

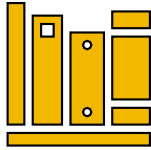


The Reading Jackdaw



A timeline of the Black and Asian history of Britain through fiction

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## Roman

145 The Emperor's Babe Bernadine Evaristo  
207 Empire's End Leila Rashid

## Middle Ages

1189 Crusade Elizabeth Laird

## Tudor/ Stuart/ Elizabethan

1545 Diver's Daughter Patrice Lawrence (9+)  
1591 The Tudor Turk Rehan Khan (12+)  
Late 1600's Black Lily Phillippa Stockley

## Georgian

1700's – present Foreigners Caryl Phillips  
1700's Pirates Celia Rees (11+)  
1732 A Harlot's Progress David Dabydeen  
1750's Hell and High Water Tanya Landman (11+)  
1750's Coram Boy Jamila Gavin (12+)  
Mid 18<sup>th</sup> C Sacred Hunger Trilogy Barry Unsworth  
1753 Crossing the River Caryl Phillips  
1760 Cane Warriors Alex Wheatle (YA)  
1781 Feeding the Ghosts Fred D'Aguiar  
1781 Blood & Sugar Laura Shephard  
1783 Freedom (1783) Catherine Johnson (10+)  
1787 A Respectable Trade Phillipa Gregory  
1792 Sawbones Catherine Johnson (11+)  
End 18<sup>th</sup>C The Book of Night Women Marlon James  
Early 1800's The Long Song Andrea Levy  
1807 Cambridge Caryl Phillips  
1817 The Curious Tale of The Lady Caraboo Catherine Johnson (14+)  
1826 The Confessions of Frannie Langton Sara Collins  
1830 Washington Black Esi Edugyan  
1830's A Wide Sargasso Sea Jean Rhys  
1800s /21<sup>st</sup>C Butterfly Fish Irenson Okojie

## Victorian/ Edwardian

Victorian: A Nest of Vipers Catherine Johnson (10+)  
Victorian: The Thing about Thugs Tabish Khair  
1837 Strange Music Laura Fish  
1837 The Strangler Vine M.J.Carter  
1857 The Siege of Krishnapur J.G. Farrell  
1839/42 Sea of Poppies trilogy Amitav Ghosh  
1863 Liberty Bazaar David Chadwick  
1867 The Boy who Walked with Lions Elizabeth Laird  
1867 Son of the Circus: A Victorian Story E.L. Norry (9+)  
1885 The Glass Palace Amitav Ghosh  
1890's Things Fall Apart Chinua Achebe  
1900 The Midwife's Daughter Patricia Ferguson  
1900 Myal Erna Brodber  
1900's Blue Eyes Hema Machele  
Early 1900's The Slave Girl Buchi Emecheta  
Early 1900's That Deadman Dance Kim Scott  
Early 1900's The River Between Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
1909 Race to the Frozen North Catherine Johnson (11+)  
1910 The Unbelonging Joan Riley

## War/ Inter War Years

- 1917 A Medal for Leroy Michael Morpurgo (9+)  
1917 Respect: The Walter Tull Story Michaela Morgan  
1926 Ancestor Stones Aminetta Forna  
1927 Trumpet Jackie Kay  
1920's 30's Lote Shola von Reinhold  
1930's The Hamilton Case Michelle de Kretser  
1930's In the Castle of my Skin George Lamming  
1930's Under an Emerald Sky Olukemi Amala  
1940's Now or Never Bali Rai  
1940 Half Blood Blues Esi Edugyan  
1940's and now The Bloodstone Papers Glen Duncan  
1940's The Last Warner Woman Kei Miller  
1941 Wartime Sweethearts Lola Jaye  
1940's A Way in the World V.S. Naipaul

## Post War Years

- ???? Island Songs Alex Wheatle  
1947 Ormonde Hannah Lowe  
1947 Midnight's Children Salman Rushdie  
1947 A Beautiful Lie Irfan Master (11+)  
1948 Small Island Andrea Levy  
Mid 20<sup>th</sup> C The Intended David Dabydeen

- 1950's Orphan Sisters Lola Jaye  
1950 This Lovely City Louise Hare  
1950's Holding Paradise Fran Clark  
1950's The Mimic Men V.S. Naipul  
1950's The Lonely Londoners  
1950's- 80's Bess: Now that I have Found the Words Rose Thomas  
1950's Rainbow Milk Paul Mendez  
1950's Burn my Heart Beverley Naidoo (11+)  
1950's Yoruba Girl Dancing Simi Bedford  
1958 The Final Passage Caryl Phillips  
1959 To Sir with Love E.R. Braithwaite

## 1960's/70's/80/s

- 1960's In Dependence Sarah Lidipo Maryika  
1960's A Grain of Wheat Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
1960's Minutes of glory Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
1960's Weep not Child Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
1960's Gravel Heart Abdulrazak Gurnah  
1967 The Muse Jessie Burton  
1970's The Unbelonging Joan Riley  
1970's Vauxhall Gabriel Gbadamosi  
1970's Never Far From Nowhere Andrea Levy  
1975 White Teeth Zadie Smith  
1975 Brixton Beach Roma Tearne  
1976 The Seven Sister Alex Wheatle

- 1976 Lazy Eye Donna Daley-Clarke  
1980's In the Falling Snow Caryl Phillips  
1980 Brixton Rock Alex Wheatle  
1981 East of Acre Lane Alex Wheatle  
1981 The Book of Echoes Rosanne Amaka  
1981 The Handsworth Times Sharon Duggal  
1985 Brick Lane Monica Ali  
1986 The Inheritance of Loss Kiran Desai  
1980 26A Diane Evans  
1988 When I was Invisible Dorothy Koomson  
1995 The Other Side of Truth Beverly Naidoo (13+)

## Near History

- 2000 The Treatment Michael Nath  
2001 The Dirty South  
2007 Brixton Beach Roma Tearne  
2007 No More Heroes Stephen Thompson  
2011 When We Speak of Nothing Olumide Popoola

**Spans centuries:** Omeros Derek Walcott  
**Spans centuries:** Fruit of the Lemon Andrea Levy

## Speculative Fiction

Blonde Roots Bernadine Evaristo  
Terra Nullis Claire G. Coleman