

2021 Race, Identity and Equality Secondary Booklist



Abike-Iyimide, Faridah

Ace of Spades

At Niveus Private Academy star students Devon and Chiamaka are targeted by an anonymous digital bully – Aces – who is out to get them. A dark and twisty thriller focusing on the destructive nature of racism and homophobia with strong queer and feminist main characters determined to fight back.

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Callender, Kacen

King and the Dragonflies

Struggling to cope with the death of his brother, King spends every afternoon at the Bayou looking at the dragonflies, searching for his brother who he believes has become one. He might feel better if he could speak with his friend Sandy, but after Sandy told King he was gay their friendship ended. However, soon the two boys are leaning on each other again for support. Discusses bereavement, racism, homophobia and abuse in a sensitive manner.

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David, Keren

What We're Scared Of

Evie and Lottie are twins but are very different people - Evie is funny and sharp, Lottie is anxious and shy. The only thing they have in common is they are Jewish. It's not something they've given much thought about before but then their mother, in her new role as a radio host, starts being targeted by antisemitic trolls and they become caught up in the ugly threats made against them all.

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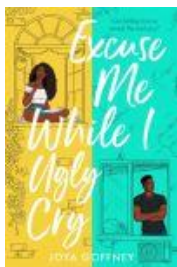


**Forna,
Namina**

**The Gilded
Ones**

This eye-catching front cover contains a powerful and thought provoking read. Set in a patriarchal fantasy world, inspired by an ancient West African culture, women at the age of 16 are judged by their purity. When Deka fails this test, she is faced with a terrible future. Despite all odds the novel ends on a hopeful note with more titles to follow. A gripping read.

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**Goffney,
Joya**

**Excuse Me
While I Ugly
Cry**

Quinn is a black high school senior in a wealthy, mainly white, high school. She keeps a journal of all her hopes, fears and secrets. When it goes missing and she is blackmailed to complete a list of things she has been dreading facing, Quinn is forced to really think about her life. With themes of racism, privilege, money, cyber bullying, parent/child relationships and what it's like living around predominantly white people as a Black person, this story will stay with long after you finish reading.

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**Mann,
Manjeet**

Run, Rebel

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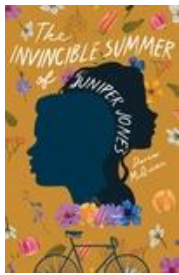


**Mckinney,
L L**

**Nubia: Real
One**

Nubia's mothers have always tried to keep her safe and out of trouble, particularly because the world sees her different. Not only is she black, but she displays Amazonian signs of super strength. During a time of racial injustice in her town, Nubia discovers she is actually Wonder Woman's sister and uses her newly honed powers to help her best friend. Set in a modern world filled with DC superheroes this graphic novel is an action packed read underscored with discussions of racism.

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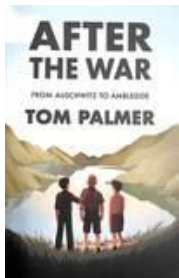


**McQueen,
Daven**

**The Invincible
Summer of
Juniper Jones**

Juniper and Ethan meet in the Summer of 1955. It was the start of a friendship that would change their lives forever. As the story unfolds the stark realities and prejudices against Black Americans are unravelled under a backdrop of two teenagers trying to find friendship in a world that doesn't believe they should be friends because of the colour of their skin. A heart stopping and eye-opening read for KS3 plus students.

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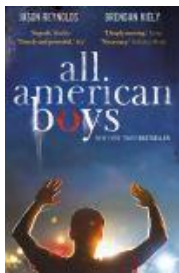


**Palmer,
Tom**

**After the War:
From
Auschwitz to
Ambleside**

The horrors of the Holocaust gently unfold through the eyes of Yossi, Leo and Mordecai. We learn about life in the concentration camps, the brutality of the SS soldiers and the importance of friendship and hope when all else seems lost. This beautiful but thought-provoking story of survival will challenge upper KS2 children and will help them understand the terrors of ethnic persecution.

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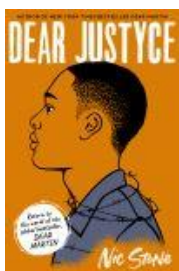


**Reynolds,
Jason**

**All American
Boys**

Rashid, black, and Quinn, white, are forced to address the prejudices and racism in their town after Rashid is brutally attacked by a white police officer. An all too familiar story that is emotional and thought-provoking.

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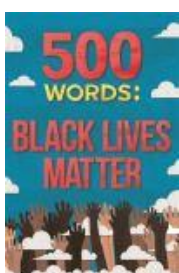


**Stone,
Nic**

Dear Justyce

Growing up together doesn't mean you won't grow apart. While Quan and Justyce have stayed in touch, they've surely followed different paths. Now in a life of crime and gang violence, Quan finds himself closer than ever to Justyce after he is charged with murder.

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Various

**500 Words:
Black Lives
Matter**

Short stories from the 2020 national competition. There are 2 age categories 5-9 and 10-13 years, and it includes the winning story and the runners up. Very powerful and incredibly talented.

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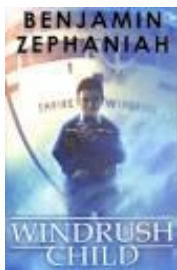


Wenxuan, Cao

Dragonfly Eyes

This story spans fifty years in the lives of Ah-Mei and her grandmother Nainai as they move from France to Shanghai where they encounter prejudice and racism for their Europeaness.

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Zephaniah, Benjamin

Windrush Child

Leonard's father takes the opportunity to go to the UK on the Windrush ship from Jamaica to build a better life for his wife and child. Ten years later they follow him to England. Life in England is hard for Leonard, the food is awful, it's cold and wet and he misses his grandmother and on top of that not everyone in Manchester is happy to see a black face in their city.

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Zoboi, Ibi

Punching the Air

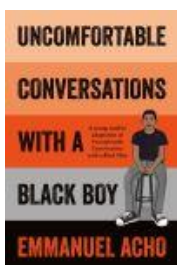
Amal threw the first punch, but it was the last that found him convicted of a crime he did not commit. Adapting to his new surroundings, Amal must learn to confront his mistakes and misgivings. Holding on to anger about the biased system which found him guilty, he learns to channel his emotions through art and poetry. This book uses racial slurs which some readers may find upsetting.

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Black Joy

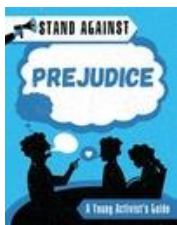
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Acho, Emmanuel

Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Boy

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**Howell,
Izzi**

Prejudice

Stand Against Prejudice is a great introduction to the idea of non-violent activism and introduces students to issues around prejudice and discrimination. Handy signposting and quizzes engage and inform readers making this a great place to begin exploring this important subject. Students will feel empowered to discover peaceful and effective ways to get their voice heard and to support their peers who feel discriminated against.

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**Joseph,
Frederick**

**The Black
Friend: On
Being a Better
White Person**

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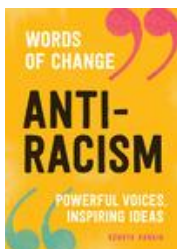


**Olusoga,
David**

**Black and
British: A
Short
Essential
History**

This is a children's edition of the adult book by the historian David Olusoga. It lays out when Africans first came to Britain and charts 1800 years of Black British History up to 2020. It is also available in eAudio and is fascinating to listen to. Suitable for UKS2.

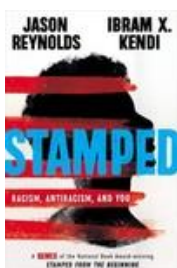
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**Rankin,
Kenrya**

**Anti-racism:
Powerful
Voices,
Inspiring Ideas**

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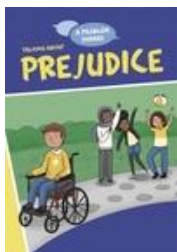


**Reynolds,
Jason**

**Stamped:
Racism,
Antiracism,
and You: A
Remix of the
National Book
Award-
winning
Stamped from
the Beginning**

Self-proclaimed as a book 'that contains history' rather than a history book, Stamped covers racism through its origins in American history to the present day in order to help the reader understand how and why racial tensions and racism still exist today.

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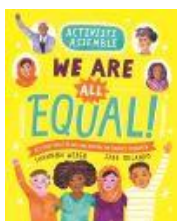


**Spilsbury,
Louise**

**Talking About
Prejudice**

Have you ever been bullied or made to feel different? Readers of this book will find a multitude of scenarios highlighting forms of discrimination and prejudice. Each section has a question and reflection section with coping suggestions. A great book to use as part of class discussions to educate KS3 students on the different forms of prejudice and racism that still occur in our society, but that can be avoided if we take time to notice and check the way we use language with those around us.

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**Weber,
Shannon**

**We Are All
Equal!**

Understand every aspect of equality. There are 7 sections including: Gender, sexuality, disability, race, class, nationalism, and religion. Detailed, descriptive and enlightening – perfect for discussions on equality in upper KS2 and KS3.

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**Timelines
From Black
History:
Leaders,
Legends,
Legacies**

Celebrating both the origins of the human story as well as inspirational Black historians, leaders, writers, activists, politicians and changemakers. Timelines from Black History will enlighten students about Black history and how it has influenced our lives beyond the lessons of slavery. Interesting layouts on the double page spreads will appeal to readers at both upper KS2 and K3.

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T = Younger Teen Reads
T+ = Older Teen Reads



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