



## CULTURALLY DIVERSE LITERATURE

The following books are suitable for secondary school students.

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### SPECULATIVE FICTION

*Noughts & Crosses* by Malorie Blackman  
*Internment* by Samira Ahmed  
*The Dog Runner* by Bren McDibble  
*Relic of the Blue Dragon* by Rebecca Lim  
*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi  
*War Cross* by Marie Lu  
*The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf* by Ambelin Kwaymullina  
*Wraith* by Shane and Alex Smithers  
*This is Shyness* by Leanne Hall  
*A Blade So Black* L.L. McKinney

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### MYSTERY

*When the Ground is Hard* by Malla Nunn  
*My Father's Shado* by Jannali Jones  
*Ghost Bird* by Lisa Fuller  
*Catching Teller Crow* by Ambelin Kwaymullina  
*Iris and the Tiger* by Leanne Hall  
*Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D Jackson  
*Tyler Johnson Was Here* by Jay Coles

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### SPORT

*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Swing* by Kwame Alexander  
*The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis  
*The Boxer* by Nikesh Shuklar

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### HISTORICAL

*Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Buffalo Soldier* by Tanya Landman  
*Sister Heart* by Sally Morgan  
*The Colour Purple* by Alice Walker

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### ADVENTURE

*Figgy* series by Tamsin Janu  
*Freedom Swimmer* by Wai Chim

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### SHORT STORIES

*Growing Up African in Australia* edited by Maxine Beneba Clark  
*Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia* edited by Anita Heiss

*Meet Me At the Intersection* edited by Ambelin Kwaymullina  
*Growing Up Muslim in Australia* edited by Amra Pajalic & Demet Divaroren

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## TRUE STORIES

*One Thousand Hills* by James Roy & Noel Zihabamwe  
*Lion: A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley  
*Mao's Last Dancer* by Li Cunxin  
*Q&A: Slumdog Millionaire* by Vikas Swarup  
*Songs of a War Boy* by Deng Thiak Adut  
*Unpolished Gem* by Alice Pung  
*The Hate Race* by Maxine Beneba Clark

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## CONTEMPORARY

*The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling* by Wai Chim  
*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas  
*Brontide* by Sue McPherson  
*Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
*Living on Hope Street* by Demet Divaroren  
*Dear Martin* by Nic Stone  
*When Michael Met Mina* by Randa Abdel-Fattah  
*Laurinda* by Alice Pung  
*The Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay  
*Songs That Sound Like Blood* by Jared Thomas  
*Darius the Great is Not Ok* by Adib Khorram  
*American Street* by Ibi Zoboi  
*Tyler Johnson Was Here* by Jay Coles  
*Anger is a Gift* by Mark Oshiro  
*Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

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## GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yeng  
*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yeng  
*Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi  
*Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
*Ubby's Underdogs* by Brenton McKenna  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi  
*The Breakaways* by Cathy G Johnson

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## HUMOUR

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexi  
Oliver Phommavanh  
*Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan  
*Being Black 'n' Chicken 'n' Chips* by Matt Okine