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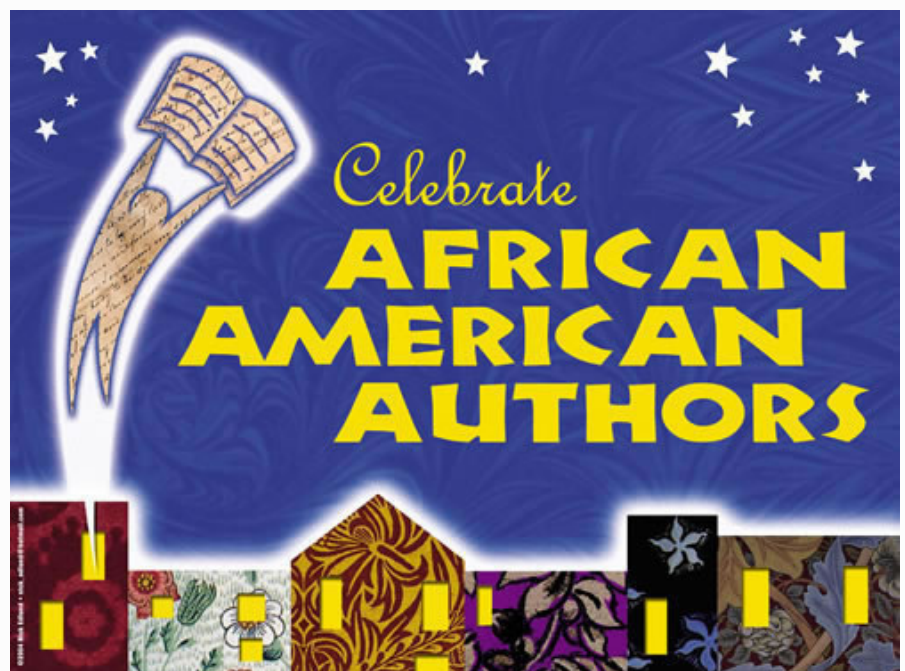
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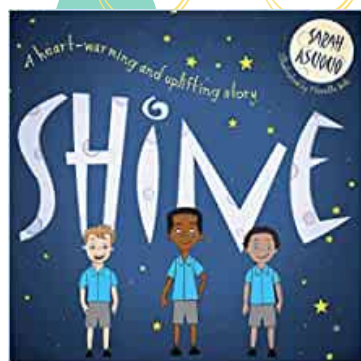
Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read: Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation: Oh I think what's happening here is that...
- 5 Chat about the story: I wonder why he did that? Oh no, I hope she's not going to... I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. This reminds me of...)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

This Black History Month, celebrate black voices and representation in children's books. Here at World Book Day, we want to share more diverse stories where all identities are given voice. There is still work to be done, and we want to see more future representation of black identities in children's books. But we believe change can start anywhere, and for us it starts with books.

Here is a list of some of our favourite books by Black authors and illustrators for all ages, to start you off on your reading journey... Do let us know your own favourites, too!





Shine is a touching and heart-warming story which encourages young readers to celebrate diversity and to recognise how our differences make us special. Throughout the story we learn how we are all unique with a special light to brighten the world, we just have to learn how to switch it on so we can all SHINE! Mrs Crook

Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then one magical night a journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything! The illustrations are breath taking and it teaches our children a really important message, you are perfect just as you are! I really hope you enjoy this story just as much as I have!

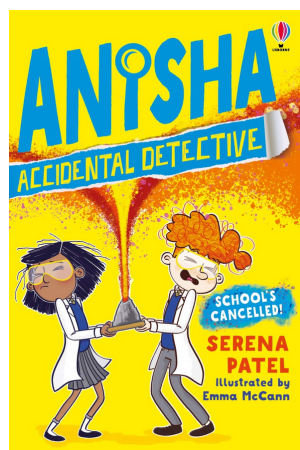
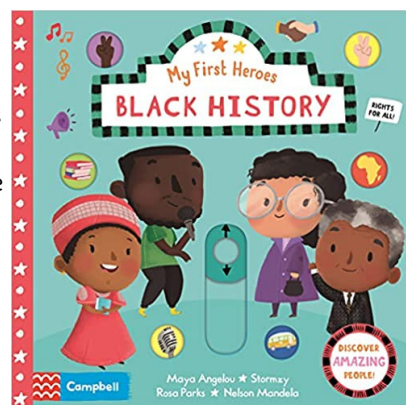
Miss O'Kane



This story is all about celebrating differences and loving yourself from head to toe! Mai and Rose are two best friends but wish they each others hair! One day they are granted a wish.. see if they get the hair they have always dreamt of or if actually they want their old hair back! This joyful story teaches children about accepting and loving themselves, everyone is unique and this should be celebrated. Miss Wilson

The 'My First Heroes' books are a great way to engage little ones in reading, by making learning about inspirational people interactive and fun. The slides to push and wheels to turn provided lots of interest and our testers liked that the stories highlighted diverse and interesting lives. The stories and facts encouraged lots of discussion and questions, which is a great way for children to build their knowledge and communication skills.

Mrs Hunter



I've been working sooo hard with Milo and Govi to make our super-erupting volcano for the school science fair. I really thought we might win first prize - a trip to the National Space Centre. But now we're in BIG trouble.

One minute we were in the lab practising our science demo, and the next thing we knew, our volcano exploded and flooded the corridors. School had to be cancelled! But did we really get our project so wrong - or is someone else trying to win first prize? Looks like a case for Anisha, Accidental Detective

Mrs Aitken

This book is full of a range of different stories, from different people, from different places. It follows a variety of authors and perspectives on their own, individual journey to the UK. It also includes 2nd generation Windrush accounts. It is a book that you can open at any page and read a new compelling story. This is a recollection, a history, and a celebration of the Windrush generation.

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