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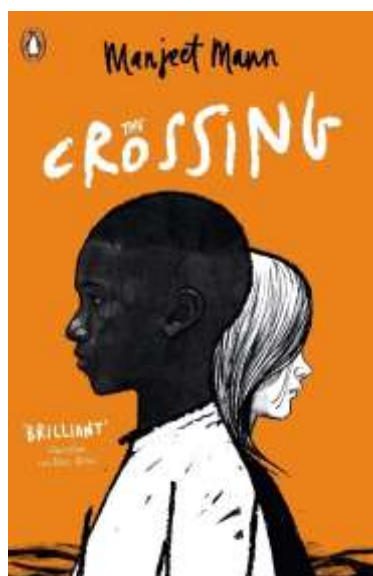
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Welcome to issue 38 of the Crompton House Library newsletters. October is Black History Month; it is important to find books that represent the diverse and varied cultures and experiences of authors and our young people and so in this issue I am recommending books that feature great authors and characters from BAME backgrounds and cultures. It will also include literacy related activities, competitions, and useful websites. I do hope that you enjoy this issue.

Featured Book Reviews

The Crossing – Manjeet Mann

Poetry/Refugee Crisis/Bereavement/Family – Age 12+



Natalie's world is falling apart. She's just lost her mum and her brother marches the streets of Dover full of hate and anger. Swimming is her only refuge.

Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes on his journey is a step into an unknown and unwelcoming future.

A twist of fate brings them together and gives them both hope. But is hope enough to mend a broken world?

A trailblazing new novel about two teenagers from opposite worlds; it is a profound story of hope, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis

This is wonderful book; from a fabulous writer every school library should have a copy. I absolutely loved it, if you read just one book this year this would be on my top 10 list.

Malamander – Thomas Taylor

Fantasy/Adventure - Age 9+



The story is about a young boy called Herbert Lemon who is aged 12. He works in the basement of the Grand Nautilus Hotel in the unusual town of Eerie-on-Sea. Working as a lost and founder, the newest lost object he came across was not like the others- this time it is a young girl called Violet Parma. She lost her parents at a young age and she was abandoned in the hotel. Violet isn't like other girls; she wants to find her parents and to go on adventures. There is a legend about a big and frightening monster, the Malamander, this being one of the many things Violet want Herbert to help out with but he would rather keep this one a legend. Their journey takes them on lots of twists and turns all around Eerie-on-Sea. Herbert ends up fighting his nightmare with his own history.

The characters feel real, and I wanted to keep seeing the adventures. If you enjoy adventures, mysterious and magical, then this is the book for you. An amazing book that I recommend for children 10 and over. - **By Izzy Year 6 Beal Vale**

Recommended Reads for Black History Month

Here is a small selection of some of the many brilliant books written by and featuring BAME authors and characters either on Sora or on display in our school library.

N.B many of these books are for readers aged 9+ but you can locate great reading lists about Black History Month for younger readers [here](#).



Topsta – online young people’s book recommendation service

I am featuring Topsta in this issue because it is an incredible online book reading community for families, schools, libraries etc. packed with age-appropriate recommendations, author blogs, activities, and competitions. You can also write book reviews for a chance to win a free book and have your review published on their website! You can find out more information on Topsta [here](#)



Great websites and Information

- Words for Life provides parents and young people with literacy related activities and support [here](#)
- Virtual School Library partnered with Oak Academy showcasing featured authors for younger children [here](#)
- Topsta children’s book suggestions, activities, competitions, and a whole host of other great ideas [here](#)
- Book Trust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for any age, and you can find them [here](#).
- Sora our online E and Audio Book free library. More information about Sora [here](#)



Share Your Literacy Activities with Me!

Share your book reviews, 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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