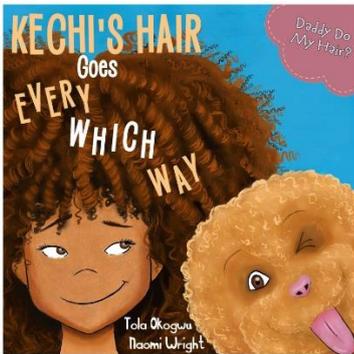
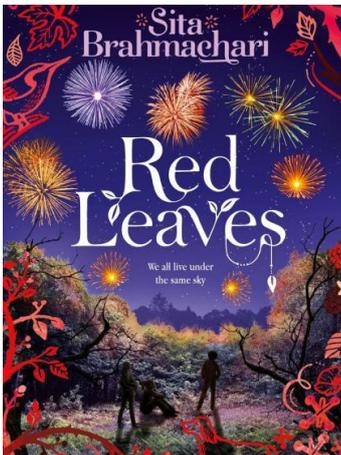


Picture Books



- **Tola Okogwu** – *Hope's Braids / Beth's Twists / Kechi's Hair Goes Every Which Way*
Tola is a hair blogger, healthy hair coach and children's writer
- **Zanib Mian** – *The Robot That Said Moo / The Muslims*
Zanib is a qualified Molecular Biologist and taught Science in secondary schools before she quit her to create change in the children's publishing scene. She launched Sweet Apple Publishers with a clear commitment to publishing inclusive books, many of which she has authored herself. Zanib has also launched a hugely successful publishing company for unique, quirky and inspirational Islamic books – Muslim Children's Books Ltd.

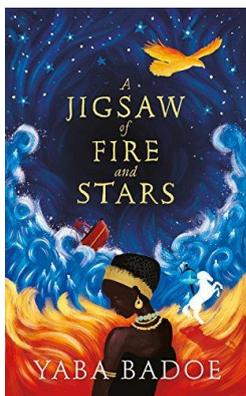
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- **Sita Brahmachari** – *Jasmin Skies / Kite Spirit / Red Leaves*
Born in Derby to an Indian doctor from Kolkata and an English nurse from the Lake District. She's is an author and playwright who has also worked in theatre and education.
- **Alex Wheatle** – *Liccle Bit / Crongton Nights / Straight Outta Crongton*
Award-winning Black British novelist of Jamaican heritage.
- **Candy Gourlay** – *Tall Story / Shine/Bone Talk*
London based author and journalist originally from the Philippines

- **Polly Ho Yen** – *Boy in the Tower / Where Monsters Lie / Fly Me Home*
Worked in publishing for several years before teaching in primary school.
- **Catherine Johnson** – *Blade and Bone / Freedom*
Catherine is an award-winning children’s author. She also writes for film, television and radio. She co-wrote the highly acclaimed film, *Bullet Boy*, followed by commissions for Century Films, Working Title and Channel 4.
- **Benjamn Zephaniah** – *Refugee Boy / Face / Gangsta Rap*
Award-winning artist. Poet, writer, lyricist and musician
- **Sonal Sachdev Patel and Jemma Wayne-Kitten** – *GITA*
Jewish author Jemma Wayne-Kattan has helped reimagine one of the holiest books in the Hindu religion for children
- **Jasmine Richards** – *Secrets of Valhalla / Keeper of Myths*
Born in London, raised in a library, and the first in her family to go to university.
- **Sam Hepburn** – *Her Perfect Life: A gripping debut psychological thriller with a killer twist*
Younger readers – *Quicksilver / Serpent’s Gold*
Sam’s Sudanese father and English mother met at a London art school. They married and set up home in Khartoum. Sam moved back to England with her mother but began to revisit her Sudanese family in her twenties. Since then she has worked and travelled widely in Africa and the Middle East.

Young Adult



- **Yaba Badoe** – *A Jigsaw of Fire and Stars*
Ghanaian-British documentary filmmaker, journalist and author.
- **Tasha Suri** – *Empire of Sand* – Out 15 Nov 2018 / Pre order it now
Was born in the U.K., but toured India during childhood holidays. Her debut novel is an epic fantasy inspired by Mughal India.
- **Natasha Ngan** – *The Elites / The Memory Keepers / Girls of Paper and Fire* – Out Nov 2018
Part-time yoga teacher. She grew up between Malaysia and the UK.

- **Muhammad Khan** – *I am Thunder / Kick the Moon* – Out 24 January 2019
 Muhammad Khan is a maths teacher in a secondary school in Tooting and takes his inspiration from the children he teaches, as well as his own upbringing as a British-born Pakistani.
- **Tanya Byrne** – *Heart-Shaped Bruise / Follow Me Down / For Holly*
 Tanya worked for BBC Radio for 8 years. She now lives in Surrey, working as a freelance journalist and writing YA novels.
- **Nikesh Shukla** – *Run Riot*
 Novelist, TV writer and journalist. Editor of the anthology, *The Good Immigrant*, a collection of essays by British writers of colour about race and immigration.
- **Alexandra Sheppard** – *O.M.G.s (Oh My Gods)* – Out January 2019
 Freelance social media strategist and YA author
- **Sufiya Ahmed** – *Zahra's First Term at the Khadija Academy / Secrets of the Henna Girl*
 Born in India, moved to the UK as a baby. Sufiya lived in Bolton, Lancashire, before moving to London. She has worked in advertising and in the House of Commons, but is now a full-time author.
- **Malorie Blackman** – *Robot Girl / Noble Conflict / Chasing the Stars*
 Malorie has an OBE, held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015 and writes literature and television drama for children and young adults.
- **Patrice Lawrence** – *Orange Boy / Indigo*
 Patrice is an award-winning writer and journalist, who has published fiction both for adults and children.