

Selection of books written by BAME authors (more 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!

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

Fun

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 Phillipines 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.