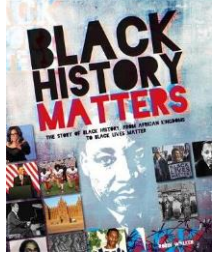
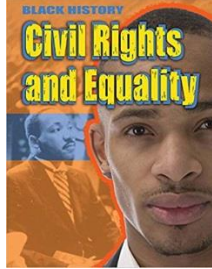
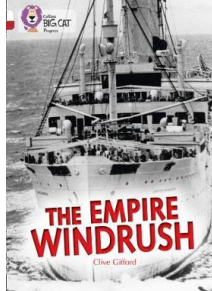
Miles Morales: Spider Man
By Jason Reynolds

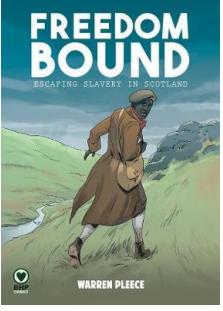
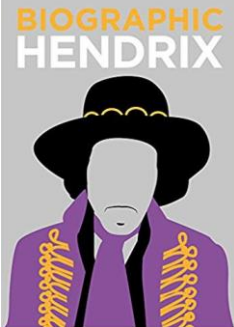
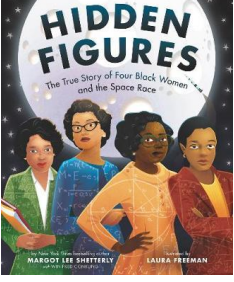
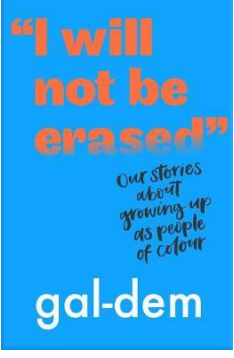
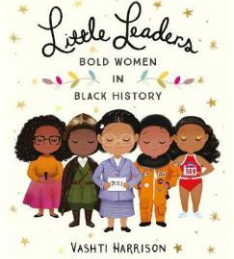
Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner every Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, Ganke, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship spot at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider Man. But lately, Miles's spidey-sense has been on the fritz. When a misunderstanding leads to his suspension from school, Miles begins to question his abilities. After all, his dad and uncle were Brooklyn jack-boys with criminal records. Maybe kids like Miles aren't meant to be superheroes. Maybe Miles should take his dad's advice and focus on saving himself.

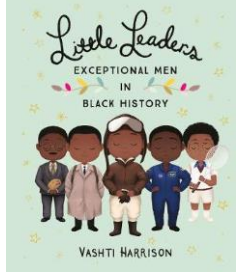
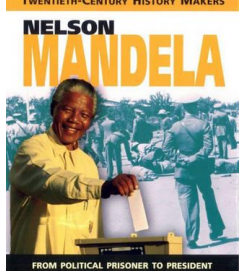
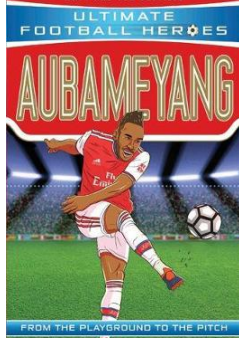
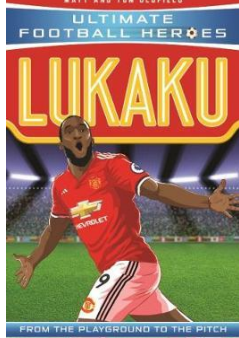
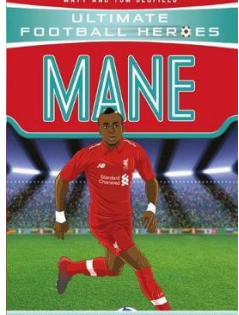
As Miles tries to get his school life back on track, he can't shake the vivid nightmares that continue to haunt him. Nor can he avoid the relentless buzz of his spidey-sense every day in history class, amidst his teacher's lectures on the historical benefits of slavery and the modern-day prison system. But after his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers a chilling plot, one that puts his friends, his neighborhood, and himself at risk. It's time for Miles to suit up.

Non-Fiction

	<p><i>1001 Inventions and Awesome Facts from Muslim Civilization</i> By National Geographic for Kids</p> <p>We often think that people from a thousand years ago were living in the Dark Ages. But from the 7th century onward in Muslim civilisation there were amazing advances and inventions that still influence our everyday lives. People living in the Muslim world saw what the Egyptians, Chinese, Indians, Greek and Romans had discovered and spent the next one thousand years adding new developments and ideas. Inventors created marvels like the elephant water clock, explorers drew detailed maps of the world, women made scientific breakthroughs and founded universities, architects built huge domes larger than anywhere else on earth. Astronomers mapped the stars and so much more! This book takes the winning formula of facts, photos and fun, and it applies it to this companion book to the 1001 inventions exhibit from the Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation. Each page is packed with information on this little-known history, but also shows how it still applies to our world today.</p>
	<p><i>50 Queer Music Icons Who Changed the World: a Celebration of LGBTQ+ Legends</i> By Will Lararch-Jones</p> <p>Featuring beautifully illustrated portraits and profiles, 50 Queer Music Icons Who Changed the World is a tribute to queer ground breakers who changed the face of music and popular culture. LGBTQ+ musicians have been pushing for change since the 1920s, with singers such as Bessie Smith crooning about same-sex liaisons almost 100 years ago - long before Frankie Goes to Hollywood were telling everyone to 'Relax'. This book is a celebration of artists who became icons, and broke new ground through song. From legendary figures such as Freddie Mercury, Little Richard and George Michael, to bands like Bronski Beat, The xx and the Village People, and more contemporary figures including Frank Ocean, Beth Ditto and Rufus Wainwright, these are the people who made an unforgettable impact. Elegantly illustrated and packaged, these stories make utterly inspirational reading.</p>
	<p><i>50 Queers Who Changed the World: a Celebration of LGBTQ+ Icons</i> By Dan Jones</p> <p>LGBTQ people are some of the coolest in history. Legendary figures such as Freddie Mercury, Virginia Woolf, Laverne Cox, Harvey Milk and Audre Lorde have made an unforgettable impact. Queer subculture has had an enormous influence on style, music, art and literature. The queer community were the first to vogue, throw shade and say YAS to life before it hit the mainstream. From Oscar Wilde, who defended his homosexual relationships in court, to RuPaul acting as an ambassador for drag on network television, queer people have fought to express their identities and make a difference. This book will celebrate the lives, work and unique perspectives of the icons who changed the world.</p>

	<p><i>A Black Woman Did That</i> 40 boundary-breaking, bar-raising, world changing Women By Malaika Aderp COMING SOON</p> <p><i>A Black Woman Did That!</i> spotlights vibrant, inspiring black women whose accomplishments have changed the world for the better. <i>A Black Woman Did That!</i> is a celebration of strong, resilient, innovative, and inspiring women of color. With a vibrant mixture of photography, illustration, biography, and storytelling, author Malaika Adero will spotlight well-known historical figures and women who are pushing boundaries today—including Ida B. Wells, Madam CJ Walker, Shirley Chisholm, Serena Williams, Mae Jamison, Stacey Abrams, Jesmyn Ward, Ava DuVernay, and Amy Sberald.</p>
	<p><i>The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr: 4 April 1968</i> By Terry Collins</p> <p>The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., a brilliant speaker and one of the key leaders of the civil rights movement, was in Memphis to speak. On the night of 3 April 1968, he delivered one of his most oft-quoted speeches to a packed church. The next evening, he and some of his closest confidantes were leaving their motel room to meet some colleagues for dinner. Something horrible was about to unfold. This graphic non-fiction book tells the story of one of the saddest days in American history.</p>
	<p><i>Black History Matters</i> By Robin Walker</p> <p>Black history is an integral part of world history. From the injustices of the past and present, we can learn and be inspired to make the world we live in more fair, equal and just. <i>Black History Matters</i> chronicles thousands of years of black history, from African kingdoms, to slavery, apartheid, the battle for civil rights and much more. Important and inspiring black personalities, from Olaudah Equiano to Oprah Winfrey, are highlighted throughout, while achievements and progress are balanced alongside a look at the issues that continue to plague black communities.</p>
	<p><i>Black History: Civil Rights and Equality</i> By Dan Lyndon</p> <p>This book looks at the battle against discrimination and segregation, and the growth of the Civil Rights movement.</p>
	<p><i>The Empire Windrush</i> By Clive Gifford</p> <p>In 1948 the Empire Windrush sailed from Jamaica to Britain with over 300 passengers on board. Learn about their fascinating stories and the realities of life in post-war Britain in this captivating information book by Clive Gifford.</p>

	<p><i>Freedom Bound</i> By Warren Pleece, Nelson Mundell, Simon P. Newman, BHP Comics</p> <p>Freedom Bound explores Scotland's uncomfortable connections with the history of slavery. We follow the interconnected stories of three enslaved people seeking freedom in Scotland in the decades before the legal case which decided that Scots Law could not tolerate slavery. Freedom Bound is the first book of its kind and we anticipate it becoming an invaluable teaching resource, encompassing art, literature, history and politics, as well as a gripping historical novel for popular release. The book aims to make this difficult subject matter accessible for young readers.</p>
	<p><i>Hendrix: Great Lives in Graphic Form</i> By Liz Flavell</p> <p>Many people know that Jimi Hendrix was a pioneering guitarist and songwriter whose performances were at the heart of Sixties pop culture. What, perhaps, they don't know is that he trained as a paratrooper in the US Army; that his first guitar cost only \$5, while the guitar he set light to at a festival later sold for \$380,000. Biographic: Hendrix presents an array of irresistible facts and figures converted into infographics to reveal the artist behind the music.</p>
	<p><i>Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race</i> By Margot Lee Shetterly and Winifred Conkling COMING SOON</p> <p>Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...<i>really</i> 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. In this beautifully illustrated picture book edition, we explore the story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, known as "colored computers," and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed in a highly challenging STEM-based career.</p>
	<p><i>I Will Not Be Erased: Our Stories About Growing Up as People of Colour</i> By Gal-Dem</p> <p>A radical, beautiful, world-changing collection of writing that we all need to read." Scarlett Curtis, Feminists Don't Wear Pink gal-dem, the award-winning online and print magazine, is created by women and non-binary people of colour. In this life-affirming, moving and joyous collection of fourteen essays, gal-dem's talented writers use raw material from their teenage years – diaries, poems and chat histories – to give advice to their younger selves and those growing up today. gal-dem have been praised by the Guardian for being "the agents of change we need", and these essays tackle important subjects including race, gender, mental health and activism, making this essential reading.</p>
	<p><i>Little Leaders: Bold Black Women in History</i> By Vashti Harrison</p> <p><i>Did you know the treatment for leprosy was developed by a young scientist called Alice Ball? And Josephine Baker- world famous cabaret singer and dancer- was also a spy for the French résistance?</i> 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.</p>


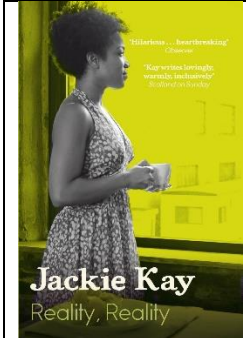
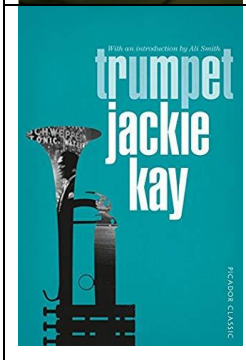
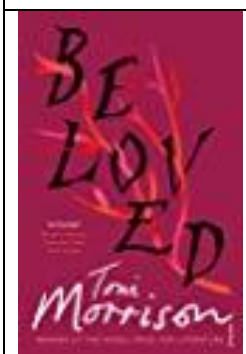
	<p><i>Little Leaders: Exceptional Black Men in History</i> By Vashti Harrison</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMING SOON</p> <p>This beautifully illustrated volume educates and inspires as it relates true stories of black men in history. Illuminating text paired with irresistible full-color art bring to life both iconic and lesser-known figures. 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.</p>
	<p><i>Nelson Mandela: An Extraordinary Life</i> By Ann Kramer</p> <p>In 1964 Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. In 1994 he was elected president of South Africa.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Aubameyang</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p>Pace, power, precision - Auba is the striker who has it all. The Gabonese striker's athleticism, skills and clinical finishing have made defenders in the Bundesliga and the Premier League fear him every time he steps onto the pitch. But his journey through Europe's top leagues to the bright lights of London has been a long one. This is the exciting story of one of the world's deadliest goalscorers.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Lukaku</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p>Romelu Lukaku is the boy from Belgium who went from having big dreams to playing for Manchester United. After a £90 million transfer, he spearheads their attack, but Romelu had to leave a trail of goals in the Premier League to earn a move to the world's biggest club. This is the amazing story of his journey to become a football hero.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Mane</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p>Sadio Mané is one of Liverpool FC's 'Fab Four'. Along with Mo Salah, Roberto Firmino and Xherdan Shakiri, Sadio's goals have helped make Liverpool the deadliest attacking team in the Premier League. Since he moved to the Premier League, Sadio has been setting the bar to new heights - from scoring the fastest hat-trick in history to becoming the most expensive African footballer ever. There is no stopping the Fab Four, and the sky is the limit for Sadio Mané.</p>

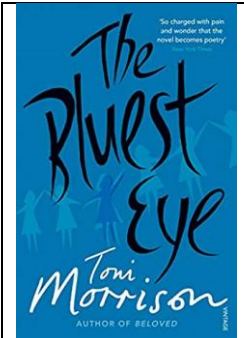
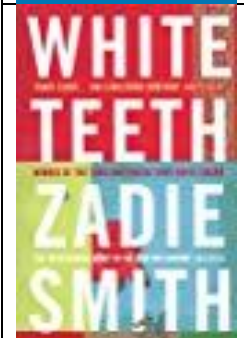
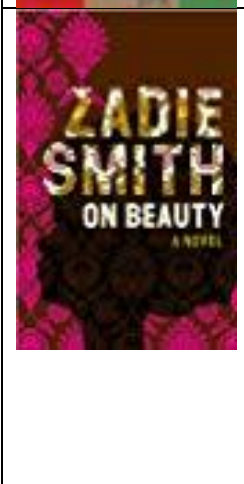

	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Mbappe</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p>Kylian Mbappe has the world at his feet. The young French striker's goals, skills and fearless attacking spirit earned him a £166 million transfer to French champions Paris Saint-Germain, to take on the best teams in Europe with new teammate Neymar. And at the 2018 World Cup, Kylian was the star player, his goals firing France to victory in the final. Now as a world champion, he has just one goal left - to become the best player ever.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Pogba</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p><i>Pogba</i> tells the exciting story of how French wonder-kid Paul Pogba became Europe's best young player, and finally fulfilled his dream of returning to his boyhood club Manchester United in a world-record transfer. The sky is the limit for United's new star.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Salah</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p>Mohamed Salah is Liverpool's superstar forward, and he is on a mission to become the best player in the world. This exciting book follows his adventures across the world - from the heat of Egypt to the magic of Rome, the roar of Anfield stadium and - finally - his big chance in a Champions League Final.</p>
	<p><i>Ultimate Football Heroes: Sterling</i> By Matt & Tom Oldfield</p> <p><i>Sterling</i> is the exciting tale of a boy who followed his passion and became one of the most dynamic young players in world football, winning the hearts of fans along the way. Relive Raheem Sterling's whirlwind journey in this uplifting story.</p>
	<p><i>Wonder Women</i> By Kay Woodward</p> <p>Meet 14 inspirational women who dared to dream. From historical world leaders to modern pioneers and international muses, hear the amazing life-stories of women around the world. Created by an all-women team and beautifully illustrated by internationally renowned artists, <i>Wonder Women</i> will inspire, empower and awe. From Cleopatra to Amelia Earhart and Malala Yousafzai, learn about powerful and adventurous women through history. Covering female leaders from ancient times to modern-day heroes, <i>Wonder Women</i> is the ultimate guide to empowered women. Portraits created by hand-picked, contemporary illustrators, clear, compelling text and inspirational quotes bring these women's achievements vividly to life, and relate their stories back to those of young girls today.</p>

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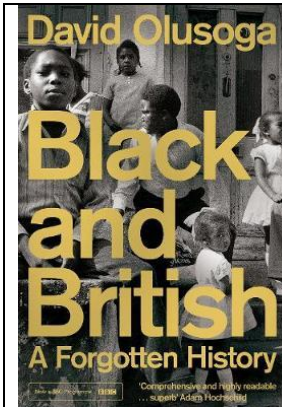
	<p><i>Things Fall Apart</i> (#1 African Trilogy) By Chinua Achebe</p> <p>Okonowo is the greatest warrior alive. His fame has spread like a bushfire in West Africa and he is one of the most powerful men of his clan. But he also has a fiery temper. Determined not to be like his father, he refuses to show weakness to anyone - even if the only way he can master his feelings is with his fists. When outsiders threaten the traditions of his clan, Okonowo takes violent action. Will the great man's dangerous pride eventually destroy him?</p>
	<p><i>Purple Hibiscus</i> Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p> <p>The limits of fifteen-year-old Kambili's world are defined by the high walls of her family estate and the dictates of her fanatically religious father. Her life is regulated by schedules: prayer, sleep, study, prayer. When Nigeria is shaken by a military coup, Kambili's father, involved mysteriously in the political crisis, sends her to live with her aunt. In this house, noisy and full of laughter, she discovers life and love – and a terrible, bruising secret deep within her family.</p>
	<p><i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i> Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p> <p>Ugwu, a boy from a poor village, works as a houseboy for a university professor. Olanna, a young woman, has abandoned her life of privilege in Lagos to live with her charismatic new lover, the professor. And Richard, a shy English writer, is in thrall to Olanna's enigmatic twin sister. As the horrific Biafran War engulfs them, they are thrown together and pulled apart in ways they had never imagined. WINNER OF THE BAILEYS PRIZE BEST OF THE BEST, Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction 2007</p>
	<p><i>Americanah</i> By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p> <p>As teenagers in Lagos, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are fleeing the country if they can. The self-assured Ifemelu departs for America. There she suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race. Obinze had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Thirteen years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a blogger. But after so long apart and so many changes, will they find the courage to meet again, face to face? SHORTLISTED FOR THE BAILEY S WOMEN S PRIZE FOR FICTION 2014.</p>

	<p><i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> By Maya Angelou</p> <p>In this first volume of her six books of autobiography, Maya Angelou beautifully evokes her childhood with her grandmother in the American south of the 1930s. She learns the power of the white folks at the other end of town and suffers the terrible trauma of rape by her mother's lover. However, far from being dispiriting, James Baldwin writes, '<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> liberates the reader into life simply because Maya Angelou confronts her own life with such a moving wonder, such a luminous dignity.'</p>
	<p><i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i> By James Baldwin</p> <p>Drawing on James Baldwin's own boyhood in a religious community in 1930s Harlem, his first novel tells the story of young Johnny Grimes. Johnny is destined to become a preacher like his father, Gabriel, at the Temple of the Fire Baptized, where the church swells with song and it is as if 'the Holy Ghost were riding on the air'. But he feels only scalding hatred for Gabriel, whose fear and fanaticism lead him to abuse his family. Johnny vows that, for him, things will be different. This blazing tale is full of passion and guilt, of secret sinners and prayers singing on the wind.</p>
	<p><i>Giovanni's Room</i> By James Baldwin</p> <p>When David meets the sensual Giovanni in a bohemian bar, he is swept into a passionate love affair. But his girlfriend's return to Paris destroys everything. Unable to admit to the truth, David pretends the liaison never happened – while Giovanni's life descends into tragedy.</p>
	<p><i>The Sellout</i> By Paul Beatty</p> <p>Born in Dickens on the southern outskirts of Los Angeles, the narrator of <i>The Sellout</i> spent his childhood as the subject in his father's racially charged psychological studies. He is told that his father's work will lead to a memoir that will solve their financial woes. But when his father is killed in a drive-by shooting, he discovers there never was a memoir. All that's left is a bill for a drive-through funeral. What's more, Dickens has literally been wiped off the map to save California from further embarrassment. Fuelled by despair, the narrator sets out to right this wrong with the most outrageous action conceivable: reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school, which lands him in the Supreme Court.</p>
	<p><i>The Invisible Man</i> By Ralph Ellison</p> <p>Published in 1952 when American society was in the cusp of immense change, the powerfully depicted adventures of Ellison's invisible man - from his expulsion from a Southern college to a terrifying Harlem race riot - go far beyond the story of one individual to give voice to the experience of an entire generation of black Americans.</p>

	<p><i>Homegoing</i> By Yaa Gyasi</p> <p>Effia and Esi: two sisters with two very different destinies. One sold into slavery; one a slave trader's wife. The consequences of their fate reverberate through the generations that follow. Taking us from the Gold Coast of Africa to the cotton-picking plantations of Mississippi; from the missionary schools of Ghana to the dive bars of Harlem, spanning three continents and seven generations, Yaa Gyasi has written a miraculous novel - the intimate, gripping story of a brilliantly vivid cast of characters and through their lives the very story of America itself.</p> <p>Granta's Best of Young American Novelists 2017 Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Best First Book, Shortlisted for the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction, Shortlisted for the Beautiful Book Award 2017</p>
	<p><i>Reality, Reality</i> By Jackie Kay</p> <p>The women of <i>Reality, Reality</i> are mesmerizing, whether in love or in solitude. Full of compassion, generosity, sorrow and joy, their fifteen unforgettable stories explore the power of the imagination to make things real, and celebrate, most of all, those who dare to dream.</p>
	<p><i>Trumpet</i> By Jackie Kay</p> <p>The death of legendary jazz trumpeter Joss Moody exposes an extraordinary secret. Unbeknown to all but his wife Millie, Joss was a woman living as a man. The discovery is most devastating for their adopted son, Colman, whose bewildered fury brings the press to the doorstep and sends his grieving mother to the sanctuary of a remote Scottish village.</p> <p>Winner of the <i>Guardian</i> Fiction Prize</p>
	<p><i>Beloved</i> By Toni Morrison</p> <p>It is the mid-1800s and as slavery looks to be coming to an end, Sethe is haunted by the violent trauma it wrought on her former enslaved life at Sweet Home, Kentucky. Her dead baby daughter, whose tombstone bears the single word, <i>Beloved</i>, returns as a spectre to punish her mother, but also to elicit her love. Told with heart-stopping clarity, melding horror and beauty, <i>Beloved</i> is Toni Morrison's enduring masterpiece.</p> <p>Pulitzer Prize winner</p>

	<p><i>The Bluest Eyes</i> By Toni Morrison</p> <p>Unlovely and unloved, Pecola prays each night for blue eyes like those of her privileged white schoolfellows. At once intimate and expansive, unsparing in its truth-telling, <i>The Bluest Eye</i> shows how the past savagely defines the present. A powerful examination of our obsession with beauty and conformity, Toni Morrison's virtuosic first novel asks powerful questions about race, class, and gender with the subtlety and grace that have always characterised her writing.</p>
	<p><i>White Teeth</i> By Zadie Smith</p> <p>One of the most talked about debut novels of all time, <i>White Teeth</i> is a funny, generous, big-hearted novel, adored by critics and readers alike. Dealing - among many other things - with friendship, love, war, three cultures and three families over three generations, one brown mouse, and the tricky way the past has of coming back and biting you on the ankle, it is a life-affirming, riotous must-read of a book.</p>
	<p><i>On Beauty</i> By Zadie Smith</p> <p>Why do we fall in love with the people we do? Why do we visit our mistakes on our children? What makes life truly beautiful? Set between New England and London, <i>On Beauty</i> concerns a pair of feuding families - the Belseys and the Kipps - and a clutch of doomed affairs. It puts low morals among high ideals and asks some searching questions about what life does to love. For the Belseys and the Kipps, the confusions - both personal and political - of our uncertain age are about to be brought close to home: right to the heart of family.</p> <p>Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction</p> <p>Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize</p>
	<p><i>The Colour Purple</i> By Alice Walker</p> <p>Set in the deep American South between the wars, <i>The Color Purple</i> is the classic tale of Celie, a young black girl born into poverty and segregation. Raped repeatedly by the man she calls 'father', she has two children taken away from her, is separated from her beloved sister Nettie and is trapped into an ugly marriage. But then she meets the glamorous Shug Avery, singer and magic-maker - a woman who has taken charge of her own destiny. Gradually Celie discovers the power and joy of her own spirit, freeing her from her past and reuniting her with those she loves. Pulitzer Prize winner</p>

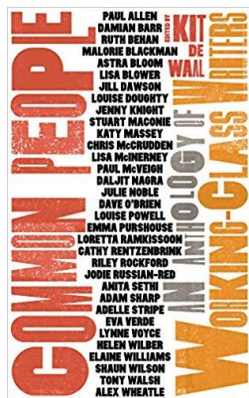
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Black and British
By David Olusoga

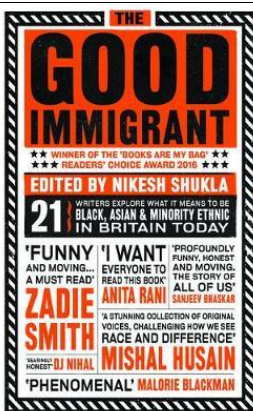
In this vital re-examination of a shared history, historian and broadcaster David Olusoga tells the rich and revealing story of the long relationship between the British Isles and the people of Africa and the Caribbean. Drawing on new genealogical research, original records, and expert testimony, *Black and British* reaches back to Roman Britain, the medieval imagination, Elizabethan 'blackamoors' and the global slave-trading empire. It shows that the great industrial boom of the nineteenth century was built on American slavery, and that black Britons fought at Trafalgar and in the trenches of both World Wars. Black British history is woven into the cultural and economic histories of the nation. It is not a singular history, but one that belongs to us all. Unflinching, confronting taboos and revealing hitherto unknown scandals, Olusoga describes how the lives of black and white Britons have been entwined for centuries.

Winner of the 2017 PEN Hessel-Tiltman Prize. Winner of the Longman History Today Trustees' Award. A Waterstones.com History Book of the Year. Longlisted for the Orwell Prize. Shortlisted for the inaugural Jhalak Prize.



Common People: An Anthology of Working-Class Writers
Ed. Kit de Waal

Common People is a collection of essays, poems and memoir written in celebration, not apology: these are narratives rich in barbed humour, reflecting the depth and texture of working-class life, the joy and sorrow, the solidarity and the differences, the everyday wisdom and poetry of the woman at the bus stop, the waiter, the hairdresser. Here, Kit de Waal brings together thirty-three established and emerging writers who invite you to experience the world through their eyes, their voices loud and clear as they reclaim and redefine what it means to be working class. Features original pieces from Damian Barr, Malorie Blackman, Lisa Blower, Jill Dawson, Louise Doughty, Stuart Maconie, Chris McCrudden, Lisa McInerney, Paul McVeigh, Daljit Nagra, Dave O'Brien, Cathy Rentzenbrink, Anita Sethi, Tony Walsh, Alex Wheatle and more.



The Good Immigrant
Ed. By Nikesh Shukla

How does it feel to be constantly regarded as a potential threat, strip-searched at every airport? Or be told that, as an actress, the part you're most fitted to play is 'wife of a terrorist'? How does it feel to have words from your native language misused, misappropriated and used aggressively towards you? How does it feel to hear a child of colour say in a classroom that stories can only be about white people? How does it feel to go 'home' to India when your home is really London? What is it like to feel you always have to be an ambassador for your race? How does it feel to always tick 'Other'? Bringing together 21 exciting black, Asian and minority ethnic voices emerging in Britain today, *The Good Immigrant* explores why immigrants come to the UK, why they stay and what it means to be 'other' in a country that doesn't seem to want you, doesn't truly accept you – however many generations you've been here – but still needs you for its diversity monitoring forms.

	<p>Inspired by discussion around why society appears to deem people of colour as bad immigrants – job stealers, benefit scroungers, undeserving refugees – until, by winning Olympic races or baking good cakes, or being conscientious doctors, they cross over and become good immigrants, editor Nikesh Shukla has compiled a collection of essays that are poignant, challenging, angry, humorous, heartbreaking, polemic, weary and – most importantly – real.</p>
	<p><i>Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire</i> By Akala</p> <p>From the first time he was stopped and searched as a child, to the day he realised his mum was white, to his first encounters with racist teachers - race and class have shaped Akala's life and outlook. In this unique book he takes his own experiences and widens them out to look at the social, historical and political factors that have left us where we are today. Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, Natives speaks directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.</p> <p>SHORTLISTED FOR THE JAMES TAIT BLACK PRIZE THE JHALAK PRIZE THE BREAD AND ROSES AWARD & LONGLISTED FOR THE ORWELL PRIZE FOR POLITICAL WRITING</p>
	<p><i>Voices of the Windrush Generation</i> By David Matthews</p> <p><i>Voices of the Windrush Generation</i> is a powerful collection of stories from the men, women and children of the Windrush generation - West Indians who emigrated to Britain between 1948 and 1971 in response to labour shortages, and in search of a better life. Edited by journalist and bestselling author David Matthews, this book paints a vivid portrait of what it meant for those who left the Caribbean for Britain during the early days of mass migration. Through his own, and many other stories, Matthews explores: why and how so many people came to Britain after World War II, their hopes and dreams, the communities they formed and the difficulties they faced being separated from family and friends while integrating into an often hostile society. We hear how lives were transformed, and what became of the generations that followed, taking the reader right up to the present day, and the impact of the current Windrush deportation scandal upon everyday people. At once a nostalgic treasure trove of human interest, which unearths the real stories behind the headlines, and a celebration of black British culture, <i>Voices of the Windrush Generation</i> is an absorbing and important book that gives a platform to voices that need to be heard.</p>
	<p><i>Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race</i> By Reni Eddo-Lodge</p> <p>The book that sparked a national conversation. Exploring everything from eradicated black history to the inextricable link between class and race, <i>Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race</i> is the essential handbook for anyone who wants to understand race relations in Britain today.</p> <p>British Book Awards Non-Fiction Narrative Book of the Year 2018 Foyles Non-Fiction Book of the Year Blackwell's Non-Fiction Book of the Year Jhalak Prize winner Longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction, the Orwell Prize Shortlisted for A Book are my Bag Reader's award</p>

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