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BLACK BRITISH HISTORY EDITION!

Greetings from Rebel HQ

Hi Rebel Readers,

This issue, we're celebrating **Black British History** by shining a spotlight on incredible voices, inspiring stories and books that deserve to be read!

Our author spotlight celebrates *Kid Rex to the Rescue!* by **Mayo Agard-Olubo.** Get ready for a story packed with imagination, adventure and big ideas! *Kid Rex* invites young readers to explore a world where creativity and courage take centre stage, celebrating the power of children's voices and the importance of being yourself.

So, get ready to discover your next brilliant read!

Happy reading Rebels!

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Author Spotlight: **Mayo Agard-Olubo**

IMAGINATION: THE SUPERPOWER WE ALL HAVE!



Kid Rex To The Rescue is a story all about the power of imagination. In the book, a young boy named Max is tidying his room but we step into his mind and what could be a boring chore becomes a thrilling superhero adventure, filled with robots, dragons and an army of dust bunnies.

Why did I decide to write a book about tidying up becoming an adventure. The answer, maybe surprisingly, isn't because I wanted a way to trick kids into doing chores (honest!) Instead it was because some of my favourite stories growing up were about children using their imaginations to turn everyday things into the extraordinary and fantastical. I loved shows like *Rugrats* and *Recess* that were all about how children see the world and how to a kid a park can be a jungle and a playground can be an alien planet. I think I loved these stories because that was the sort of kid I was. As a child I loved using my imagination, getting into a cardboard box that to me suddenly became a racecar or a rocketship, or picking up a stick and transforming it into a magic wand or sword that I could use to take on a fire breathing dragon. My mum nurtured my imagination and used it to make everything we did fun, including chores. Tidying up, doing the washing, walking to school, it all became a game or an adventure. And that childhood magic became the key to writing my book.

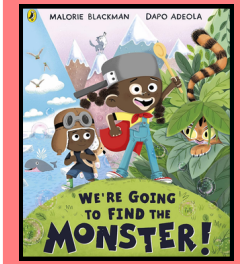
When I started writing *Kid Rex to the Rescue*, I based it on a childhood memory of wanting to be a dinosaur themed superhero. I knew I had the perfect character but something was missing. You can't have a superhero story without a superhero adventure. As I was thinking about what adventure my character could go on, I read *We're Going to Find the Monster* by Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola. It's a beautiful book that plays with the difference between the real world and what the main characters are imagining. Reading this book reminded me how much I loved those kinds of stories and I knew that my story needed to be about imagination as well. I decided the book would take us inside Max's mind as he's doing a very ordinary thing and show the reader just how extraordinary imagination can be.



Kid Rex Saves Bedtime City, out on the 24th of June 2027 is available to pre-order.

Mayo Agard-Olubo's Book Recommendations!

We're Going to Find the Monster
by Malorie Blackman, illustrated by Dapo Adeola



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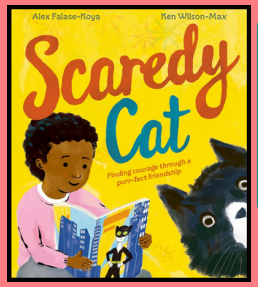
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Daddy Is Cleaning
by Angel Dike, illustrated by Ebony Glenn

Flower Block
by Lanisha Butterfield, illustrated by Hoang Giang



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Scaredy Cat
by Alex Falase-Koya, illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max

Activity time! What Makes You Super?

You don't need dinosaur powers to be a hero!

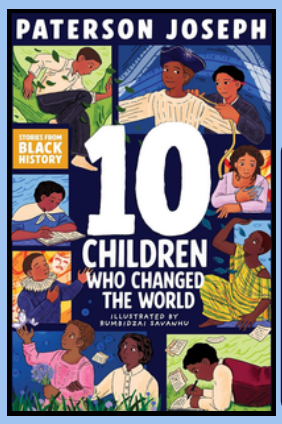
Your Challenge: Design a personal superhero badge.

- List three qualities that make you special. (*They could be kindness, bravery, humour, creativity or determination.)*
- Explain how you use one of these qualities in everyday life.



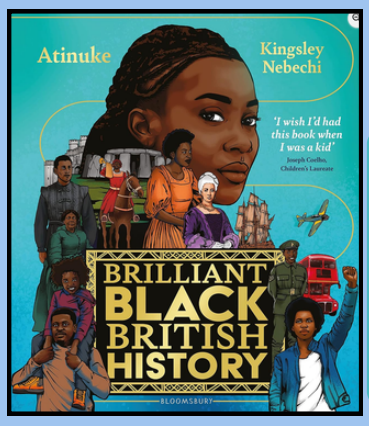
Non-Fiction Book Recommendations!

10 Children Who Changed The World
by Patterson Joseph,
Illustrated by Rumbidzai Savanhu



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Brilliant Black British History
by Atinuke
Illustrated by Kingsley Nebechi



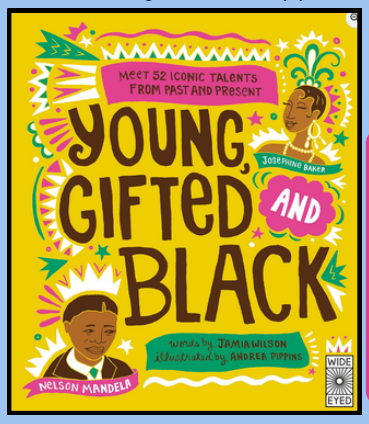
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Black In Time
by Alison Hammond and E.L Norry
Illustrated by Tinuke Fagborun



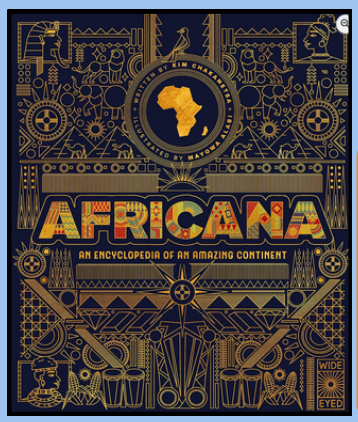
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Young, Gifted and Black
by Jamia Wilson
Illustrated by Andrea Pippins



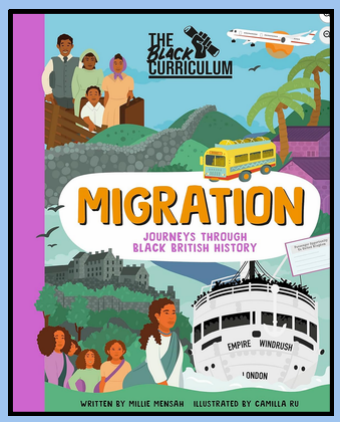
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Africana: An Encyclopedia of an Amazing Continent
by Kim Chakanesta
Illustrated by Mayowa Alabi



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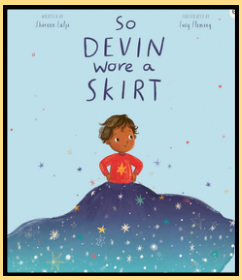
Migration: Journeys Through Black British History
by Millie Mensah
Illustrated by Camilla Ru



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Have you read this?

So Devin Wore a Skirt
by Shireen Lalji
Illustrated by Lucy Fleming





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My Best Friend is a Monster
by Sian Owen
Illustrated by Germana Musco





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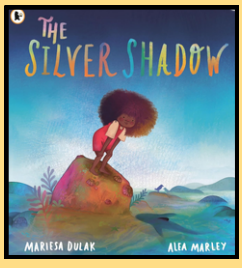
Super Uma!
by Rashmi Sirdeshpande
Illustrated by Nakul P.





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The Silver Shadow
by Mariesa Dulak
Illustrated by Alea Marley





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Activity time! Invent Your Own Superhero!

Max transforms into Kid Rex, using his imagination to become a dinosaur superhero.

Your Challenge: Design your own superhero!

- Draw their costume.
- Invent three gadgets.
- Decide which special power will help them save the day!



Celebrate Black Children's Authors!

Discover more stories by Black authors and illustrators, including the creators of books featuring adventurous, imaginative and inspiring characters.

Your Challenge:

- Find another book by a Black author or illustrator.
- Create a mini recommendation card explaining why another child should read it.

Title: _____

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Rating: ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Great read alouds!

Age 5+

Wild Magic: Legend of the Black Lion
by Abiola Bello, Illustrated by Emma McCann





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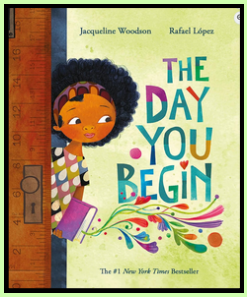
Children of the Throne
by Joseph Coelho OBE
Illustrated by Richard Johnson



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The Day You Begin
by Jacqueline Woodson
Illustrated by Rafael López





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Age 8+

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun
by Tolá Okogwu



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The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
by Nizrana Farook





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Books we are excited about... (new releases)



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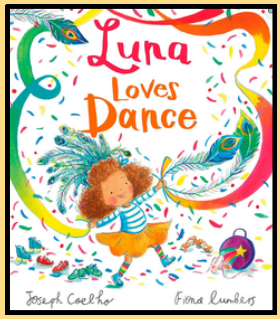
Time Tub Travellers: Roman Rescue *by Claire Linney*

Out now!

Zula and Milo are back, and this time they're heading 2,000 years into the past! When Zula's Aunt Abina becomes trapped in Roman York, the pair must race to bring her home. But their rescue mission is only the beginning! The mysterious Time Tub sends them on a dangerous mission to sneak into the heavily guarded palace of Septimius Severus, the African Roman Emperor, and save a vital piece of history before it's lost forever.

With a sinister centurion on their tail, can Zula and Milo outsmart the Roman army and make it home safely? Or will their greatest adventure yet change history forever?

Packed with daring escapes, Roman secrets and fascinating history, this is one time-travelling adventure you won't.

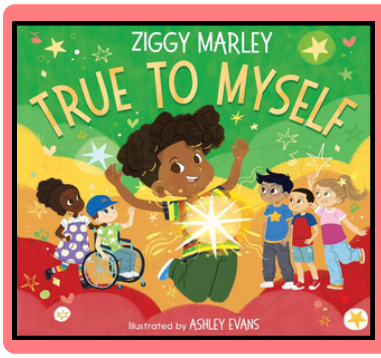


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Luna Loves Dance *by Joseph Coelho OBE, illustrated by Fiona Lumbers*

Out now!

Get ready to twirl, leap and shimmy with Luna! Dancing makes Luna feel like she can do anything, but when she trips and stumbles during her dance exam, she begins to wonder if she'll ever be a *real* dancer. Can her family help her find her sparkle again? Discover a heartwarming, colourful story about finding confidence, never giving up and remembering that dancing is all about the joy of moving!



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True To Myself *by Ziggy Marley illustrated by Ashley Evans*

Release date: 5th November

Get ready to spread kindness and let your true colours shine! Join a group of children as they make new friends, welcome classmates, share games and lend a helping hand in their community. Inspired by Ziggy Marley's hit song, this joyful, uplifting picture book celebrates being yourself, caring for others and discovering how small acts of kindness can make a BIG difference!



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The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Haunted Disco *by Marcus Rashford*
Written with Abiola Bello, illustrated by Marta Kissi

Release date: 22nd October

Get ready for a disco with a **spooky twist!**

Everyone at Rutherford School is excited about the big school disco – but when rumours of a mysterious creature start spreading, the party could be cancelled!

The Breakfast Club Investigators must race to solve the mystery. But with Marcus feeling left out and the team busier than ever, can they put their differences aside and save the disco?

Mystery, friendship, spooky surprises and plenty of fun – this is one disco you won't want to miss!

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