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RACIAL EQUALITY READING LIST FOR SCHOOLS



As part of HFL Education's commitment to support schools with the race equity agenda, we are pleased to provide a list of recommended books. These have been categorised by key stage. The book list has been curated from a wide range of sources and is by no means exhaustive.

By offering you this list, we invite you to consider expanding your school's range of books that provide alternative perspectives, voices from people of colour and experiences from different cultures. The book list also includes suggestions for staff, which you could use to augment a staff reading library and to support your work on increasing racial literacy amongst staff, governors and trustees.

EYFS

Book	Author	Age Range
B is for baby	Atinuke	EYFS
Billy the Dragon	Nadia Shireen	EYFS
Brilliant Black Inventors	Joy James	EYFS
Captain Sparklebeard	Timothy Knapman	EYFS
Catch That Chicken	Atinuke	EYFS
Errol's Garden	Gillian Hibbs	EYFS
Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns	Hena Khan	EYFS
Happy in our skin	Fran Manushkin	EYFS
Hats of Faith	Medeia Cohan-Petrolino	EYFS
I Am Brown	Ashok Banker	EYFS
I am so Brave!	Stephen Krensky and Sara Gillingham	EYFS
I Know a Lot!	Stephen Krensky and Sara Gillingham	EYFS
I Love My Hair!	Natasha A Tarpley	EYFS
Izzy Gizmo	Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie	EYFS
Jabari Jumps	Gaia Cornwall	EYFS
Karate Kid	Holly Sterling	EYFS
Later	Curtis Ackie	EYFS
Lenny and Wilbur	Ken Wilson-Max	EYFS
Lily and the Magic Comb	VV Brown	EYFS
Lulu Gets a Cat	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu Loves Flowers	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu Loves Stories	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu Loves the Library	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu Reads to Zeki	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu's First Day	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Lulu's Sleepover	Anna McQuinn	EYFS
Nimesh the Adventurer	Ranjit Singh	EYFS
Shu Lin's Grandpa	Matt Goodfellow	EYFS
So Much!	Trish Cooke	EYFS
Sofia the Dreamer and her Magical Afro	Jessica Wilson and Tom Rawles	EYFS
Suki's Kimono	Chieri Uegaki	EYFS

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Sunflower Sisters	Monika Singh Gangotra	EYFS
SuperJoe Does Not Do Cuddles	Michael Catchpool	EYFS
The Drum	Ken Wilson-Max	EYFS
The Ghanaian Goldilocks	Dr Tamara Pizzoli	EYFS
The Jasmine Sneeze	Nadine Kaadan	EYFS
The Mega Magic Hair Swap!	Rochelle Humes	EYFS
The name jar	Yangsook Choi	EYFS
The Proudest Blue	Ibtihaj Muhammad	EYFS
The Same but Different	Molly Potter and Sarah Jennings	EYFS
The Sandwich Wrap	Kelly DiPuccho Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah	EYFS
Under the Great Plum Tree	Sufiya Ahmed	EYFS
We Are All Different	Tracey Turner and Åsa Gillan	EYFS
Where's Lenny?	Ken Wilson-Max	EYFS
Whose Toes are Those?	Jabari Asim	EYFS
You're snug with me	Chitra Soundar	EYFS
Afraid of the Dark	Sarah Shaffi and Isabel Otter	EYFS
Maisie's Scrapbook	Samuel Narh	EYFS
My Dad Is a Grizzly Bear	Swapna Haddow	EYFS
Never Show a Dinosaur a Book	Rashmi Sirdeshpande	EYFS
Ravi's Roar	Tome Percival	EYFS
Rocket Rules	Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola	EYFS
Sing to the Moon	Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl	EYFS
We're Going to Find the Monster	Malorie Blackman	EYFS

EYFS/KS1

Book	Author	Age Range
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne	EYFS/KS1
If I Had a Dinosaur	Gabby Dawnway	EYFS/KS1
Jehvon Goes to Jamaica	Natasha N Brown	EYFS/KS1
Julian at the Wedding	Jessica Love	EYFS/KS1
Julian Is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	EYFS/KS1
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt De La Pena	EYFS/KS1
Look Up!	Nathan Bryon	EYFS/KS1

Book	Author	Age Range
My Hair	Hannah Lee	EYFS/KS1
My Name is Not Refugee	Kate Milner	EYFS/KS1
My Two Grannies	Floella Benjamin	EYFS/KS1
No Longer Alone	Joseph Coelho	EYFS/KS1
Ruby's Worry	Tom Percival	EYFS/KS1
Silent Night	Lara Hawthorne	EYFS/KS1
The Lost Homework	Richard O'Neill	EYFS/KS1
The Twelve Days of Christmas	Alex T Smith	EYFS/KS1
Young Gifted and Black (Baby)	Jamia Wilson	EYFS/KS1
Zeki Gets a Check Up	Anna McQuinn	EYFS/KS1
Africa Amazing Africa	Antinuke	EYFS/KS1
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold	EYFS/KS1
Big Hair, Don't Care	Crystal Swain-Bates	EYFS/KS1
Jojo and Gran-Gran Twelve and a Half Days of Christmas	Laura Henry	EYFS/KS1
The ABC of Caribbean & African Food	Rochelle Watson-Saney	EYFS/KS1

KS1

Book	Author	Age Range
Clean Up!	Nathan Bryon	KS1
Fruits	Valerie Bloom	KS1
Hair Love	Matthew Cherry	KS1
Hands up!	Breanna J McDaniel	KS1
Mansa Musa Builds a School	Louisa Olafuyi and Oladele Olafuyi	KS1
My Two Grandads	Floella Benjamin	KS1
Once Upon a Raindrop: The Story of Water	James Carter and Nomoco	KS1
Queen Kitami Makes Friends	Louisa Olafuyi and Oladele Olafuyi	KS1
Queen Yaa Saves the Golden Stool	Louisa Olafuyi and Oladele Olafuyi	KS1
Riley Can Be Anything	Davina Hamilton	KS1
Riley Knows He Can	Davina Hamilton	KS1
Shaka Zula Learns to Dance	Louisa Olafuyi and Oladele Olafuyi	KS1
Sky Up!	Patrice Augustus Brown	KS1
The Old Boat	Jarret and Jerome Pumphrey	KS1

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The Old Truck	Jarret and Jerome Pumphrey	KS1
The Phoenix of Persia	Sally Pomme Clayton and Amin Haaszadeh Sharif	KS1
The Rapping Princess	Hannah Lee	KS1
Zeki Loves Baby Club	Anna McQuinn	KS1
Zeki Loves Daddy	Anna McQuinn	KS1
Zeki Loves Mummy	Anna McQuinn	KS1

KS1/KS2

Book	Author	Age Range
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	KS1/KS2
Astro Girl	Ken Wilson-Max	KS1/KS2
Aziza's Secret Fairy Door	Lola Morayo	KS1/KS2
Best Bites Cookbook	Omari McQueen	KS1/KS2
Ella Has A Plan	Davina Hamilton	KS1/KS2
Fairy Tales	Hilary McKay	KS1/KS2
Grandpa Bert and the Ghost Snatchers	Malorie Blackman	KS1/KS2
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch	KS1/KS2
Hercules the Younger	Kathryn James	KS1/KS2
Hey You!	Dapo Adeola	KS1/KS2
Leah's Star	Margaret Bateson-Hill	KS1/KS2
M Is for Melanin	Tiffany Rose	KS1/KS2
My Beautiful Voice	Joseph Coelho	KS1/KS2
Ossiri and the Bala Mengo	Richard O'Neill	KS1/KS2
Polonius the Pit Pony	Richard O'Neill	KS1/KS2
Romany Johnny Joe	Hilda Brazil	KS1/KS2
Selah's Gift to Father Christmas	Jeannelle Brew	KS1/KS2
Since Dad Left	Caroline Binch	KS1/KS2
Snowy	Berlie Doherty	KS1/KS2
The Django	Levi Pinfold	KS1/KS2
The Lost Homework	Richard O'Neill	KS1/KS2
Toffee and Pie	Pippa Goldhart	KS1/KS2
Yokki and the Parno Gry	Richard O'Neill	KS1/KS2

KS2

Book	Author	Age Range
A Pocketful of Stars	Aisha Bushby	KS2
A Year of Nature Poems	Joseph Coelho	KS2
Akissi: Even More Tales of Mischief	Marguerite Abouet	KS2
Akissi: More Tales of Mischief	Marguerite Abouet	KS2
Akissi: Tales of Mischief	Marguerite Abouet	KS2
Artichoke Hearts	Sita Brahmachari	KS2
Baller Boys	Venessa Taylor	KS2
Beyoncé: Queen of the Spotlight	Ebony Joy Wilkins	KS2
Children of the Benin Kingdom	Dinah Orgi	KS2
Counting on Katherine	Helaine Becker	KS2
Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut	Derrick Barnes	KS2
Girl Wonder and the Terrific Twins	Malorie Blackman	KS2
Harriet Tubman: A Journey to Freedom	Sandra A. Agard	KS2
Henry's Freedom Box	Ellen Levine	KS2
Little Leaders: Bold Black Women in History	Vashti Harrison	KS2
Miles Morales: Shock Waves	Justin A Reynolds	KS2
Nonny's Birthday Bash: Confetti & Catastrophe	Leah Osakwe	KS2
Planet Omar	Zanib Mian	KS2
Serena Williams	Sarah Shepherd	KS2
Space Detectives	Mark Powers	KS2
The Place for Me	Various Black writers	KS2
The Story of Afro Hair	Kandace Chimbiri	KS2
The Story of the Windrush	K.N. Chimbiri	KS2
The Tunnels Below	Nadine Wild-Palmer	KS2
Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legacies and Legends	Mireille Harper (foreword)	KS2
When Stars Are Shattered	Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed	KS2
Where the river runs cold	Sita Brahmachari	KS2
All Because You Matter	Tami Charles	KS2
Fangs	Malorie Blackman	KS2

Book	Author	Age Range
The No 1 Car Spotter	Atinuke	KS2
Toad Attack	Patrice Lawrence	KS2
Too Small Tola	Atinuke	KS2
Zombierella	Joseph Coelho	KS2

KS2/KS3

Book	Author	Age Range
Amari and the Night Brothers	BB Alston	KS2/KS3
Amber Under Cover	EM Norry	KS2/KS3
Asha and the Spirit Bird	Jasbinder Bilan	KS2/KS3
Coming to England	Floella Benjamin	KS2/KS3
Coyote's Soundbite: A Poem for Our Planet	John Agard	KS2/KS3
Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story	Patrice Lawrence	KS2/KS3
Freedom	Catherine Johnson	KS2/KS3
Granny Ting Ting	Patrice Lawrence	KS2/KS3
Happy Here	Dean Atta plus 9 others	KS2/KS3
High Rise Mystery	Sharna Jackson	KS2/KS3
How The Stars Came To Be	Poonam Mistry	KS2/KS3
I am Every Good Thing	Derrick Barnes	KS2/KS3
I Am Not a Number	Jenny Kay Dupuis	KS2/KS3
Jaz Santos Vs The World	Priscilla Mante	KS2/KS3
Last Gate of the Emperor	Kwame Mbala & Prince Joel Makonnen	KS2/KS3
Little Badman	Humza Arshad and Henry White	KS2/KS3
Little Leaders: Exceptional Men	Vashti Harrison	KS2/KS3
Magic Betsy	Malorie Blackman	KS2/KS3
Mama Miti	Donna Jo Napoli	KS2/KS3
Marcus Rashford You Are A Champion	Carl Anka	KS2/KS3
Musical Truth	Jeffrey Boakye	KS2/KS3
New Kid	Jerry Craft	KS2/KS3
Nothing But Trouble	Alan MacDonald	KS2/KS3
Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story	Bali Rai	KS2/KS3
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	KS2/KS3

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Pigheart Boy	Malorie Blackman	KS2/KS3
Something I Said	Ben Bailey	KS2/KS3
Son of the Circus: A Victorian story	E L Norry	KS2/KS3
Tales from the Caribbean	Trish Cooke	KS2/KS3
The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas	David Almond	KS2/KS3
The Boy With Wings	Lenny Henry	KS2/KS3
The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	KS2/KS3
The Dream Snatcher Series	Abi Elphinstone	KS2/KS3
The Infinite	Patience Agbabi	KS2/KS3
The Lightning Catcher	Clare Weze	KS2/KS3
The Pavee and the Buffer Girl	Siobhan Dowd	KS2/KS3
The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander	KS2/KS3
Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls	Atinuke	KS2/KS3
Two Sisters: A Story of Freedom	Kereen Getten	KS2/KS3
Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement	Weatherford Carole Boston	KS2/KS3
We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March	Cynthia Y. Levinson	KS2/KS3
When Life Gives You Mangoes	Kereen Getten	KS2/KS3
Windrush Child	Benjamin Zephaniah	KS2/KS3

KS3

Book	Author	Age Range
A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramée	KS3
Becoming Dinah	Kit de Wall	KS3
Genesis Begins Again	Alicia D. Williams	KS3
Grown: The Black Girls Guide to Glowing Up	Melissa Cummings-Quarry & Natalie Carter	KS3
High Rise Mystery	Sharna Jackson	KS3
Killing Honour	Bali Rai	KS3
March: Book One	John Lewis	KS3
Oh My Gods!	Alexandra Sheppard	KS3
Queen of Freedom	Catherine Johnson	KS3
Rani and Suk	Bali Rai	KS3

Book	Author	Age Range
Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah	KS3
Say Her Name	Zetta Elliot	KS3
Tender Earth	Sita Brahmachari	KS3

KS3/KS4

Book	Author	Age Range
A Berlin Love Song	Sarah Matthias	KS3/KS4
Anita and me	Meera Sya	KS3/KS4
Black and British: A Short Essential History	David Olusoga	KS3/KS4
Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	KS3/KS4
Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line	Deepa Anappara	KS3/KS4
Gypsy Princess	Violet Cannon	KS3/KS4
Home Fire	Kamila Shamsie	KS3/KS4
Home Girl	Alex Wheatle	KS3/KS4
In the Sea there are Crocodiles	Fabio Geda	KS3/KS4
Noughts and Crosses series	Malorie Blackman	KS3/KS4
Rabbit Stew and a Penny or Two	Maggie Smith-Bendell	KS3/KS4
Salt to the Sea	Rita Septys	KS3/KS4
Spokes	Junna Eliot	KS3/KS4
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	KS3/KS4
The Stopping Places	Damian le Bas	KS3/KS4

KS4

Book	Author	Age Range
A Phoenix First Must Burn: Stories of Black Girl Magic, Resistance and Hope	Patrice Caldwell	KS4
All the Things We Never Said	Yasmin Rahman	KS4
American Street	Ibi Zooboi	KS4
Dear Martin	Nic Stone	KS4
Dear White People	Justin Simien	KS4
Everything, Everything	Nicola Yoon	KS4
Full Disclosure	Camryn Garrett	KS4

Book	Author	Age Range
Ghost Boys	Jewell Parker Rhodes	KS4
Harbor Me	Jacqueline Woodson	KS4
Hood Feminism: Notes From The Women That The Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall	KS4
How high the Moon	Karyn Parsons	KS4
I'm not Dying with you tonight	Gilly Segal	KS4
Lies We Tell Ourselves	Robin Talley	KS4
Orangeboy	Patrice Lawrence	KS4
Pet	Akwaeke Emezi	KS4
Rose, Interrupted	Patrice Lawrence	KS4
SLAY	Brittney Morris	KS4
Somebody Give This Heart a Pen	Sophia Thakur	KS4
The Black Flamingo	Dean Atta	KS4
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	KS4
The Color Purple	Alice Walker	KS4
The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo	Catherine Johnson	KS4
The Sun Is Also A Star	Nichola Yoon	KS4
This Book Is Anti-Racist	Tiffany Jewell and Aurelia Durand	KS4
Tyler Johnson Was Here	Jay Coles	KS4
White Teeth	Zadie Smith	KS4

Adult fiction

Book	Author	Age Range
Americanah	Chimamanda Ngozi-Adichie	Adult fiction
An American Marriage	Tayari Jones	Adult fiction
Beloved	Toni Morrison	Adult fiction
Citizen: An American Life	Claudia Rankine	Adult fiction
Girl, Woman, Other	Bernadine Evaristo	Adult fiction
Home Going	Yaa Gyasi	Adult fiction
On Beauty and White Teeth	Zadie Smith	Adult fiction
Ordinary People	Diana Evans	Adult fiction
Queenie	Candice Carty-Williams	Adult fiction
Such A Fun Age	Kiley Reid	Adult fiction
The Colour Purple	Alice Walker	Adult fiction

Book	Author	Age Range
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Adult fiction
The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	Adult fiction
The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett	Adult fiction
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Adult fiction

Staff: non-fiction

Book	Author	Age Range
A Burst of Light	Audre Lorde	Staff: non-fiction
Aint I a Woman: Black Women & Feminism	Bell Hooks	Staff: non-fiction
Anti-Racist Ally	Sophie Williams	Staff: non-fiction
Between The World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Staff: non-fiction
Black and British	David Olusoga	Staff: non-fiction
Black, Listed	Jeffery Boakye	Staff: non-fiction
Brown Baby	Nikesh Shukla	Staff: non-fiction
Diversify	June Sarpong	Staff: non-fiction
Diversity in Schools	Bennie Kara	Staff: non-fiction
Don't Touch My Hair	Emma Dabiri	Staff: non-fiction
Equitable Education	Sameena Choudry	Staff: non-fiction
Hood Feminism: Notes From The Women That The Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall	Staff: non-fiction
How To Be Anti-Racist	Ibram X. Kendi	Staff: non-fiction
I Am Not Your Baby Mother	Candice Brathwaite	Staff: non-fiction
Jews Don't Count	David Baddiel	Staff: non-fiction
Just Work	Kim Scott	Staff: non-fiction
Maybe I don't belong Here	David Harewood	Staff: non-fiction
Me and White Supremacy	Layla F Saad	Staff: non-fiction
My Name Is Why	Lemn Sissay	Staff: non-fiction
Natives: Race & Class in the Ruins of Empire	Akala	Staff: non-fiction
People Like Us	Hashi Mohammed	Staff: non-fiction
Pigheart Boy	Marian Khan	Staff: non-fiction
Slay In Your Lane	Elizabeth Uviebinené & Yomi Adegoke	Staff: non-fiction
Staying Power	Peter Fryer	Staff: non-fiction

Book	Author	Age Range
Sway	Pragya Agarwal	Staff: non-fiction
Taking Up Space: The Black Girls Manifesto For Change	Chelsea Kwakye & Ore Ogunbiyi	Staff: non-fiction
The Good Immigrant	Nikesh Shukla	Staff: non-fiction
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	Staff: non-fiction
The New Jim Crow	Michelle Alexander	Staff: non-fiction
The Power of Privilege - How white people can challenge racism	June Sarpong	Staff: non-fiction
Whistling Vivaldi - How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do	Claude M. Steele	Staff: non-fiction
White Rage	Carol Anderson	Staff: non-fiction
Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?	Beverly Daniel Tatum	Staff: non-fiction
Why I Am No Longer Talking To White People About Race	Reni Eddo-Lodge	Staff: non-fiction
Why we kneel, How we rise	Michael Holding	Staff: non-fiction
Your Silence Will Not Protect You	Audre Lorde	Staff: non-fiction