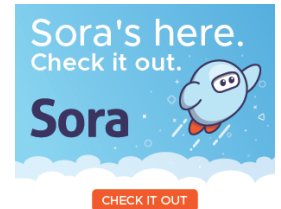




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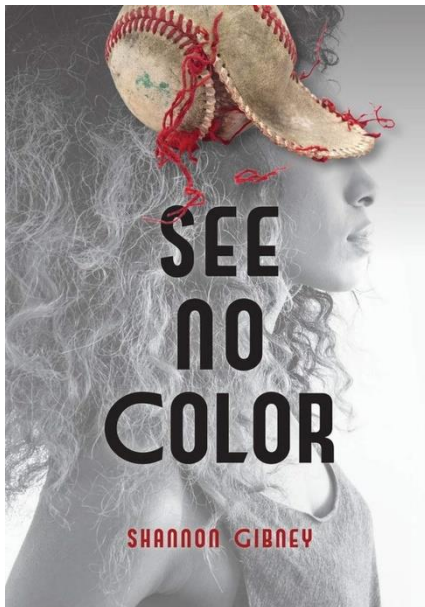


### Issue No22

Welcome to issue 22! October is Black History Month and so this issue includes recommended reads and information around this topic. October is also National Libraries Week and hosting month for the Cheltenham Literature Festival which for 2020 has gone virtual and links to this are below.

#### BOOK REVIEW

#### See No Colour – Shannon Gibney



#### **Race/Adoption/Identity/Family/Sport**

**14+**

Being a transracial adoptee doesn't bother sixteen-year-old Alex Kirtridge-at least, not in a way she can explain to her white family. It doesn't matter that she's biracial when she's the star of the baseball team. But when Alex is off the field, she's while she loves her parents, her hot-headed brother, and her free-speaking sister, they don't seem to understand what it means that Reggie, a fellow ball player, is the first black guy who's wanted to get to know her.

Things only get more complicated when she finds hidden letters from her birth father. Alex can't stop asking questions. Does she really fit in with her family? What would it be like to go to a black hairdresser? Should she contact her birth father, despite the fact that it might devastate her parents? Meanwhile, her body is changing, and Alex isn't sure she can keep up with her teammates. If she's going to find answers, Alex must come to terms with her adoption, her race, and the dreams she thought would always guide her.

This book is currently on the Always Available reads on Sora which means no holds and no waiting! There are some mature themes.

#### Young Reporter Competition 2020

The BBC is looking for young people aged 11-18 who want to report on a story or issue which is important to their life or the world around them. The Young Reporter Competition gives young people a unique chance to tell their story on TV, radio, online or on social media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme makers.

The closing date is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and you can find out more about how to enter [here](#).



## Great websites and Information

- Sora – CHS online E and Audio Book has a great selection of reads around Black History Month and Diverse reads. Just log on with your user id and password.
- First News the award-winning children’s newspaper have made a series of videos called I Don’t Get It. They look at issues that regularly pop up in the news that are sometimes difficult to understand. This week is the start of Black History Month and so you can see [here](#) a video on racism.
- Book Trust Represents is a project created to promote and improve the representation of people of colour in children’s books so that all children read a range of books that reflect them and their wider communities. Find out more [here](#).
- The Cheltenham Literacy Festival has gone digital for 2020 and from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> October you can live stream or catch up [here](#) on over 100 events from the world’s greatest writers and thinkers.



## This Weeks Activity - Libraries Week – 5th to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Share your favourite reads with us.**

Libraries Week is the annual showcase of the best that UK libraries of all kinds have to offer, with a focus in 2020 on celebrating the role of libraries in the UK’s book culture and how they support the community. You can find out more [here](#).

**Take a photo of your bookshelves, showing which books are your favorite books or books that have inspired you and why. Share your photos with @Clearingzone @LibraryWeek #ExpressYourShelf Students don’t forget social media rules and ask a parent/guardian permission.**

Libraries week is sponsored by Overdrive Libraries partners of our Sora E and Audio book library.



## Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

This newsletter is not homework it is simply to give you guidance on great book recommendations, useful websites and fun activities to share with the whole family. If you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them.

You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading.

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