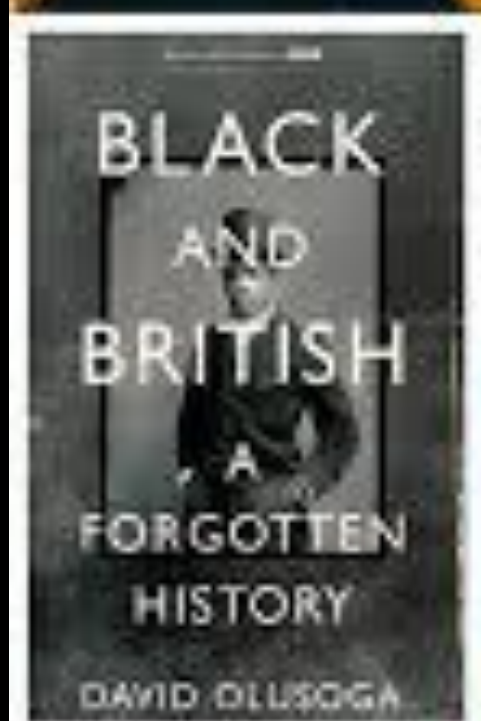
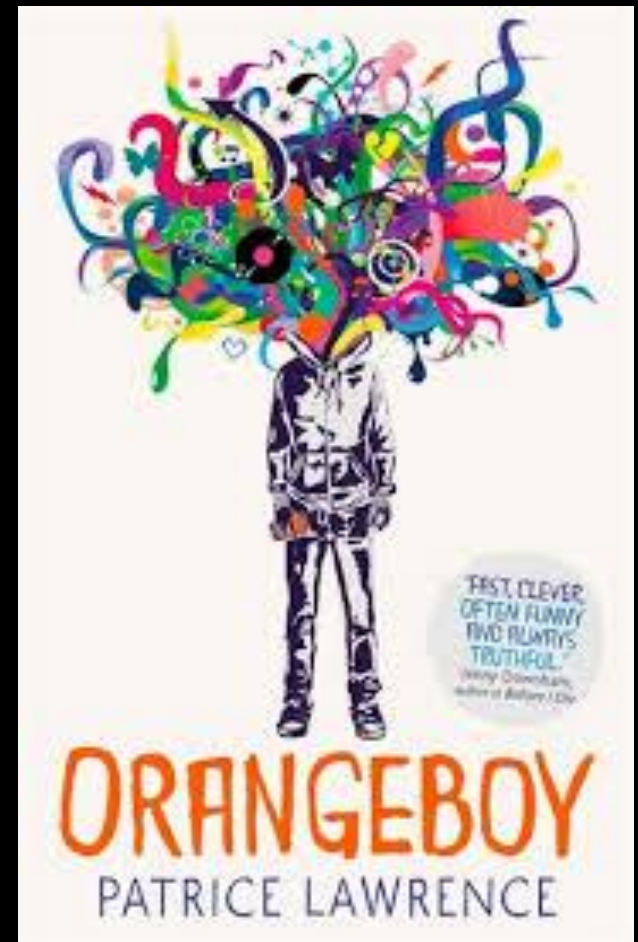
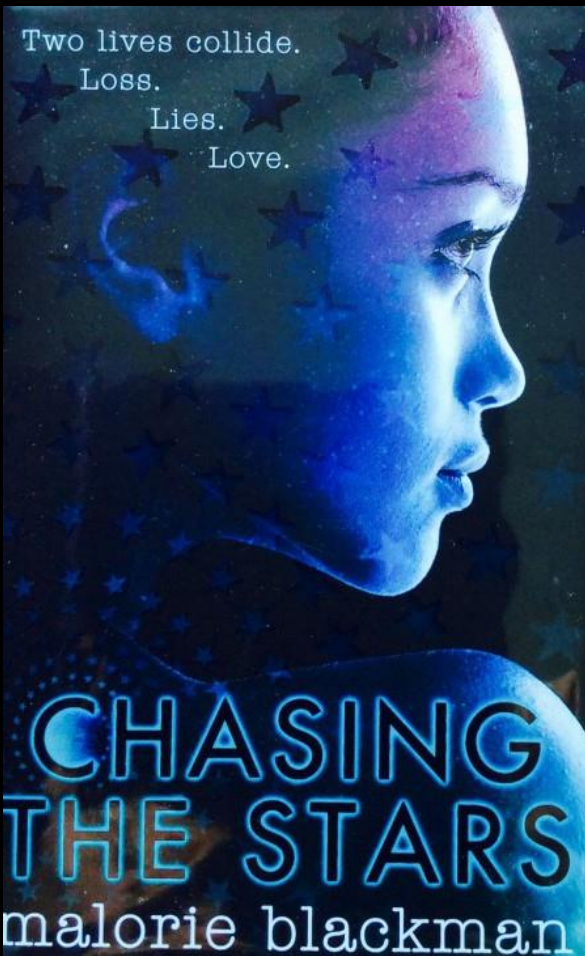




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Secrets can be buried, but bones can speak...



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THE BONE READERS

- 118 Submissions
- 58 from Mainstream Publishers and Big Indies
- 11 Cookery books
- 15 Children's

- Only 15 eligible books published in the UK
- Two picture books
- Two self pubbed YA
- Two of the judges had books out so total...

- Fifteen children's books written by BAME writers published by UK publishers in 2016
- Does it matter?

- Imagine if there were only male writers.
- Very good, thoughtful, sensitive, male writers

- Wouldn't we think that was odd?
- Wouldn't we think about the message that sent out? To readers as well as writers?
- Don't we want reading and writing to be seen as something that's for all young people?
- White consumers accept BAME music artistes so why not writers?

- What do we need?
- More writers!

- Megaphone
- PRH Write Now
- Stripes Initiative

Here's to the future

