

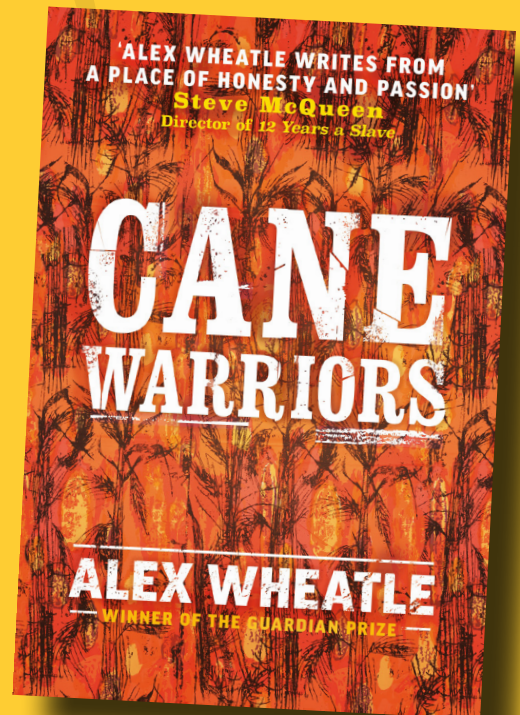


Reader Sheet

YA Book Prize 2021 shortlist

Cane Warriors Alex Wheatle

- *Cane Warriors* is inspired by a real life rebellion in British-owned slave plantations in Jamaica in 1760. What did you learn from this book about the slave trade that you didn't know before? Did anything about the story surprise you?
- Moa's father does not want him to join the uprising. Do you understand his father's position and how do you think you would react if you were in Moa's place?
- How does Alex Wheatle use language to transport the reader to the slave plantations? Give examples from the text.
- With this book the author is shining a light on a part of history that is not often talked about. What other forgotten periods in history should be taught in schools?
- At the end of the book Alex Wheatle says he supports reparations for slavery. What are his arguments for this, and have you heard about these issues before?



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