

Malorie Blackman Biography Black Star Series

MESSAGE: This is the system operator. Who is using this account? Please identify yourself . . . When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how? There's only one way - to attempt to break into the bank's computer files. Even if Vicky is the best hacker in the world, will she find the real thief before they find her?

The life story of Rudolph Walker, an actor whose career on stage and television in the UK spans 42 years. Includes photographs, illustrations and exclusive interviews. Rudolph was born in Trinidad in the Caribbean. When he was only 20 years old he left the island for London, to embark on a career in theatre. He is best known for his role as Patrick in EastEnders but worked on many popular TV series including Love Thy Neighbour, The Thin Blue Line, Black Silk and The Crouches. He has appeared on stage at the Old Vic, the Young Vic, the Tricycle, the Royal Court and the Theatre Royal among others.

In March 1807, the British Parliament passed an Act making the trading and transportation of slaves illegal. It was many years before slavery, as it was known then, was abolished, and slavery still continues today in different ways, but it was a big step forward towards the emancipation of a people. Malorie Blackman has drawn together some of the finest of today's writers and poets to contribute to this important anthology. Their short stories and poems sit alongside first-hand accounts of slavery from freed slaves, making a fascinating and absorbing collection that remembers and commemorates one of the most brutal and long-lasting inflictions of misery that human beings have inflicted upon other human beings.

Claire is keen to find out what her dad has been working on in his lab. He's been really excited about it and Claire knows it must be something that will make him even more famous. But the big reveal isn't at all what she expected and now Claire has a dilemma on her hands - what do you do when your dad has created a monster?

Danny and June are bored. So June dares Danny to go with her to wake the Marty Monster. Over the shark-infested seas they sail, climbing up the high mountain where the dangerous wolves lurk, past the jungles where the fierce wildcats stalk, round the bubble lake where the blubber blob bathes, to the cave of the Marty Monster...

The long-awaited autobiography of one of the world's greatest children's writers, and an empowering and inspiring account of a life in books. Malorie Blackman OBE is one of Britain's best loved and most widely-read writers. For over thirty years, her books have helped to shape British culture, and inspired generations of younger readers and writers. The Noughts and Crosses series, started in 2000, sparked a new and necessary conversation about race and identity in the UK, and are already undisputed classics of twenty-first-century children's literature. She is also a writer whose own life has been shaped by books, from her childhood in south London, the daughter of parents who moved to Britain from Barbados as part of the Windrush Generation, and who experienced a childhood that was both wonderful and marred by the everyday racism and bigotry of the era. She was told she could not apply to study her first love, literature, at university, in spite of her academic potential, but found a way to books and to a life in writing against a number of obstacles. This book is an account of that journey, from a childhood surrounded by words, to the 83 rejection letters she received

in response to sending out her first project, to the children's laureateship. It explores the books who have made her who she is, and the background to some the most beloved and powerful children's stories of today. It is an illuminating, inspiring and empowering account of the power of words to change lives, and the extraordinary life story of one of the world's greatest writers.

Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with - everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?

Malorie Blackman brings together the best teen writers of today in a stunningly romantic collection about love against the odds. Featuring short stories and extracts - both brand-new and old favourites - about modern star-crossed lovers from stars such as Gayle Forman, Markus Zusak, Patrick Ness and Andrew Smith, and with a new story from Malorie Blackman herself, *Love Hurts* looks at every kind of relationship, from first kiss to final heartbreak.

Olivia (Vee), is now captain of her own spaceship, an Explorer Vessel which set out seven years earlier on a deep space mission. She and her twin brother Aidan are heading alone back to Earth following the virus that wiped out the rest of the ship in its entirety three years earlier - including their parents. Nathan is part of a community heading in the opposite direction. A violent war is spreading through space so they're heading for a peaceful patch from where they will plan an uprising. But on their journey, Nathan's ship is attacked and most of the community killed. Only a few survive, thanks to Vee and Aidan, who rescue them, bringing them on board their ship. Nathan and Vee are instantly attracted to each other, and in the midst of all the dramas and hostilities of this newly occupied ship, they fall head-over-heels in love. But not everyone is happy with their relationship. Someone is sowing rumours of Nathan's infidelity, Vee's flaws, and putting the lives of everybody on board at risk . . .

Two star-crossed lovers fight for a more just world in this searing novel with a critically-acclaimed BBC series adaptation now streaming on NBCUniversal's Peacock platform! Sephy is a Cross: dark-skinned and beautiful, she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and she burns with injustice at the world she sees around her. Callum is a Nought: pale-skinned and poor, he's considered to be less than nothing, there to serve Crosses, but he dreams of a better life. They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies—love is out of the question. Then—in spite of a world that is fiercely against them—these star-crossed lovers choose each other. But it comes at a price and as they prepare to protect themselves and their love, they realize that the cost will lead both of them into terrible danger...and will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.

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Years after a violent war destroyed much of the world, Kaspar has grown up in a society based on peace and harmony. But beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels are plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians - an elite peacekeeping force - to protect the city, without ever resorting to the brutal methods of their enemy. When Kaspar joins the Guardians, he has a chance encounter with a rebel - a beautiful girl named Rhea. Haunted from that moment on by strange visions and memories - memories that could only belong to Rhea - he realises he hasn't been told the truth about what the rebels really want, and what he's really fighting for.

When Maxine has a plan, you can be sure it involves her twin brothers Anthony and Edward. You can also be sure it involves BIG TROUBLE! Nine fantastically funny short stories, perfect for building confidence in new readers, whether reading aloud or reading alone.

The Cambridge History of Black and Asian British Writing provides a comprehensive historical overview of the diverse literary traditions impacting on this field's evolution, from the eighteenth century to the present. Drawing on the expertise of over forty international experts, this book gathers innovative scholarship to look forward to new readings and perspectives, while also focusing on undervalued writers, texts, and research areas. Creating new pathways to engage with the naming of a field that has often been contested, readings of literary texts are interwoven throughout with key political, social, and material contexts. In making visible the diverse influences constituting past and contemporary British literary culture, this Cambridge History makes a unique contribution to British, Commonwealth, postcolonial, transnational, diasporic, and global literary studies, serving both as one of the first major reference works to cover four centuries of black and Asian British literary history and as a compass for future scholarship.

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Can the future ever erase the past? Rose has a Cross mother and a nought father in a society where the pale-skinned noughts are treated as inferiors and those with dual heritage face a life-long battle against deep-rooted prejudices. Sephy, her mother, has told Rose virtually nothing about her father, but as Rose grows into a young adult, she unexpectedly discovers the truth about her parentage and becomes determined to find out more. But her father's family has a complicated history - one tied up with the fight for equality for the nought population. And as Rose takes her first steps away from Sephy and into this world, she finds herself drawn inexorably into more and more danger. Suddenly it's a game of very high stakes that can only have one winner . . . The powerful third story in the Noughts & Crosses sequence.

Despite the rules of the land, Callum, a second-class white citizen, and Sephy, a black Cross, want to be together, but when Callum is caught on tape rescuing Sephy from an explosion, her powerful father seeks to have him hanged.

Just this once . . . Please let me get away with it just this once . . . Tobey wants a better life - for him and his girlfriend Callie Rose. He wants nothing to do with the gangs that rule the world he lives in. But when he's offered the chance to earn some money just for making a few 'deliveries', just this once, would it hurt to say 'yes'? One small decision can change everything . . . The fourth novel in Malorie Blackman's powerful Noughts & Crosses sequence.

Callum is a nought - an inferior white citizen in a society controlled by the black Crosses. Sephy is a Cross - and the daughter of one of the most powerful, ruthless men in the country. In their hostile, violent world, noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. But when Sephy and Callum's childhood friendship grows into love, they're determined to find a way to be together. And then the bomb explodes . . . The long-awaited graphic novel adaptation of one of the most influential, critically acclaimed and original novels of all time, from multi-award-winning Malorie Blackman.

Stephen Lawrence was a bright, athletic, young man with high hopes for the future. He lived in south-east London with his parents, younger brother and younger sister. On 22 April 1993, he was brutally murdered while he was waiting for the bus. He was eighteen years old. He didn't know his killers; his killers didn't know him. This is his story. He will be remembered. This paperback edition revised with added material about the trial, the legacy of Stephen Lawrence and a final note from Doreen Lawrence.

Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met. So Grandma, who is a little bit magic, decides to teach her a lesson and switches Ellie's body with

Jolly the cat's. As Ellie starts to make friends with the other animals in the house, the mice and the spiders, she learns how to be a good friend.

"You have it all planned out. A summer of freedom, university, a career as a journalist - your future looks bright. But when the doorbell rings it's your ex-girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby. Your baby. You agree to look after it, just for an hour or two. Then she doesn't come back and your life changes for ever"--Back cover. First person recount.

A powerful new Noughts & Crosses story from legendary author Malorie Blackman, written for World Book Day 2019. I've never been shot before. It's dark but I keep seeing white flashes before my eyes like spots of lightning jabbing at me. Am I going into shock? Must be. But I can't pass out, not now. Then I'll be dead for sure. Dan is on the run - hiding from a ruthless gang who want him dead. It's one of those nights. One of those nights where I sit alone and watch the world go by. One of those nights when if my hatred were fuel, I would happily light a match and watch the whole world burn. Eva just wants to be left alone to mourn her daughter. But when a badly wounded Dan crosses her path, she's compelled to help. Both are hiding dark secrets from their past. Both have reasons to fear the other. But they are both connected to each other too, and before the night is over, Eva will be forced to choose: betray Dan, or protect him - whatever the cost.

This book tells Malorie's story, from her school years and business studies at university to her career in computing and her family life. It includes an interview and the journey to becoming a successful writer.

Can two wrongs ever make a right? Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of a top politician and a member of the ruling class. She is also six months pregnant. But Sephy's baby will be a mixed-race child, its father a nought - in world where the two classes are divided by colour and never treated as equals. Even worse, the baby's father, Callum, is dead. And now Sephy - and her sister, Minerva - must face a violent confrontation with Callum's brother, Jude, who is thirsting for revenge. For Jude reckons that Sephy was responsible for Callum's death-

You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, this is a powerful, thought-provoking story from the award-winning Malorie Blackman.

In this harrowing near-future thriller, a teen girl reeling from a recent tragedy tries to do the right thing knowing one wrong move could unravel her society's fragile order. Persephone "Sephy" Hadley is six months pregnant with a biracial baby, a parentage that could be a death sentence in her brutal society. And Sephy has no one to help her after the baby's father was hanged for terrorism months ago. As her due date approaches, Sephy feels more and more haunted by her lost love. But she's not the only one who misses Callum. His brother, Jude, hasn't forgotten—or forgiven—anything about what happened. And he blames Sephy for Callum's death. Jude won't rest until he's avenged his brother by murdering the girl who got him killed. Jude's actions bring

him dangerously close to meeting the same fate as Callum. With the man who wants her dead poised on a knife's edge, Sephy must decide if she's willing to save him from himself.

When the mysterious stranger shows up at Nova's parents' hotel, she thinks her luck has changed - until she realizes she's the only one who can see him. Liam explains he's been here a long time. And he can never leave, no matter how hard he tries. Soon, Nova begins to piece his tragic story together. But she's hiding a secret of her own - one she's desperate to keep from her family. And now Liam's found her out . . .

For the first time in illustrated form, this comprehensive history of sc-fi traces its origins and charts its history from its humble beginnings to its respected status today.

Mackenzie Flohr believes in order to call yourself a true Whovian, you must follow the Doctor's message. The Binge Watcher's Guide to Doctor Who will take you on a journey through time and space, showing you how Doctor Who became the longest running show on television by weaving through its history, starting with our current incarnation of the Doctor, played by Jodie Whittaker. In addition to exploring the details of creating this season of the show, the book will examine the impact of having the first female Doctor in the show's five decade-long history among fans and critics, as well as include exclusive, never-before-seen interviews with Wendy Abrahams, Beth Axford, Christian Basel, Will Brooks, Ken Deep, Stephen Hatcher, Krystal Moore, David Solomons and Alisa Stern. Ultimately, The Binge Watcher's Guide to Doctor Who is a love letter for Doctor Who fans, and a gift book for those who you think will learn to love the Doctor. Mackenzie Flohr is a multi-award-winning novelist and in-demand speaker for conferences and conventions including actively discussing the process of writing and Doctor Who. She is also an active panelist on The Legend of the Traveling Tardis Radio Show and has done book signings previously at Who North America, the largest Doctor Who store, and museum located in the state of Indiana. Her publishing portfolio includes The Rite of Wands, The Whispered Tales of Graves Grove and Unknown Realms: A Fiction-Atlas Press Anthology. A storyteller at heart, she loves to inspire the imagination. Mackenzie makes her home in Mount Morris, Michigan, where she is currently penning her next adventure.

A visceral reimaging of 1780s London, showcasing the untold stories of African-American soldiers grappling with their post-war freedom 'Remarkable' David Dabydeen In the years just after the American revolution, London was the unlikely refuge for thousands of black Americans who fought for liberty on the side of the British. Buckram, Georgie and William have earned their freedom and escaped their American oppressors, but on the streets of London, poverty awaits with equal cruelty. Ruthless, chaotic and endlessly evolving, London forces them into a life of crime, and a life on the margins. Their only hope for a better future is to concoct a scheme so daring, it will be a miracle if it pays off. Bursting with energy and vivid detail, Incomparable World boldly uncovers a long-buried narrative of black Britain. 'Adventurous and exuberant . . . a rollicking thriller [that] pulsates with vivacity' Bernardine Evaristo Selected by Booker Prize-winning author Bernardine Evaristo, this series rediscovers and celebrates pioneering books depicting black Britain that remap the nation.

You're the new girl in school. You're just trying to fit in - and it's not working. Then someone accuses you of theft, and you think things can't get any worse. Until you get caught in a freak storm . . . The next thing you know, you're in the future. Being shot at

for being out after curfew. You don't even recognise your hometown. And you're heading for a confrontation from your worst nightmare. What if you could change the past to save the future?

An adorable story that feels like one big comforting hug, for difficult times when we can't see our loved ones for a nice warm cuddle. From the award-winning Malorie Blackman. Perfect for sharing at Easter time. Little Rabbit needs a cuddle. So she sets off through the forest to find the perfect hug. Some cuddles are too prickly and some cuddles are too tickly... Until, uh-oh, it's a fox... But, as Little Rabbit discovers, everyone needs a hug sometimes. Even little foxes! With a gentle message about kindness and looking past appearances, this adorable story is just right for Easter cuddles.

“Istanbul, Istanbul turns on the tension between the confines of a prison cell and the vastness of the imagination; between the vulnerable borders of the body and the unassailable depths of the mind. This is a harrowing, riveting novel, as unforgettable as it is inescapable.” —Dale Peck, author of *Visions and Revisions* “A wrenching love poem to Istanbul told between torture sessions by four prisoners in their cell beneath the city. An ode to pain in which Dostoevsky meets *The Decameron*.” —John Ralston Saul, author of *On Equilibrium*; former president, PEN International “Istanbul is a city of a million cells, and every cell is an Istanbul unto itself.” Below the ancient streets of Istanbul, four prisoners—Demirtay the student, the doctor, Kamo the barber, and Uncle Küheylan—sit, awaiting their turn at the hands of their wardens. When they are not subject to unimaginable violence, the condemned tell one another stories about the city, shaded with love and humor, to pass the time. Quiet laughter is the prisoners’ balm, delivered through parables and riddles. Gradually, the underground narrative turns into a narrative of the above-ground. Initially centered around people, the book comes to focus on the city itself. And we discover there is as much suffering and hope in the Istanbul above ground as there is in the cells underground. Despite its apparently bleak setting, this novel—translated into seventeen languages—is about creation, compassion, and the ultimate triumph of the imagination.

A rip-roaring picture book adventure from superstar pairing Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola. Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER! Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster. A joy to read-aloud with its cumulative refrain, and full of funny, relatable characters, this is a contemporary celebration of creativity, fantasy and family. Written by bestselling author of *Noughts & Crosses*, Malorie Blackman, this story was originally published as *Marty Monster*. This new version has been stunningly brought to life by the award-winning illustrator of *Look Up!*, Dapo Adeola.

Davey is the new boy in class and Sam can't stand him. He thinks Davey is a Grade A moron. But when the two are thrown together Sam discovers that Davey's eccentric way of looking at the world makes life a lot more fun. Until the day something terrible happens... A funny and sad story, told completely in verse.

National Book Award winner Kathryn Erskine delivers a powerful story of family, friendship, and race relations in the South. Life will never be the same for Red Porter. He's a kid growing up around black car grease, white fence paint, and the backward attitudes of the folks who live in his hometown, Rocky Gap, Virginia. Red's daddy, his

idol, has just died, leaving Red and Mama with some hard decisions and a whole lot of doubt. Should they sell the Porter family business, a gas station, repair shop, and convenience store rolled into one, where the slogan -- "Porter's: We Fix it Right!" -- has been shouting the family's pride for as long as anyone can remember? With Daddy gone, everything's different. Through his friendship with Thomas, Beau, and Miss Georgia, Red starts to see there's a lot more than car motors and rusty fenders that need fixing in his world. When Red discovers the injustices that have been happening in Rocky Gap since before he was born, he's faced with unsettling questions about his family's legacy.

Five...four...three...two...one. Lift-off! What can Lizzie do when big-headed Jake challenges her to a race in space? She's GOT to beat him. But Jake has a super-duper, deluxe new spaceship that runs on special fuel... Zoom to Pluto and back with this super space story from award-winning author, Malorie Blackman.

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