Diversity and Equality Reading List – KS4 <u>Lit in Colour</u>



Run, Rebel

Manjeet Mann

Told in verse, Run, Rebel is about Amber, a teenager who is trapped by her father's rules and expectations and her own fears.

All she really wants to do is run, and to figure out how to fight for her mother, her sister and herself.

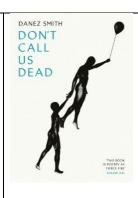


Homegoing

Yaa Gyasi

Homegoing begins with half-sisters Effia and Esi, who don't know they're related. While

one is sold into slavery, the other becomes the wife of a slave trader.



Don't Call Us Dead

Danez Smith

Don't Call Us Dead opens

with a sequence that imagines an afterlife for Black men shot by police, a place where suspicion, violence, and grief are forgotten and replaced with the safety, love and longevity they deserved here on earth. Smith's poems also touch on desire, mortality, and an HIV-positive diagnosis.



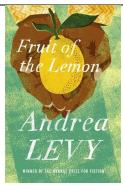
Manchester Happened

Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi

Shorlisted for magazine publisher Hearst's Big Book Awards,

Manchester Happened is a collection of short stories about the Ugandans who choose to make England their home.

Weaving between Manchester and Kampala, the collection reimagines the journeys of it characters, and examines the nature of belonging.

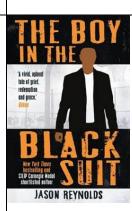


Fruit of the Lemon

Andrea Levy

Faith
Jackson
seems to
have the
perfect
flatshare

and a great job in television, but those, plus her relationship with her loving yet overbearing family are far from it. When her parents announce that they're going to retire back home in Jamaica, Faith makes her own journey there and is welcomed by her Aunt Coral.



The Boy in the Black Suit

Jason Reynolds

Seventeenyear-old Matt wears a black suit everyday, for his job at the local

funeral home. Since his mother died, his father can't handle the bills on his own. As his father is drawn to alcohol, Matt meets Lovey and is drawn to her. Lovey is tough in a way Matt wishes he could be, and seems to understand his loneliness.

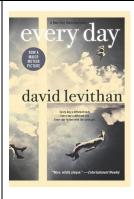
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"WE WERE ALL HEADING FOR EACH OTHER ON A COLLISION COURSE, NO MATTER WHAT. MAYBE SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST MEANT TO BE IN THE SAME STORY." I'll Give You the Sun

Jandy Nelson

When this book came out, it

seemed to be on everyone's To-Read List, and with good reason. I'll Give You the Sun is the emotional and breathtaking story of twin brothers who no longer speak, and what—if anything—can being them back to each other.

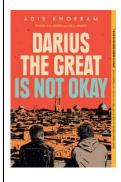


Every Day

David Levithan

A is a teen who wakes up every day in a different

body, living a different life. This seems to work for A until he meets Rhiannon and everything changes. David Levithan's novel is so creative and accurately depicts what it feels like when you don't know where you belong and how grounding it can be to find the people who make you feel like you're home.



Darius the Great Is Not Okay

Adib Khorram

Darius, a lonely half-Persian boy

with an affinity for Star Trek, travels to Iran to meet his mother's family for the first time. There, he falls in love: with the city of Yazd, his grandparents, and his new friend, Sohrab.



Girls at the Edge of the World

Laura Brooke Robson

Set in a

world that is coming to an end, this thrilling romantic fantasy follows two girls with a will to survive at any cost. As the end approaches, will they give in to despair, or have they given each other a reason to live?



Beyond the Gender Binary

Alok Vaid-Menon

A poet,

artist, and LGBTQIA+ rights advocate, Alok Vaid-Menon, doesn't see the world in black and white, They see the world in full color! A world where people have the opportunity to express themselves however they want. This book is a great resource, demystifying what it means when gender is malleable and empowering readers to live their most authentic selves.



<u>Juliet</u> <u>Takes a</u> Breath

Gabby Rivera

A brilliant, funny, and

honest journey of self-discovery. When Juliet comes out to her family, it doesn't go as smoothly as she wanted. She then hopes that an internship opportunity across the country will be the perfect time to figure out everything in her life, only to discover that no one has all the answers. As Juliet delves into what it means to explore her race and identity, she'll learn how to come out to her family, the world, and herself.

Recommended Reads KS4

PRE 20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

Jane Austen - Emma, Northanger Abbey, Pride and Prejudice Anne Bronte - The Tenant of Wildfell Hall Charlotte Bronte - Jane Evre Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White Arthur Conran Doyle - The Hound of the Baskervilles Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe Charles Dickens - Great Expectations Elizabeth Gaskell - North and South Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Far Madding Crowd Edgar Allen Poe - Selected Short Stories Robert Louis Stevenson - Dr Jekyll and Mr Jonathan Swift - Gulliver's Travels Oscar Wilde - The Picture of Dorian Grey

MODERN POETS

John Agar – Flag, Put the Kettle On Simon Armitage – Kid, Hitcher, Clown Gillian Clarke – Catrin, Cold Knap Lake Imitiaz Dharker – Blessing Carol Ann Duffy – War Photographer, Mrs Tilscher's Class, Stealing Seamus Heaney – Mid-Term Break Ted Hughes – Bayonet Charge Tony Harrison – Book Ends Grace Nichols – Hurricane hits England



20TH CENTURY CLASSIC FICTION

Chinua Achebe – Things Fall Apart Maya Angelou - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Truman Capote - Breakfast a Tiffany's Joseph Conrad - Heart of Darkness F. Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby E.M. Forster - Howard's End William Golding - Lord of the Flies Graham Greene - Brighton Rock Joseph Heller - Catch 22 Harper Lee - To Kill a Mockingbird George Orwell - Animal Farm, 1984 Alan Patton - Cry the Beloved Country Slyvia Plath - The Bell Jar J.D. Salinger - The Catcher in the Rye John Steinbeck - Of Mice and Men Alice Walker - The Color Purple

MODERN FICTION

Monica Ali - Brick Lane Margaret Atwood – The Handmaid's Tale J.G Ballard - Empire of The Sun Ian Banks- The Wasp Factory Louis de Berniers - Captain Corelli's Mandolin Kevin Brooks - Martyn Pig Paulo Coelho - The Alchemist Michael Frain - Spies Alex Garland - The Beach Mike Gayle - Half a World Away Barry Hines - Kes Nick Hornby – About A Boy, Fever Pitch Khaled Hosseini – The Kite Runner Susan Hill - The Woman in Black Kazuo Ishiguro – Never Let Me Go Stephen King - The Shining Cormac McCarthy - The Road Ian McEwen - Atonement Toni Morrison - Beloved Haruki Murakami - Norwegian Wood Alan Patton – Cry the Beloved Country Bali Rai - Rani and Sukh Arundhati Roy - The God of Small Things Zadie Smith - White Teeth Kathyrn Stockett - The Help Meera Syal - Anita and Me Marcus Zusak - The Book Thief

