

Did you know?

Serlina Boyd

Did you know that Serlina is an author and the founder of Cocoa Girl and Cocoa Boy? The UK's first black children's magazines. The magazines have a readership of over a million people.



Cocoa Girl Awesome Hair was published in 2021 and is a celebration of natural hair! The book is filled with tips and features from real young girls. Serlina also launched the Cocoa Kids Fest, a festival for children featuring food, coding sessions, live music, dance lessons and more!



Serlina is a pioneer in the UK for creating and empowering content for young Black children.

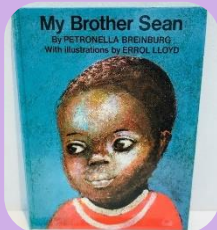
Useful websites for you to use for your research project:

<https://www.citykidsmagazine.co.uk/2021/12/08/who-is-serlina-boyd/>

<https://www.cocoaqirl.com/>

Did you know? Petronella Breinburg

Did you know that Petronella Breinburg was the first Black author in the UK to write picture books about Black children?



Petronella's first picture book, *My Brother Sean*, was published in 1973. It was illustrated by **Errol Lloyd**. Although picture books featuring Black children had been published in the UK before, this was the first one written and illustrated by Black creators.



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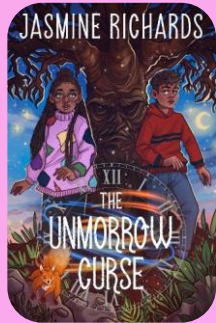
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Did you know?

Jasmine Richards

Today we're highlighting Jasmine Richards! Jasmine has written over 15 books for children and is also the founder of Storymix, an inclusive children's fiction development studio.



Some of her books include:

The Unmorrow Curse, a nail-biting adventure filled with Norse Gods and magic

The Future Hero series which is a magical journey into another world and

Aziza's Secret Fairy Door series: a delightful magical adventure series for younger readers



Jasmine wrote under the pseudonym (a secret name) Remi Blackwood for The Future Hero series and Lola Morayo for Aziza's Secret Fairy Door Series!

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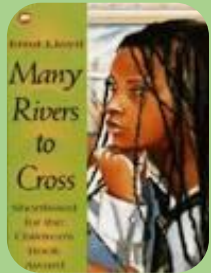
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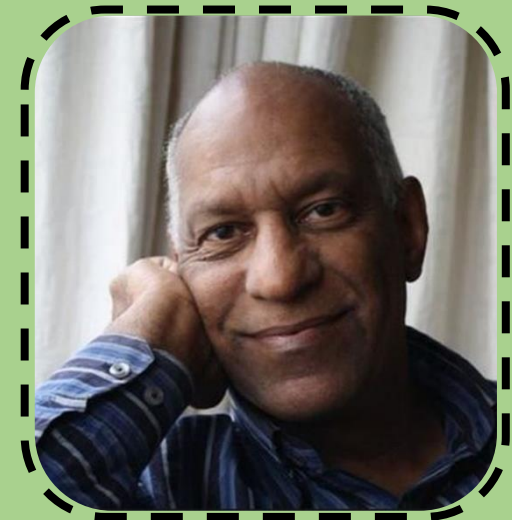
Errol Lloyd

*Did you know that Errol Lloyd illustrated Petronella Breinburg's first children's picture book *My Brother Sean*?*



Errol was born in Jamaica in 1943 and has been based in London since the 1960s. He's a celebrated artist, writer, editor and art critic.

*Errol also wrote *Many Rivers to cross* which was voted for a Carnegie Medal. He also illustrated *Nini at Carnival*.*



Errol was named runner-up for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 1973. Errol was the first Black man to ever be nominated for the award.

Useful websites for you to use for your research project:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/authors/l/lloyd-errol/>

<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/seans-red-bike-by-petronella-breinburg-illustrated-by-errol-lloyd>

Did you know?

Joseph Coelho

Did you know... In 2022 Joseph Coelho became the first ever Black male Children's Laureate?



Joseph is an award-winning poet, author and playwright who believes strongly in making poetry accessible for everyone - especially children and young people! Some of his books include Luna Loves to Dance, My Beautiful Voice and Zombierella.



As the Children's Laureate, Joseph is on a mission to join a library in every council in the country - why not join him and sign-up to your local library today!

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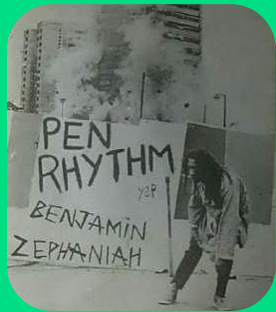
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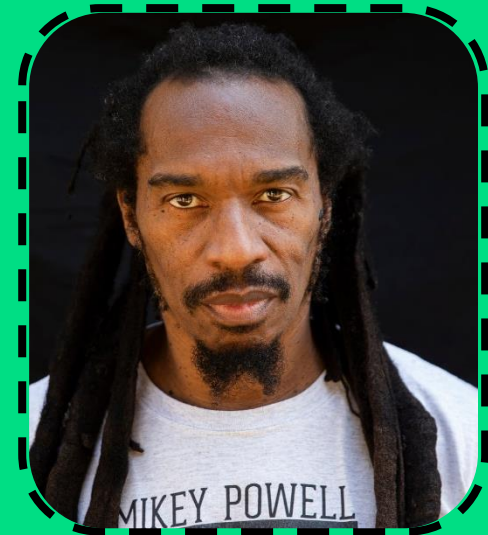
Benjamin Zephaniah

Did you know you can find Benjamin Zephaniah's childhood typewriter at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery?



*The typewriter was given to Benjamin by a friend in 1976 and is the same typewriter he wrote his very first book of poetry, *Pen Rhythm*, on.*

Benjamin has gone on to write over 25 books for all ages.



Benjamin Zephaniah also is a proud poet!

Head to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to check out an actual piece of Black literary history!

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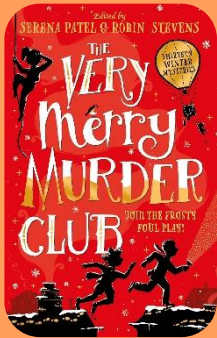
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Abiola Bello

Did you know that Abiola is an award-winning British-Nigerian author?



*Abiola writes middle grade and YA novels. Some of her work includes a short story in the murderously festive *The Very Merry Murder Club*, the *Emily Knight* series, and her upcoming debut YA *Love in Winterland* - out this November!*



Abiola is the founder of Hashtag Press and Hashtag BLAK, an imprint which aims to publish and highlight under-represented voices.

Useful websites for you to use for your research project:

<https://www.a-bello.com/home>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/5298/A-Bello.html>