

At Fullbrook we believe in celebrating diversity and equality. Given our students' interest in current events, we felt it would be useful to share with them books written by black authors.

Here are some top reads:

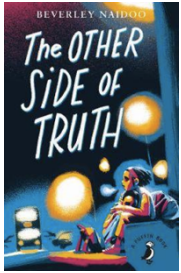
FICTION:



Clean Getaway, by Nic Stone

From New York Times bestselling author Nic Stone comes a middle grade road-trip story through American race relations past and present.

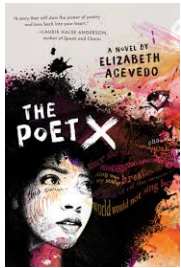
Age range: 8 - 12 years



The Other Side of Truth, by Beverley Naidoo

Femi and Sade's father is a journalist, a truth-teller, and someone who gets on the wrong side of the Nigerian authorities. When their mother is shot dead in front of them, the bullet was meant for him. Sade and her brother are ripped from their comfortable, happy life and sent to England for their safety – illegally and against their will.

Age range: 11 – 16 years



The Poet X, by Elizabeth Acevedo

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo.

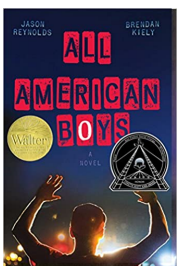
Age range: 13+



Noughts and Crosses, by Malorie Blackman

In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?

Age range: 12+



All American Boys, by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

In this Coretta Scott King Honor Award–winning novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension

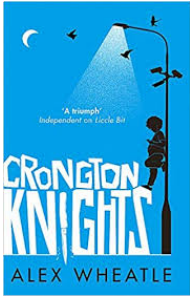
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The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel.

Age range: 11+

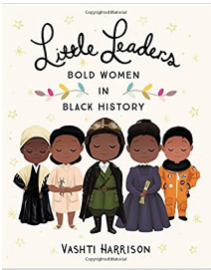


Crongton Knights, by Alex Wheatle

Living on the South Crongton council estate has its worries - and life for McKay has been even tougher since his mum died. His dad has been working all hours to keep the bailiffs from their door. His brother is always out riding the streets at night. Now, having strayed off his turf on a 'heroic' (if misguided) mission to help out a girl, McKay finds himself facing a friend's ex-boyfriend, some power-tripping hood-rats and a notoriously violent gangster with a vendetta.

Age range: 12+

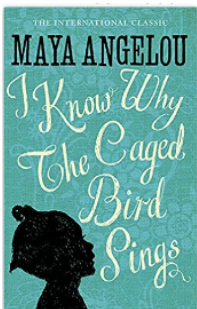
NON-FICTION



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History, by Vashti Harrison

This beautifully illustrated board book edition of instant bestseller Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History showcases women who changed the world and is the perfect goodnight book to inspire big dreams.

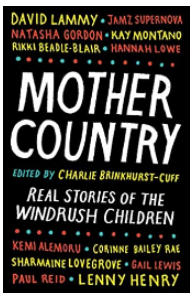
Age range: 10+



I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou's, a writer and civil rights activist, writes a powerful memoir of her childhood experiences growing up first with her grandmother in a poor isolated town and later with her mother in the lively glamorous San Francisco. She also relates these experiences into much wider issues from oppression to women's sexuality. A powerful read.

Age range: 16 + (sexual references)



Mother Country: Real Stories of the Windrush Children, by Charlie Brinkhurst - Cuff

A leading new exploration of the Windrush generation. This remarkable book explores the reality of their experiences, and those of their children and grandchildren through 22 unique real-life stories spanning more than 70 years.

Age range: 15+

You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive.” – James Baldwin