

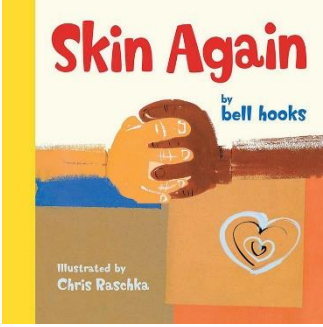
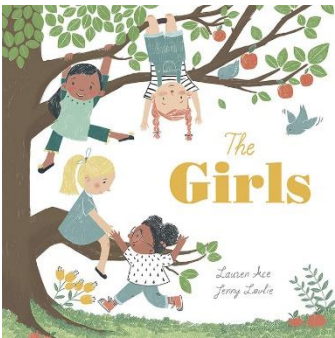
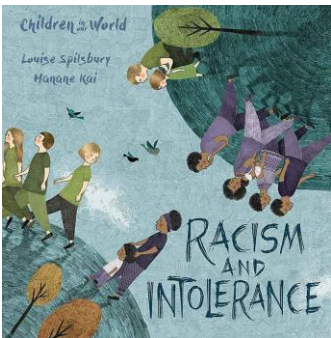
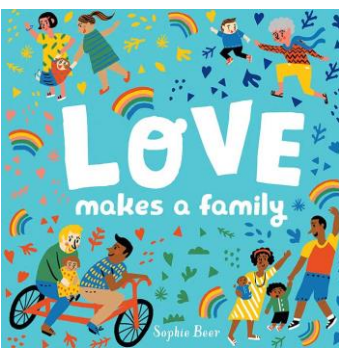


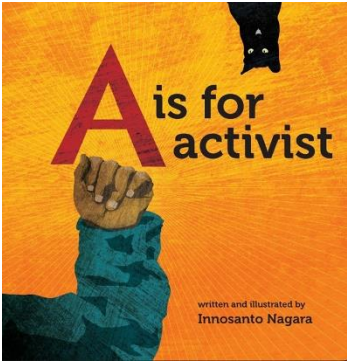
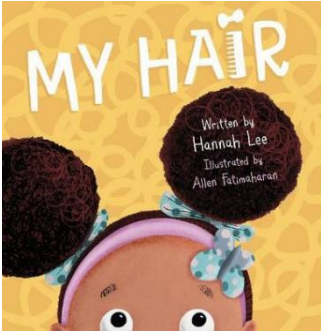
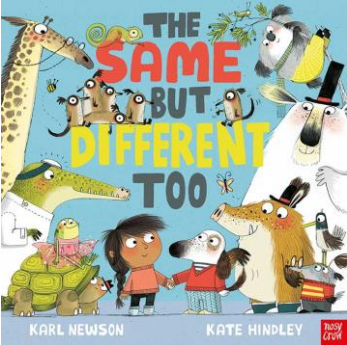
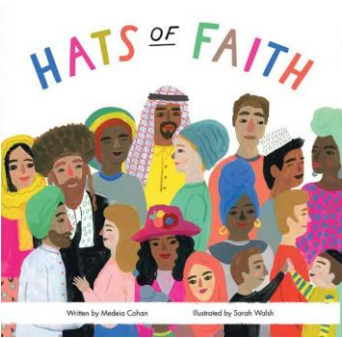
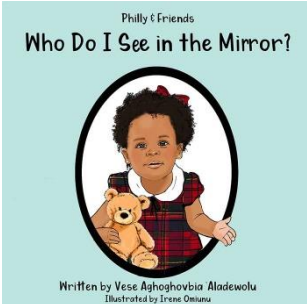
Diverse children's books

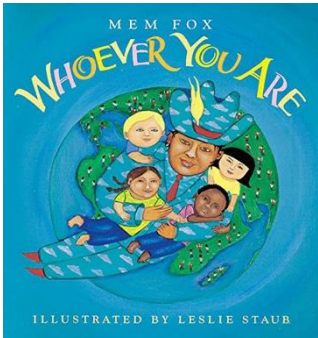
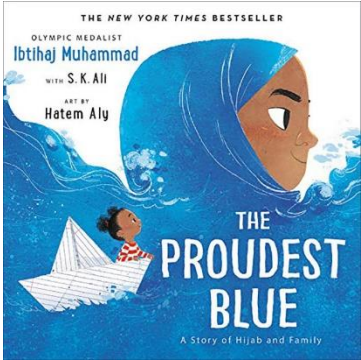
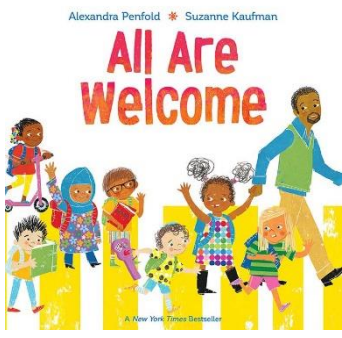
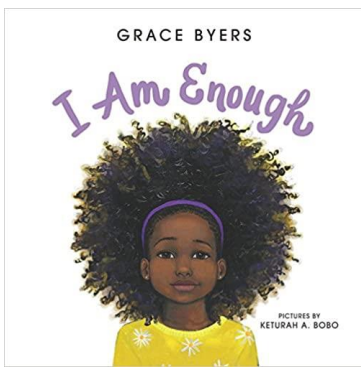


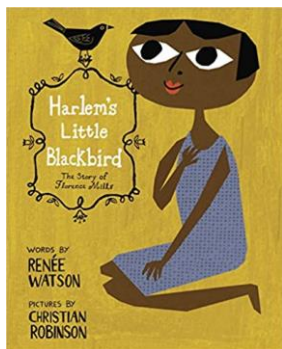
It's never too early to start talking to your children about race, diversity and acceptance - in fact, the time is NOW, whatever their age. Books are a fundamental way to introduce these important topics to children and a great way to start conversations. There are now, thankfully, more and more diverse children's books for you to choose from, covering race, religion, inclusivity, tolerance and empathy. Below are just a few.

Books about diversity:

	<u>Skin Again</u> Skin Again offers a gentle way to introduce young children to race and identity with poetic verse and simple pictures.	Skin Again by Bell Hooks Amazon KS1
	<u>The Girls</u> With a focus on female friendships, empathy and acceptance, The Girls follows four diverse girls who become best friends, and the women they grow up to be.	The Girls by Lauren Ace, from Amazon KS1/LKS2
	<u>Children in Our World: Racism and Intolerance</u> Children in Our World: Racism and Intolerance is a beautiful picture book exploring what racism and intolerance are, and how they affect children all over the world. Definitely one for the family to read together.	Children in Our World: Racism and Intolerance by Louise Spilsbury Amazon KS1/LKS2
	<u>Love makes a family</u> Aside from the bright, colourful and downright gorgeous illustrations, Love Makes a Family deserves a place on every kid's bookshelf for its simple metaphors highlighting that love is love, whatever the family structure.	Love Makes A Family by Sophie Beer Amazon KS1/LKS2

	<u>A is for activist</u> This isn't your ordinary ABC book. Teach your kid about protest, activism and equality while they learn their ABC's.	A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara, Amazon KS1
	<u>My Hair</u> This gorgeous book is about a little girl deciding how to wear her hair for her birthday - will it be dreads, braids, a twist out or a high top fade?	My Hair by Hannah Lee, WHSmith KS1
	<u>The Same but Different too</u> One of the best books to teach children how to embrace their similarities and differences with its punchy prose and fun illustrations is The Same But Different Too.	The Same But Different Too by Karl Newson Foyles KS1
	<u>Hats of Faith</u> Hats of Faith will help to open up the discussion of faith and religion; this book celebrates the shared custom of head coverings.	Hats of Faith by Medina Cohen, Amazon KS1/KS2
	<u>Philly & Friends: Who Do I See In The Mirror?</u> Gently empowers the reader, teaching kids to embrace their beauty and others, both inside and out.	Philly & Friends: Who Do I See In The Mirror? by Vese Aghoghovbia Aladewolu, Philly & Friends KS1

	<u>Whoever you are</u> Kids all over the world are laughing, crying, playing and learning - Whoever You Are celebrates that they might not all look the same, but they're alike in many ways.	Whoever You Are By Mem Fox, Amazon KS1/KS2
	<u>The Proudest Blue</u> Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad's debut children's book is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the bond between siblings and of being strong and proud of who you are..	The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad, WHSmith KS1/LKS2
	<u>All our Welcome</u> All Are Welcome follows a group of children at school, who are all welcomed with open arms and learn from each other and their differences.	All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, Waterstones KS1
	<u>We Are The Change</u> We Are The Change is a visual compilation of famous wisdom-filled quotations from Eleanor Roosevelt, Maya Angelou, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and more.	We are the change, amazon.com Yr2/KS2
	<u>I Am Enough</u> This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from Empire actor and activist Grace Byers and talented newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.	I Am Enough by Grace Byers KS1/LKS2

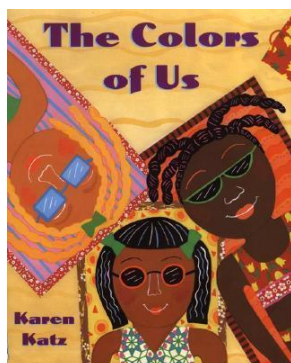


Harlem's Little Blackbird

Featuring a moving text and colourful illustrations, Harlem's Little Blackbird is a timeless story about justice, equality, and the importance of following one's heart and dreams.

[Harlem's Little Blackbird](#) by Renee Watson

[KS1/KS2](#)

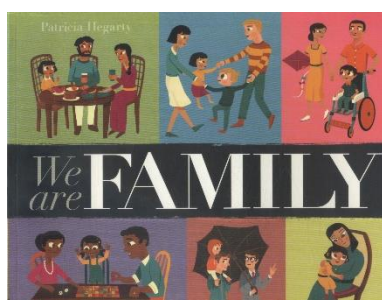


The Colours of Us

A positive and affirming look at skin colour, from an artist's perspective. Through the eyes of a little girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people.

[The Colour of Us](#) by Karen Katz
The book depository

[KS1/LKS2](#)

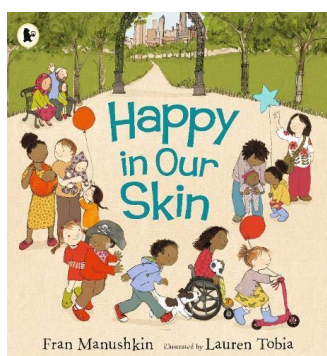


We are Family

All families are different - and yet in many ways the same! This book uses a gentle rhyming text to follow eight different families, celebrating their everyday differences as well as the similarities they share.

[We are Family](#) by Patricia Hegarty
News from Nowhere

[KS1/LKS2](#)

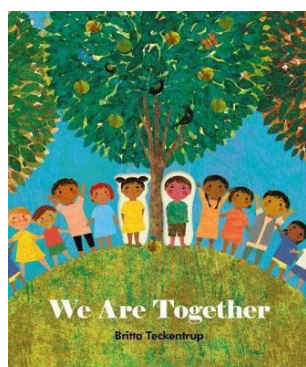


Happy in Our Skin

A delightfully rhythmical read-aloud text is paired with bright, bustling art from the award-winning Lauren Tobia, illustrator of Anna Hibiscus, in this joyful exploration of the new skin of babyhood.

[Happy in our Skin](#) by Fran Manushkin
News from Nowhere

[KS1/LKS2](#)

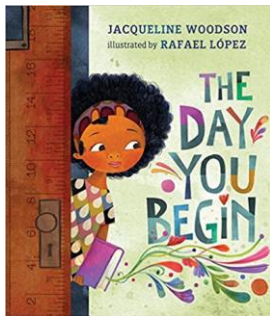


We are Together

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.

[We are Together](#) by Britta Teckentrup
Waterstones

[KS1/LKS2](#)



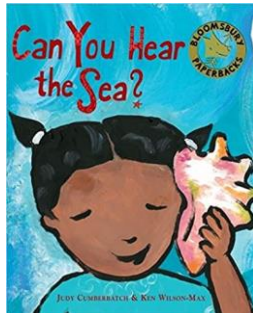
The Day You Begin

A poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone.

[The Day you Begin](#) by

Jacqueline Woodson
News from Nowhere

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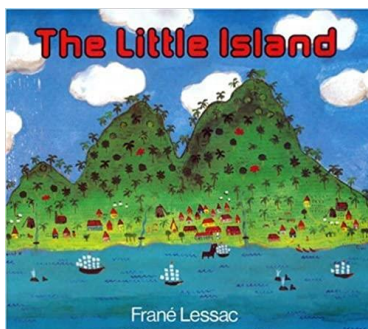


Can You Hear the Sea?

The special relationship between a child and her grandparents fills these pages with imagination, while Ken Wilson-Max's colourful and energetic illustrations evoke all the sights and sounds of a West African village.

[Can You Hear the Sea?](#) by Judy Cumberbatch

[KS1/LKS2](#)

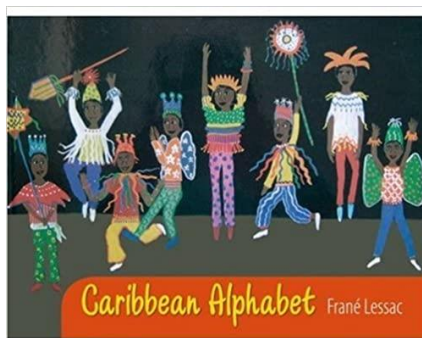


The Little Island

An appealing picture book for all ages. With a combination of unique, colourful paintings and the simple story line of a visit by two children, the reader experiences life on a small Caribbean island

[The Little Island](#) by Frané Lessac

[KS1/LKS2](#)

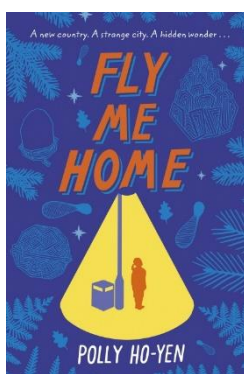


Caribbean Alphabet

This book contains a collection of beautiful paintings, each devoted to a letter of the alphabet portraying scenes from Caribbean life with each subject featured beginning with the same letter.

[Caribbean Alphabet](#) by Frané Lessac

[KS1](#)



Fly Me Home

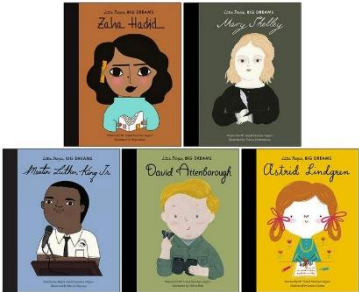
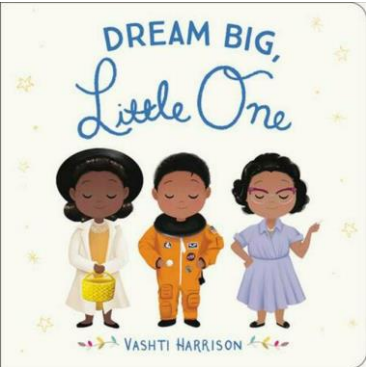
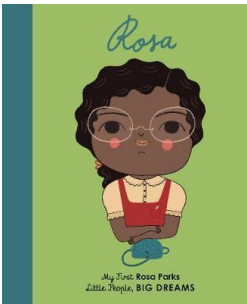
Fly Me Home is an incredibly moving portrait of one family's struggle to adjust to life in a new country. Full of friendship, family and magic, this stunning novel is a must-read for 9-12 readers.

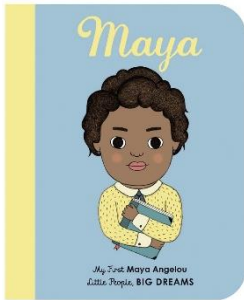
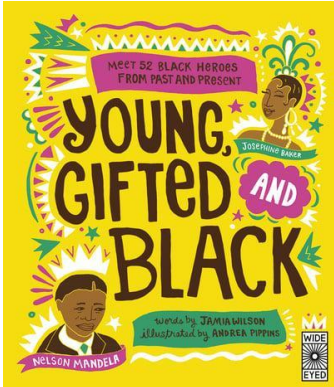
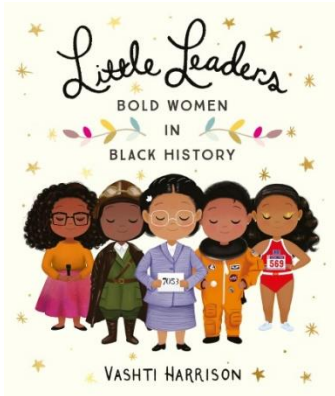
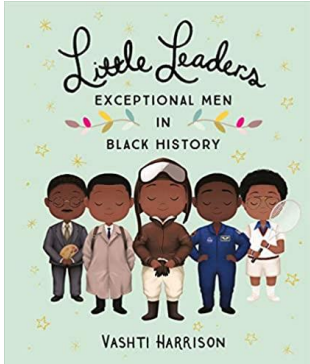
[Fly Me Home](#) by Polly Ho-Yen

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Non-fiction and historical fiction books

Below is a collection of non-fiction and historical fiction books to help children learn about the incredible accomplishments of Black men and women in the world.

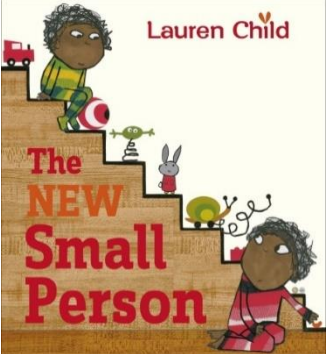
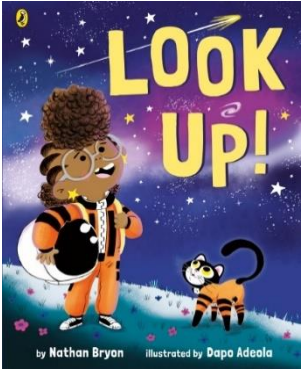
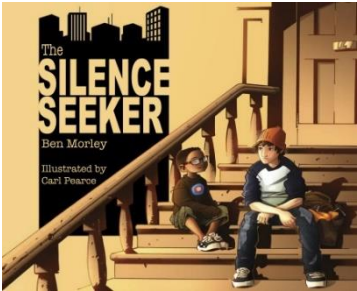
	<u>Little People, Big Dreams Value Pack x 10</u> This pack contains books on Harriet Tubman, Wilma Rudolph, Josephine Baker, Ella Fitzgerald.	Little People, Big Dreams Value Pack x 10 KS1/KS2
	<u>Little People Big Dreams Series 7</u> This pack contains books on Martin Luther King and Zaha Hadid	Little People Big Dreams Series 7 KS1/KS2
	<u>Dream Big Little One</u> Featuring 18 trailblazing black women in American history. Among these women, you'll find heroes, role models, and everyday women who did extraordinary things. Their actions and beliefs contributed to making the world better for generations of women to come.	Dream Big Little One by Vashti Harrison KS1/KS2
	<u>Rosa Parks : My First Rosa Parks</u> This board book version of Rosa Parks - an international bestseller from the highly acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series - introduces the youngest dreamers to the 'Mother of the Freedom Movement.'	Rosa Parks : My First Rosa Parks KS1/KS2

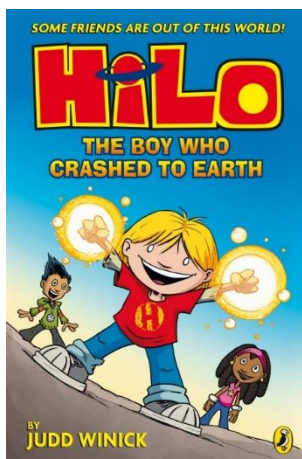
	<u>Little People Big Dreams: Maya Angelou Board Book</u> This board book version of Maya Angelou introduces the youngest dreamers to the powerful speaker, writer and civil rights activist.	Little People Big Dreams: Maya Angelou Board Book <u>KS1/KS2</u>
	<u>Young, Gifted and Black</u> Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this celebration of inspirational achievement - a collection of stories about change makers to encourage, inspire and empower the next generation of change makers.	Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson <u>YR2/KS2</u>
	<u>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</u> Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison (5-7 years) <u>KS1/LKS2</u>
	<u>Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History</u> Learn all about the exceptional black men who broke barriers and fought injustice to realise their dreams and make the world a better place.	Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison (5-7 years) <u>KS1/LKS2</u>



Our pick of children's books with black protagonists

Readers young and old will love these tales of daring heroes, brave kids and unlikely friends. Featuring black characters at the forefront, these stories have positive role models that will move you, make you smile and even see the world from a new perspective.

	<u>The New Small Person</u> This brand new picture book from the hugely talented Lauren Child about the arrival of a new sibling is bound to be a hit with parents and children. Told with humour and with wonderfully stylish artwork, this is Lauren Child at her absolute best.	The New Small Person by Lauren Child (3-6 years) KS1
	<u>Look Up!</u> Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize! Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!	Look Up! By Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola (3-7 years) KS1
	<u>The Silence Seeker</u> A simple, moving story which is the perfect way to gently open discussion around the refugee crisis.	The Silence Seeker by Ben Morley (5-7 years) KS1/LKS2



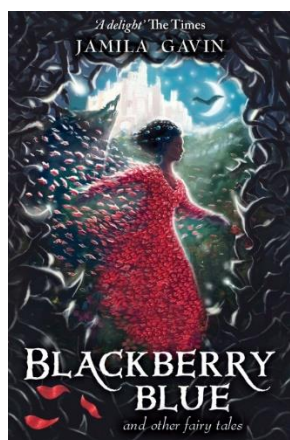
Hilo: The Boy who Crashed to Earth

D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. Until a mysterious boy comes crashing down from the sky and nearly blows up their club house! First in a brilliant new series perfect for fans of laugh-out-loud school adventures like Jedi Academy and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

[Hilo: The Boy who Crashed to Earth](#) by Judd Winick

(7-12 years)

KS2



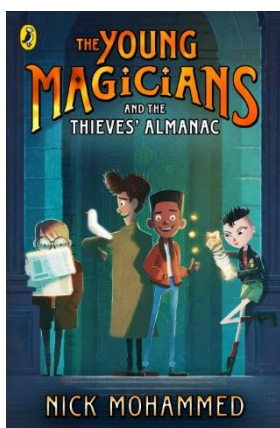
Blackberry Blue

Here are six magical stories to thrill and enchant you. Watch Blackberry Blue rise from the bramble patch; follow Emeka the pathfinder on his mission to save a lost king; join Princess Desire as she gallops across the Milky Way on her jet-black horse.

[Blackberry Blue](#) by Jamila Gavin

(9-11 years)

UKS2



The Young Magicians and The Thieves' Almanac

Join these young magicians as they step inside the world-famous conjuring club in an adventure that may or may not involve the search for a secret book, a set of impossible crimes and . . . oh, yes - a flock of very confused pigeons.

[The Young Magicians and The Thieves' Almanac](#) by Nick Mohammed

(9-11 years)

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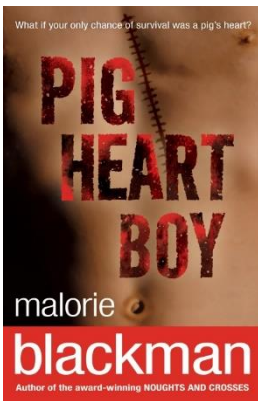


Michelle Obama

An inspiring, empowering, fantastically feminist and totally true story, perfect for fans of Little People, Big Dreams and Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls!

Michelle Obama

Author: Anna Doherty
KS2



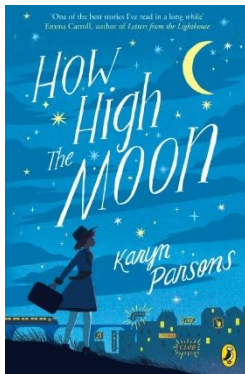
Pig-Heart Boy

You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, this is a powerful, thought-provoking story from the award-winning Malorie Blackman.

Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

(9-11 years)

UKS2



How High the Moon

A beautifully written and deeply moving story about finding and fighting for your place in the world.

How High the Moon by Karyn Parsons

(9-12 years)

UKS2



Ella Fitzgerald sang the blues and she sang them good. Ella and her fellas were on the way up! It seemed like nothing could stop her, until the biggest club in town refused to let her play... and all because of her colour. But when all hope seemed lost, little did Ella imagine that a Hollywood star would step in to help. This is the incredible true story of how a remarkable friendship between Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe was born - and how they worked together to overcome prejudice and adversity.

Ella Queen of Jazz By Helen Hankocks

KS1



In this beautifully illustrated picture book edition, we explore the story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, known as "colored computers," and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed in a highly challenging STEM-based career.

Hidden figures by Laura Freeman

KS2



With a sock full of rags for a ball, Pelé honed his skills in a poor neighbourhood in Brazil. He believed that, one day, he would lead his country to World Cup victory – and he was right! With Pelé and his super skills on the team, Brazil lifted the trophy three times. Today, he is widely regarded as the greatest footballer who ever lived – and a hero off the pitch, too, using his voice to help the people who need it most.

Pele (46) (Little People, BIG DREAMS) by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

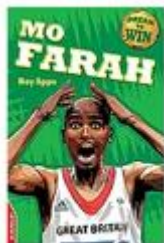
[KS1/KS2](#)



As a child, Katherine loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about maths, about the universe . . .

Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker

[KS1/KS2](#)



An inspirational set of biographies focusing on the skill and determination needed to break through into the world of top-class sport.

Mo Farah by Roy Appa

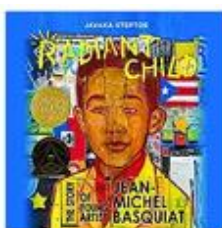
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Meet the Godfather of Funk, the High Priestess of Soul and the King of Reggae. Learn how Marvin Gaye shaped the sound of Motown, how N.W.A. redefined rap and what made the Supremes, supreme.

Black Music Greats by Olivier Cachin

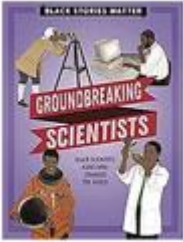
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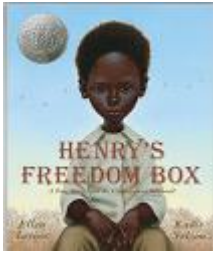
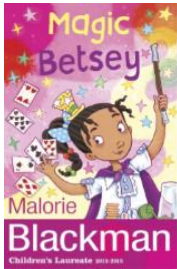


Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. However, before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in

Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe

[KS2](#)

	games, in the words that we speak and in the pulsing energy of New York City.	
	Groundbreaking Scientists explores the important contributions that black people have made to the field of science throughout history, as well as today. From astronomer and inventor Benjamin Banneker to agricultural science pioneer Dr Segenet Kelemu and father of the internet Philip Emeagwali, each has enriched our knowledge of the scientific world with their sheer talent and resilience.	Groundbreaking Scientists by J.P.Miller <u>KS2</u>
	Mary is a brave nurse. When a war starts in the Crimea she sails across the sea to help, and even enters the battlefield!	Hoorah for Mary Seacole by Trish Cooke <u>Yr2/LKS2</u>
	It focuses on Malorie's love of reading, and how she tries to foster that in children today. It also looks at how she pursued her dream of becoming a writer with determination and courage, in the face of people who told her she would never amount to anything. Biographical information, and Malorie Blackman quotes, support the narrative.	Real-life Stories: Malorie Blackman by Sarah Eason <u>KS2</u>
	Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, Lupita Nyong'o creates a	Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o <u>KS1</u>

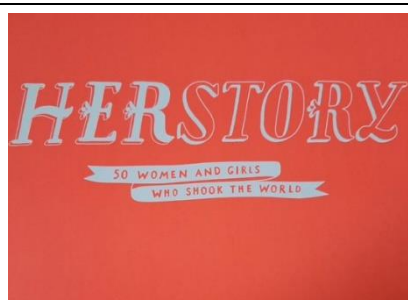
	whimsical and heart-warming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.	
	Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.	Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine <u>KS1/LKS2</u>
	Betsey puts on a magic show but everyone is less than impressed with her tricks. No matter, in these four sweet and funny short stories, Betsey learns the importance of believing in yourself, that practise makes perfect, and that some magic is real . . .	Magic Betsey by Malorie Blackman <u>KS1/LKS2</u>
	What do you want to be when you grow up? Discover the new daring tales of inspiration from over fifty iconic British icons today, who have each harnessed their childish curiosity and ambition and turned it into their own superhero power. With a special introduction by Stormzy.	Superheroes: Inspiring Stories of Secret Strength By Sophie Thakur <u>YR2/KS2</u>



What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom? Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 tales of extraordinary women by Elena Favilli

[KS2](#)



In this uplifting and inspiring book, children can learn about 50 intrepid women from around the world and throughout history.

Telling the stories of their childhood, the challenges they faced and the changes they made, each gorgeously illustrated spread is a celebration of girl power in its many forms.

HerStory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook the World by Katherine Halligan

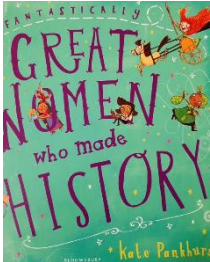
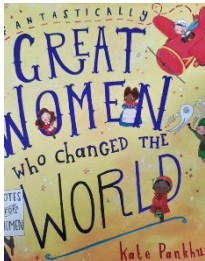
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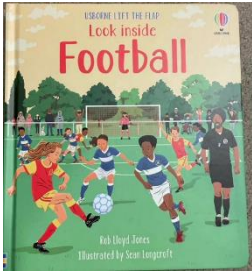
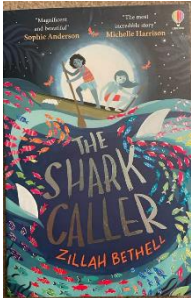


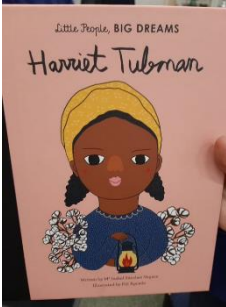
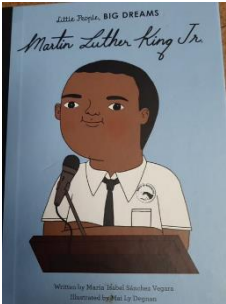
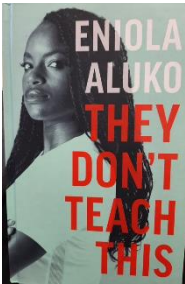
An uplifting story on sustainability, in response to many 'heavy' green titles coming to the market that children often find intimidating. Omar, The Bees and Me encourages children to look after nature in local communities planting wild flowers to form bee corridors. Themes around cultural identity are also explored through Omar (a new boy from Syria) and Maisie's friendship. Offers an insight into

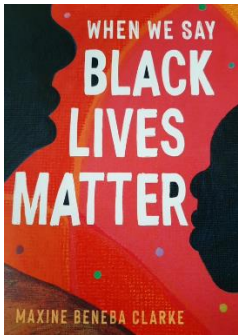
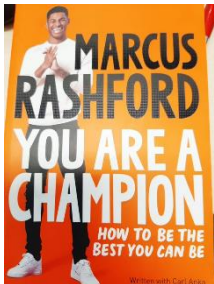
Omar the Bees and Me by Helen Mortimer

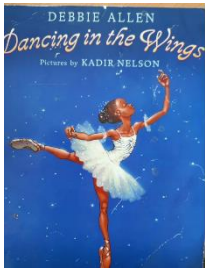
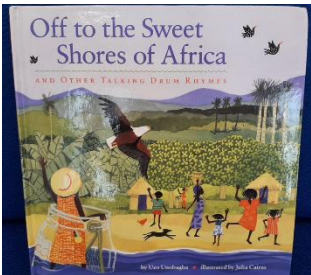
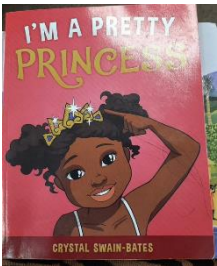
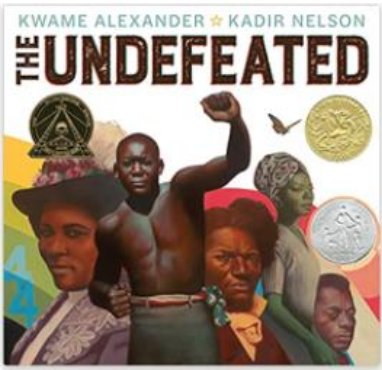
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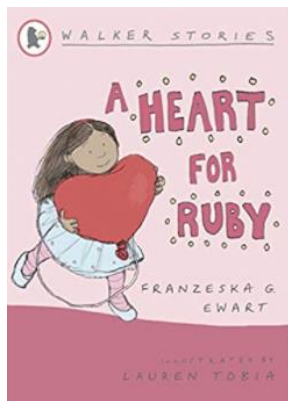
	international beekeeping and illustrated by award-winning picture-book maker Katie Cottle, creator of The Green Giant and The Blue Giant. Includes bee facts on endpapers and a recipe for honey cake on end page.	
	Jakob has found the long-lost SPACE TRAIN! But it's old, battered and broken. With the help of Granny and Derek the robot chicken, can Jakob fix the train?	The Space Train by Maudie Powell-Tuck <u>KS1</u>
	Kate Pankhurst, descendent of suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst, has created a wildly wonderful and accessible book about the accomplishments and adventures of many more brilliant women from throughout history. Travel through the Underground Railroad with the brave and courageous Harriet Tubman. Turn the pages of the hauntingly brilliant Frankenstein with the incredibly talented Mary Shelley. Blast into space with astronaut Valentina Tereshkova. Become a mighty Egyptian pharaoh with the powerful Hatshepsut.	Fantastically Great Women Who Made History by Kate Pankhurst <u>Yr2/KS2</u>
	Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in! Fly high with incredible explorer and pilot Amelia Earhart. Discover the Wonderful Adventures of medical pioneer Mary Seacole. Fight for your rights with legendary civil rights activist Rosa Parks.	Fantastically Great Women who changed the world by Kate Pankhurst <u>Yr2KS2</u>

	Change the face of books forever with superstar novelist Jane Austen. Bursting full of beautiful illustrations and astounding facts, Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World is the perfect introduction to just a few of the most incredible women who helped shaped the world we live in. A fantastic gift for girls and boys alike!	
	This fun-filled book celebrates the world's most popular sport played by women, men, boys and girls all over the world. Learn about the history of the game, how footballs are made, and how YOU can become a top professional player. Find out how your local club is run, visit a team's training ground, and pick up tips to sharpen your football skills.	Look Inside Football by Jones Rob Lloyd <u>KS1/LKS2</u>
	Blue Wing is desperate to become a shark caller, but instead she must befriend infuriating newcomer Maple, who arrives unexpectedly on Blue Wing's island. At first, the girls are too angry to share their secrets and become friends. But when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, they must journey together to the bottom of the ocean to brave the deadliest shark of them all...	The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell <u>KS2</u>
	Amari Peters knows three things. Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret... So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of	Amari and the Night Brothers by BB Alston <u>KS2</u>

	Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.	
	New in the Little People, Big Dreams series, discover the incredible life of Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad conductor who 'never lost a single passenger' in this true story of her life.	Harriet Tubman by Isabel Sanchez Vegara <u>KS1/KS2</u>
	This beautifully illustrated collection brings you eight fantastic fairy tales from around the world. Full of wit, charm, compassion and courage, these heroes will inspire and empower a new generation of readers.	Tales of Brave and Brilliant Girls from Around the World by various authors <u>KS2</u>
	In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Martin Luther King Jr., the inspiring minister and civil rights activist. Little Martin grew up in a family of preachers: his dad was a preacher, his uncle was a preacher, his grandfather was a preacher... so maybe he'd become a great preacher too.	Martin Luther King Jr by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara <u>KS1/KS2</u>
	First class honours law degree. 102 appearances for England women's national football team. First female pundit on Match of the Day. UN Women UK ambassador. Guardian columnist. All of these achievements belong to Eni Aluko, who, is keen to share her experiences, aiming to inspire readers to be	They Don't Teach This by Eniola Aluko <u>KS2</u>

	the best possible versions of themselves.	
	A timely, powerful and much-needed picture book exploring the background to the Black Lives Matter movement for young children. A beautifully illustrated and poignant picture book about the Black Lives Matter movement - its deep history, background and meaning - as well as a focus on the tremendous amount of work still left to do. Through author-illustrator Maxine Beneba Clarke's glorious artwork and lyrical text, this book fosters activism, being anti-racist and using your voice and your power for good.	When We Say Black Lives Matter by Maxine Beneba Clarke <u>Yr2/KS2</u>
	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.	You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be by Marcus Rashford <u>KS2</u>
	Meet Ella Fitzgerald, one of the most influential jazz singers of all time! New in the Little People, Big Dreams series, this inspiring and informative little biography follows the inspirational life of the First Lady of Song, from her early singing days on the streets of Harlem, to her success as a jazz legend, with the message: 'It's	Ella Fitzgerald: Little People, Big Dreams by Isabel Sanchez Vegara <u>KS1/KS2</u>

	not where you come from, but where you're going that counts.	
	Sassy is a long-legged girl who always has something to say. She wants to be a ballerina more than anything, but she worries that her too-large feet, too-long legs, and even her big mouth will keep her from her dream.	Dancing in the Wings by Debbie Allen <u>KS1/LKS2</u>
	A collection of poems featuring the animals, people, and cultures of Africa.	Off to the Sweet Shores of Africa by Uzo Unobagha <u>KS1</u>
	Meet Makayla, a pretty black princess who lives in a castle far, far away. Although she has cute dresses, a sparkling tiara, and a shiny wand, she knows that being a princess isn't just about her fancy things, she has to put in work to be the very best princess she can be! By the end of this rhyming picture book, Makayla realizes that "It's not my castle, my wand, or the dress that I'm in. What makes me a princess is what lies within!"	I'm a Pretty Princess by Crystal Swain-Bates <u>KS1</u>
	Originally performed for ESPN's The Undefeated, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.	The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander <u>Yr2/KS2</u>



Ruby's class will be performing in the school Valentine's Day concert on Friday, but there's just one problem - Ruby can't dance. Try as she might, she just can't make herself lighter than air like everyone else. She always comes down with a thump! Auntie Pooja tells Ruby a story about how once, when she was at a party, she danced so hard that one of her favourite ruby heart earrings flew off, and she never found it.

A Heart for Ruby by Franzeska Ewart

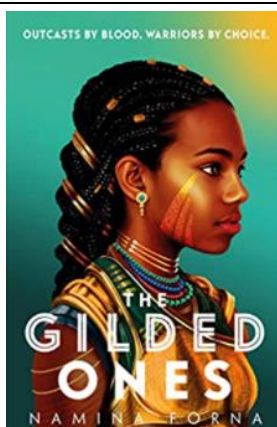
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In this book, Stuart Lawrence talks about what he has learned from life – the tools that have helped him live positively and kept him moving forwards when times have been tough. From role models to self-control, failure to imagination, Stuart's aim with this book is to use his own experience to help young people – to help all people – harness the good in themselves and in the world around them, using that fire of positivity to create change in their lives.

Silence is Not An Option: You can impact the world for change by Stuart Lawrence

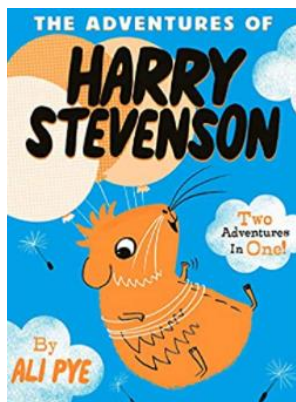
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In this West African-inspired world, girls are outcasts by blood and warriors by choice, perfect for fans of Children of Blood and Bone and Black Panther.

The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna

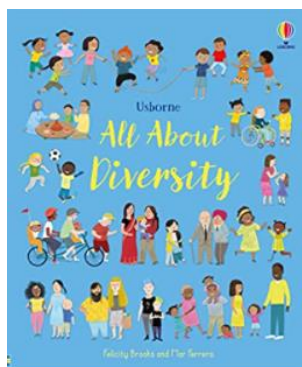
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Meet Harry Stevenson. He doesn't live in a castle, or a witch's cottage, or anywhere exciting like that. His home is in a flat with seven-year-old Billy and his mum and dad. And at first glance, Harry doesn't seem any different from your average guinea pig. He has ginger fur and sparkly black eyes and likes nothing more than snacking on a piece of broccoli.

The Adventures of Harry Stevenson by Ali Pye

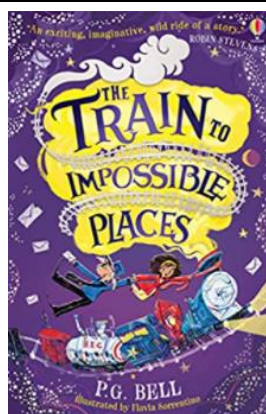
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This dynamic and joyous exploration of difference helps young children learn to respond in a kind and equal way to everyone, regardless of shape, size, age, physical and mental ability, gender, ethnicity, beliefs, language, culture, background, and so on. With topics ranging from clothes, music and food to homes, festivals and families, there is plenty for children to talk about as they find out about what makes people different and what makes them unique.

All About Diversity by Felicity Brooks

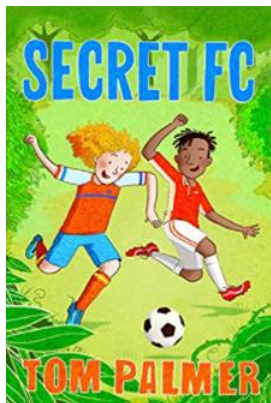
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When Suzy hears a strange noise in the middle of the night, she creeps downstairs to find a train roaring through her house. But this is no ordinary train. This is the magical delivery express for the Union of Impossible Places.

The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell

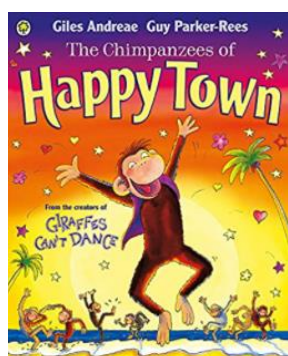
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Lily, Zack and Khal can't believe it when the new headmaster at their school bans football in the playground. What are a gang of football-mad kids meant to do at break-time now? Then Zack has a brilliant plan and a very secret football club is formed...Light-hearted and uplifting, this tale of football-underdogs-with-a-twist is lots of fun.

Secret FC by Tom Palmer

[KS2](#)



Life is no fun for the chimps in Drabsville - the mayor demands that all their houses look the same and that no one should have a good time. But things take a more colourful turn when Chutney the chimpanzee arrives, carrying a tiny seed in a box...

The Chimpanzees of Happy Town by Giles Andreae

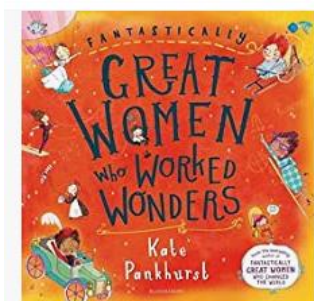
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Open up the Teacup House - and meet four little rabbit heroes with big ideas! Watch out, Twitches - Stevie's got a furry visitor. The teacup house is turned upside down when a bouncy puppy comes to stay! Silver and Mama Bo hide in the garden, and meet a creature who needs their help. Now it's Twitches to the rescue...

Teacup House- The Twitches by Hayley Scott

[Yr2/Yr3](#)



What do you want to be when you grow up? It's a BIG question that everyone is asked from an early age. Discover eye-opening facts about a collection of go-getting women who have pioneered careers in a kaleidoscope of different industries.

Fantastically Great Women who worked wonders By Kate Pankhurst

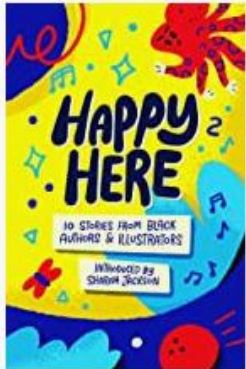
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Discover the untold stories of women who have helped protect our natural world, all the way through history.

Fantastically Great Women who saved the planet By Kate Pankhurst

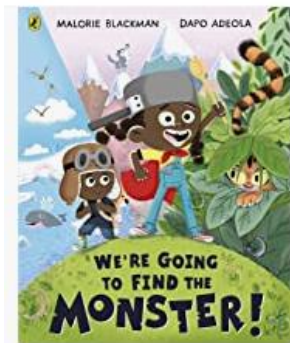
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Happy Here 10 stories from Black and British authors and illustrators

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Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER!

Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster.

We're Going to Find the Monster by Malorie Blackman

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