

## Booklist for increasing representation and diversity

### African and Caribbean Representation

	<p><b>Double Trouble for Anna Hibiscus! by Atinuke</b></p> <p>Double Trouble for Anna Hibiscus is double the fun for readers! Anna's mum has just given birth to twins and Anna is going to have to share her family with her baby brothers. She immediately starts thinking of them as Double and Trouble, but needn't worry: her grandma, uncles, aunties and cousins still have time for Anna, and her mother is never too busy for a cuddle. Perfect for big brothers or sisters, this is a really lovely depiction of family life and little Anna is an irresistible character. The setting is contemporary Africa and young readers in this country will be fascinated by Anna's world, both similar to their own and very different. (Part of a series)</p>
	<p><b>The new small person by Lauren Child</b></p> <p>A young boy doesn't like having a new baby brother until he gets older and they can have fun together...</p>
	<p><b>Hair Love by Matthew Cherry</b></p> <p>Zuri's beautiful hair has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it, but Daddy is keen to learn to style it for an extra special occasion.</p>
	<p><b>Mira's Curly Hair by Maryam al Serkal</b></p> <p>Mira doesn't like her hair. It curls at the front. It curls at the back. It curls everywhere! She wants it to be straight and smooth, just like her Mama's. But then something unpredictable happens . . . and Mira will never look at her mama's hair the same way again! A delightful celebration of natural hair and the courage it takes to be yourself.</p>
	<p><b>Look Up! by Nathan Bryan</b></p> <p>Sprinkled with facts about meteors and space, this charming picture book is also a lovely representation of family, sibling relationships and one girl's infectious enthusiasm.</p>
	<p><b>Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival</b></p> <p>Everyone could learn from Ruby. She's a perfectly happy little girl, until she discovers a worry. The worry – depicted as a scribbly yellow shape – is hardly noticeable at first, but starts to grow and soon it's with her all the time, stopping her from doing the things she loved. As Ruby worries about her worry – the worst thing you can do – it gets bigger still until it takes up the whole row at the cinema. The problem is solved when Ruby finds someone else with a worry; as they talk about them, something amazing happens – their worries disappear</p>
	<p><b>Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention By Pip Jones</b></p> <p>It's a big day in junior inventor Izzy Gizmo's house: a letter has arrived with an invitation to an Invention Convention. At first, Izzy is uncharacteristically unsure, pointing out that her machines don't always work. Following a wonderfully robust response to that from her Grandpa - "Cobblers!" he shouts – they pack up her tools and set off for Technoff Isle in an extraordinarily wonderful, amphibious vehicle, designed by Izzy. The story is a joyful celebration of inventions and inventiveness with an excellent message for young readers.</p>

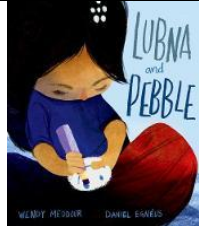

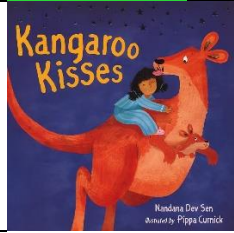
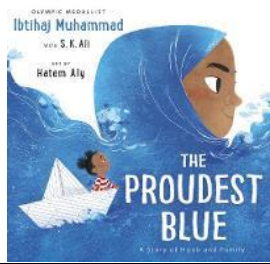
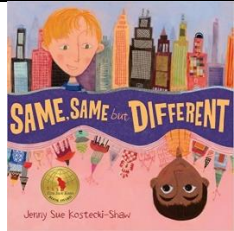
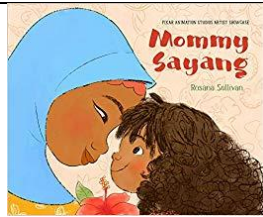

	<p><b>Child of Galaxies by Blake Nuto</b></p> <p>This book takes a poetic look at what it means to be alive. Nuto is a debut author – a teacher in Tasmania, who asks some of the big questions about who we all are, about friendship and our place in the universe. It's the sort of book that will be a bouncing off point for lots of discussions – but is presented in an accessible and colourful format. Starting with the big questions – that we are made of the stuff of stars, and that we are tiny in comparison to the universe, it goes on to show we have the means to explore, to be both positive and negative. It shows that though we are a small short-lived speck we have the ability to change the world for the better.</p>
	<p><b>Can I Build Another Me? By Shinsuke Yoshitake</b></p> <p>Can I Build Another Me? follows a child's hilarious, wildly inventive train of thought as he decides to make a clone of himself and starts to ponder what makes him HIM. Is it the scar on his knee or his sticky palms? Is it his love of acorns or the way he winks? The more he thinks about it, the more complicated it becomes..</p>
	<p><b>Super Duper You by Sophy Henn</b></p> <p>A celebration of individuality and uniqueness...</p>
	<p><b>Hue Boy by Rita Phillips Mitchell</b></p> <p>A very big welcome to this beautiful new edition of an award-winning title which tells exactly what very special ingredient is needed to make Hue Boy grow. Smaller than all his friends, Hue Boy just doesn't seem to grow despite everything that his mother does to help him. She feeds him well, encourages him to exercise, and even takes him to both the doctor and the Wise Man of the village to see if either can be of help. But then Hue's dad comes home. Is that what is needed to make Hue grow?</p>
	<p><b>Sofia the Dreamer and her Magical Afro by Jessica Wilson</b></p> <p>This is a poetic look at the history of natural hairstyles – and, through Sofia, we see children encouraged not to be afraid to be themselves. Every Sunday Sofia dreams as her Mum washes and styles her hair – and every style has a period and a cultural figure as an example of how styles and history sit together. Whilst feeling sleepy as her hair is done Sofia dream-travels to visit a Jamaican Rastafarian, an African ancestor and a Black Panther in Los Angeles. The poem takes on this journey through history and also beyond our world to the realisation that love of one another is the basis of all.</p>
	<p><b>Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman</b></p> <p>Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. A special 25th Anniversary edition of the international bestseller in which Grace learns that she can be anything she wants.</p>
	<p><b>Grace &amp; Family by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch (Illustrator)</b></p> <p>Grace goes to visit her father and his new family in Africa...</p>
	<p><b>Ellie and the Cat by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>When she's turned into a cat, we get to see Ellie for who she really is behind the sadness of missing her dad, while she's given the chance to make some unusual new friends and ultimately find a place to belong.</p>

	<p><b>Molly Rogers to the Rescue by Cornelia Funke</b></p> <p>Pirates ahoy! This is a lively, swashbuckling story with great characters and a pacey story – all vibrantly illustrated in an attractive and easy-to-read, small size book. Barbarous Bertha is a fearsome pirate as well as the guardian of a wide stretch of emerald green sea and the Purple Shell Islands which are home to both people and special animals and birds. It is no surprise therefore that her daughter Molly Rogers is never going to stand for anyone who threatens to invade the islands or destroy their inhabitants. When reports come of Captain Firebird doing damage to Monkey Skull Island, Molly Rogers enlists all of her best animal and bird friends – including Kracken the octopus – to chase down Captain Firebird and to make sure he never does anything so dastardly again.</p>
	<p><b>Ballerina Dreams by Michaela DePrince, Elaine DePrince</b></p> <p>This charming little book opens with a scene any young dancer dreams of: a girl peeking through the curtains before flying onto the stage, a ballerina. The journey taken by that young ballerina to make that entrance is particularly inspiring however: she is Michaela DePrince, and the book describes simply and without embellishment how she came from an orphanage in Sierra Leone to become one of the world's best dancers. It's a story of hope, courage, love and persistence, filled with enough dance detail to satisfy tutu-wearing youngsters while gently reminding them anyone's dreams can come true with hard work and practice.</p>
	<p><b>Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Steven Lenton (Illustrator)</b></p> <p>In a near future, a boy coming to terms with losing his hand in an accident discovers a robot in lost property at the airport and rescues him from destruction...</p>
	<p><b>Guinea Pig Superstar! By Ali Pye</b></p> <p>The second set of adventures with Billy's pet guinea pig...</p>
	<p><b>Grandpa Bert and the Ghost Snatchers by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>A wonderfully entertaining romp of a story with the redoubtable Grandma and ghost of Grandpa Bert at the heart of it. When Grandma arrives to visit Anna and Kasper she brings in her handbag a very unusual travelling companion: the ghost of Grandpa Bert. And with Grandpa Bert comes danger. The Ghost Snatchers are out to get him and Grandma and Anna and Kasper have to their wits about them to stay one step ahead of the two dastardly crooks. Fun to read and attractively illustrated.</p>
	<p><b>A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>Former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman tells a gripping adventure story of a school trip that goes horribly wrong. Sam longs to go on the school trip to the Highlands but he is sure his parents will say no as he has a long term sickness - sickle cell disease – which means he needs to be looked after carefully. When they surprisingly say yes, Sam is thrilled. But his delight soon turn to fear as he realises that the class bullies are planning something that is designed to humiliate him but which will end up putting them all at risk. How Sam deals with the bullies, including showing incredible courage in rescuing one from real danger, and how he deals with his own illness with another kind of bravery is all brilliantly captured in Malorie Blackman's vivid drama.</p>
	<p><b>Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o</b></p> <p>Written by Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o, this story of Sulwe gently introduces children to the concepts of colourism, self-confidence and inner beauty. Stunningly illustrated by Vashti Harrison, Sulwe is the tale of a little girl who has a darker skin tone than her family and school friends. All she wants is to be lighter, until one night she goes on a magical adventure, and her mind opens up to her natural beauty.</p>



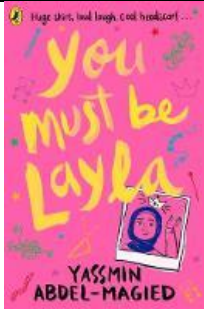
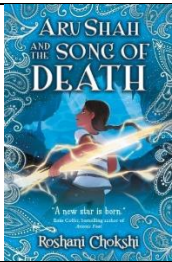
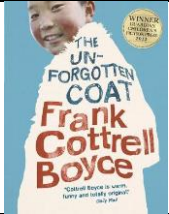
		<p><b>A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morpurgo</b></p> <p>A young mixed race boy discovers the history of his father, an RAF pilot who was killed during World War II...</p>
		<p><b>The no 1 car spotter fights the factory by Atinuke and Warwick Johnson Cadwell</b></p> <p>No. 1 saves the day when a corrupt billionaire terrorises the village after they complain about his factory poisoning the river...</p>
		<p><b>BOX. Henry Brown Mails Himself To Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford and Michelle Wood</b></p> <p>In a moving, lyrical tale about the cost and fragility of freedom, a New York Times best-selling author and an acclaimed artist follow the life of a man who courageously shipped himself out of slavery.</p>
		<p><b>A thief in the village and other stories by James Berry</b></p> <p>A collection of stories about various children set in Jamaica...</p>
		<p><b>The closest thing to flying by Gill Lewis</b></p> <p>A young Eritrean refugee finding it hard to adjust to her precarious new life in the UK finds comfort in a diary she finds hidden in an old hat box written by a girl the same age as her over 100 years ago...</p>
		<p><b>The Time of Green Magic by Hilary McKay</b></p> <p>A girl and her two step brothers investigate strange happenings in their new family home...</p>
		<p><b>Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo and Lisa Kopper (Illustrator)</b></p> <p>Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid...</p>
		<p><b>Ghost by Jason Reynolds</b></p> <p>Castle Cranshaw (better known as Ghost) discovered his talent for running the night he and his mom fled his violent dad. "Running isn't anything I ever had to practice. It's just something I knew how to do", he explains. Hassled at school for his Mom-made haircuts, and constantly trying to avoid "altercations" that wind up making his school file bulge, Ghost's life takes an upward turn when he spontaneously races a budding elite sprinter at a training session and wins. The coach, a former Olympic gold medalist, immediately invites him to join the team and they form a heart-melting bond fuelled by friendly sparring. Coach is exactly the mentor Ghost and his diverse bunch of talented teammates need.</p>

	<p><b>New kid by Jerry Craft</b> A cartoon-loving 12-year-old tries to settle into his new prestigious private school which his parents have sent him to instead of the art school he really wanted to go to...</p>
	<p><b>Clean Getaway by Nic Stone</b> This features one-of-kind characters and true-to-life struggles underpinned by a special relationship between a boy and his grandma, and the segregation history of the American South. It's also powerful on themes of racism, making amends, and complex family dynamics. In big trouble at school and fearing his dad has lost faith in him, eleven-year-old Scoob has had a rough time of it of late, so the prospect of going on a road-trip with his gloriously willful grandma seems pretty good. Travelling with the Green Book guide that lists 'safe' places for African Americans to travel, G'ma takes them to places she and her deceased husband visited on a trip decades ago, though they didn't make it the whole way</p>
	<p><b>Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson</b> Detective siblings Nik and Norva are back with a blast in this second novel set around The Tri high-rise block.. A classic kids detective series slickly rebooted for the twentieth-first-century. Rising global music star Trojkat is back in her old 'hood to make a music video when she dies in The Tri while shooting a scene. Most people – including the police - assume Trojkat's death is a tragic accident, but sleuth-minded Nik and Norva suspect otherwise. With the help of their mate George, the determined duo set about piecing together a hotchpotch of clues to solve a case that has personal resonance.</p>
	<p><b>Diver's Daughter – A Tudor Story by Patrice Lawrence</b> Based on the story of an African diver Jacque Francis in Tudor times, the story of Eve and her mother brings to life the harsh reality for people of colour living in Elizabethan times.</p>
	<p><b>The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird and Yosef Kebede (Illustrator)</b> Follows two runaways, from very different backgrounds, as they struggle to survive on the streets of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia...</p>
	<p><b>Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin</b> “Her skin was as black as midnight, her lips like crushed damsons, and her tightly curled hair shone like threads of black gold. When the baby looked up into the woman's face, her eyes glistened like blackberries.” This collection of original, beautifully written stories – stunningly illustrated by Richard Collingridge – will lead you into a captivating world. You'll encounter talking animals and wicked witches, magicians and enchanted forests as you watch Blackberry Blue rise from the bramble patch, follow Emeka the pathfinder on his mission to save a lost king and join Princess Desire as she gallops across the Milky Way on her jet-black horse...</p>
	<p><b>Talking Turkeys By Benjamin Zephaniah</b> A thought-provoking and wide reaching collection of poetry for children that explodes from the page, begging to be read aloud.</p>

	<p><b>Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour</b> found the pebble on the beach the night she and her father arrived on a boat. Now Pebble is her only friend in the tent city where she lives. When Amir arrives, Lubna and Pebble befriend him and help him to talk again. This is a wise, gentle story about the possibility of kindness in even the bleakest situations.</p>
	<p><b>Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival</b> A little boy loses his temper when he has a bad day at the park with his family, but apologises to them when he eventually calms down...</p>
	<p><b>Kangaroo Kisses by Nandana Dev Sen and Pippa Curnick (Illustrator)</b> A little girl imagines playing with a variety of animals as she goes through her bedtime routine...</p>
	<p><b>The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali</b> This collaboration, between the first American Olympic medallist to compete wearing a hijab and an award-winning Muslim YA author, is a beautiful story of sisterly love as well as a thoughtful depiction of the significance of wearing the hijab. Expressed in terms of family pride and self-determination rather than in terms of faith, makes the message particularly accessible to all young readers regardless of their background.</p>
	<p><b>Same, Same But Different by Jenni Sue Kostechi Shaw</b> Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different!</p> <p>Through an inviting point-of-view and colorful, vivid illustrations, this story shows how two boys living oceans apart can be the best of friends.</p>
	<p><b>Mommy Sayang By Rosana Sullivan</b> For many, disability shows itself as chronic illness and exhaustion. This is the case for Aleeya's mother in Mommy Sayang, Rosana Sullivan's debut picture book. The story is based on Sullivan's childhood, of her life growing up in a small Malaysian village, or kampung, and the loneliness she felt when her mother became ill and could no longer play with her.</p>
	<p><b>Mrs Noah's Garden by Jackie Morris</b> We first met Mrs Noah in Mrs Noah's Pockets whilst the family were all on the Ark. Now the Ark has made land and whilst Noah makes the Ark into a home, Mrs Noah sets about planting a garden in the fresh new earth. Her always deep pockets furnish all the seeds needed for the job, the ark provides the trees they have nurtured along the way and she enlists the children to help her tend the new garden. A deceptively simple story – it is in the illustrations that we see the development of the garden as the pictures move from a dark rocky palette, to a more organised series of garden terraces, with colour gradually growing in each spread as we progress through the book – until at last we have a wonderful explosion of plants and animals for all the birds, bees and humans to share.</p>



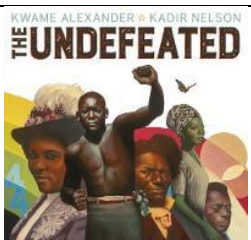
	<p><b>A Different Pond by Bao Phi and Thi Bui</b>  A Different Pond is an unforgettable story about a simple event - a long-ago fishing trip. Graphic novelist Thi Bui and acclaimed poet Bao Phi deliver a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son - and between cultures, old and new. As a young boy, Bao and his father awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. A successful catch meant a fed family. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.</p>
	<p><b>A Hen in the Wardrobe by Wendy Meddour</b>  Witty and warm-hearted, this is a delightful family story spiced with adventure. Everything is distinctly not normal in Ramzi's house. While mum's away studying Domes of the East for her architecture course, dad starts waking in the night to do unusual things such as chasing a hen in Ramzi's wardrobe and trying to catch frogs in the pantry. The truth is, dad's homesick for his village in Algeria. Soon Ramzi is off on a great trip but will he be able to find the help he needs to get dad back to normal?</p>
	<p><b>Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark by Katie and Kevin Tsang</b>  Sam has proved that he is the bravest kid in his school (although his sworn enemy Ralph still calls him 'Scaredy-Cat Sam'). Now it's up to him to protect everyone against all types of attacks and survive the class camping trip. This is part of a series of books.</p>
	<p><b>Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad, Henry White</b>  A raucous and very funny contemporary school story, starring 12-year-old wannabe ninja-rapper Humza Khan, and the band of Pakistani aunties who mysteriously take over his school, armed with delicious, sugary snacks. The Branford Boase judges said: 'brilliant comedy'; 'great fun, with a unique voice'; 'full of heart – I've recommended it left, right and centre'; 'the friendship between the two boys is so well drawn'.</p>
	<p><b>Planet Omar – Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian</b>  Planet Omar has all of the everyday family drama and silly humour of Tom Gates, and it's wonderful to read a funny book for kids featuring a Muslim family. Part of a series of books</p>
	<p><b>Anisha, Accidental Detective by Serena Patel</b>  Anisha loves her "sparkly" Aunty Bindi, but it's not easy being bridesmaid to such a flamboyant figure, especially when she's on the verge of having a "mega meltdown"! Matters take a scarier turn when Anisha finds a ransom note announcing that Tony, Bindi's fiancé, has been kidnapped and the wedding must be called off if they want to see him again. The story shimmers with the vibrant exuberance of an Indian wedding, the special warmth of family and friends, and action-packed amusement. Special mention must go to the informative (and funny) footnotes that explain Indian food, customs and language referred to in the story, and to Emma McCann's energetic illustrations.</p>
	<p><b>Hari and his Electric Feet by Alexander McCall Smith</b>  An Indian boy's love of dancing and Bollywood films helps bring about world peace...</p>

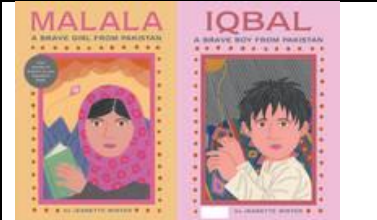
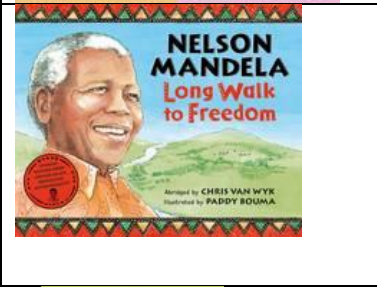
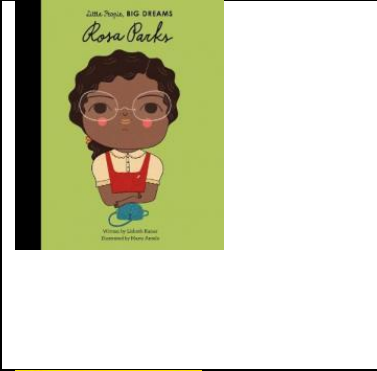
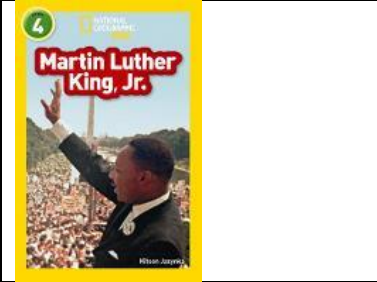


	<p><b>You Must Be Layla by Yassmin Abdel-Magied</b></p> <p>Boundlessly energetic Layla is over the moon when she's offered a scholarship to a fancy school, but this exciting new chapter of her life gets off to the worst possible start when she stands up to a bully, who happens to be the son of a Very Important Person. Since Layla's wise parents "had taught her to yell in the face of injustice," she won't remain silent when subjected to racism and islamophobia ("Get your towelhead face out of our school. In fact, get out of our COUNTRY. You're not welcome here"), but it's Layla who ends up being suspended. Never one to quit, cut loose or bow out, Layla bounces back by throwing herself into a high profile inter-school robotics invention competition, with many hilarious and moving true-to-life moments along the way</p>
	<p><b>The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman</b></p> <p>Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is. In search of this final Firework-Making secret, Lila heads off alone on a journey. It is a journey filled with dangers beyond anything she could have imagined, a journey on which she will learn so much more than the one secret she set out to find . . .</p>
	<p><b>The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook</b></p> <p>Nizrana Farook sets her story on the island of Serendib, now known as Sri Lanka, and transports readers to a vivid, larger-than-life world where young people can be bold, true and have some extraordinary adventures. Twelve-year old Chaya is a thief with a heart of gold, stealing from the king's palace to help those in her village. She makes a mistake when she takes jewels from the queen's bedroom though, triggering a series of events that leads to Chaya and two friends, villager Neel and merchant's daughter Nour, fleeing into the rainforest on the king's elephant.</p>
	<p><b>A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby</b></p> <p>This assured and beautifully written debut perfectly captures that awkward phase of growing up when you feel left behind and uncertain who you are. Safiya is obsessed with gaming and Studio Ghibli, feels guilty for choosing to live with her father after her parent's amicable divorce and feels her ambitious high achieving mother would prefer the more sophisticated and worldly girls at her school. Their relationship is very strained, both are such strong and complex characters. A deeply moving and satisfying coming of age novel that is highly recommended.</p>
	<p><b>Aru Shah and the Song of Death by Roshani Chokshi</b></p> <p>Packed with humour, wisdom and a satisfyingly twisty plot, this story will take confident readers on a magical journey.</p>
	<p><b>The un-forgotten coat by Frank Cottrell-Boyce,</b></p> <p>Recounts a girl's memories of two Mongolian brothers who were briefly at her school in Liverpool...</p>
	<p><b>Caterpillar summer by Gillian McDunn</b></p> <p>A girl sent to stay with her grandparents for the summer has the chance to heal her broken family...</p>



	<p><b>Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird and Lucy Eldridge (Illustrator)</b> A 12-year-old refugee is forced to flee war-torn Syria with his family and find refuge in neighbouring Jordan...</p>
	<p><b>Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai</b> When his family emigrate from China to Australia, 11-year-old Jingwen struggles to adjust to his new home, an alien language, and coping with his grief over the death of his father who died in a car crash just before his 10th birthday...</p>
	<p><b>Refugees – Brian Biston</b> Refugees is a book of two voices. The first one sees the people fleeing from war and persecution and asks, Why here? Why my country? It is a feeling many people share. It is one of fear and suspicion. But when you read the text the opposite way, a new voice emerges. It says, Why not make them welcome? Why not share the things we have?</p>
	<p><b>My Beautiful Birds by Suzanne Del Rizo</b> Behind Sami, the Syrian skyline is full of smoke. The boy follows his family and all his neighbours in a long line, as they trudge through the sands and hills to escape the bombs that have destroyed their homes. But all Sami can think of is his pet pigeons—will they escape too? When they reach a refugee camp and are safe at last, everyone settles into the tent city. But though the children start to play and go to school again, Sami can't join in. When he is given paper and paint, all he can do is smear his painting with black. He can't forget his birds and what his family has left behind.</p>
	<p><b>The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Rauf</b> The Boy at the Back of the Class offers a child's eye view and an ambitious, adventure-filled plot. When a new boy is introduced at school, no one is exactly sure where he has come from; what is a "refugee kid", anyway, and how can Ahmet be helped to feel that he belongs? Though the narrator's voice is overly young at times, this is a lovely, warm-hearted first novel, a celebration of courage and friendship leavened with mischief.</p>
	<p><b>Fly Me Home by Polly Ho-Yen</b> “As I turned to look for her, Dad let go of my hand, and when I looked back, he was striding away. Out of reach.” As she struggles to adjust to life in a new country, Leelu dreams of flying back home to her father and the life she left behind. London is grey and cold, there’s concrete everywhere; she doesn’t want to be here. Leelu feels so lonely – but she’s not alone. Soon she discovers someone is leaving gifts for her, wondrous gifts that bring her curious magical powers. Will they help her find her way home? Filled with magic, family and friendship, this is an unforgettable and moving tale of one family’s battle to belong.</p>

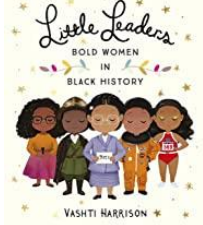
## Non-Fiction

	<p><b>The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander</b> Written for and about “the swift and sweet ones/who hurdled history and opened a world of possible”, for those who “survived America by any means necessary. And the ones who didn’t,” this is an inspiring ode to the author’s forebears and to the world-changing feats of unforgettable Black American figures. The chained slaves who kept faith, the elite Olympians, the innovative musicians, the seminal scientists, the courageous activists - people from all walks of life are celebrated in Alexander’s poetically poised words, and gloriously illustrated by Kadir Nelson, with much for young children to ponder and ask questions about.</p>
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	<p><b>Malala a Brave Girl from Pakistan / Iqbal a Brave Boy from Pakistan by Jeanette Winter</b></p> <p>Meet two brave young heroes of Pakistan, Malala and Iqbal, each unafraid to speak out, each a victim of unspeakable violence, each an inspiration to the world as they stood up for the right to freedom and education. This non-fiction picture book is an inspiration to all from acclaimed author-illustrator Jeanette Winter.</p>
	<p><b>Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela, Chris van Wyk</b></p> <p>Nelson Mandela's inspirational life story has been adapted into a wonderfully child-friendly version. It tells of his childhood as an ordinary boy in a village and how his belief in democracy was already strongly developed while a student. Mandela's fight against the government and the oppression that was apartheid, how it led to his imprisonment and how he survived the long, long days in his cell is a story all should know. Paddy Bouma's illustrations give a strong sense of the time and place.</p>
	<p><b>Rosa Parks by Lisbeth Kaiser</b></p> <p>Discover the life of Rosa Parks in this inspiring story of her life. With stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, this empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful people of the world. These books make the lives of these role models accessible for children, providing a powerful message to inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world! Little People, Big Dreams series include: Ada Lovelace Agatha Christie Amelia Earhart Anne Frank Audrey Hepburn Coco Chanel Ella Fitzgerald Emmeline Pankhurst Frida Kahlo Georgia O'Keeffe Harriet Tubman Jane Austen Jane Goodall Josephine Baker Lucy Maud Montgomery Maria Montessori Marie Curie Maya Angelou Mother Teresa Muhammed Ali Rosa Parks Simone de Beauvoir Stephen Hawking Vivienne Westwood</p>
	<p><b>Martin Luther King, Jr by Kitson Jazynka,</b></p> <p>National Geographic Kids Readers are a valuable resource for classroom and library collections. Beautifully designed and produced, with clear text boxes and layout, interactive features such as quizzes and benefiting, of course, from the superb photography that the parent magazine is renowned for. Each book has been carefully levelled against Book Bands and all have the key information text features such as index, contents and glossary, making them very useful for guided reading. But their main appeal is in the genuinely engaging writing and the sound research behind every title.</p>
	<p><b>Malala Yousafzai by Lisa Williamson</b></p> <p>This series describes itself as the 'true life stories of the most amazing people ever!' and already has several volumes available, including Emmeline Pankhurst and Ada Lovelace. This life story of Malala is both very instructive on the political turmoil that led to her shooting, and in portraying Malala as a very engaging, brave and dedicated young person. It is written in an easily readable text using side panels to explain situations and traditions without interrupting the flow of the biography. It also contains a timeline taking us from 1947 – Pakistan's independence – right through to 2018. A very useful glossary explains unfamiliar words and a well detailed index all add enormously to the value of this biography. I particularly liked the explanation panel on the mechanics of writing this book (verso title page) – so that readers can know which are Malala's actual words (in italic) and which are the authors interpretations – vital to students in this world of fake news.</p>
	<p><b>Maya Angelou - Little Guides to Great Lives by Danielle Jawando</b></p> <p>A brief guide capturing the courage and creativity of the exceptional African American author, poet, playwright, and civil rights activist. Maya Angelou used her tremendous writing talent to get her voice, and the voice of millions of other African Americans, listened to as she supported many important causes including the Civil Rights Movement.</p>

	<p><b>Walter Tull's Scrapbook by Michaela Morgan</b></p> <p>In personal jottings, photos and pictures, this scrapbook brings alive a pioneering black footballer and British officer in the First World War who lived outside the limitations of his age - from Walter's childhood in an orphanage through his footballing years at Spurs and Northampton to the Western Front, highlighting the Christmas Day Truce of 1914, Walter's officer training - pipe, moustache and all! - ending with his death on the Somme, his memorials and his legacy.</p>
	<p><b>The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson by Devika Jina</b></p> <p>'In her thirty-three years at NASA Katherine was a pioneer who broke the barriers of race and gender, showing generations of young people that everyone can excel in math and science, and reach for the stars'. That's President Barack Obama on Katherine Johnson, his quote one of many contemporary sources that bring her extraordinary achievements to life in this concise but information-packed biography. The book covers Johnson's life from childhood and early signs of her fierce intelligence through to the years at NASA where her calculations helped put Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon. It's inspiring stuff, and the book is designed to appeal to a wide readership, with frequent illustrations, diagrams and information boxes. This is one of a number of titles in a well-thought-out new series.</p>
	<p><b>Nelson Mandela - Little Guides to Great Lives by Isabel Thomas</b></p> <p>Nelson Mandela, written by Isabel Thomas and illustrated by Hannah Warren is a charmingly illustrated biography of an anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician and philanthropist. Nelson Mandela's journey from political prisoner to president of South Africa is an incredible tale of triumph in the face of adversity. 'I will not leave South Africa, nor will I surrender. Only through hardship, sacrifice and militant action can freedom be won. The struggle is my life. I will continue fighting for freedom until the end of my days'.</p>
	<p><b>Work It, Girl: Michelle Obama by Caroline Moss</b></p> <p>Not only does this lively, smartly designed book tell readers lots about Michelle Obama's story, it also conveys brilliantly her attitude to life and work, making it thoroughly inspiring reading. Beginning with a description of her schooldays, it lists the family members, people and events that shaped her early life, and the path that led to her becoming a top lawyer and influential First Lady of the United States. Her story reinforces her message that you can do whatever you want if you're determined, focussed and confident in who you are and what you believe. A fascinating book with something to say to all readers.</p>
	<p><b>Work It, Girl: Oprah Winfrey by Caroline Moss</b></p> <p>In this imaginatively illustrated book from the Work It, Girl series, discover how Oprah became a billionaire CEO and media mogul in this true story of her life. Then, learn 10 key lessons from her work you can apply to your own life.</p>
	<p><b>Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson</b></p> <p>This inspiring, illuminating, stylishly accessible anthology invites young readers to discover and celebrate phenomenal forebears and contemporary catalysts, while encouraging them to blaze their own inimitable trails. Among the fifty-two figures we meet are household names from contemporary culture (Michelle and Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey and Beyoncé, for example), and hugely important historical heroes and heroines. While some will be familiar – Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and Rosa Parks, for example – lesser-known pioneers are also presented, among them Wangari Maathai, the Kenyan environmental activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel in space</p>
	<p><b>Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison</b></p> <p>All throughout history, Black men have stood up and fought for justice and what they believe in. This book tells the stories of 40 Black men, from campaigners, athletes, fashion journalists and musicians who realised their dreams and made the world a better place. Read about the amazing lives of Prince, Paul Stephenson and Kofi Annan with your own future little leader and learn about these great men together.</p>

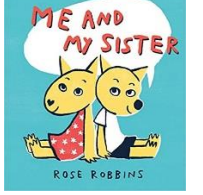
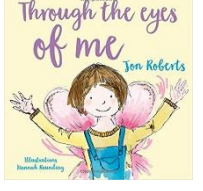
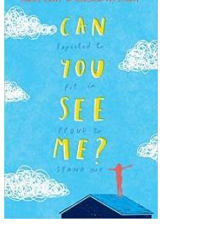



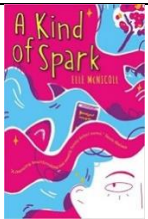
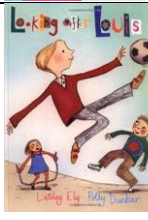
	<p><b>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison</b></p> <p>As a young woman in Virginia, Ella dreamed of independence and one day becoming an entertainer – but she was living on the streets and singing for pennies.” From singer Ella Fitzgerald to abolitionist Sojourner Truth, pilot Bessie Coleman to poet Maya Angelou and so many more, this educational and inspirational book features biographies of forty trailblazing black women in history. They may not have always been accepted, but with their powerful voices, extraordinary actions and unswayable beliefs, each one has made the world a better place for generations to come. These brave, bold black women broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations – their stories demand to be told.</p>
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## Traveller, Roma and Gypsy Heritage

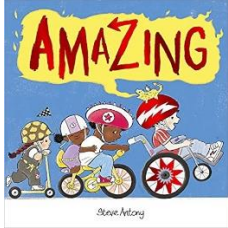
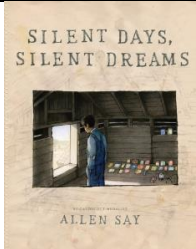
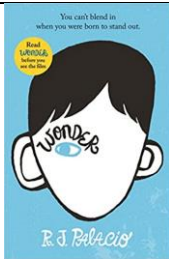

	<p><b>Polonius the Pit Pony by Richard O'Neill and Feronia Parker-Thomas</b></p> <p>A pit pony escapes and goes to live with a family of Travellers where he saves the day by helping them deliver their handmade furniture to the docks through thick fog...</p>
	<p><b>Yokki and the Parno Gry by Richard O'Neill and Katharine Quarmby</b></p> <p>When a Traveller family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Traveller-family folk tale which inspires hope and celebrates creativity. Told by a Romani storyteller together with a picture book author to positively reflect Travelling cultures.</p>
	<p><b>The Lost Homework by Richard O'Neill</b></p> <p>In this new addition to our 'Travellers' Tales' series, Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a journey, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework – his workbook is missing! What will his teacher say? This new picture book by Richard O'Neill champions the idea that many skills learned at home are as important as those learned at school.</p>

## Autistic Spectrum

	<p><b>Me and My Sister by Rose Robbins</b></p> <p>This appealing brother and sister duo spend a lot of their day together, eating meals, going to school and playing. But life with an autistic sibling is not always easy. Through the eyes of the brother, we find out how they are both very different, but also very similar in other ways, and come what may they have lots of fun together and love each other just the same. This is a touching book that will strike a chord with every family with siblings, especially where one is differently abled.</p>
	<p><b>Through the Eyes of Us by Jon Roberts</b></p> <p>Jon Roberts' debut work for children is a sensitive portrayal of life as a child with Autism, narrated by 4-year old Kya, who guides readers through her likes and dislikes and all the nuances of her character. Utilising colourful text and illustration and inspired by his experiences of raising his own daughter with the condition, it is an ideal tool for encouraging an understanding of Autism for both children and their families.</p>
	<p><b>Can you see me? By Libby Scott</b></p> <p>With diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, written in collaboration with esteemed author Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism. Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.</p>



	<p><b>The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd</b></p> <p>Written in the words of Ted, who lives with his parents and elder sister Kat in London, it describes the mysterious disappearance of his cousin Salim from a capsule on the London Eye and how he and Kat try to find him. Ted's approach is unusual, because he has Asperger's syndrome and he has a particular knowledge and interest in meteorology. Thus, he works logically through all possibilities, even the absurd, such as spontaneous combustion, using climatic vocabulary, for instance The Eye of the Hurricane and The Coriolis Effect, to analyse events.</p>
	<p><b>A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll</b></p> <p>A KIND OF SPARK tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard? A story about friendship, courage and self-belief.</p>
	<p><b>Looking After Louis by Lesley Ely,</b></p> <p>Looking after Louis shows how inclusive classrooms are advantageous for both disabled and non-disabled children alike. Louis has autism and doesn't speak on his own or participate in class activities like the protagonist, a little girl, and fellow student does. When Sam, another classmate, plays soccer with Louis one day, a whole new world opens up for Louis, and all the children learn a bit more about communication, joy, being human, and that breaking the rules is allowed in certain circumstances.</p>

## Disability / Learning Needs



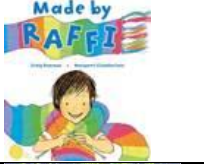
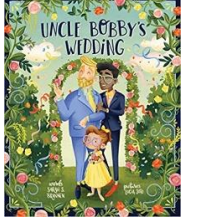
	<p><b>Amazing by Steve Antony</b></p> <p>A little boy and his pet dragon are the very best of friends. They laugh, they sing, they dance, they snooze. They are both amazing - just like everyone else!</p> <p>A celebration of friendship and being yourself with a positive message about celebrating diversity. The perfect platform to start conversations about the importance of understanding and acceptance.</p>
	<p><b>Silent Days. Silent Dreams – Allen Say</b></p> <p>James Castle was born two months premature on September 25, 1899, on a farm in Garden Valley, Idaho. He was deaf, mute, autistic, and probably dyslexic. He didn't walk until he was four; he would never learn to speak, write, read, or use sign language.</p> <p>Yet, today Castle's artwork hangs in major museums throughout the world. The Philadelphia Museum of Art opened "James Castle: A Retrospective" in 2008. The 2013 Venice Biennale included eleven works by Castle in the feature exhibition "The Encyclopedic Palace." And his reputation continues to grow.</p>
	<p><b>Wonder – R J Palacio</b></p> <p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>
	<p><b>Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly</b></p> <p>A baleen whale's unique 55-hertz frequency means he cannot communicate with other whales, and 12-year-old Iris is determined to help him. A pacy story told with a tender touch, which also offers examples of common frustrations experienced by deaf children.</p>

	<p><b>The Boy With the Butterfly Mind by Victoria Williamson</b></p> <p>Jamie Lee just wants to be normal but his ADHD isn't making it easy. If only he could control his butterfly mind then he'd have friends, be able to keep out of trouble, live with his mum and not be sent to stay with his dad. Elin Watts just wants to be perfect. If she could be the best student and daughter possible, then maybe her dad would leave his new family and come back to Glasgow to live with Elin and her mum, happily ever after. When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're actually more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes</p>
	<p><b>Harriet Versus the Galaxy by Samantha Baines</b></p> <p>The intergalactic adventure starts at home with Harriet, who discovers that her hearing-aid can do more than she ever bargained for when she finds an alien in her room. Discovering that her family secretly work for an intergalactic agency, Harriet becomes the Earth's first line of defence as the only one who can understand the invaders. Sure, her hearing aid helps her understand aliens from across the universe, if only she could understand her own feelings.</p>
	<p><b>Fish In A Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</b></p> <p>Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of</p>
	<p><b>The Black Hardcover by Menena Cottin</b></p> <p>Our eyes tell us about colour. But what if you are blind? Can you still know colours? Using simple language and beautiful textured art, this book shows you how to 'see' without your eyes. The pages are black, but using your imagination and your senses you can hear, smell, touch and taste colours! Red is sour like unripe strawberries and sweet as watermelon. Yellow tastes like mustard, but is as soft as a baby chick's feathers. Blue is the colour of the sky when kites are flying. From out of the blackness, a beautiful rainbow of colours emerges!</p>
	<p><b>Hands &amp; Hearts by Donna Jo Napoli</b></p> <p>Hands &amp; Hearts tells the story of a mother and daughter's fun day at the beach, and each page of sparse prose is accompanied by a sign, with a total of fifteen signs. The watercolour illustrations are soft and lovely, perfect accompaniments to the text. The signs are illustrated in a sidebar on each page spread.</p>
	<p><b>King For A Day By Rukhsana Khan</b></p> <p>This picture book is about kite battles during the festival of Basant; fighting bullies with kindness, and also features a wheelchair user as one of the main characters. I love books that feature disabled characters having adventures and fun in a story not defined by their disability. Our lives are not defined by our disability, even when it's something we think about every day.</p>

## LGBT

	<p><b>We Are Family by Patricia Hegarty</b></p> <p>On each double-page spread of this vibrant, lovely book, families show the different ways they experience a variety of common experiences to us all. Overall, the great thing about families, whatever their makeup, is that they help us through the difficult times.</p>
	<p><b>The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman</b></p> <p>The Great Big Book of Families is about the diversity of families. The simple message is that every family is unique and special and that there is no such thing as "normal" or "abnormal". Books simply don't get much more inclusive than this.</p>



	<p><b>Mommy, Mama and Me by Leslea Newman</b></p> <p>What a treat: a warm and adorably illustrated board book about a loving family which just happens to have two mums in it. There's a fun, upbeat universality to it: the packing of lunches, the trip to the playground, the baking of cakes and the end-of-the-day bath.</p>
	<p><b>And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell</b></p> <p>Roy and Silo are two boy penguins who live in the zoo in New York's Central Park. This is a really delightful story and the message behind it is subtle. It's a true story, and you can learn more about it in a note at the end.</p>
	<p><b>Made By Raffi by Craig Pomranz</b></p> <p>A delightful and gently revolutionary picture book that challenges our absurd notions about what constitutes 'normal' or 'appropriate'.</p>
	<p><b>Uncle Bobby's Wedding by Sarah S Brannen</b></p> <p>Uncle Bobby is getting married-but his niece Chloe doesn't know if that is a good idea. When Uncle Bobby announces at the first picnic of the summer that he and "his friend, Jamie," are getting married, everyone is happy except Chloe. When she expresses her concern to her mother, Mom says she should talk to Uncle Bobby, who reassures Chloe that they will still have plenty of fun together-and then sets out to prove it. Bobby and Jamie take Chloe to the ballet and joke afterward at a soda shop. They go sailing, and Jamie is the first to jump in when Chloe tumbles out of the boat. Roasting marshmallows over a campfire, Chloe happily says, "I wish both of you were my uncles"-and of course they tell her she will get that wish. Flower girl Chloe helps out at the wedding, and they all dance the night away.</p>