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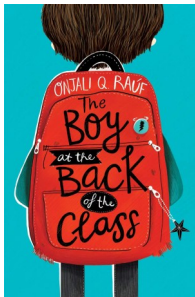
Celebrating BAME Literature: Recommended Reads

Title: The Boy at the Back of the Class

Author: Onjali Q Raúf

Recommended for years: 7 & 8

Blurb: This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria. Through their sensitivity, curiosity, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world.



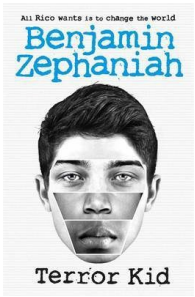
Title: Terror Kid

Author: Benjamin Zephaniah

Recommended for years: 10 & 11

Blurb: Rico is honest, hardworking and very angry. His Roma background marks him out as a suspect and makes it hard not to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Acutely socially and politically aware, Rico wants to make a difference, to put right some of the injustices he sees - to make someone listen. So when an enigmatic stranger offers him the chance to use his hacking skills in a peaceful but very public protest he finds it hard to refuse - never imagining the consequences.



Title: Freedom (1783)

Author: Catherine Johnson

Recommended for years: 8 & 9

Blurb: Nat is a 12-year-old boy born into slavery on a Jamaican sugar cane plantation owned by the brutal English family, the Barratts. The story opens with his mum and sister being taken away to another plantation, leaving him to face his hardships alone. But when Nat is sent to England, his life is changed forever.

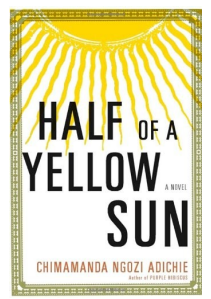


Title: Half of a Yellow Sun

Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Recommended for years: 11 & 12

Blurb: Half of a Yellow Sun is set in Nigeria during the 1960s, at the time of the vicious Nigeria- Biafra war in which more than a million people died and thousands were massacred in cold blood. Three characters are swept up in the rapidly unfolding political events. Ugwu, a boy from a poor village, is employed as a houseboy for a university lecturer. Olanna, a young, middle-class woman, has come to live with the professor, abandoning her privileged life in Lagos for a dusty university town.



Title: Orangeboy

Author: Patrice Lawrence

Recommended for years: 9 & 10

Blurb: Sixteen-year-old Marlon has promised his widowed mum that he'll be good, and nothing like his gang-leader brother Andre. It's easy when you keep yourself to yourself, but everything changes when Marlon's first date with the beautiful Sonya ends in tragedy; he becomes a hunted man and he has no idea why. He starts getting the wrong sort of attention, as investigations tangle him into a web of gangs. He starts getting the wrong sort of attention, as investigations tangle him into a web of gangs.



Title: The Kite Runner

Author: Khaled Hosseini

Recommended for years: 12 & 13

Blurb: The unforgettable, heart-breaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. A sweeping story of family, love, and friendship told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years, The Kite Runner is an unusual and powerful novel that has become a beloved, one-of-a-kind classic.

