

# Recommended Books by BAME Authors

(more identified on the Y7/8 list)

## Action, Adventure & Mystery

**Warrior Boy** by Virginia Clay. From London to Kenya: Will Ben fit in with his Maasai family?

**The Lightning Girl** (& sequels) by Alesha Dixon. Aurora discovers she is a superhero. What next?

**The Girl Who Stole An Elephant** by Nizrana Farouk. Will Chaya be captured in the Sri Lankan jungle?

**High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop** by Sharna Jackson. A tech-savvy detective duo fight crime in London.

## Fantasy, Magic Realism or Science Fiction

**The Infinite** by Patience Agbabi. Elle is a Leapling with the ability to leap through time; she has received a mysterious warning from the future.

**Blackberry Blue & other fairy tales** by Jamila Gavin. Six enchanting stories – with diverse characters.

**Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure** by Vashti Hardy. A fantasy adventure with twins, thought-wolves and lots of exploration.

**Girl of Ink and Stars** by KM Hargrave. A map-maker's daughter, a missing friend & a fire demon!

## Fun

**Scythe** (& series) by Neal Shusterman. A dystopian novel where no one dies – unless they are killed by a Scythe. A gripping thriller.

**Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties** by H Arshad. Killer bees, microwaved pants, embarrassing relatives & an 11-year-old rapper!

**Cookie** by Konnie Huq. A hilarious story with madcap science projects and chaotic families.

**Planet Omar** series by Zanib Mian. Omar will keep you laughing and reading (better than Wimpy Kid!)

## Relationships & Tough Situations

**Cyborg Cat: Rise of the Parsons Road Gang** (& sequels)- A. Adepitan. Explores racism & disability– but also funny! Celebrates football & friendship.

**Cloud Busting** or **Pig-Heart Boy** by Malorie Blackman. Inspiring and heart-warming books.

**Artichoke Hearts** by Sita Brahmachari. 12 year old Meera's grandmother is ill – how will she and her artistic, outspoken family cope?

**Stella by Starlight** by Sharon Draper. Stella lives in the segregated South – and has seen something awful. What should she do?

**The Bone Sparrow** by Z Fraillion. Subhi is a refugee camp child – a story of friendship and resilience.

**Tall Story** by Candy Gourlay. Andi loves basketball, but she is short--unlike her just arrived Filipino half-brother Bernardo, who is 8 feet tall. Funny & sad!

**The Island at the End of Everything** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Many people have leprosy on Amihan's island but she loves it. Now she is about to be ripped away from everything she knows.

**Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen. Ade is trapped in a tower block with bizarre attacking plants.

**The Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Rauf. A refugee boy & his classmates fight against the odds.

**As Brave As You** by Jason Reynolds. What does it mean to be brave? Disability, diversity and truth. Also try the **Track** series and **Look Both Ways Ghost** by JP Rhodes. Jerome is 12—and dead, killed by a policeman. A poignant story told by his ghost.

**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone. 11 year-old Scoob goes on a road trip with Grandma in the South. Disturbing but heartwarming, with lots of history!

## War & History

**Bone Talk** by Candy Gourlay. Samkad and Luki live in the Phillippines 100 years ago – they both want to be warriors, but Luki is a girl. Superb story.

**Race to the Frozen North** by Catherine Johnson. Based on M. Henson’s life, a story of a pioneer.

**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai. Ha is a Vietnamese refugee trying to start a new life in Alabama. A beautiful verse novel.

**Diver’s Daughter: A Tudor Story** by P Lawrence. A ‘voices’ adventure with African divers in England.

**The Red Pencil** by Andrea Pinkney. 12 year old Amira has to escape from militia in Sudan – and ends up in a refugee camp.

**Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story** by Bali Rai. Fazal is an Indian soldier who takes care of animals as part of the Royal Indian Army service – but his help isn’t welcomed because of the colour of his skin.

