

School Library Service

Books which represent mixed-heritage families

Key Stage 1 Fiction

Barkow, Henriette

That's my mum

Based on a true story, Mia tells of her experience of being a child of mixed heritage and shows how she and her best friend overcome the prejudice of being judged by the colour of their skin

Benjamin, Floella

My two grannies



Alvina has two grannies who she loves with all her heart. Granny Vero is from the Caribbean island of Trinidad. Granny Rose is from the north of England. When Alvina's parents go away on holiday, both the grannies move in to look after her. But the two grannies want to do different things, eat different food, play different games and tell different stories. Clever Alvina learns how to keep the peace between her two grannies.

Binch, Caroline

Silver shoes

Molly loves to dance and she desperately wants some silver shoes to wear to her first dance class. Her mum says she has to wait and see if she likes the classes first. Nearly all the other girls are wearing silver shoes, even Molly's best friend!

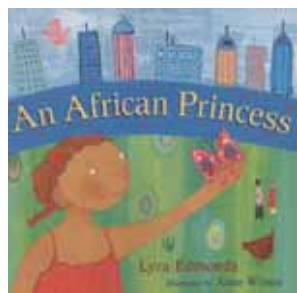
Butterworth, Nick

The whisperer

A rat's plans to keep two gangs of cats fighting is thwarted by feline love. A furry version of Romeo and Juliet which is a lovely book in its own right and useful to promote discussion. Looks at ethnicity and celebrating diversity in a non threatening way.

Edmonds, Lyra

An African princess



Lyra is not sure that she is really a princess from Africa as her mother tells her. A warm story featuring a dual heritage family celebrating pride and identity.

Garland, Sarah

Billy and Belle

Billy and Belle can't wait for Mum to have the new baby! When the special day arrives, Dad takes Mum to hospital while Belle is allowed to spend the day with Billy at school. It's pet day, so Billy's hamster comes too. Everything goes according to plan -until Belle gets into a spot of trouble over a pet spider...

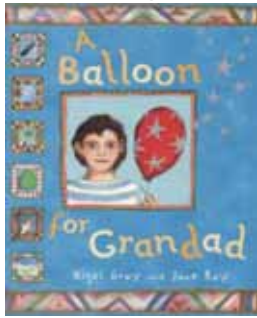
Graham, Bob

Oscar's half birthday

Mum, Dad and Millie can't wait for Oscar's first whole birthday, so the day he is six months old they decide to celebrate. They pack tuna sandwiches and a chocolate cake with half a candle on top, and set off across the city for a picnic...

Gray, Nigel

A balloon for grandad



Sam has a big, bright red balloon. That is, until it blows out of the window. But Sam's dad tells him not to be sad, Sam's balloon has gone on an exciting journey across mountains, seas, deserts and rivers, all the way to his Grandad Abdulla's house... and now Grandad will be happy knowing Sam is thinking of him.

Griffiths Joe and Pilrim Tony

Picnic in the park

It is Jason's fifth birthday and he is having a picnic in the park with all his friends. Published by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering, this brightly illustrated book shows that families are very diverse and come in all shapes and sizes.

Harvey, Matt

Shopping with dad

A lovely familiar story of a trip to the supermarket, written in rhyme. Some humorous moments for adults and children to appreciate and don't forget to look out for the mischievous mouse!

Hoffman, Mary

The great big book of families



Mary Hoffman takes a look through children's eyes at the wide varieties of family life and she concludes that, for most people, their own family is the best one of all!

Rainger, Amanda

Me and my dad (Start reading)

Me and my mum

Me and my nan

Me and my cousin

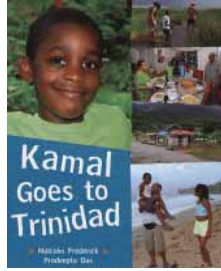
A series of 4 books about a boy from a dual heritage family who lives with his mum but enjoys sharing time with all his family.

Waiting for baby

When you're small, waiting for anything can seem to take a lifetime, especially when it's a baby! This boldly illustrated board book is ideal for discussing with very young children their anxieties about a new sibling.

KS1 Non-fiction

Frederick, Malcolm



Kamal goes to Trinidad

On his first visit to the islands where his parents were born, Kamal learns steelpans and listens to calypso, looks round his father's old school, soaks up the sea and the wildlife - and gets a welcome from his grandparents that he'll never forget!

Lynch, Emma

The life of Mary Seacole

Photographs and artwork are used to bring the story of this remarkable woman to life.

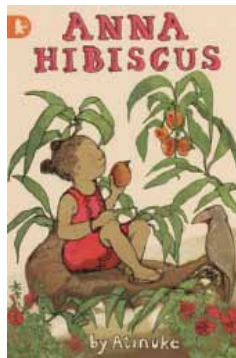
Malam, John

Mary Seacole (Start-up English)

Bold text and clear illustrations are enhanced by highlighted keywords and a simple time-line.

Key Stage 2 Fiction

Atinuke



Anna Hibiscus

Four separate stories in the life of Anna Hibiscus and her extended family in Africa. Anna's dad is African and her mum is Canadian. This provides the focus for the last story in the book when Anna is beside herself with excitement at the prospect of seeing snow when she visits her Canadian grandmother in December!

Atinuke

Hooray for Anna Hibiscus

Four more stories about family life for Anna. The last story explores Anna's shock when she is exposed to the realities of child poverty on the other side of the city.

Atinuke

Good luck, Anna Hibiscus!

Anna is looking forward to visiting her Canadian grandmother but before she goes she must find some clothes to keep her warm when she has her first encounter with snow.

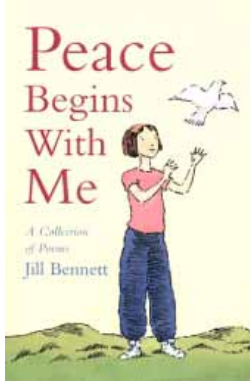
Binch, Caroline

Gregory cool

When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wavelength - and there are none of the gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. What happens when the culture-shocked, homesick Gregory encounters the full warmth of the Caribbean is told here with great realism and humour.

KS2 Non-fiction

Bennett, Jill



Peace begins with me

A thought-provoking and moving collection of poems about all kinds of conflicts, large and small. The book includes three poems which celebrate our different ethnicity, including *Lisa* who is the daughter of mixed-heritage parents.

Lisa by Beverly Mcloughland Page 20

Skin by Pauline Stewart Page 21

Rainbow by Barrie Wade Page 22

Croft, Andy

Lewis Hamilton (Barrington Stoke Gr8reads)

Live through the thrilling highs and crashing lows that Lewis experienced to become one of the most famous F1 drivers of the last decade.

Gavin, Jamila

Out of India

This is the autobiography of the popular children's author. 'I am truly a child of both countries and both cultures.' Born to an Indian father and an English mother, Jamila Gavin's childhood was divided between two worlds. Her earliest memories are of India, where she lived in a crumbling palace built for a prince, and learned to steal sugar cane and suck mangoes. But she would spend much of her childhood in England, where she picked blackberries, got chilblains, and learned to recognise doodlebug bombs.

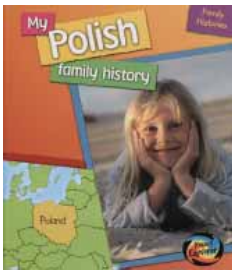
Hicks, Peter

Barack Obama: president for change

Light, lively text provides a lot of information into the life of this 44th president of the United States.

Parker, Vic

My Polish family history



One of a series of 4 titles which traces three generations of a family which has come to Britain from another country. *Other titles include Caribbean family, Indian family and Pakistani family.*

Taylor, Kate

My Hindu community

Takes you on a journey through one child's life in their community. Learn about their home, family, school, faith, food and much more.

Other titles in the series are: My Sikh community, My Kurdish community; My Jewish community.

Townsend, John

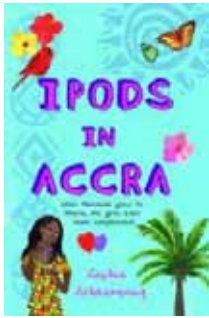
Lewis Hamilton: unauthorised biography

Sports Files follow each sporting star's career from their first interest in sport to their present-day career. Accessible style & clearly presented information.

Key Stage 3 Fiction

Acheampong, Sophia

Ipods in Accra



Makeeda spends the summer in Ghana with relatives and learns about the African side of her culture. Makeeda, the sophisticated London girl, makes some surprising discoveries about herself, her family and her friends. While she's struggling to reconcile her two cultures, could it be that she's found true love where she least expected it?

Newbery, Linda

The sandfather

Hal is in trouble at school and at home and his single-parent mother sends him to live with his aunt in a small seaside town while she goes into hospital for an operation. Well crafted storyline examining the emotions uncovered when Hal goes looking for his true identity.

Pullman, Philip

The broken bridge

Ginny Howard is 15 years old and lives with her widowed father in north Wales. Her mother came from Haiti and her half-African heritage marks her out from most of her friends. Equally important to her is the fact that her mother was an artist and Ginny has inherited some of her talents. Over the course of one summer she makes some devastating discoveries about her family which make her rethink everything she thought she was sure of.

KS3 Non-fiction

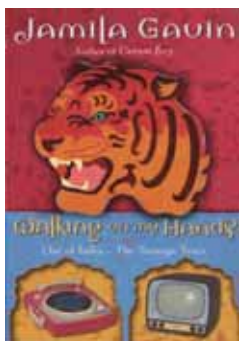
Burgan, Michael

Barack Obama

Solid, in-depth biography of Barack Obama up to his election.

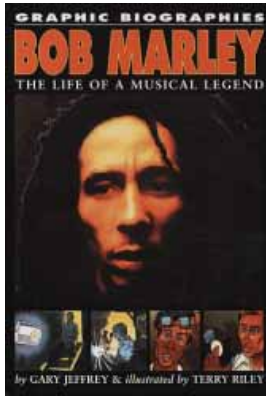
Gavin, Jamila

Walking on my hands: out of India, the teenage years



Having spent her childhood in India, Jamila and her mother move to England. It is the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and England is experiencing a post-war boom, a time of positive anticipation and enthusiasm for the future. Jamila recounts how she experiences teenage life in England as she grapples with British culture, develops long-lasting friendships and harnesses her musical talent. An engaging and evocative insight into a young girl growing up and struggling with identity and culture.

Jeffrey, Gary



Bob Marley: the life of a musical legend

Recounts Bob Marley's life and beliefs using a combination of prose and comic strip.

This series also includes books about Martin Luther King, Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman, Muhammad Ali and Rosa Parks.

Johnstone, Nick

Johnny Depp: the illustrated biography

Traces his journey from schoolboy misfit and rockstar rebel to Hollywood star. Lots of photographs to lift the text.

Adult Non-fiction

Childs, Rosie

Catch me before I fall

This is the true story of a black girl growing up in a white family on a 1950s Liverpool council estate.

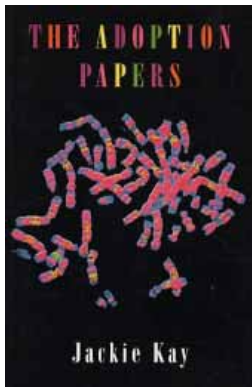
Giggs, Ryan

Giggs: the autobiography

Over his 15-year career, Ryan Giggs has played alongside other Manchester United legends such as Bryan Robson, Eric Cantona and David Beckham. In this book, United's most decorated player reveals his experiences of life at Old Trafford

Kay, Jackie

The adoption papers



Jackie Kay was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1961 to a Scottish mother and a Nigerian father. She was adopted by a white couple at birth and was brought up in Glasgow. This is an autobiographical account, in three strands of narrative poetry and was Jackie Kay's first published collection of poetry. It received a Scottish Arts Council Book Award, a Saltire first book of the year award and was shortlisted for the Mail on Sunday / John Llewellyn Rhys Prize.

King, Oona

House music: the Oona King diaries

'House Music' is the revealing personal diaries of one of Blair's Babes - and one of the first black women in government.

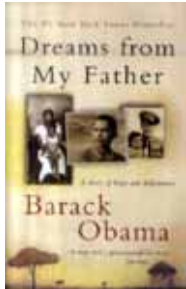
Lawrence, Sharon

Jimi Hendrix; the man, the magic, the truth

This book is the powerful story of a young black man who overcame his poverty-stricken background and the racial segregation of the sixties and turned himself into something rare and special.

Obama, Barack
race and inheritance

Dreams from my father: a story of



In this memoir written at the age of 33, Barack Obama, son of a black African father and a white American mother, describes the search for meaning in his life as a black American.

Unterberger, Richie
Hendrix

The rough guide to Jimi

An accessible and fascinating read which explores the life, career and legacy of this guitar legend.

Worrall, Frank

Giggsy

Ryan Giggs is a Manchester United legend. This book tells the story of this astonishing player with an unparalleled career.

Worrall, Frank
world

Lewis Hamilton: champion of the

Bestselling sports author Frank Worrall describes how Lewis handled the intensity of the media scrum and kept his dignity to emerge triumphant as he racked up sensational wins around the world.

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