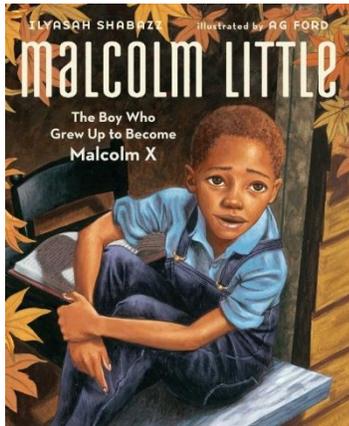


Diverse Books Matter

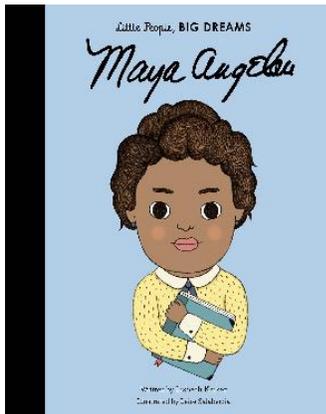
A list for different ages and stages that centre around, honour, celebrate and strive to educate about racial and cultural diversity in our world.

Picture Books for all ages



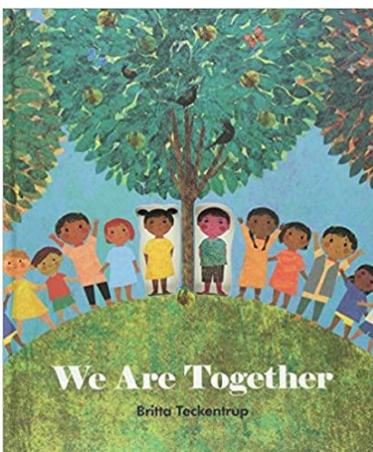
Malcolm Little: The Boy who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X **Ilyasah Shabazz**

Written by his daughter, this biography celebrates freedom and justice. Bolstered by the love and wisdom of his large, warm family, young Malcolm was a natural born leader. But when confronted with intolerance and a series of tragedies, Malcolm's optimism and faith were threatened. He had to learn how to be strong and how to hold on to his individuality. He had to learn self-reliance. A lyrical story that carries a message that resonates still today—that we must all strive to live to our highest potential.



Little People, Big Dreams series **Various Authors**

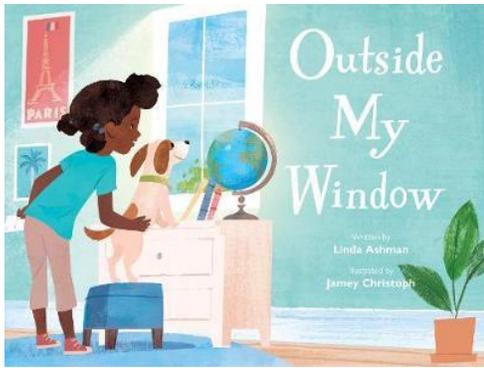
Little People, BIG DREAMS is a bestselling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream.



We Are Together **Britta Teckentrup**

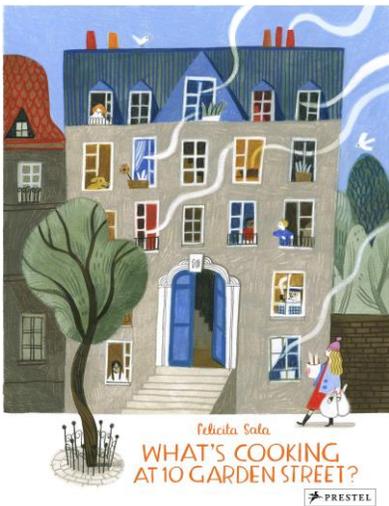
On our own we're special,
And we can chase our dream.
But when we join up, hand in hand,
Together we're a team.

Celebrate the power of love and friendship in this beautiful book by award-winning illustrator and author Britta Teckentrup. Artfully designed, this beautiful evocative rhyming text inspires young children to feel part of a wider world and promotes tolerance and understanding.



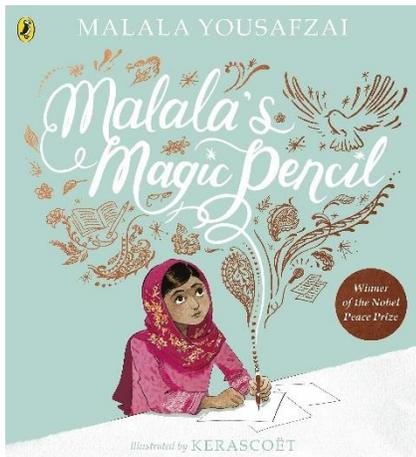
Outside My Window Linda Ashman

A girl looks out her window at a magnolia tree in the yard below and asks, "What's outside your window?" Twelve replies come from kids looking out of their windows around the world. The story concludes with a verse in which the original girl looks out at "the moon we share" and feels a closer kinship to all the others.



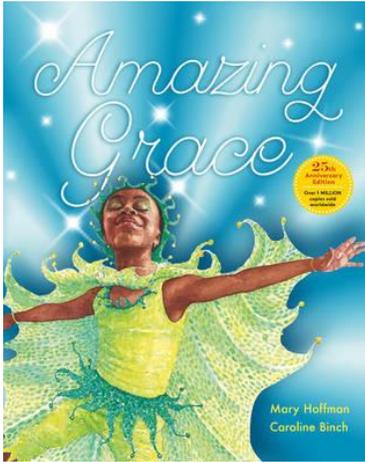
What's Cooking at 10 Garden Street? Felicitia Sala

Something delicious is cooking in the old apartment building on Garden Street! Pilar is mixing gazpacho, Monsieur Ping is stir-frying broccoli, Señora Flores is preparing a pot of beans, and Josef and Rafik are rolling meatballs. When they're all finished, cooking everyone gathers in the garden to enjoy a delicious meal and each other's company. Dishes that kids love, like guacamole, spaghetti, and banana bread are interspersed with others that include less familiar ingredients, such as mirin, tahini, and turmeric. The recipes explain how each dish is made and come with fun and detailed illustrations.



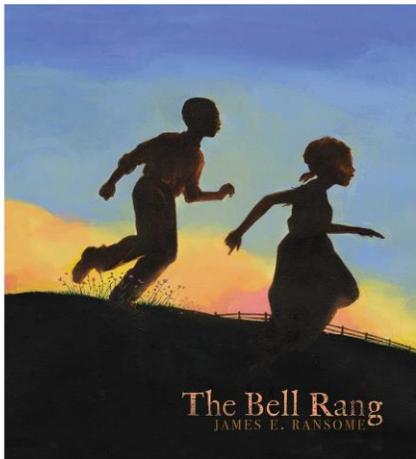
Malala's Magic Pencil Malala Yousafzai

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for. This beautifully illustrated volume tells Malala's story for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed Malala to hold on to hope even in the most difficult of times.



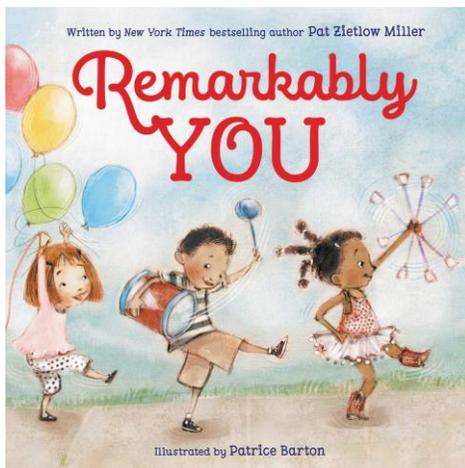
Amazing Grace
Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...



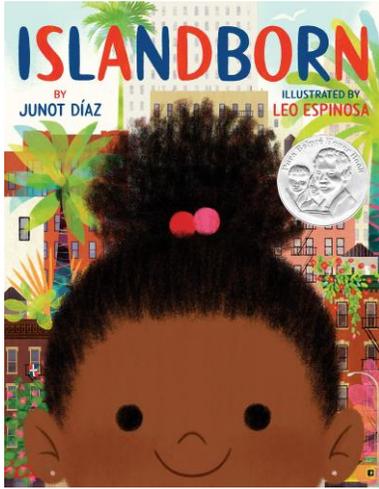
The Bell Rang
James E. Ransome

Every morning, the overseer of the plantation rings the bell. Daddy gathers wood. Mama cooks. Ben and the other slaves go out to work. Each day is the same. Full of gruelling work and sweltering heat. Every day, except one, when the bell rings and Ben is nowhere to be found. Because Ben ran. Recipient of a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award and Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Book of 2019, this picture book is an ode to hope and a powerful tribute to the courage of those who ran for freedom.



Remarkably YOU
Pat Zietlow Miller

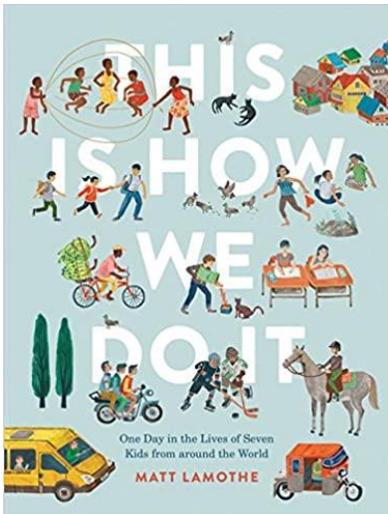
Remarkably You is an inspirational manifesto about all of the things--little or small, loud or quiet--that make us who we are. *You might go unnoticed, or shine like a star, but wherever you go and whoever you are... don't change how you act to be just like the rest. Believe in yourself and the things you do best.*



Islandborn **Junot Díaz**

*Every kid in Lola's school was from somewhere else.
Hers was a school of faraway places.*

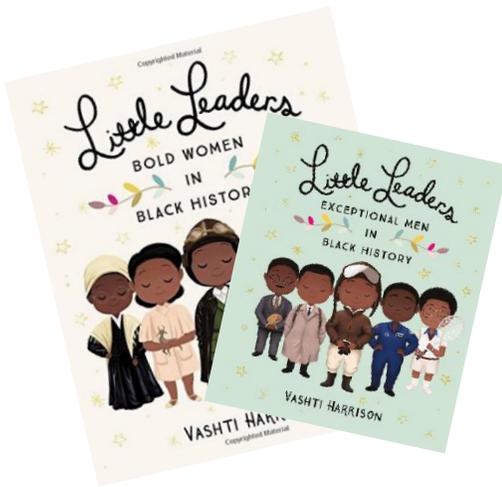
At school, Lola can't remember the Island she left when she was just a baby. But with the help of her family and friends, and their memories joyous, fantastical, heartbreaking, and frightening, Lola's imagination takes her on an extraordinary journey back to The Island. As she draws closer to the heart of her family's story, Lola comes to understand the truth of her abuela's words: 'just because you don't remember a place doesn't mean it's not in you.'



This Is How We Do It **Matt Lamothe**

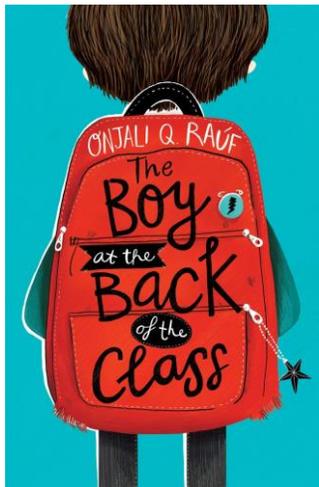
Follow one day in the real lives of seven kids from around the world-Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia. In Japan, Kei plays Freeze Tag, while in Uganda, Daphine likes to jump rope. While the way they play may differ, the shared rhythm of their days - and this one world we all share - unites them. This genuine exchange provides a window into traditions that may be different from our own as well as mirrors reflecting our common experiences.

Confident Readers



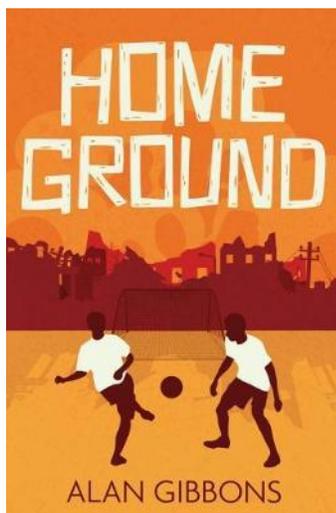
Little Leaders Series **Vashti Harrison**

Featuring 40 trailblazing black women and men in the world's history, these books educate and inspire as it relates true stories of women and men who broke boundaries, fought injustice and exceeded all expectations to realise their dreams and make the world a better place..



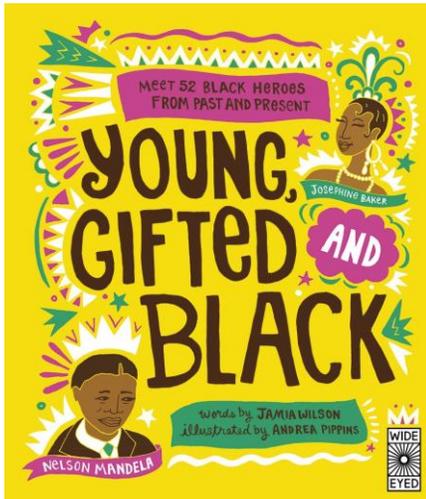
The Boy at the Back of the Class **Onjali Q. Rauf**

When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.



Home Ground **Alan Gibbons**

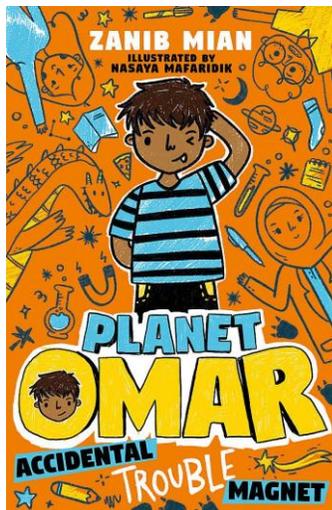
When Sam recruits skilled players Hasan and Faisal to join the team, it looks like their luck might finally change. For Hasan and Faisal though, who are refugees, football means much more than winning a few games. Being part of the team means community, friendship, and a new sense of belonging. But not everyone is happy about them being there... Printed in a dyslexia-friendly font, this novella brilliantly shows how sport can bring people together and forge new connections, while short factual sections at the end of each chapter provide valuable context for the refugee storyline.



Young, Gifted and Black **Jamia Wilson**

This book celebrates a selection of black icons from history and the present day to inspire all children to discover what they can achieve. Many of the accounts detail great hardship and prejudice, and in the wake of the #blacklivesmatter movement, this collection's focus is an ideal book to share with children who have questions about what's happening in the world today.

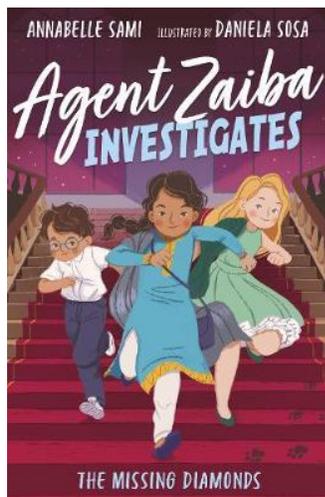
It's important that all children see themselves in books, and also recognise the struggles that have been – and continue to be a part of – daily life for many.



Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet **Zanib Mian**

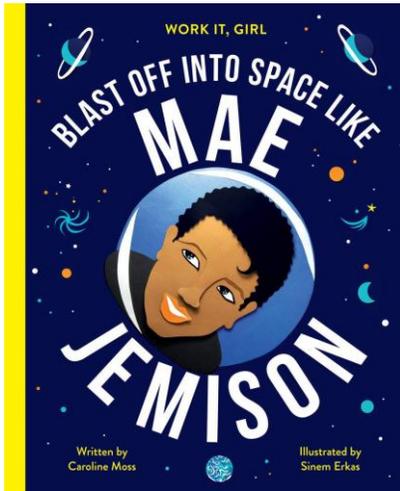
Omar has just moved into a new house with his family: sticky-fingered little brother Esa, snooty older sister Maryam and his scientist parents.

Going to a new school turns out to be okay, apart from the fact that class bully Daniel tells Omar that because he's a Muslim, he's going to be kicked out of the country and will have to go and live in Pakistan. But when Omar and Daniel get stranded on a school trip in London, Omar realises that Danny isn't so tough after all...



Agent Zaiba Investigates: The Missing Diamonds **Annabelle Sami**

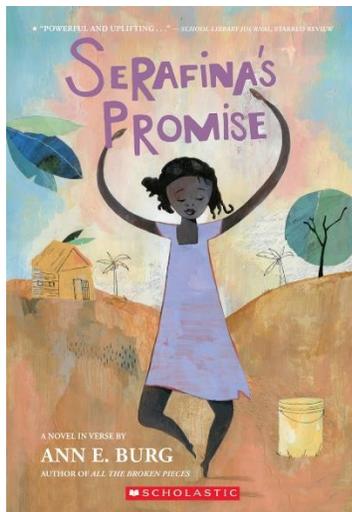
The mysterious disappearance of some diamonds at her cousin's henna party gives Zaiba the perfect opportunity to prove that she's just as good a detective as her Aunty Fouzia. An energetic adventure set against the background of a traditional Pakistani pre-wedding ceremony.



Blast Off into Space Like Mae Jemison **Caroline Moss**

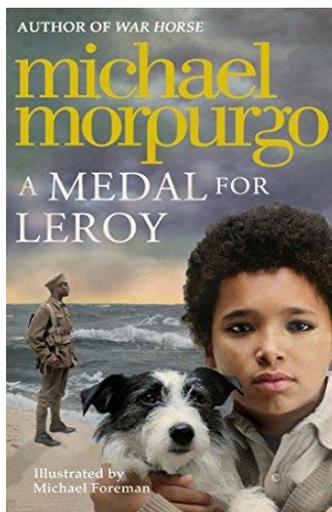
The young Mae Jemison was fascinated by space from an early age; growing up in the 60s, she was a child when astronauts landed on the moon and, as she watched Neil Armstrong and his crew, she wondered what aliens would think if they met those humans: they'd never know that all humans weren't white men.

Mae Jemison grew up to become the first black female astronaut at NASA. This inspiring, wonderful life story is a perfect one to inspire and manages to explain big concepts such as institutional racism in accessible language.



Serafina's Promise **Ann E. Burg**

Serafina has a secret dream. She wants to go to school and become a doctor with her best friend, Julie Marie. But in their rural village outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many obstacles stand in Serafina's way — little money, never-ending chores, and Manman's worries. More powerful even than all of these are the heavy rains and the shaking earth that test Serafina's resolve in ways she never dreamed.



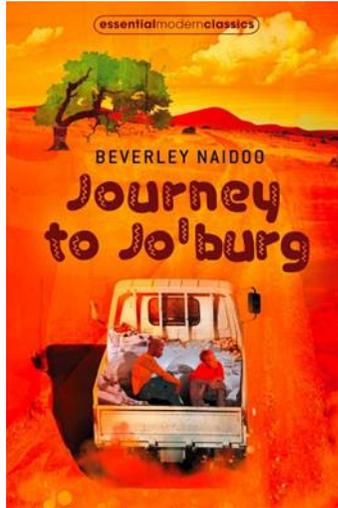
A Medal for Leroy **Michael Morpurgo**

Michael discovers his grandfather Leroy, a black officer in World War I, charged into a battle zone not once but three times to save wounded men. His fellow soldiers insisted he deserved special commendations for his bravery but because of the racial barriers, he would go unacknowledged. Now it's up to Michael to change that.

Inspired by the true story of Walter Tull, the first black officer in the British army, award-winning author Michael Morpurgo delivers a richly layered and memorable story of identity, history, and family.

Age 10+

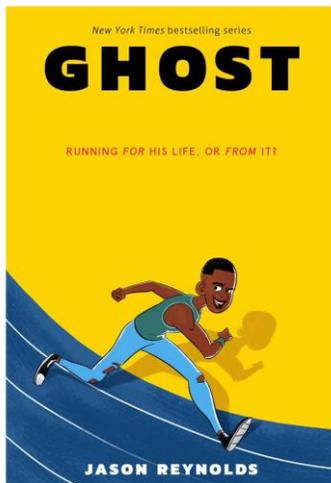
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Journey to Jo'burg
Beverley Naidoo

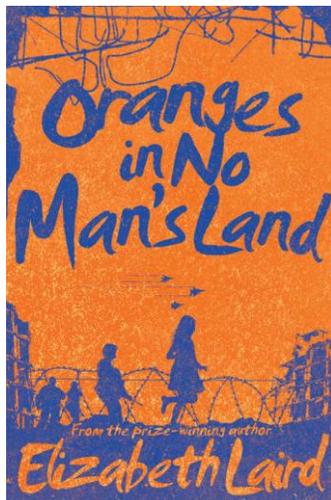
Mma lives and works in Johannesburg, far from the village thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, call home. When their baby sister suddenly becomes very sick, Naledi and Tiro know that they need to bring their mother back in order to save their sister's life. Bravely, secretly, they set off on the long journey to the big city to find Mma.

It isn't until they finally reach Jo'burg that they see up close what life is like for black citizens across South Africa--and begin to really question the unfair and dangerous laws of apartheid.



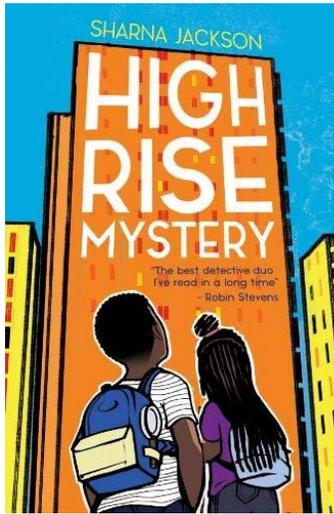
Ghost
Jason Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.



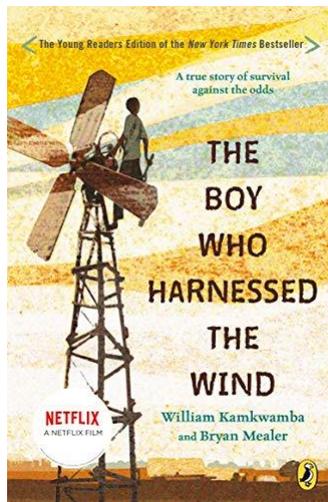
Oranges in No Man's Land
Elizabeth Laird

Since her father left Lebanon to find work and her mother tragically died in a shell attack, ten-year-old Ayesha has been living in the bomb-ravaged city of Beirut with her granny and her two younger brothers. The city has been torn in half by civil war and a desolate, dangerous no man's land divides the two sides. Only militiamen and tanks dare enter this deadly zone, but when Granny falls desperately ill, Ayesha sets off on a terrifying journey to reach a doctor living in enemy territory.



High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson

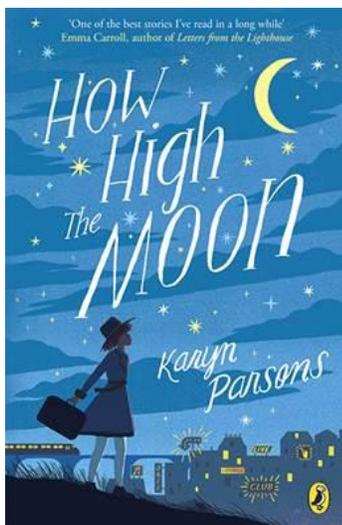
Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there has been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge, and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind William Kamkwamba

When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.

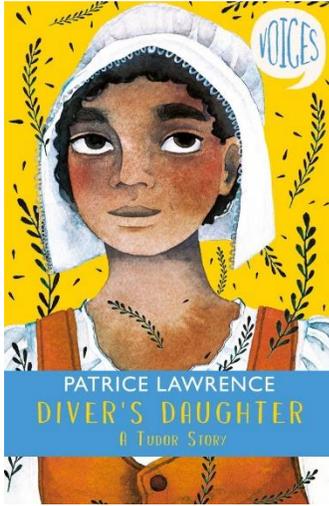
(2019 film also available to watch on Netflix, rated PG)



How High the Moon Karyn Parsons

In 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. Her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But her visit is unexpectedly cut short and she returns to South Carolina, to the news that her cousin's sweetheart George is being charged with the murder of two white girls, even though they know he's innocent?

Inspired by the true story of George Stinney, the youngest ever American to be executed, this is an ambitious novel weaving together family drama with a miscarriage of justice and the horrifying reality of the prejudice and racism faced by black and mixed race people.



Diver's Daughter **Patrice Lawrence**

A gripping heart-in-your-mouth adventure told by Eve, a Tudor girl who sets out on a dangerous journey to change her life for the better. When Eve and her mother hear that one of the African free-divers who was sent to salvage treasures from the Mary Rose is alive and well and living in Southampton, they agree to try to find him and attempt to dive the wreck of another ship, rumoured to be rich with treasures. In this thrilling adventure based on real events, we are shown a fascinating and rarely seen world that's sure to hook young readers.