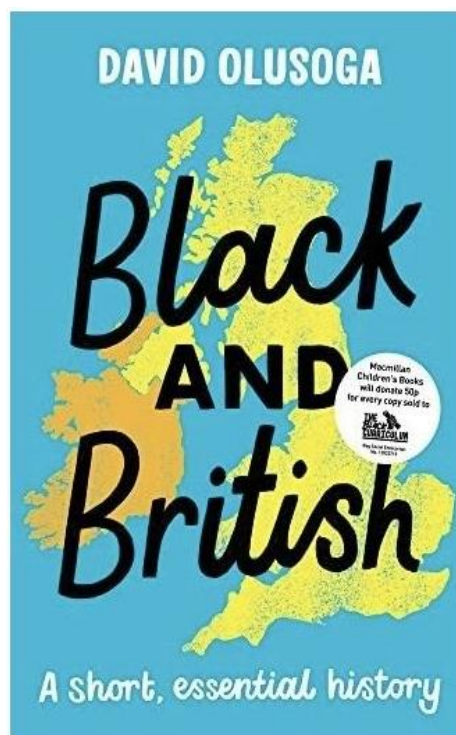


Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

All recommendations have been chosen because they either link to texts or subjects being studied in class by students and will therefore help in their studies or to promote the joy of reading through excellent writing by the most popular and talented authors.

Happy Reading

### Black and British by David Olusoga



#### David Olusoga, *Black and British* (2021) (non-fiction)

Un-put-down-able, enlightening and critically-needed Black British history for younger readers

Adapted for younger readers from his seminal adult edition of the same book, David Olusoga's *Black and British* presents an engaging, illuminating and critically needed account of Black British history.

Non-fiction text which encourages students to think differently.

### Oh My Gods By Alexandra Sheppard

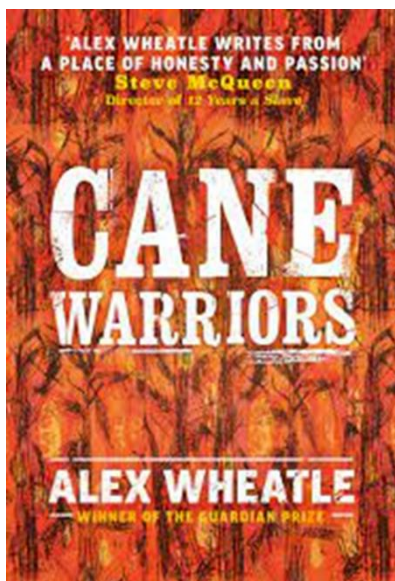
#### Alexandra Sheppard, *Oh My Gods* (2019)

At first glance, there's nothing out of the ordinary about Helen Thomas, the protagonist of Alexandra Sheppard's debut book: *Oh My Gods*. After the tragic loss of her mum at the age of 10, Helen relocates to north London to settle with her dad's side of the family, adjusting to this new environment as she attempts to navigate her teenage years; with all their uncertainty and confusion and awkwardness.

The curve ball is that, on top of all this, her dad and his family are actually Greek Gods living incognito on Holloway Road.

Black British, female author. Strong black, female heroine, champions concepts of representation and inclusivity.





The only life Moa has ever known is toiling as a slave on the Frontier sugar cane plantation for endless hot days, fearing the vicious whips of the overseers. Then one night he learns of an uprising, led by the charismatic Tacky. This is an exciting and an unforgettable fight for freedom and definitely worth a read!

*'It's passionate, important and Wheatle's best novel yet' - Book of the year, The Times.*

*'This is a really good read, harrowing in parts but a very important story. I love the use of dialect to help you connect with the characters' - Mrs Cashmore.*

Cane Warriors

by

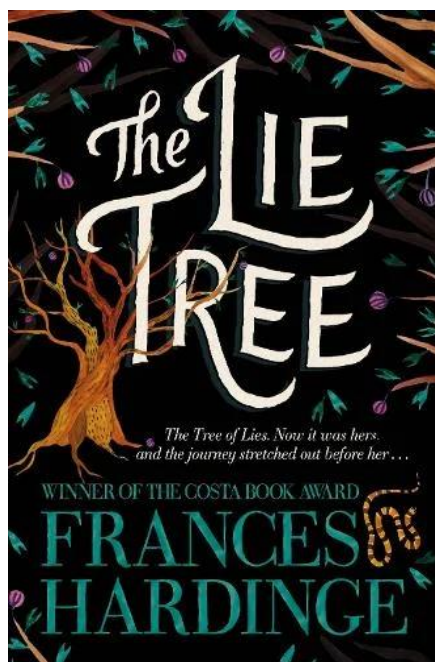
Alex Wheatle



The Lie Tree

by

Frances Hardinge



Winner of the Costa Book of the Year 2015.

Faith's father has been found dead under mysterious circumstances, and as she is searching through his belongings for clues she discovers a strange tree. The tree only grows healthy and bears fruit if you whisper a lie to it. The fruit of the tree, when eaten, will deliver a hidden truth to the person who consumes it. The bigger the lie, the more people who believe it, the bigger the truth that is uncovered.

The girl realizes that she is good at lying and that the tree might hold the key to her father's murder, so she begins to spread untruths far and wide across her small island community. But as her tales spiral out of control, she discovers that where lies seduce, truths shatter . . .

All recommended books are available from the  
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A student who reads is a student  
who succeeds.