

Lit in Colour

Supporting inclusive reading in schools



Fewer than 1% of students at GCSE study a book by a writer of colour

Books create belonging. They help us see each other and understand one another. It is vital that the books we read in our formative years reflect the rich diversity of the society we live in.

Penguin have donated 100 books to Bexley Grammar School to increase students' access to books by writers of colour.

Fiction books for Y7 to Y11

Bird - Crystal Chan

Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis

Catching Teller Crow - Ambelin Kwaymullina

The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo - Catherine Johnson

Date Me, Bryson Keller – Kevin van Wyhe

Everything, Everything - Nicola Yoon

Fire City - Bali Rai

Full Disclosure - Camryn Garrett

Haroun and Luka - Salman Rushdie

The Housekeeper and the Professor - Yoko Ogawa

Luka and the Fire of Life - Salman Rushdie

Magpie Society: The One for Sorrow - Amy McCulloch

Minecraft: The Crash - Tracey Baptiste

A Nest of Vipers - Catherine Johnson

Off the Record - Camryn Garrett

The Passing Playbook - Isaac Fitzsimons

Rani and Sukh - Bali Rai

Run Rebel – Manjeet Mann

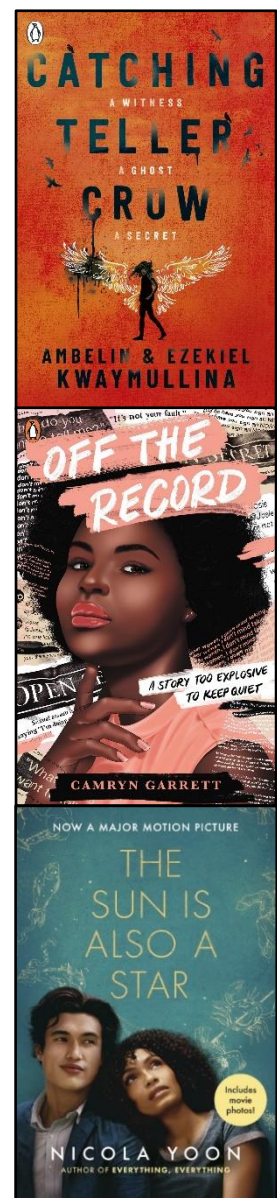
Secrets - Bali Rai

The Sun is also a Star – Nicola Yoon

Sunfall - Jim Al-Khalili

Tall Story - Candy Gourlay

Trouble –Bali Rai

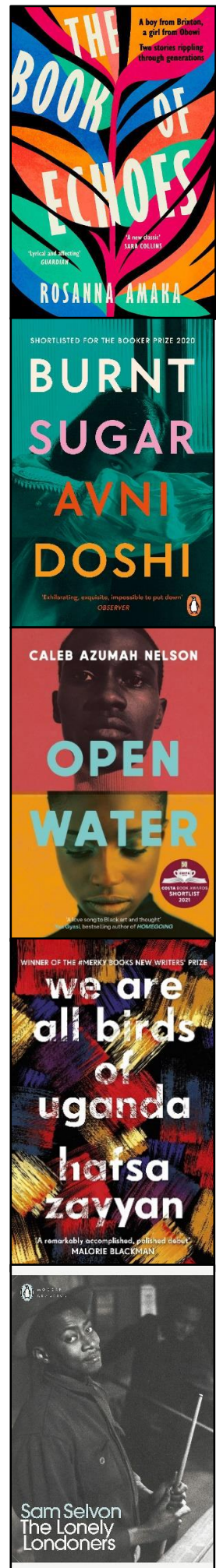


Fiction books for Y12 and Y13

- Beloved - Toni Morrison
- Bethany Bettany – Fred D'Aguiar
- The Book of Echoes - Rosanna Amaka
- Brick Lane – Monica Ali
- Burnt Sugar - Avni Doshi
- The Confessions of Frannie Langton - Sara Collins
- The Dancing Face - Mike Phillips
- Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line - Deepa Anappara
- The Fortune Men - Nadifa Mohamed
- Fragile Monsters - Catherine Menon
- The Friend - Dorothy Koomson
- Girl, Woman, Other - Bernardine Evaristo
- Language - Xiaolu Guo
- A Lover's Discourse - Xiaolu Guo
- The Mermaid of Black Conch – Monique Roffey
- Open Water – Caleb Azumah Nelson
- Our Lady of Alice Bhatti - Mohammed Hanif
- Quichotte - Salman Rushdie
- A Rising Man - Abir Mukherjee
- The Wonder - Diana Evans
- Wartime Sweethearts - Lola Jaye
- We Are All Birds of Uganda - Hafsa Zayyan

Modern Classics

- A Grain of Wheat – Ngugi wa Thiong'o
- The Lonely Londoners – Sam Selvon
- Notes of a Native Son – James Baldwin
- Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe
- Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands
– Mary Seacole



Non-fiction

Afropean: Notes from Black Europe - Johny Pitts

Book of the Moon – Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging – Afua Hirsch

Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain
- Sathnam Sanghera

Great Goddesses: Life lessons from myths and minsters
– Nikita Gill

Imaginary Homelands: Essays and Criticism 1981-199
1- Salman Rushdie

Living While Black – Guilaine Kinouani

The New Age of Empire – Kehinde Andrews

Of Women: In the 21st Century – Shami Chakrabarti

Pathfinders: The Golden Age of Arabic Science – Jim Al-Khalili

Poor - Caleb Femi

Senbazuru – Michael James Wong

Taking Up Space: The Black Girl's Manifesto for Change
– Chelsea Kwakye

Twirlymen: The Unlikely History of Cricket's Greatest Spin Bowlers
– Amol Rajan

What White People Can Do Next - Emma Dabiri

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?
– Beverly Daniel Tatum

Who Are We?: How Identity Politics Took Over the World
- Gary Younge

You Are Your Best Thing – Tarana Burke

Poetry

Funky Chickens - Benjamin Zephaniah

Loop of Jade - Sarah Howe

Search Party - George the Poet

Selected Poems - Linton Kwesi Johnson

Surge – Jay Bernard

Talking Turkeys – Benjamin Zephaniah

Your Family, Your Body - Malika Booker



Biographies

All Boys Aren't Blue - George M. Johnson

Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World - Burhana Islam

Becoming – Michelle Obama

Believe: Boxing, Olympics and my life outside the ring
– Nicola Adams

The Boy with the Topknot: A Memoir of Love, Secrets and Lies
– Sathnam Sanghera

Climbing the Mango Trees: A Memoir of a Childhood in India
- Madhur Jaffrey

Don't Touch My Hair - Emma Dabiri

A Dutiful Boy: A memoir of secrets, lies and family love - Mohsin Zaidi

The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole - Naida Redgrave

The Extraordinary Life of Malala Yousafzai - Hiba Noo Khan

The Extraordinary Life of Serena Williams - Shelina Janmohamed

Homecoming – Colin Grant

The Life of Stephen Lawrence - Verna Allette Wilkins

Naturally Tan: A Memoir - Tan France

Rapthology: Lessons in Life and Lyrics – Wretch 32

Rise Up: The Merky Story So Far - Stormzy

A Promised Land – Barack Obama

Unbowed - Wangari Maathai

Graphic Novels

Wake: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts

Persepolis I and II - Marjane Satrapi

Short Stories

Soccer Squad: Starting Eleven – Bali Rai

