

BLACK HISTORY month

Black History Month stands as a widely embraced and celebrated period where people unite to recognise and value the contributions of Black individuals to society. In the UK, Black History Month serves as an opportunity for people to delve deeper into Britain's colonial history, often absent from school curricula.

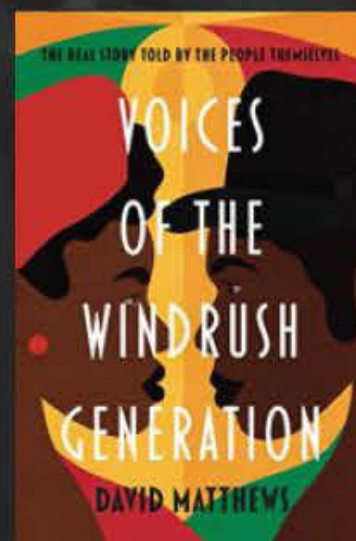
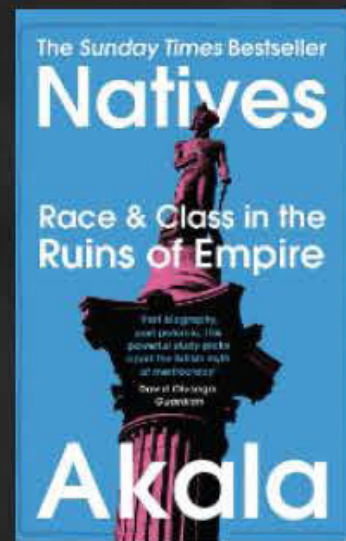
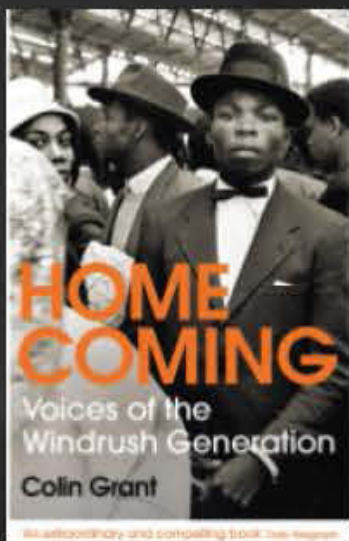
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Black History Month 2023

October marks the start of Black History Month UK, which was started in 1987 by Akyaaba Sebo, and celebrated at London County Hall. It has since evolved into a national movement recognised by the British government and observed throughout the UK. Black History Month 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of 'Windrush'.



Books about the Windrush generation



“HMT Empire Windrush is best remembered today for bringing one of the first large groups of post-war immigrants to the UK. The Windrush's arrival has become symbolic of the generation of Commonwealth citizens who came to live in Britain between 1948-1971.”

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What are the aims of Black History Month



- 1 To celebrate and recognise the achievements of African and Caribbean heritage people's role in helping to shape UK culture, history, and economic development.
- 2 To educate the UK population on how the relationships between Britain, Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States helped create modern Britain.
- 3 To encourage government, institutions, and corporations to embrace and adopt equality and diversity policies.

The 2021 census revealed that the overall Black population makes up 2.4M people living in England and Wales



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How can you celebrate?

- ♥ Champion diversity and tackle discrimination
- ♥ Learn about noteworthy British Black figures and their contributions
- ♥ Visit a Black or African history museum
- ♥ Attend a Black History Month event or parade
- ♥ Host an event at home or at work, e.g. a bookclub or Lunch & Learn
- ♥ Explore Black authors and stories for yourself and your children
- ♥ Create a playlist of music by Black artists to share and enjoy
- ♥ Watch Black British history documentaries and movies
- ♥ Review your workplaces DE&I policy - are good intentions being met?
- ♥ Diversify your podcast list - add some new podcasts to your queue

