

Forthcoming titles

Black Publishing Focus

A preview of new titles recently published, or issued in the next 12 months

The range of books by Black creatives slated for the next 12 months is refreshingly far broader than has been the case in recent years, with broad appeal

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Black boy joy. Black girl magic. Romantic comedies. Sci-fi adventures. Masculinity and mental health. Tarot. The best thing about putting this preview together has been seeing in black-and-white the multi-faceted, multi-layered stories Black authors have to tell. I'm so glad to see us moving away from books almost exclusively about Black pain or slavery, which, while important, don't allow enough space for the boundless creativity and insight Black authors have to offer.

This preview travels the world, from Brixton to Lagos, from Addis Ababa to Trinidad, and covers topics like cookery, knitting, mental health and music. A specific trend I noticed was a boom in business books focused on helping Black people hustle and succeed in the workplace, with particular insight into the worlds of tech, venture capitalism and corporate boards. It's time for us to get paid, you feel me.

It was also hard to whittle down my top five when there was such talent submitted from Black British authors, specifically including the GOATs Malorie Blackman and Sir Lenny Henry, superstars Candice Carty-Williams, Bolu Babalola, Dapo Adeola and J J Bola, and up-and-comers Moses McKenzie, Danielle Jawando, and the writers of Jacaranda's A Quick Ting On series.

Electrifying, illuminating and absorbing, all the books in this preview point to the truth we knew all along: Black authors are talented, creative and dripping with sauce. All they need is opportunity.

Fiction



Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor
The Dragonfly Sea

September Publishing, £21.89, 2nd Sep, 9780451494047
This "epic and immersive" sea-infused title is the first novel from independent publisher September, and represents the beginning of a boutique fiction list for the press. A coming-of-age novel set on Kenya's coast, it follows a young woman struggling to find her place in a vast world.

Nancy Adimora & Ore Agbaje-Williams (eds)
Of This Our Country

HarperFiction, 30th Sep, £14.99, 9780008469269
Edited by HarperCollins staffers Adimora and Agbaje-Williams, this collection of personal essays illuminates the multifaceted and complex nature of Africa's most populous nation, Nigeria. Featuring contributions from acclaimed writers Ayobami Adébáyó, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Chigozie Obioma, *Of This Our Country* weaves a vibrant and living portrait of Nigeria.



Lisa Allen-Agostini
The Bread the Devil Knead

Myriad, out now, £8.99, 9781912408993
Allen-Agostini's arresting domestic noir novel set in Trinidad's carnival season is alive with sex, murder and secrets—could you

ask for anything more? In first-person Creole, it tells the "heart-wrenching" story of a woman, both liberated and in need of liberation, who witnesses a woman being murdered by her jealous lover.

Amen Alonge
A Good Day to Die

Quercus, Feb 2022, £14.99, 9781529415186
Touted as the British answer to "The Wire", Alonge's action-packed thriller follows Pretty Boy, a man desperate for vengeance. His plan is to find the person responsible for his exile from London, but this is derailed when he takes possession of a highly coveted bracelet, and the hunter becomes the hunted...



Rosanna Amaka
The Book of Echoes

Black Swan, 1st July, £12.99, 9780857526717
The paperback version of a "new classic", *The Book of Echoes* is a sweeping début about a boy from Brixton and a girl from Nigeria, whose struggle for happiness began "many lifetimes ago".

Sussie Anie
To Fill a Yellow House

Phoenix, March 2022, £14.99, 9781474621694
The second novel by British-Ghanaian author Anie, *To Fill a Yellow House* will be a lead title for Phoenix, Francesca Main's new imprint at Orion. The story of an unlikely friendship between a young second-generation immigrant and the white middle-aged owner of a local charity shop, Main says the novel has "exactly the kind of distinctive, story-driven and emotionally powerful

writing" the new imprint aims to champion.

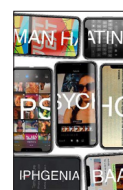
Raymond Antrobus
All the Names Given

Pan Macmillan, 2nd Sep, £10.99, 978152905950X
The latest collection from 2019's Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year is filled with intimate, deeply personal poems that are haunted by gods and ghosts, and the "painful electricity" that pulses through the wires of lineage and inheritance. The poems travel between Africa, America, the Caribbean, and the London streets Antrobus grew up on.



Mateo Askaripour
Black Buck

John Murray, 27th May, £14.99, 9781529376722
Already published in the US, this "crackling, satirical" début has garnered praise from Colson Whitehead and the American press. *Black Buck* follows a young man who is given a shot at stardom as the lone Black salesman at a mysterious, cult-like start-up where "nothing is as it seems". It will be John Murray's lead fiction début of 2021.



Iphgenia Baal
Man Hating Psycho

Influx, 29th May, £9.99, 9781910312797
Baal's caustic collection of stories feature armchair activists, drug-addled aristocrats, anonymous #MeToo-ers, laying bare

the trappings of modern life, while "putting the short story form through a literary mincer". Dark and captivating, *Man Hating Psycho* is not one to be missed.

Bolu Babalola
Honey & Spice

Headline, July 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
The hotly-anticipated début novel from the author of short story collection *Love in Colour* (which is out in paperback in June), *Honey & Spice* features a "Bridgerton"-esque fake relationship which threatens to become something deeper. Full of "delicious tension and romantic intrigue", Headline says this is the romantic comedy you don't want to miss. I agree...



Yvonne Bailey-Smith
The Day I Fell Off My Island

Myriad, 10th June, £12.99, 9781912408955
The first book from Bailey-Smith, the mother of Zadie Smith and Doc Brown. As an immigrant child and a former psychologist, Bailey-Smith wanted to explore the pain of leaving loved ones and starting afresh in a new country. This insightful coming-of-age début gives voice to the reluctant immigrants who are forced to deal with the upheavals and transitions associated with moving to a new country.

Rena Barron
Reaper of Souls

HarperFiction, 19th Aug, £14.99, 9780008302283
In this sequel to *Kingdom of Souls*, Barron weaves a tale of mythology, love, and action drawn from West African history and

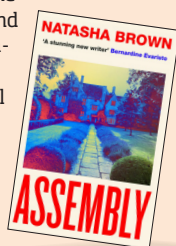
Editor's Choice



Natasha Brown *Assembly*

Hamish Hamilton, 22nd June

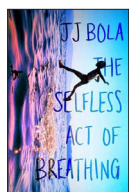
An astonishing literary debut with flavours of Jordan Peele's 'Get Out', *Assembly* follows an unnamed Black British woman who, while preparing to attend a lavish garden party at her boyfriend's family estate, begins a hyper-conscious deconstruction of the carefully assembled pieces of herself. Exposing the thin membrane that holds the oppressive and conflicting parts of our identity together, this remarkable, expertly-crafted novel was the talk of last year's Frankfurt Book Fair.



legend. The book explores themes of empowerment, daughterhood and the strength that comes with difference. There is film interest from Michael B Jordan's production company. I'm sold.

Jendella Benson *Hope and Glory*

Trapeze, April 2022, £14.99, 9781398702295
The first book from Benson, who is head of editorial at lifestyle digital platform and publication *Black Ballad*, *Hope and Glory* is a story of loss, love and family chaos. It follows Glory, who returns home to Peckham to mourn the sudden death of her father and finds that her previously close family has fallen apart in her absence.



JJ Bola *The Selfless Act of Breathing*

Dialogue, out now, £14.99, 9780349702070
Bola's insightful, intimate and lyrical work has been entrancing readers through his three collections of poetry and the publication of his debut novel in 2017. His second novel tackles mental health, police brutality and the power of love as the protagonist seeks to find his place within a world that is complicated and unwelcoming.

Maryse Condé, Richard Philcox (trans) *Waiting for the Waters to Rise*

World Editions, out now, £12.37, 9781642860733
Named a "literary sorcerer" by Junot Díaz, Condé is a French novelist whose latest book features a lonely doctor who is forced to abandon his solitude when his destitute daughter reappears.

J K Chukwu *The Unfortunates*

HarperFiction, April 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
Told in the form of a thesis that seeks to make the stories of messy,

queer women the norm, *The Unfortunates* follows Sahara, a Black, queer student at an elitist university, who is trying to survive cheap vodka and toxic friendships while battling self-hate and depression.

Anni Domingo *Breaking the Maafa Chain*

Jacaranda, Sep 2022, £16.99, 9781913090760
The lead fiction title for Jacaranda for 2021, *Breaking the Maafa Chain* chronicles two sisters' struggle for freedom in the mid-19th century, when transporting slaves from Africa to America was an illegal but lucrative business. It is based on the true story of Sara Forbes Bonetta, the goddaughter to Queen Victoria, whose life forms the basis of a new film starring and produced by Cynthia Erivo.

Saara El-Arifi *The Final Strife*

HarperFiction, June 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
Set in "a cruelly divided empire" and featuring "a spiky heroine with a heart of gold", *The Final Strife* is the first novel in an African-inspired epic fantasy trilogy which is being published in the UK and the US simultaneously in 2022 following double six-figure deals.

Mike Gayle *The Museum of Ordinary People*

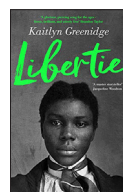
Hodder, February 2022, £14.99, 9781529344752
Inspired by a box of mementos found abandoned in a skip following a house clearance, Gayle's latest novel is a story of memory and love, grief, loss and the things we leave behind. Publication will follow on from the "major" paperback campaign planned for Gayle's previous work *All the Lonely People*.



Salena Godden *Mrs Death Misses Death*

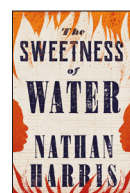
Canongate, out now, £14.99, 9781838851194
Poet Salena Godden's

debut novel sees Mrs Death tell her "intoxicating story" to a troubled young writer in what is called a "life-affirming fire-starter" of a book by the publisher.



Kaitlyn Greenidge *Libertie*

Serpent's Tail, 29th April, £14.99, 9781788169004
The second novel from the author of *We Love You* is inspired by the true story of the third African-American woman to graduate in medicine. In the novel, the eponymous Libertie struggles against parental pressure to become a doctor and chooses her own path in a journey that takes her to college and then on to Haiti—and marriage.



Nathan Harris *The Sweetness of Water*

Headline, 15th June, £18.99, 9781472274373
A "powerful" American debut set during the Civil War and portraying life after slavery—in the vein of *Washington Black* and *Homegoing*—*The Sweetness of Water* tells the story of the unlikely bond between two newly freed brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter all of their lives forever.



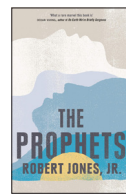
Zakiya Dalila Harris *The Other Black Girl*

Bloomsbury, 1st June, £14.99, 9781526630377
Touted as "Get Out" meets 'The Devil Wears Prada' (I'm already sold), this sly thriller details the tension that develops when two young Black women meet against the starkly white backdrop of book publishing. TV rights have already been optioned by Hulu.



T L Huchu *The Library of the Dead*

Pan Mac/Tor, out now, £14.99, 9781529039450
A mystery set in Edinburgh's magical underworld, Zimbabwe-born Huchu's *The Library of the Dead* is the first book in his new Edinburgh Nights series. It follows a "ghostalker" who speaks to the city's dead, carrying messages to the living.



Robert Jones Jr *The Prophets*

Riverrun, out now, £18.99, 9781529405705
A "blinding" debut that tells the story of forbidden love between two enslaved men in Mississippi, *The Prophet* explores what happens when brutality threatens "the purest form of serenity".

Dorothy Koomson *I Know What You've Done*

Headline, 8th July, £12.99, 9781472277336
Koomson's new thriller asks how well you can really know your neighbours. The latest from the "queen of the big reveal"

sees the protagonist receive a diary filled with all her neighbours' secrets, just before the woman who sent it is murdered...

Jade LB *Keisha the Sket*

#MerkyBooks, 14th October, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
Anonymous writer Jade LB first released chapters of her seminal work aged 13, where it went viral among Black Brits. A "raw and revealing account" of youth culture and life in inner-city London, #MerkyBooks is publishing an updated version of the original story alongside a collection of essays that will explore the cultural phenomenon.

Robinne Lee *The Idea of You*

Michael Joseph, 22nd July, £7.99, 9781405950367
Dubbed "the sleeper hit of the pandemic" by *Vogue*, *The Idea of You* is a globe-trotting love story about a 39-year-old gallery owner who begins a relationship with the 21-year-old member of her daughter's favourite band. Sounds scandalous. You also might know Robinne Lee as an actress who has appeared in films including "Hitch" and "Fifty Shades Darker".



Nadine Matheson *The Jigsaw Man*

HQ, out now, £12.99, 9780008359393
Acquired in a "hotly-contested" auction, HQ aims to launch Matheson as a "major new voice" in the crime fiction market with *The Jigsaw Man*, which pits two serial killers against each other in a cat-and-mouse game. The publisher is planning a long pre-publication campaign to build buzz.

Nikki May *Wahala*

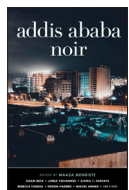
Doubleday, January 2022, £14.99, 9780857527783
A "mixed-race 'Sex and the City' with a sinister edge", *Wahala* is a mix of genre fiction, women's fiction and comedy that explores everyday racism

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and colourism. It follows three friends living in London and the cracks that start to appear in their friendship when a "lethally glamorous" figure from their past returns to town.

Moses McKenzie
An Olive Grove in Ends

Wildfire, April 2022, £16.99, 9781472283115
The lead hardback launch for Wildfire in spring 2022, *An Olive Grove in Ends* tells the story of a young Black man living in Bristol, trying to break free of a cycle of murderous violence and drug-dealing to make a better life with the girl he loves.



Maaza Mengiste
Addis Ababa Noir
Cassava Republic, 20th July, £12.39, 9781617758201
A collection of crime stories set in Ethiopia's capital and edited by Booker-shortlisted author Maaza Mengiste, *Addis Ababa Noir* brings together myth and truth to create something "wholly original—and unsettling".



Kei Miller
Things I Have Withheld
Canongate, 6th May, £14.99, 9781838852795
A series of provocative and lyrical essays, *Things I Have Withheld* explores the meaning of silence across a range of topics, including sexuality, identity, race and class.



Jonah Mixon-Webster
Stereo(TYPE)
Penguin Press, 13th July, £9.99, 9780141996370

Mixon-Webster's debut collection satirises the stereotypes of Black life in America, exploring masculinity, the N-word, and gay Black male experience. Challenging stereotypes through scenes scattered with satire and violence, Mixon-Webster interrogates language and invents new visual and sonic forms.



Nadifa Mohamed
The Fortune Men
Viking, 27th May, £14.99, 9780241466940
The story of a murder and a miscarriage of justice, Mohamed's "beautifully gripping" novel is based on the true events of the wrongful conviction of Mahmood Mattan in Cardiff's Tiger Bay in the 1950s.

Natalia Molebatsi
Wild Imperfections: A Womanist Anthology of Poems
Cassava Republic, 21st Sep, £11.99, 9781913175252
Wild Imperfections is Cassava Republic's first foray into poetry. With a foreword from Bernardine Evaristo, the collection features poets including Nikki Giovanni, Anni Domingo and Warsan Shire. An "unabashedly" feminist and womanist anthology, the poems are about honouring "the women and the womxn and the womyn who came before us through time".

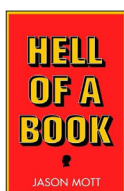


Dantiel W. Moniz
Milk Blood Heat
Atlantic, 6th May, £14.99, 9781838950583
One of the "hottest" US debuts of 2021, according to the *Atlantic*, *Milk Blood Heat* is a collection of stories about race, sex, love, death and the "intimate wonders and violences of the female body".

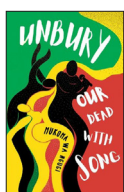


Lizzie Damilola Blackburn
Yinka, Where is Your Husbando?

Viking, January 2022, £14.99, 9780241504598
Riotously funny and pulsing with the frenetic energy of an African party, Blackburn's first book follows a 31-year-old British-Nigerian woman living in south London, who sets out, aided by a spreadsheet and her best friend (and many interfering aunts - God love them), to find a date for her cousin's wedding. Called "modern Austen" by Blackburn's agent Nelle Andrew, the book employs the classic structure of a woman looking for a husband while under pressure from her family, but sets it in South London with a British-Nigerian, Christian protagonist.



Jason Mott
Hell of a Book
Orion, 10th Aug, £14.99, 9781398704640
The inventive and dazzling lead release for the Trapeze list for 2021 sees an African-American author set out on a cross-country book tour to promote his bestselling novel. It also features a "possibly" imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour.



Mukoma Wa Ngugi
Unbury Our Dead with Song
Cassava Republic, 22nd June, 9781911115984
The son of Kenyan writer

Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Mukoma's *Unbury Our Dead with Song* is about a journalist who follows four talented Ethiopian musicians and uncovers the layered secrets of their lives.

Karla Neblett
King of Rabbits
William Heinemann, out now, £14.99, 9781785152481
In *King of Rabbits*, Neblett draws on her own upbringing to turn her lived experience into a compelling story about class, race and how our society fails working-class young men.



Courtia Newland
A River Called Time
Canongate, out now, £16.99, 9781786897060
A speculative fiction story set in an alternate world where slavery and colonialism never happened, Newland's latest novel is

an exploration of social inequality.



Morgan Omotoye
Here is Where
Open Pen, 13th May, £5.99, 9781838210618
The latest in short fiction publisher Open Pen's series of novelettes is Omotoye's *Here is Where*, in which the protagonist falls in love with her best friend, and in so doing, discovers that "love is a battlefield", and to survive she will have to "become something new, something terrible and born of fire".



Chibundu Onuzo
Sankofa
Little, Brown, 3rd June, £16.99, 9780349013152
Onuzo's latest is the story of a mixed-race British woman who goes in search of the African father she never knew and discovers that he eventually became the president—some might say dictator—of a West African country.

Vanessa Onwuemezi
Dark Neighbourhood
Fitzcarraldo Editions, 6th October, 9781913097707
Dark Neighbourhood is the "brilliantly inventive" debut collection from Vanessa Onwuemezi, winner of the White Review Short Story Prize 2019. The beguilingly creative stories take readers on a "surreal and haunting journey", from the border of another world, where a line of people wait for the gates to open, to a suburban garden where a man witnesses a murder.

Dolen Perkins-Valdez
If This is a Peace
Phoenix, June 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
Set in 1970s Alabama and inspired by true

events, *If This is a Peace* is the story of a Black nurse who makes a shocking discovery about two young sisters in her care, and her fight against the systematic sterilisation of women and girls across America. *If This is a Peace* will be published as a lead Phoenix title in the summer of 2022.



Jo Piazza & Christine Pride
We Are Not Like Them
HQ, 14th October, £14.99, 9780008334567
We Are Not Like Them is the story of a lifelong friendship between two women and what happens after one of their husbands is involved in the shooting of an unarmed black teenager. The publisher intends to work closely with Atria, which is publishing in the US on a "truly global" campaign.



Leone Ross
This One Sky Day
Faber, 15th April, £16.99, 978-0571358007
This One Sky Day is a love story 15 years in the making from Leone Ross, featuring two lovers who must find their way back to each other before the night falls. According to the publisher, it's a "sensuous and darkly comic" novel about love, second chances and fate, with "biting postcolonial satire and magical realist playfulness".



Sam Selvon
The Lonely Londoners
Penguin Press, 3rd June, £16.99, 9780241504123

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An account of immigrant experience, Penguin Press is releasing this edition of “one of the true great Black British novels” as a Clothbound Classic.

Ntozake Shange For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/ When the Rainbow Is Enuf

W&N, 9th December, £8.99, 9781474621984
Consisting of poetic monologues and stage directions, *For Colored Girls...* gives voice to what it was to be a woman of colour in the 20th century. It will be one of the launch titles for a new list of modern classics: W&N Essentials.

Kelso Simon A Monster's Tale

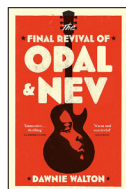
SRL Publishing, 27th July, £8.99, 9781838279813
This gritty crime novel follows 32-year-old Brett, whose life is an endless cycle of work and stress. A series of events involving his ex-girlfriend and their four-year-old daughter leads to a life-changing disaster which thrusts Brett into a cycle of insanity and revenge.

Naima Simone
The Road to Rose Bend
Mills & Boon, 24th June, £8.99, 9781848458512
The latest title from Naima Simone is a heartwarming story of second chances, but with emotional pulls of family feuds, loss and grief. A key title for Mills & Boon, *The Road to Rose Bend* will be supported by a strong marketing campaign.



Rivers Solomon
Sorrowland
#Merky Books, 6th May, £14.99, 9781529118735
Sorrowland follows an albino, intersex Black child raised in a cult who flees to the woods as a seven-months-pregnant 15-year-old. The book explores life on the margins and examines themes including the state's damning experiments on Black

bodies, gender identity and motherhood.



Dawnine Walton
Final Revival of Opal & Nev
Quercus, 20th April, £14.99, 9781529414493
Reminiscent of *Daisy Jones and the Six*, this is a polyphonic novel that tells the story of a Black female singer and a white British singer/songwriter. Featuring a wealth of voices, blending journalism and fiction, it details the emergence of Afropunk culture while exploring themes of racism and exploitation in the 1970s music scene and the music industry today.

Alex Wheatle Cane Warriors

Andersen Press, out now, £10.99, 9781783449873
The first historical YA novel from the Brixton Bard, *Cane Warriors* follows the true-life slave rebellion known as Tacky's War in 18th-century Jamaica through the eyes of 14-year-old Moa.

Charmaine Wilkerson Black Cake

Michael Joseph, 15/03/21, £14.99, 9780241529928
An immersive debut, *Black Cake* is a story of love and loss that follows an estranged brother and sister as they try to remember the importance of family and each other.

Non-fiction

Christian Adofo
A Quick Ting On
Jacaranda, 26th Aug, £9.99, 9781913090517
The brainchild of Jacaranda publisher Magdalena Abrama, the latest title in press' lead non-fiction series *A Quick Ting On* is Adofo's look at the infectious and pioneering Afrobeats music genre.

Luvvie Ajayi Jones
The Fear-Fighter Manual: Lessons from a Professional Troublemaker
Quercus, out now, £14.99, 9781529409017
Popular podcast host and writer Ajayi Jones

is on a mission to get us to face the “enemy of progress” known as fear. Guided by the influence of her “professional troublemaking” Nigerian grandmother, Ajayi Jones explores what we need to overcome to succeed.

Ayishat Akanbi The Awakening: Clarity, Culture and Identity in the Web of Chaos

Orion, 11th Nov, £16.99, 9781474614948
Looking at how the concept of spiritual awakening has evolved into present-day “wokeness”, and how that has in turn led to further polarisation rather than unification, stylist and DJ Akanbi uses *The Awakening* to encourage an appeal to humanism and self-awareness.



Dame Elizabeth Anionwu
Dreams from My Mother
Orion, 16th Sep, £7.99, 9781841885223
This originally self-published memoir from Dame Anionwu, who was named a BBC 100 Women of the Year in 2020, tells the inspirational life story of a woman who overcame stigma and discrimination to become the first ever sickle-cell specialist nurse in the UK.

Bibi Bakare-Yusuf
Outriders Africa
Cassava Republic, 10th Aug, £12.32, 9781913175238
With a mission to decolonise travel writing, this travelogue sees two writers travelling in and through the same African country and documenting their experiences. Featuring contributions from Tsitsi Dangaremba, Sabrina Mahfouz and Kei Miller, among others, *Outriders Africa* is a direct rejection of the “damaging legacy” that 400 years of white European journeying authors has brought to the genre.

Leona Nichole Black
Tarot Therapy
Orion, 12th May, £12.99, 9781398704156
Tarot Therapy sees established tarot therapist

Black guide readers through aspects of their lives including love, career and social impact, with personalised prompts, meditations and tarot spreads.



Jay Blades
Making It: How Love, Kindness and Community Helped Me Repair My Life
Pan Mac, 13th May, £16.99, 9781529059199
The breakout star of lockdown via his presenting role on BBC One's “The Repair Shop”, Jay Blades is sharing details of his life—from his childhood growing up in Hackney, to being brutalised by police as a teen, to finding his true vocation in restoration—in his new memoir.

Jeffrey Boakye
I Heard What You Said
Picador, June 2022, £16.99, 9781529063745
A creative visionary who has covered topics from masculinity to Grime music and Black British culture, Boakye's latest leverages his unique position as a Black teacher in the UK's white education system and offers a call-to-action to stop that system from continuing to fail both its teachers and students.



Candice Brathwaite
Sista Sister
Quercus, 8th July, £16.99, 9781529415276
Brathwaite's second title is a compilation of essays about things she wishes someone had talked to her about when she was a young Black girl growing up in London: from family and money, to Black hair, fashion and colourism.

Symeon Brown
Get Rich or Lie Trying: Ambition and Deceit in the New Influencer Economy
Atlantic, April 2022, £16.99, 9781838950279

Incisive “Channel 4 News” reporter Symeon Brown is taking stock of influencer culture in his first book. Including stories from across the world, from London, to Lagos, to LA, *Get Rich or Lie Trying* is an exposé of the murky world of the influencer, from YouTube pranksters to pornographers on OnlyFans.

Gemma Cairney The Immortal Sisterhood: How Remarkable Women Taught Me How to Live

Canongate, June 2022, £12.99, 9781838851293
Radio 1 presenter Cairney blends memoir and self-help in her book about how we can look to other women—Poly Styrene, Maya Angelou, Audre Lorde, among others—to help overcome life's obstacles.

Natalie Carter & Melissa Cummings-Quarry Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up

Bloomsbury, 30th Sep, £12.99, 9781526623713
Written by the co-founders of the space-carving, agenda-setting literature and events platform Black Girls Book Club, *Grown* is a guide to navigating life as a Black teenage girl—the perfect handbook for advice about laying the perfect edges, dealing with microaggressions, and more.

Eric Collins We Don't Need Permission

Bantam Press, April 2022, £20, 9781787635395
A system in which 93 per cent of all venture capital goes to white, male teams is a broken system. This is the sobering statistic at the heart of entrepreneur Eric Collins' practical guide to successful, transformative entrepreneurship for groups that have been excluded from the venture capital space.

St Clair Detrick-Jules My Beautiful Black Hair

Chronicle Books, 14th Sep, £18.09, 9781797212197
In this book from filmmaker and photographer Detrick-Jules, 101 Black women share their stories of learning to love their natural hair. Includes powerful interviews and vivid photographs.

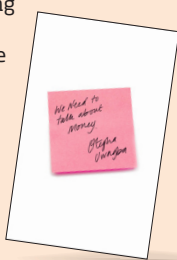
Christopher Emdin
Ratchetdemic

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Otegha Uwagba We Need to Talk About Money

4th Estate, 8th July, £14.99, 9780008350383
On a mission to demystify what remains as a dirty little secret for many, Uwagba builds on her excellent and practical career guide *Little Black Book*, and explores her own relationship with money and what that relationship says about the world around us. Personal but universal, Uwagba's story of navigating university and the world of work while dealing with the pressures of class, lack of privilege and misogyny, is illuminating, eye-opening and reassuring.



Beacon Press, 10th Aug, £19.60, 9780807089507 Educator Emdin introduces a new concept with *Ratchetdemic*, which aims to reclaim a word historically used to marginalise students of colour by bringing together hip-hop culture and academic achievement, and enabling students and teachers of colour to display academic brilliance without sacrificing their identities.

Melanie Eusebe
Financial Wellness and How to Find it

Orion, Jan 2022, £12.99, 9781398702684 If we're ranking books based on how SEO-friendly their titles are then *Financial Wellness* is the clear winner. Eusebe is well placed to help "take finance out of the business pages and into our personal lives": she's a director at Accenture and runs a financial empowerment service.

Ziwe Fumudoh
The Book of Ziwe

Abrams Image, Feb 2022, £18.74, 9781419756346 Brooklyn-based comedian and writer Fumudoh, who has written for Stephen Colbert and The Onion, has penned a takedown of our culture's "(mis)understanding of race". The book tackles questions about racism by mixing bite-sized moments of insight with longer essays such as "A Conversation with a Cancelled White Person".



Alicia Garza
The Purpose of Power

Black Swan, 22nd Oct, £14.99, 9780857527684 From the co-founder of Black Lives Matter, *The*

Purpose of Power is an exploration of enduring and systematic racism that examines the moment we are in, how we got here, and how we can galvanise people to create change.

Zack George
Start Where Others Stop

Seven Dials, 29th April, £16.99, 9781841885029 Crowned by CrossFit as "the UK's fittest man", George tells his personal story of his attempt to build a career as a personal trainer and operating in a world with so few Black athletes, interspersed with science-backed exercises.

Rene Germain
Black and Great: The Careers Manifesto

Coronet, 19th Aug, £16.99, 9781529377637 Featuring interviews and letters from some of the UK's leading Black voices—including Trevor Nelson, Kwane

Kwei-Armah and Dr Patricia Daley—*Black and Great* is a career guide for Black British professionals.

Jamise Harper
Bibliophile: Diverse Spines

Chronicle Books, 19th Oct, £12.99, 9781797211916 This richly illustrated collection is spawned from the #diversespines hashtag, which highlights literature by Black women and women of colour.



Brandi Cheyenne Harper
Knitting for Radical Self-Care

Abrams, 26th Oct, £18.17, 9781419744884 The pandemic has forced many of us to diversify our extracurricular activities beyond laying in bed

and watching Netflix, so knitting expert Harper's new pattern book, which also includes essays on self-care and sourcing creativity, will go down a treat.

Greg Hoffman
Emotion by Design

Random House Business, April 2022, tbc, 978xxxxxxxxx Former Nike chief marketing officer Hoffman is the man behind some of the most iconic campaigns in history: from Colin Kaepernick's "Dream Crazy" ad to the logos used by Roger Federer and Serena Williams. This book unearths the driving force behind his creativity.

Kenya Hunt
Girl

HQ, 26th Nov, £16.99, 9780008371970 With contributions from Black women such as Candice Carty-Williams and Freddie Harrel, Hunt's essay collection is a "provocative,

heartbreaking and hilarious" take on what it means to be Black, a woman, a mother, and a global citizen in today's world.

Anne-Marie Imafidon
She's in CTRL

Bantam Press, March 2022, £16.99, 9781787635029 Women, and particularly Black women, are under-represented in tech. Imafidon's *She's in CTRL* is an exploration of why that is, why it matters and what we can do about it. Transworld is preparing an extensive marketing campaign with widespread review coverage.

Calum Jacobs
A New Formation: How Black Footballers Made the Modern Game
#MerkyBooks, 2nd Sep, £12.99, 9781529118700 Bringing a new perspective to the beautiful game, Jacobs' collection of essays features interviews with leading figures in

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football and discussions about how a collective Black influence has shaped the modern game.



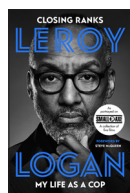
Jessica Jones
Own It: How to Build Confidence, Completely Love Yourself and Embrace Your Body
Welbeck, Feb 2022, £11.45, 9781789562864
Motivational comedian Jess Jones—a.k.a. the Fat Funny One—is bringing her engaging and funny views on body confidence to her new book *Own It*. Through her story, tailored advice and practical exercises, she intends to teach a generation of women to “wholeheartedly love themselves”.

Guilaine Kinouani
Living While Black: The Guide to Overcoming Racial Trauma
Ebury, 3rd June, £12.99, 9781529109436
Radical psychologist and anti-racist educator Kinouani explores the diverse experiences of Black people around the world and uses case studies to offer guidance on how to practise true self-care, set boundaries, process microaggressions, navigate the dating world, and more.

Kazvare Knox
Stay Woke, Kids
Canongate, 16th Sep, £9.99, 9781838853556
Illustrator Knox’s collection of limericks tackles issues of race and toxic masculinity in a “delightfully caustic and refreshing book” alongside her bold and colourful illustrations.

Giselle La-Pompe Moore
Take It In
Ebury, March 2022, £14.99, 9781846047077
Spiritual guide and teacher La-Pompe Moore reveals how we can reset our mindset by embracing everyday spirituality to nurture the life we can see for ourselves. Manifesting the current trend in the Mind, Body and Spirit space, this is sure to be a hit.

Nice Leng’ete
The Girls in the Wild Fig Tree
Headline, 14th Sep, £16.99, 9781472275802
Activist Leng’ete, one of *Time*’s 100 Most Influential People in 2018, tells the story of how she ran away from home multiple times to avoid being subjected to female genital mutilation (FGM), and how she has since helped more than 16,000 people avoid FGM in Kenya and Tanzania.



Leroy Logan
Closing Ranks: My Life as a Cop
SPCK, 17th Sep, £14.99, 9780281083466
The true story behind Steve McQueen’s “Small Axe: Red White and Blue” (Logan was portrayed by John Boyega), Logan’s autobiography gives a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the Met police.



Natalie Morris
Mixed/Other
Trapeze, 15th April, £16.99, 9781409197140
Building on her astute column in *Metro* comes Morris’ exploration of what it means to be mixed-race in the UK today. As mixed-race people are the fastest-growing ethnic group, and with the birth of the first interracial royal child, it’s high time that mixed-race issues—including “black-fishing” and fetishisation—are explored.

Dambisa Moyo
How Boards Work
Little, Brown, 6th May, £25, 9780349128412
As a prize-winning economist and veteran board director, Moyo offers her unique insight into the work of corporate boards and why their work is so important in society.

Vanessa Nakate
A Bigger Picture
Pan Mac, 2nd Nov, £16.02, 9780358654506
“We are on the front line but we are not on the front page,” says Nakate, who was cropped out of a photograph she was in featuring Greta Thunberg and three other white activists by the Associated Press. Her book traces the links between the climate crisis and anti-racism, as well as telling her own personal story.

Elizabeth Ogabi
Side Hustle in Progress
HarperNonfiction, 24th June, £10.99, 9780008455002
In our modern, increasingly remote world, a lot of us have, or are keen to develop, a side-hustle to fulfil our dreams of world domination and universal prestige. Ogabi’s “practical and prescriptive” handbook combines inspiration, advice and ideas to help readers feel empowered and excited about their business ideas.

Florence Olajide
Coconut: A Memoir of Belonging, Identity and Finding Home
Thread, 28/05/21, 9781909770652
A generation of Nigerian children were born in Britain in the 1950s and ‘60s, privately fostered by white families, then taken to Nigeria by their parents. In *Coconut*—named for the racial slur used to describe people thought to have denied their Black heritage in favour of a white one—Olajide recounts her story of loss and loneliness.



Chloe Pierre
Take Care
Headline, January 2022, £16.99, 9781472286000
Pierre, the founder of thy.self, a brand pushing to make self-care more inclusive, is inspiring Black women to take time to care for themselves in this handbook; it centres on their wellness and mental health.

George the Poet
Untitled

Hodder, 28th Oct, £16.99, 9781529341935
Part memoir, part “disruptive” polemic, this as-yet-untitled book from spoken-word artist and social commentator George the Poet is being compared to Reni Eddo-Lodge’s *Why I’m No Longer... Akala’s Natives* and Jay-Z’s *Decoded*.

Billy Porter
Unprotected: A Memoir
Abrams Press, 14th October, £20.36, 9781419746192
Unprotected is the revealing autobiography about race, sexuality and art, from the incomparable star of “Pose” and Broadway’s “Kinky Boots”.

Questlove
Music is History
Abrams Image, 28th Oct, £21.84, 9781419751431
From drummer and DJ Questlove comes an around-the-world-in-500-songs masterclass in music. *Music is History* takes an in-depth look into the 500 most influential songs that have changed not just popular music, but the world.



Tolani Shoneye, Audrey Indome & Milena Sanchez
Keep the Receipts
Headline, 8th July, £16.99, 9781472282576
The women behind the huge “Receipts” podcasts are bringing us a “hilarious and audacious” book in which they get “super honest” about their life experience and lessons.

Nova Reid
The Good Ally
HQ, 2nd Sep, £16.99, 9780008439484
Full of “punch, humour and hope”, *The Good Ally* is a book on how to become a better ally, for those who want to expand their knowledge and understanding of systemic racism.

June Sarpong
The Only One in the Room
HQ, May 2022, £20, 9780008412371
Broadcaster and activist Sarpong’s memoir takes us from her early



David Harewood
Maybe I Don't Belong Here...

Pan Mac, 2nd September, £20, 9781529064131
When he was 23, Harewood suffered a psychotic breakdown and ended up being physically detained by police, sedated, hospitalised and sectioned. While making his documentary about his experience “Psychosis & Me”, Harewood came to understand how race and racism play a huge part in the mental health treatment of Black and other people of colour. Investigating the shocking but not surprising statistics around mental health in the UK and how the numbers are stacked against Black people, this is an important and powerful read.



childhood in Ghana to her experiences as a Black woman forging a career in the media, where she was often the only Black person in the room. A till-point version of her polemic *Diversify: The Power of Women* is also coming this May.

Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah
The Sex Lives of African Women
Dialogue, 22nd July, £18.99, 9780349701653
Sekyiamah is the co-founder of a blog launched to help provide a space for African women to discuss sex and sexuality. In the vein of Lisa Taddeo’s *Three Women*, Sekyiamah’s book tells the stories of individual women from across Africa and its diaspora as they speak of their diverse experiences of sex, sexualities and relationships.

Clint Smith
How the Word is Passed
Dialogue, 1st June, £20, 978-0349701172
How the Word is Passed sees Smith visit seven places that were built by enslaved people. By revealing how slavery

is hidden in plain sight, Smith shows us how the history of slavery is not only relevant, but still alive today.

Raphael & Opeyemi Sofoluke
Twice as Hard
DK, 3rd June, £16.99, 9780241501030
A book about what it means to be Black in the working world, with practical steps on how to overcome prejudice to find success, *Twice as Hard* is an exploration of Black identity in the workplace by husband-and-wife team Raphael and Opeyemi Sofoluke.

Paula Sutton
Hill House Living: The Art of Creating a Joyful Life
Ebury, 14th October, £22, 9781529109658
Sutton is “our care-free Black auntie”, living her best life in the English countryside. Referred to as “the queen of cottagecore”, she has packed *Hill House Living* full of creative tips on how to upcycle, create a unique style and cosy home, and find joy in the little things.

Chinny Ukata & Astrid Madimba
It's a Continent

Coronet, July 22, £12.99, 9781529376784
Building on their podcast of the same name, *It's a Continent* sees Ukata and Madimba explore African history through its 54 countries.



Mami Wata
Afrosurf

Random House, 15th June, £30, 9781984860408
Cape Town surf company Mami Wata tells the untold story of African surf culture in a colourful collection of profiles, essays, photographs and illustrations.

Paul Wilson
Rocking the Boat

SRL Publishing, 21st Sep, £tbc, 978xxxxxxxxx
Rocking the Boat chronicles the career of a Black police officer's determinism in challenging a culture steeped in racism. Wilson, who was a police officer between 1983 and 2010, details his experiences as a constable on the streets of Croydon and his meeting with former president George W Bush.



Gina Yashere
Cack-Handed

HarperNonFiction, 8th July, £16.99, 9780008486976
A veteran of the UK comedy scene, Yashere's first memoir reveals how her unconventional upbringing became the foundation of her

successful career as a comedian, while also examining her life as an intergenerational immigrant and touching upon themes of social class, racism, colonialism and sexuality.

Big Zuu
Big Zuu's Big Eats

Ebury, 3rd June, £22, 9781785947292
Accompanying a new 10-part series of his hit show on Dave, grime artist and cook Big Zuu's book features more than 100 recipes that celebrate flavour, family and food with a West African flair. I'm trying the Doritos fried chicken tonight.

Children's

Emmanuel Acho
Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy

Macmillan Children's Books, 13th May, £7.99, 9781529067736
Inspired by Acho's

viral video series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man", his latest is a children's book that aims to open a dialogue about systemic racism and racist behaviour.



Dapo Adeola
Hey You

PRH Children's, 10th June, £7.99, 9780241521946
A picture book exploring race, *Hey You* is written by Adeola as if speaking to his younger self. Alongside his own work, this book showcases artwork from 18 other Black illustrators.

Sabine Adeyinka
Jummy at the River School

Chicken House, 06/01/22, £6.99, 9781913696047
Themes of class and

poverty underlie this middle-grade fiction title which sees the "irrepressible" Jummy investigate a mystery as her best friend from home turns up at her dream boarding school in Lagos.



Patience Agbabi
The Time Thief

Canongate, 6th May, £6.99, 9781786899903
The second children's book from poet Agbabi is a time-travelling adventure for readers aged nine to 12, about protecting the future and celebrating differences.

B B Alston
Amari and the Night Brothers

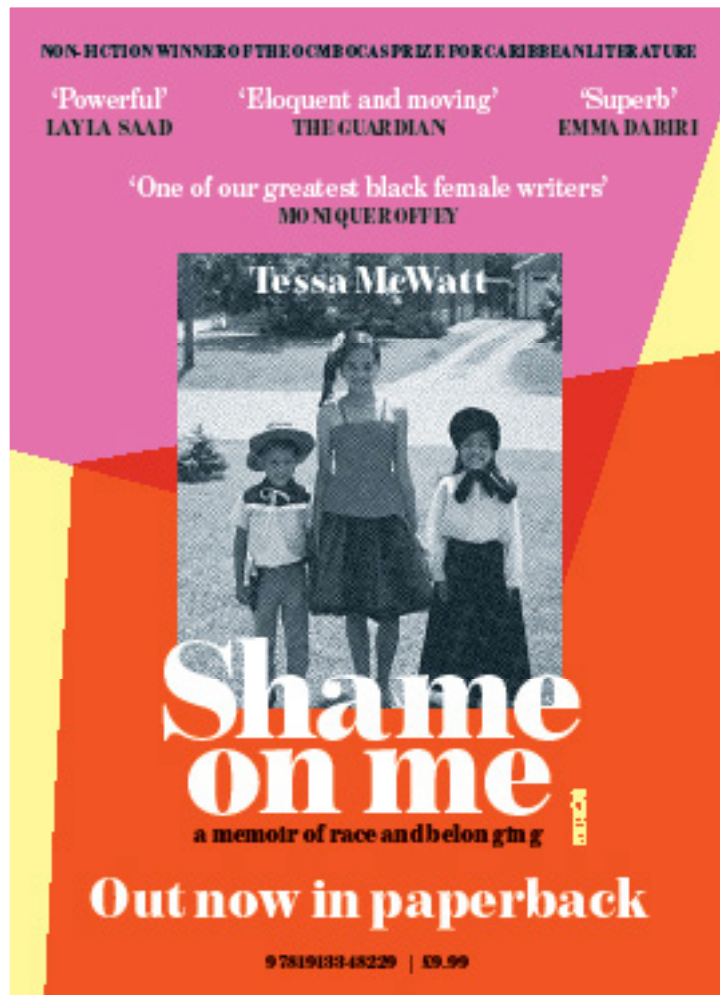
Farshore, out now, £12.99, 9781405298179
Soon to be a film starring Marsai Martin, this middle-grade supernatural adventure series follows a "Black girl misfit" on a mission to find her missing brother, in a world where mermaids, aliens and weredragons are real.

Atinuke, Onyinye Iwu (illus)
Too Small Tola Gets Tough

Walker, April 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxxxx
The third book in the Too Small Tola series contains three short stories about a young girl living in an apartment in Lagos with her family. The first book in the series has been longlisted for the Jhalak Prize.

Dean Atta and others
Happy Here

Knights Of, 5th August, 9781913311162
The result of a partnership between Knights Of, BookTrust and CLPE, this middle-grade anthology



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includes stories and poems exploring themes of joy, home and family. Each author has been paired with a different illustrator to spotlight Black British artistic talent.



Kelly Baptist

Isaiah Dunn is My Hero

Random House Children's, out now, £12.99, 978 0593121368
A coming-of-age tale about a boy who becomes the "big man" of the house and is inspired by the amazing superhero in his dad's journal.

Derrick Barnes, Gordon C James (illus)
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut

Walker, 6th May, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
A sanctuary for Black men, the barber shop is where magic happens and Black boy joy thrives. *Crown* is a rhythmic, read-aloud title about a young boy finding confidence and self-esteem.



Maxine Beneba Clarke
When We Say Black Lives Matter

Wren & Rook, out now, £12.99, 9781526363978
This much-needed children's book explores the background to the Black Lives Matter movement for young kids.

Malorie Blackman
Endgame

PRH Children's, 19th August, £7.99, 978 0241443996
The final instalment in the ground-breaking series that sparked a love of reading in a generation of teenagers is influenced by the unprecedented global events of recent years.

Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola
We're Going to Find a Monster

PRH Children's, 2nd Sep, £6.99, 9780241401309

A picture book adventure pairing Blackman and rising star Adeola, it follows two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland and their big brother into a mighty monster.

Jeffrey Boakye, Ngadi Smart (illus)
Musical Truth

Faber, 3rd June, £12.99, 9780571366484
Following on from his debut *Hold Tight*, *Musical Truth* is a re-telling of Black British history, structured around a playlist of 28 songs. Redefining British history, the empire and postcolonialism in the music of artists such as Musical Youth, Craig David and Stormzy, *Musical Truth* invites us to think again about the narratives in history that have been taught up to now.

Natasha Bowen
Skin on the Sea

PRH Children's, 11th Nov, £7.99, 9780241413975
A YA debut infused with West African mythological creatures and gods, *Skin of the Sea* follows Simidele, a mermaid who is duty-bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea. One day, Simidele goes against an ancient decree and saves the life of a living boy.

Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff & Timi Sotire
Black Joy

PRH Children's, 2nd Sep, £14.99, 9780241519660
Bringing together 30 Black British voices, *Black Joy* celebrates everything that is brilliant and beautiful about being Black British, from Nigerian hall parties to being at one with nature.

Marina Budhos
The Long Ride

Random House Children's, 11th May, £5.99, 9780553534252
Jamila, Josie and Francesca are three mixed-race girls who have always felt like outsiders in their mostly white neighbourhood. When they are sent to different schools, they are forced to try to find their place in systems that are divided between Black and white.

Steven Camden, Chanté Timothy (illus)
My Big Mouth

Macmillan Children's Books, 8th July, £6.99, 9781529010978
Camden's tender first novel for readers aged eight-plus is about friendship, storytelling and the cost of being the coolest kid in school as an impulsive lie spirals out of control.

Candice Carty-Williams
Empress & Aniya

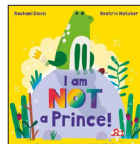
Knight's Of, 7th October, 9781913311100
South London's answer to "Freaky Friday", according to the publisher, *Empress & Aniya* is Carty-Williams' first YA novel. It follows two teenage girls from different backgrounds who accidentally cast a body-swap spell on their 16th birthday.

Joseph Coelho, Freya Hartas (illus)
Frankenstiltskin: Fairy Tales Gone Bad

Walker, 7th October, 9781406389678
Frankenstein meets Rumpelstiltskin in this story about a powerful king and a monstrous creature with magic and greed in his bones. This is the second story in a three-part series of "twisted" classics, written in verse by Coelho.

Tiffany D Jackson, Dhonielle Clayton, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk & Nicola Yoon
Blackout

Farshore, 24th July, £7.99, 978075503063
This collaboration sees YA authors celebrating Black joy in six intertwined love stories that take place over the same night.



Michael Davis, Beatrix Hatcher (illus)
I am Not a Prince

HCG, Jan 2022, £12.99, 9781408362259
The story of one little frog who dares to be different, *I am Not a Prince* challenges gender stereotypes and features a cast of non-binary characters.

Charlotte Nicole Davis
The Sisters of Reckoning

Hot Key, 10th Aug, £13.07, 9781250299741

The sequel to Davis' fantasy debut *The Good Luck Girls* sees protagonist Aster trigger a series of small rebellions that build to a world-changing revolution.

Alesha Dixon & Katy Birchall
Sister Power

Scholastic, 3rd June, £6.99, 9781407198507
When Pearl's mum becomes the UK's first Black Prime Minister, Pearl begins to hatch a plan to force her mum and her mum's boyfriend to split up, although this has an adverse effect on her mum's popularity in the polls.

Akwaeke Emezi
Bitter

Faber, March 2022, £7.99, 9780571371198
Bitter is the companion novel to Emezi's *Pet*, which was published by Faber in 2019. Its depiction of police violence, protest and prejudice is underscored with themes of art and the power of youth.

Femi Fadugba
The Upper World

PRH Children's, 19th Aug, £7.99, 9780241505618
An original thriller from quantum physicist Fadugba, *The Upper World* is about two teenagers a generation apart who are connected by one bullet, which is about to devastate both of their lives.

Isaac Fitzsimons
The Passing Playbook

PRH Children's, 3rd June, £7.99, 9780241401286
Fifteen-year-old Spencer is trans, but no-one at his new school knows. When a discriminatory law forces Spencer's coach to bench him, Spencer has to make a choice: cheer his team on from the sidelines, or publicly fight for his right to play, even if it means coming out to everyone.

Camryn Garrett
Off the Record

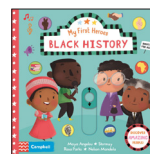
PRH Children's, 27th May, £7.99, 9780241367162
Garrett's latest book follows a teen journalist who stumbles across the #metoo story of the decade and has to weigh the risks against the need to fight for justice.



Joya Goffney

Excuse Me While I Ugly Cry

Hot Key, 4th May, £7.99, 9781471410116
This heartfelt YA rom-com debut is an enemy-to-lover romance filled with secrets. It follows Quinn, who keeps a list of all the boys she'd like to kiss. When her list is published on Instagram, Quinn doesn't know who to trust and teams up with her enemy in a race to find the culprit.



Jayri Gomez

My First Heroes

Macmillan Children's Books, 16th Sep, £6.99, 9781529062625
This novelty board book series for pre-schoolers introduces them to key figures across medicine, sports and Black history. They feature fun facts and bright, bold illustrations.

Swapna Haddow, Dapo Adeola (illus)
My Mum is a Lioness

Macmillan Children's Books, Feb 2022, £11.99, 9781529013986
The warm follow-up to Haddow's *My Dad is a Grizzly Bear* is a story about a family where the young son is convinced his mum is a fierce lioness.

Lenny Henry
The Boy with Wings

Macmillan Children's Books, 14th Oct, £12.99, 9781529067835
Superstar Henry's first middle-grade fiction book stars a young boy named Tyrone, who has always been average—until one sports day, he starts to fly and sets off on a "very extraordinary" adventure.

Wade Hudson (ed)
The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth
Random House Children's, 1st June, £12.99, 9780593121610
In this book edited by Hudson, 30 authors invite us into their homes to

witness the conversations they have with their children about race in America today. A powerful call-to-action, *The Talk* invites all families to be anti-racists and advocates for change.



Jordan Ifueko
Redemptor

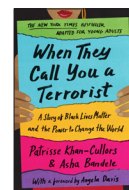
Hot Key, 17th Aug, £13.82, 9781419739842
The sequel and final instalment of the Raybearer duology, *Redemptor* follows protagonist Tarisai as she decides whether to die for justice or to live for it.

Danielle Jawando
When Our Worlds Collided

S&S Children's, January 2022, £7.99, 978 1471178795
A coming-of-age story about chance encounters, *When Our Worlds Collided* follows three teenagers who are unexpectedly thrust together when a 14-year-old is stabbed in Manchester. The second novel from YA rising star Jawando.

Catherine Johnson, Rubidzai Savanhu (illus)
We Were Here: 2,000 Years of History Through the Eyes of Black Britons

Walker, 2022, £tbc, 978xxxxxxx
Johnson's narrative non-fiction book covers British history from the Roman times right up to the 21st century. It re-tells stories of Black Britons from history, such as the Ivory Bangle Lady, who lived in fourth-century York.



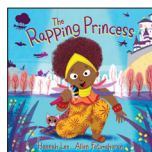
Patrisse Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele

When they Call You a Terrorist: A Story of Black Lives Matter and the Power to Change the World
Canongate, 27th May, £7.99, 9781838855208
Adapted for young adults

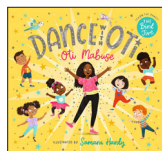
and featuring brand new content including photos and journal entries, this memoir from one of the co-founders of Black Lives Matter explores how the movement was born.



Patrice Lawrence
Splinters of Sunshine
Hachette Children's Group, 19th Aug, £7.99, 9781444954777
From the author of YA Book Prize-winning *Orangeboy* comes a road-trip mystery for young adults. It follows a boy who tries to track down his missing friend, with the help of his estranged father.



Hannah Lee
The Rapping Princess
Faber, 5th Aug, £12.29, 9780571361144
This rhyming picture book features Shiloh, a rapping princess. While she can't sing like her sisters, she has other talents: The Rapping Princess is about learning to embrace differences and celebrate them.



Oti Mabuse, Samara Hardy (illus)
Dance with Oti: The Bird Jive
Walker, 27th May, £12.99, 9781406399967
The debut picture book from "Strictly Come Dancing" star Mabuse sees her teach a simple dance routine to her dance class.

Jetta Martin, Joshua Bloom & Waldo Martin
Freedom! The Story of the Black Panther Party
Levine Querido, Abrams, 7th Sep, £13.99, 9781646140930
A book for young readers, *Freedom!* explains

the history of the Black Panther movement, and is based on a similar book for adults.



Priscilla Mante
The Dream Team
PRH Children's, 27th May, £6.99, 9780241482001
The first installment of a new series from Mante tells the story of Jaz who creates her own girl's football team in a bid to convince her mum to come home when she moves out.

Cedella & Bob Marley, Vanessa Brantley-Newton (illus)
One Love
Chronicle Books, 15th Aug, £5.99, 9781797211862
Adapted from one of Bob Marley's most beloved songs by his daughter Cedella, *One Love* is a heartwarming picture book intended to bring the joyful spirit and unforgettable lyrics of Marley's music to a new generation.

Kwame Mbalia
Last Gate of the Emperor
Scholastic, 4th May, £12.92, 9781338665857
Last Gate of the Emperor is a striking, action-packed adventure loosely based on the real-life story of Ethiopian prince Joel Makonnen. "Black Panther" meets Star Wars.

Lola Morayo
Aziza's Secret Fairy Door
Macmillan Children's Books, 10th June, £6.99, 9781529063851
The first title in a new magical adventure series inspired by world mythology sees Aziza, who lives with her family in a city flat, receive the mysterious gift of a fairy door which leads her into a magical kingdom.

Tola Okogwu
Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun
S&S Children's, June 2022, Etbc, 978xxxxxxx
The first book in a magical middle-grade duology, Onyeka follows a 12-year-old British-Nigerian girl who



Kacen Callender
Felix Ever After

Faber, 18th May, £7.99, 9780571368013
This revelatory and absorbing YA novel—with one of the most stunning covers I've seen in a while—is about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages, Felix Love (yep, he understands the irony) comes up with a plan for revenge, but the catfish scenario he plots unwittingly ends up landing him in a quasi-love triangle that leads to him redefining his most important relationship: that with himself.

discovers that her hair has psychokinetic powers and is taken to a futuristic Nigeria to attend the Academy of the Sun.

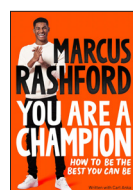
Ben Okri, Diana Ejaita (illus)
Every Leaf a Hallelujah
Head of Zeus, 14th Oct, £14.99, 9781800241626
Okri's latest is an environmental fairytale which follows the young, brave Mangoshi, who must go into the forest to find a special flower that will save their village.

David Olusoga
Black and British: A Short, Illustrated Essential History
Macmillan Children's Books, 11th Nov, £16.99, 9781529052954
This new children's edition of Olusoga's illuminating *Black and British: A Forgotten History* answers questions such as "When did Africans first come to Britain?" and "Who are the well-dressed Black children in Georgiana paintings?"

Jewell Parker Rhodes
Black Brother, Black Brother

Hachette Children's Group, 13th May, £7.99, 9781510109865
A coming-of-age story about two brothers—one who presents as white, the other as Black—and the ways they are forced to navigate a world that doesn't treat them equally.

Sydney Piercey
Stay and Playbook
Greenfinch, May 2022, £15, 9781529416640
Parenting blogger Piercey's first book is filled with more than 60 creative, accessible and plastic-free play ideas. At a time when we are becoming increasingly mindful of recycling and re-use, *Stay and Playbook* promotes sustainable and creative ways for parents to entertain their children.



Marcus Rashford & Carl Anka

You Are a Champion: Unlock your Potential, Find Your Voice and Be the Best You That You Can Be
Macmillan Children's Books, 27th May, £9.99, 9781529068177
Footballer, campaigner and social activist Rashford's practical guide for teens is full of stories from his own life, designed to empower young people to build mental resilience and learn how to navigate adversity.

Jason Reynolds, Akhram Girmay (illus)
When I was the Greatest
Faber, January 2022, £7.99, 9780571369645
A coming-of-age novel about friendship and loyalty across neighbourhood lines, *When I Was the Greatest* follows Ali, Noodles and Needles as they find themselves somewhere alien and unforgiving. It's illustrated by 2020 FAB Prize winner Girmay.

Leon Rolle with Derek Owusu
About This Boy
Walker, 2nd Sep, £7.99, 9781529500622
An account of learning from mistakes and fulfilling potential by Rolle, a member of the band Rudimental. Chapters explore the importance of mindset, managing emotions, and the need for self-belief.

Kelis Rowe
Finding Jupiter
Walker, summer 2022, Etbc, 978xxxxxxx
A contemporary YA romance with a mystery twist, *Finding Jupiter* tells the story of two Black teens who fall for one another, although a family secret threatens to tear them apart. Its sequel is slated for summer 2023.

Wendy Shearer
African and Caribbean Folktales
Scholastic, 2nd Sep, £5.99, 9780702306914
This collection of folk tales, myths and legends from Africa and the Caribbean features re-tellings of the tale of Anansi the Spider, and why the leopard has his spots, among others.

Rasmi Sirdeshpande & Diane Ewen
Never Teach a Stegosaurus to Do Sums

PRH Children, 27th May, £6.99, 9780241387436
Described as a "love letter" to learning and the power of numbers, this book celebrates the fun of maths with vibrant and absorbing illustrations.

Sophia Thakur
Moments
Walker, April 2022, Etbc, 978xxxxxxx
Based on the small moments that make up the key experiences of living and identity, this new collection of poems from musician and performance poet Thakur explores what it means to be a young woman today.



Efua Traoré
Children of the Quicksands
Chicken House, 3rd June, £7.99, 9781913322366
The winner of the 2019 Times Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition, this is a magical middle-grade story set in Nigeria. It explores themes of family and grief, and introduces readers to Yoruba myths and legends.

Ian Wright & Musa Okwonga
Striking Out
Scholastic, 2nd Sep, £12.99, 9780702306860
The first children's book from former footballer Wright follows the journey of 13-year-old Jerome, who has dreams of becoming a world-class footballer.



Nicola Yoon
Instructions for Dancing
PRH Children's, 3rd June, £7.99, 9780241516911
This YA romance with a supernatural twist sees Evie's dance partner try to change her mind about love in spite of her strange gift, which she believes confirms that love doesn't last.