

# St Edward's Academy

## Cultural Diversity Reading List



**The books that follow have been recommended by St Edward's Academy staff and students. The books in the list have either characters, themes or authors from cultural backgrounds that represent our diverse community – or a combination of all three.**

- Randa Abdel-Fattah - Does my head look big in this?
- Elizabeth Acevedo – Poet X / Clap when you land
- Sophia Acheampong – Ipods in Accra
- Chinua Achebe - Things fall apart
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche – Purple Hibiscus /Half a Yellow Sun
- John Agard – Laughter is an Egg (Poetry)
- Kwame Alexander – Crossover
- Maya Angelou - I know why the Caged bird sings
- Sita Brahmachari – Artichoke Hearts
- Malorie Blackman – Pig Heart Boy
- Tanya Byrne – Heart-shaped bruise
- Anita Desai - Fasting & Feasting
- Narinder Dhama – Banghra Babes
- Ralph Ellison – The Invisible Man
- Jamila Gavin – The Wheel of Surya / Coram Boy
- Candy Gourlay – Shine
- Moshin Hamid – The Reluctant Fundamentalist
- Polly Ho Yen – Boy in the Tower
- Khalid Hosseini – The Kite Runner/ A Thousand Splendid Suns
- Zora Neale Hurston – Their Eyes were Watching God
- Catherine Johnson – Sawbones/Arctic Hero
- Jackie Kay – Red Cherry Red (Poetry)
- Patrice Lawrence – Orangeboy
- Andrea Levy – Small Island
- Adeline Yen Mah – Chinese Cinderella
- Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom
- S.I Martin – Jupiter Williams
- Irfan Master – A Beautiful Lie
- Taran Matharu – The Inquisition
- Patricia McKissack – Slave Girl
- Rohinton Mistry – A Fine Balance
- Toni Morrison – Bluest Eye / Beloved
- R K Narayan – The Painter of Signs
- Grace Nichols – Poetry Jump Up! (Poetry)
- Solomon Northup – 12 Years a Slave (Memoir)
- Barack Obama – The Audacity of Hope
- David Olusoga - Black and British (non-fiction)
- Helen Oyeyemi – The Icarus Girl
- Anna Perera – Guantanamo Boy
- Bali Rai – (Un)arranged marriage
- Onjali Q Rauf – The Boy at the Back of the Class
- Na'ima B. Robert - Boy vs Girl

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- S.F. Said - Phoenix
- Vikram Seth – A Suitable Boy
- Kamila Shamsie – Burnt Shadows
- Nikesh Shukla – The Boxer
- Zadie Smith – White Teeth
- Tabitha Suzuma - Forbidden
- Meera Syal – Anita and Me
- Amy Tan – The Joy luck Club
- Mildred D Taylor – Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
- Angie Thomas – The Hate You Give / On the Come Up
- Alice Walker – The Color Purple
- Alex Wheatle – Crongton Knights / Home Girl
- Nadine Wild-Palmer - The Tunnels Below
- Nicola Yoon – Everything / Everything / The Sun is also a Star
- Benjamin Zephaniah – Face / Gangsta Rap / Refugee Boy

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