
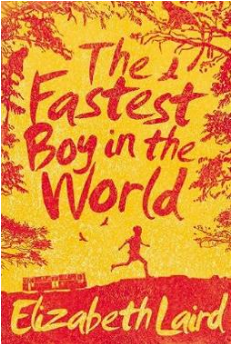
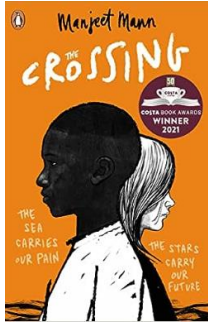


## Diversity Reading List

All these books are available in the school library.

		Find in:
	<p><b>Cinderella is Dead</b></p> <p>Sophia knows the story off by heart because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance, for the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball are forfeit.</p> <p>But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin. When Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. There she meets someone who shows her that she has the power to remake her world.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird</b></p> <p>11-year-old Solomon loves to run! The Ethiopian national team are his heroes and he dreams that one day he will be a gold-medal-winning athlete like them, in spite of his ragged shorts and bare feet. When his grandfather announces a trip to the capital city, Addis Ababa, Solomon cannot believe his ears. But as Solomon follows his grandfather through the streets, he discovers that the strict old man is a war hero who once risked his life to save a friend and has been in hiding ever since. When grandfather collapses, Solomon must run twenty miles from the city to home while his grandfather's life hangs in the balance...</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>



### Crossing by Manjeet Mann

Natalie's world is falling apart. She's just lost her mum and her brother marches the streets of Dover full of hate and anger. Swimming is her only refuge. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes on his journey is a step into an unknown and unwelcoming future. What will happen when they meet?

Realistic /  
Contemporary  
Fiction



### Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

One fateful night, an altercation escalates into tragedy. 'Boys just being boys' turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?

Realistic /  
Contemporary  
Fiction



### Malorie Blackman Noughts and Crosses series

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.

Noughts and Crosses is also available in the library as a graphic novel.

Sci-Fi and  
Dystopian  
Fiction



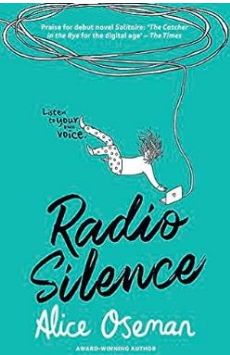
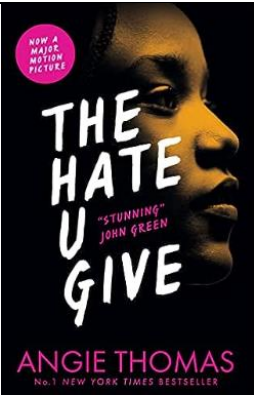
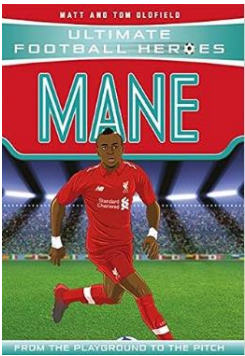

### The Poet by Elizabeth Acevedo

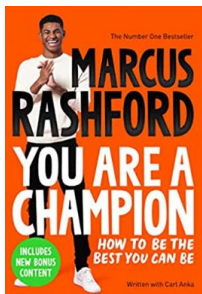
Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking.

But X has secrets – her feelings for a boy in her 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.

Realistic /  
Contemporary  
Fiction

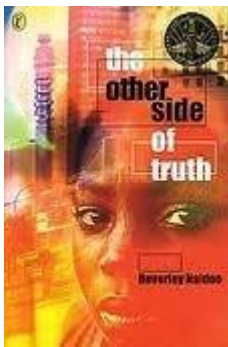
	<p><b>Radio Silence by Alice Oseman</b></p> <p>What if everything you set yourself up to be was wrong?</p> <p>Frances has always been a study machine with one goal, elite university. Nothing will stand in her way; not friends, not a guilty secret – not even the person she is on the inside.</p> <p>But when Frances meets Aled, the shy genius behind her favourite podcast, she discovers a new freedom. For the first time she experiences true friendship, unafraid to be herself. Then the podcast goes viral and the fragile trust between them is broken.</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Mane by Matt and Tom Oldfield</b></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>Sport Non-Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Walking On My Hands by Jamila Gavin</b></p> <p>Born to an Indian father and an English mother, Jamila Gavin's childhood was divided between two worlds. Having spent her childhood in India, Jamila and her mother move to England. It is the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and England is experiencing a post-war boom, a time of positive anticipation and enthusiasm for the future. Jamila recounts how she experiences teenage life in England as she grapples with British culture, develops long-lasting friendships and harnesses her musical talent.</p>	<p>Biographies &amp; People</p>



### **You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford**

Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an ordinary kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.

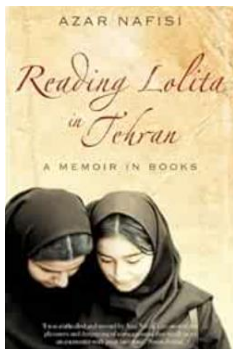
Society and Mental Health



### **The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo**

After the murder of their mother, twelve-year-old Sade and her younger brother are smuggled out of Nigeria by their journalist father to escape the corrupt military government and growing violence. They are sent to their uncle in London, but when they arrive, he is missing and they are abandoned, passed between foster homes. Their father escapes to England to find them -- but he will be sent back to Nigeria unless Sade can find a way to tell the world what happened to her family.

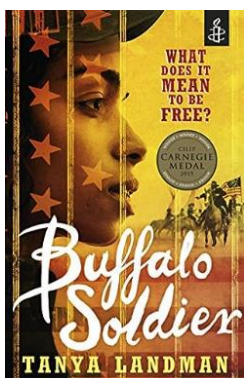
Realistic/  
Contemporary Fiction



### **Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi**

Every Thursday morning for two years in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a bold and inspired teacher named Azar Nafisi secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students to read forbidden Western classics. This memoir describes how, as Islamic morality squads staged arbitrary raids in Tehran, and fundamentalists seized hold of the universities, the girls in Azar Nafisi's living room risked removing their veils and immersed themselves in the worlds of Jane Austen, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Henry James, and Vladimir Nabokov.

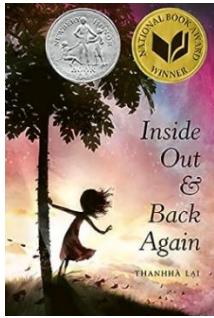
Biographies & People



### **Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman**

"What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one. That's who." At the end of the American Civil War, Charley – a young African-American slave from the deep south – is ostensibly freed. But then her adopted mother is raped and lynched at the hands of a mob and Charley is left alone. 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 Charley is posted to Apache territory that she begins to learn what it is to be truly free.

Historical Fiction



### **Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai**

Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope - America.

This novel is partly based on the author's experience as a refugee in Alabama.

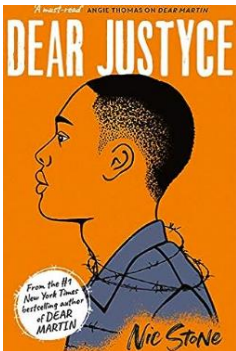
Historical Fiction



### **Promise Boys by Nick Brooks**

The Urban Promise Prep School vows to turn boys into men. As students, J.B., Ramón, and Trey are forced to follow the prestigious "program's" strict rules. Extreme discipline, they've been told, is what it takes to be college bound, to avoid the fates of many men in their neighbourhoods. But, in this page-turning thriller, the boys end up investigating their principal's murder to clear their names....

Crime & Mystery

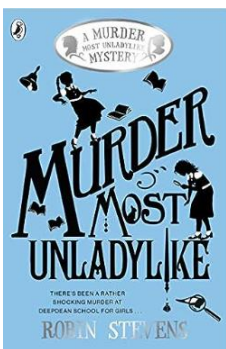


### **Dear Justyce by Nic Stone**

Vernell LaQuan Banks and Justyce McAllister grew up a block apart in the Southwest Atlanta neighbourhood of Wynwood Heights. Years later, Justyce walks the illustrious halls of Yale University while and Quan sits behind bars at the Fulton Regional Youth Detention Center.

From a troubled childhood and bad timing to a coerced confession and prejudiced police work, Nic Stone's newest novel takes an unflinching look at the flawed practices and ideologies that discriminate against African American boys and minorities in the American justice system.

Crime & Mystery

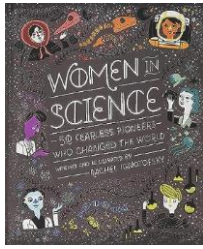


### **Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens**

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any real crimes to investigate.

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

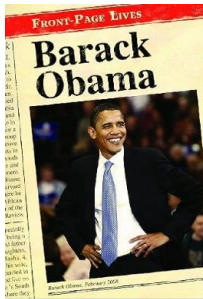
Crime & Mystery



**Women in Science by Rachel Ignotofsky**

The extraordinary women profiled include well-known figures like the physicist and chemist Marie Curie, as well as lesser-known pioneers such as Katherine Johnson, the African-American mathematician who calculated the trajectory of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.

Science Non-Fiction



**Barack Obama – Front Page Lives series**

A biography of Barack Obama, the forty-fourth president of the United States.

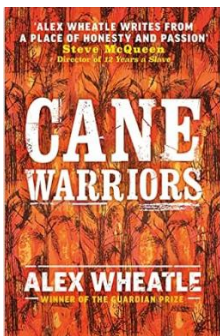
Biographies & People



**Judge for Yourself: Martin Luther King by Christine Hatt**

Traces the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., providing information about his accomplishments and methods of achieving his goals.

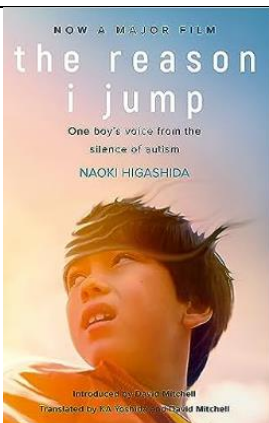
Biographies & People



**Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle**

Moa is fourteen. The only life he has ever known is toiling on the Frontier sugar cane plantation for endless hot days, fearing the vicious whips of the overseers. Then one night he learns of an uprising, led by the charismatic Tacky. Moa is to be a cane warrior, and fight for the freedom of all the enslaved people in the nearby plantations. But before they can escape, Moa and his friend Keverton must face their first great task: to kill their overseer, Misser Donaldson. Time is ticking, and the day of the uprising approaches...

Historical Fiction



**The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida**

What is it like to have autism? How can we know what a person - especially a child - with autism is thinking and feeling?

This ground breaking book, written by Naoki Higashida when he was only thirteen, provides some answers. Severely autistic and non-verbal, Naoki learnt to communicate by using a 'cardboard keyboard' - and what he has to say gives a rare insight into an autistically-wired mind.

Society and Mental Health

### **Black In Time by Alison Hammond**

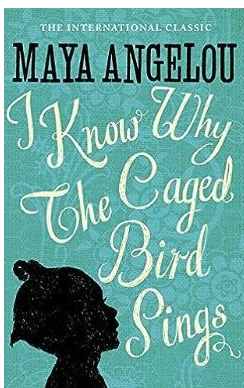


Hiya! Alison Hammond here! I love getting to know all about different people and I'll tell you a secret... sometimes people we don't know much about are the most interesting of all! Which is really what this book is all about.

Let me ask you a question: How many Black people can you name from our history? Mary Seacole? Ira Aldridge? George Bridgetower? Pablo Fanque? Walter Tull? Have you heard of these people?

Society and Mental Health

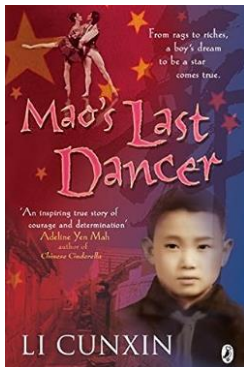
### **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou**



Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local “powhitetrash.” At eight years old and back at her mother’s side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors (“I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare”) will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned.

Biographies & People

### **Mao’s Last Dancer by Li Cunxin**



The true story of a poor Chinese peasant boy who was plucked unsuspectingly at the age of ten from millions of others across the land to be trained as a ballet dancer. Simply told, with charm, humour and compassion and at times, great drama. His childhood, despite the terrible hardships, is drawn with love and affection and contrasts starkly with the seven lonely years of gruelling training at the Peking Dance Academy. At the age of 18, Li performs at the Houston Ballet school in the US, which leads to his dramatic defection.

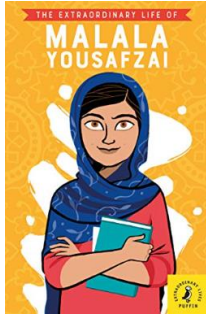
Biographies & People

### **The Extraordinary Life of Rosa Parks**



Rosa Parks, the woman known for refusing to give up her seat on the bus, triggered a great shift in the fight for civil rights. Raised in Alabama, Rosa Parks knew all about the racism of her society from an early age. Discover how she became the brilliant activist we know today, in this beautifully illustrated book with real-life stories, timelines and facts to bring her extraordinary story to life.

Biographies & People



### **The Extraordinary Life of Malala Yousafzai**

Malala is known across the world for her bravery, resilience and hope in the face of terrifying adversity. From playing in the Swat Valley in Pakistan to making speeches at the United Nations, she has become an inspiration for people fighting for justice.

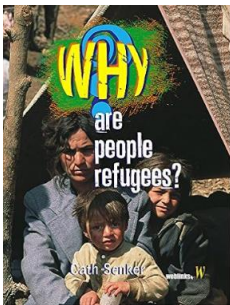
Biographies & People



### **Serena Williams by Sarah Shephard**

Serena Williams began playing tennis when she was a child, and became an Olympic champion and multiple winner of Grand Slam singles titles. This biography describes how she has paved the way for other athletes and become an all-round sports icon.

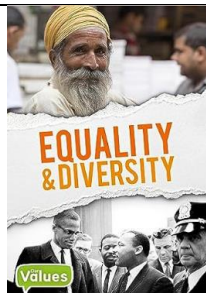
Biographies & People



### **Why are people refugees? By Cath Senker**

This book explains the differences between being a refugee, an internally displaced person and an economic migrant. Case studies and quotes from people with experience of being refugees are used to convey the experience of being forced from your home and to understand how many people in the world are treated in this way.

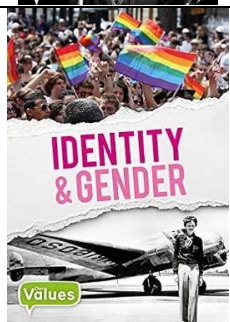
Society and Mental Health



### **Equality and Diversity by Charlie Ogden**

This exciting series gives readers their first taste of some of the most important values in today's world. Here children can explore what it means to be part of a society and discover the cultural and spiritual diversity that life has to offer.

Society and Mental Health



### **Identity and Gender by Charlie Ogden**

An introduction to issues of identity and gender. These days we believe that people have the right to decide who they want to be and how they want to live, but it hasn't always been that way. This book explores how we can respect people's rights and try to make things fair for everyone.

Society and Mental Health





**Haikyuu!! By Haruichi Furudate (and other manga)**

We have a large selection of Manga graphic novels.

Graphic Novel



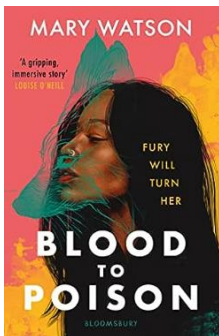
**The Crossover Series by Kwame Alexander:**

The Crossover: 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.

Booked: Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books.

Rebound: It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ.

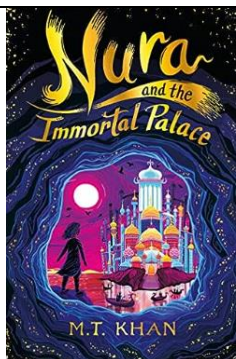
Sport Fiction –  
Novels  
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Graphic Novels



**Blood to Poison by Mary Watson**

Seventeen-year-old Savannah is cursed. It's a sinister family heirloom; passed down through the bloodline for hundreds of years, with one woman in every generation destined to die young. The family call them Hella's girls, named for their ancestor Hella; the enslaved woman with whom it all began. Hella's girls are always angry, especially in the months before they die.

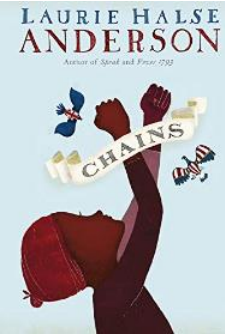
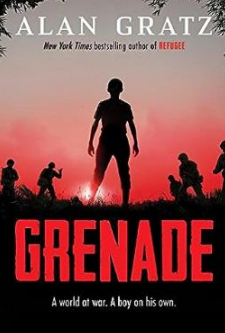
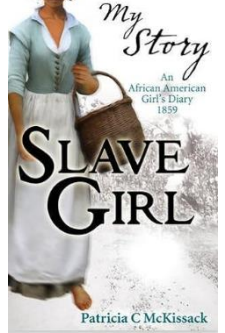
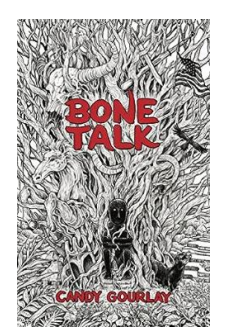
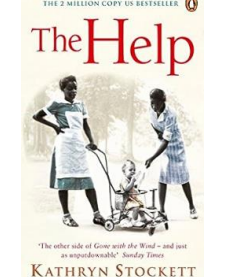
Fantasy

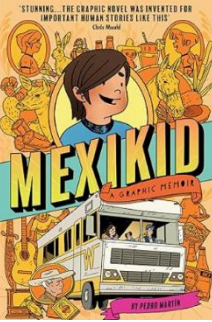



**Nura and the Immortal Palace by M. T. Khan**

A magical adventure rooted in Muslim culture and tradition, Nura and the Immortal Palace follows a young girl's journey from modern-day Pakistan into the world of the jinn.

Fantasy

	<p><b>Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson</b></p> <p>As the Revolutionary War begins, 13-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate, become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Grenade by Alan Gratz</b></p> <p>It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war.</p> <p>Hideki lives with his family on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When the Second World War crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted to fight for the Japanese army.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Slave Girl – My Story Series</b></p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay</b></p> <p>The Philippines, 100 years ago. A boy called Samkad wants to become a man. He is desperate to be given his own shield, spear and axe. His best friend, Luki, wants to be a warrior too - but she is a girl and that is forbidden. Then a new boy arrives in the village and everything changes. He brings news that a people called 'Americans' are bringing war right to his home...</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p><b>The Help by Kathryn Stockett</b></p> <p>There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from College, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>

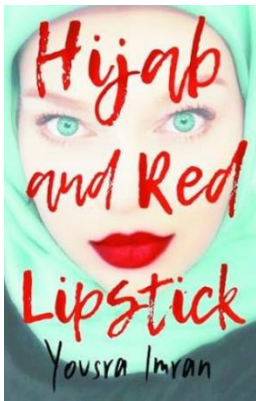
	<p><b>Boy, Everywhere by A. M. Dassu</b></p> <p>This debut middle-grade novel chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester. A story of survival, of family, of bravery...</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Mexikid by Pedro Martin</b></p> <p>Pedro Martin has grown up hearing stories about his abuelito—his legendary crime-fighting, grandfather who was once a part of the Mexican Revolution! But that doesn't mean Pedro is excited at the news that Abuelito is coming to live with their family. After all, Pedro has 8 brothers and sisters and the house is crowded enough! Still, Pedro piles into the Winnebago with his family for a road trip to Mexico to bring Abuelito home, and what follows is the trip of a lifetime, one filled with laughs and heartache.</p>	<p>Graphic Novel</p>
	<p><b>The Amazing Edie Eckhart: Book 1 by Rosie Jones</b></p> <p>Edie Eckhart has <i>cerebral palsy</i> and is Excited with a capital E to start secondary school with her best friend Oscar - the fish to her chips, the bananas to her custard. But when she and Oscar are put into different tutor groups on their first day, Edie is devastated. Who will play secret hangman with her in class? Who will she eat sausage rolls with?</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah</b></p> <p>Leonard is shocked when he arrives with his mother in the port of Southampton. His father is a stranger to him, it's cold and even the Jamaican food doesn't taste the same as it did back home in Maroon Town. But his parents have brought him here to try to make a better life, so Leonard does his best not to complain, to make new friends, to do well at school – even when people hurt him with their words and with their fists.</p>	<p>Realistic / Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>Accidental Trouble Magnet: Book 1 (Planet Omar) by Zanib Mian</b></p> <p>My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.</p>	<p>Easy Reads</p>



### **The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna**

Sixteen-year-old Deka lives in Otera, a deeply patriarchal ancient kingdom, where a woman's worth is tied to her purity, and she must bleed to prove it. But when Deka bleeds gold - the colour of impurity, of a demon - she faces a consequence worse than death. She is saved by a mysterious woman who tells Deka of her true nature: she is an Alaki, a near-immortal with exceptional gifts. The stranger offers her a choice: fight for the Emperor, with others just like her, or be destroyed...

Fantasy



### **Hijab and Red Lipstick Paperback by Yusra Imran**

"You cannot do anything in this country without my permission." Being a teenager isn't easy. And it doesn't help when you have a mega strict Egyptian dad who tells you that everything is "haram" a.k.a. forbidden. All Sara wants to do is experiment with makeup and read fashion magazines, but her dad's conservative interpretation of Islam makes it impossible. Things get even harder when her dad lands himself a job in the Arabian Gulf and moves Sara and her family to a country where the patriarchy rules supreme. In a country where you have to have your father's permission for everything, every door feels like it is being closed on Sara's future. Can Sara find her voice again? Will she ever be free?

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### **The Black Kids Paperback by Christina Hammonds Reed**

*Los Angeles, 1992.* Ashley Bennett and her friends are living the charmed life. It's the end of high school and they're spending more time at the beach than in the classroom. They can already feel the sunny days and endless possibilities of summer.

But everything changes one afternoon in April, when four police officers are acquitted after beating a black man named Rodney King half to death. Suddenly, Ashley's not just one of the girls. She's one of the black kids.

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