



## Anti-racism resources for adults

*'The Windrush era is a very important part of British history as it helps us understand how and why we became the multicultural society we are today, and also helps us understand the history of race relations in this country.'*

**Naomie Harris**

The theme for this half term is **The Windrush Generation**. New additions to the list are in **red**. The Windrush generation refers to people who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries. It refers to the ship MV Empire Windrush, which docked in Tilbury on 22 June 1948, bringing workers from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other islands, to help fill post-war UK labour shortages.

### MULTIMEDIA

#### Television, film and video

##### **Sitting in Limbo**

A shocking drama inspired by the Windrush scandal. After 50 years in the UK, Anthony Bryan is wrongfully detained by the Home Office and threatened with deportation.

[Watch it here.](#)

##### **The Unwanted: The Secret Windrush Files**

How black immigrants who made Britain their home came face to face with the government's 'hostile environment'. David Olusoga exposes the secret files behind the Windrush scandal.

[Watch it here.](#)

##### **For Sama**

An epic and intimate journey filmed through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria. Waad al-Kateab tells the story of how she fell in love, married and gave birth to her daughter Sama.

[Watch it here.](#)

##### **Exodus: Our journey**

Documentary following some of the million people who smuggled themselves into Europe in 2015. [Watch it here.](#)

##### **TED Talk: The Danger of a Single Story**

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

[Watch it here.](#)

### **Noughts and Crosses**

Drama set in a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass? Based on Malorie Blackman's brilliant novels. [Watch it here.](#)

### **The School That Tried to End Racism**

Two-part documentary that follows a British school helping its students uncover and eradicate hidden racial biases, exploring how this can affect us all and what we can do to tackle it. [Watch it here.](#)

### **Black & British: a forgotten history**

Historian David Olusoga explores the enduring relationship between Britain and people whose origins lie in Africa. [Watch it here.](#)

### **Small Axe**

Five films - love letters to black resilience and triumph in London's West Indian community, directed by Oscar winner Steve McQueen. Vivid stories of hard-won victories in the face of racism. [Watch it here.](#)

## **Podcasts**

### **Akala: Natives**

**Book of the Week.** Akala charts his own personal story alongside the social, historical and political factors that have shaped the world we live in today. [Listen here.](#)

### **Windrush Stories**

present a series of remarkable interviews with members of this generation and their descendants, ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s and including Benji Zephaniah. Recorded during lockdown, they talk about their experiences living in the UK and how they feel they've been received and treated by people in this country. [Listen here.](#)

### **UNHCR Awake At Night podcast**

First-hand accounts of what it is like to be a humanitarian worker or refugee from around the world? [Listen here.](#)

### **BBC Witness Black History Podcast**

Interviews with people who were there at key moments in black and civil rights history. [Listen here.](#)

### **Have You Heard George's Podcast?**

The award-winning and critically-acclaimed podcast from George the Poet delivers a fresh take on inner city life through a mix of storytelling, music and fiction. [Listen here.](#)

### **About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge**

From the author behind the bestselling *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, comes a podcast that takes the conversation a step further. Featuring key voices from the last few decades of anti-racist activism, *About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge* looks at the recent history that lead to the politics of today. [Listen here.](#)

# BOOKS

## Non-fiction

### **Mother Country edited by Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff (editor)**

his remarkable book explores the reality of their experiences, and those of their children and grandchildren, through 22 unique real-life stories spanning more than 70 years.

### **The Lightless Sky: My Journey to Safety as a Child Refugee by Gulwali Passarlay**

The boy who fled Afghanistan and endured a terrifying journey in the hands of people smugglers is now a young man intent on changing the world. His story is a deeply harrowing and incredibly inspiring tale of our times.

### **Natives: race and class in the ruins of Empire by Akala**

Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, *Natives* speaks directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.

### **The Good Immigrant edited by Nikesh Shukla**

Award-winning writer Nikesh Shukla gathers twenty British Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic writers and artists to reflect on race, immigration and being 'other' in Great Britain.

### **Brit(ish) by Afua Hirsch**

Challenging the harmful legacy of white-centred British history, this is a powerful, hard-hitting examination of modern, divided Britain.

## Fiction

### **Small Island by Andrea Levy**

In this modern classic, Gilbert Joseph, returning to England after the war is treated very differently now that he is no longer in an RAF uniform. Joined by his wife Hortense, he rekindles a friendship with Queenie who takes in Jamaican lodgers. Can their dreams of a better life in England overcome the prejudice they face?

### **The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon**

At Waterloo Station, hopeful new arrivals from the West Indies step off the boat train, ready to start afresh in 1950s London. *The Lonely Londoners* is an unforgettable account of immigrant experience and one of the great twentieth-century London novels.

### **The Map of Salt & Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Maccani**

The tales of two heroines coming of age in perilous times interweave, and shine a light on a country in turmoil, human resilience and the power of stories.

**The Year of the Runaways by Sunjeev Sahota**

Tells of the bold dreams and daily struggles of an unlikely family thrown together by circumstance. Thirteen young men live in a house in Sheffield, each in flight from India and in desperate search of a new life

**Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo**

Tracking the lives and loves of a dozen British women through generations and social classes, *Girl, Woman, Other* weaves a distinctive, illuminating tapestry of modern British life.

**Breach by Olumide Popoola & Annie Holmes**

The eight short stories in this collection explore stories of refugee migration from Calais through fiction. They give voice to the hopes and fears of both sides.

## OTHER

### Resources to support parents and carers to discuss race and racism with their children

**Newsround** have this excellent and accessible page of content entitled, 'What is the Windrush Generation?' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43793769>

**UNICEF** have produced this excellent factsheet for children. It explains refugee migration using infographics and child friendly language. Suitable for Key Stage 2. [Click here.](#)

**Equaliteach** have posted this excellent blog post, How to Talk With Children and Young People About Race and Racism. [Click here.](#)

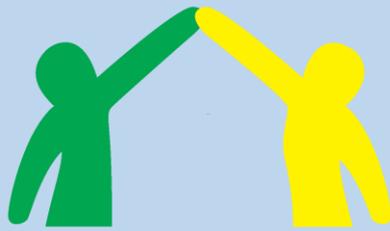
**UNICEF** offer advice and guidance to help you talk to children of all ages. Their advice is organised by age range to make it easier for you to find the information you need. [Click here.](#)

*Avenue Junior School is proud to be a School of Sanctuary. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive school where all members of the community share our values; respect, resilience and aspiration. Our commitment to anti-racism is a key part of this vision.*

*In the consultation on racism that we conducted in the summer term of 2020, many parents and carers expressed an interest in the school sharing and signposting information and resources in order to support antiracist education in our community.*

*To that end, this document will host recommendations from our staff for books, websites, TV, film and other resources that you and your family may find of interest. Each half term we will add new recommendations.*

*If you have a suggestion for a resource to be added to these lists, we'd love to hear it! Let us know by completing [this form](#).*



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