

## BOOK STUFF

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*"If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it."*

Toni Morrison

*Bookstuff celebrates Black History month*

### Who wrote what?

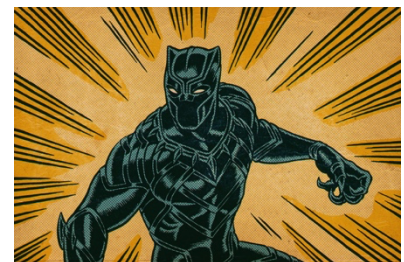
Match these award-winning books with their Black British authors

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| 1. White Teeth               | Paul Mendez            |
| 2. A Portable Paradise       | Courtia Newland        |
| 3. Girl, Woman, Other        | Ashley Hickson-Lovence |
| 4. Noughts and Crosses       | Malorie Blackman       |
| 5. Queenie                   | Roger Robinson         |
| 6. Rainbow Milk              | Zadie Smith            |
| 7. The 392                   | Caryl Phillips         |
| 8. The Lost Child            | Inua Ellams            |
| 9. The Barbershop Chronicles | Bernadine Evaristo     |
| 10. The Scholar              | Candice Carty-Williams |



### A Lucky Dip Quiz

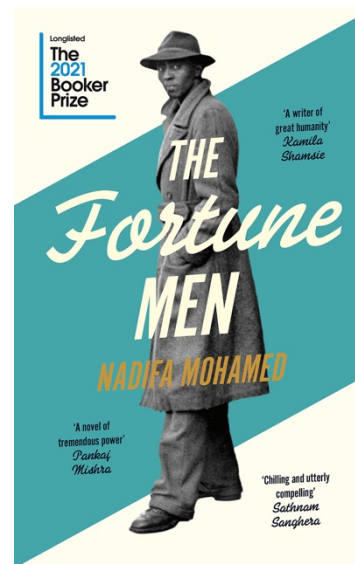
- Who led the slave rebellion that overthrew the French in the Caribbean colony of Saint-Domingue in 1791? And what is the country now called?
- Of what organisation was Kofi Annan appointed Secretary General in 1996?
- Who was the first Black footballer to captain England?
- Whose memoir is titled *Becoming*?
- Fred Hampton was chairman of the Illinois branch of the Black Panther Party in the late 1960s. Who plays him in the 2021 film, *Judas and the Black Messiah*?
- Who played the Black Panther Marvel superhero in the 2018 movie?
- Whose statue was toppled by BLM protesters in Bristol on June 7, 2020?
- When was the first Notting Hill Carnival: 1948, 1956, 1966, 1968, 1972
- Which of the following US Black Power activists in the 1960s wrote *Soul on Ice*: Stokely Carmichael, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, Huey P Newton, Bobby Seale
- Who said '*The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind.*'



### White Comedy by Benjamin Zephaniah

I waz whitemailed  
By a white witch,  
Wid white magic  
An white lies,  
Branded by a white sheep  
I slaved as a whitesmith  
Near a white spot  
Where I suffered whitewater fever.  
Whitelisted as a whiteleg  
I waz in de white book  
As a master of white art,  
It waz like white death.

People called me white jack  
Some hailed me as a white wog,  
So I joined de white watch  
Trained as a white guard  
Lived off the white economy.  
Caught and beaten by de whiteshirts  
I waz condemned to a white mass,  
Don't worry,  
I shall be writing to de Black House.



### Getting ready for the Booker Prize?

Nadifa Mohamed's novel *The Fortune Men* (2021) is on the shortlist for this year's prestigious Booker Prize. Based on true events, it's the story of Mahmood Mattan, a Somali immigrant to Cardiff's Tiger Bay who is accused of the brutal murder of a local shopkeeper in the early 1950s. It's a great book and worth asking if your library can get it. Here's a short extract from the first chapter:

*Ranged along the bar are many of Tiger Bay's Somali sailors; they look somewhere between gangsters and dandies in their cravats, pocket chains and trilby hats. Only Mahmood wears a homburg pulled down low over his gaunt face and sad eyes. He is a quiet man, always appearing and disappearing silently, at the fringes of the sailors or the gamblers or the thieves. Men pull their possessions closer when he is around and keep their eyes on his long, elegant fingers, but Tahir Gass – who was only recently released from Whitchurch asylum – leans close to him, looking for friendship that Mahmood won't give. Tahir is on a road no one can or will walk down with him, his limbs spasming from invisible electric shocks, his face a cinema screen of wild expressions.*

*'Independence any day now'. Ismail gulps from his mug and smiles. 'India is gone, what can they say to the rest?'*

*Berlin makes his eyes bold. 'They say we got you by the balls, darkie! We own your land, your trains, your rivers, your schools, the coffee grains at the bottom of your cup. You see what they do to the Mau Mau and all the Kikuyu in Kenya? Lock them up, man and child.'*

### Answers

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| 1. Zadie Smith            | 11. Touissant Louverture; Haiti |
| 2. Roger Robinson         | 12. United Nations              |
| 3. Bernadine Evaristo     | 13. Paul Ince (1993)            |
| 4. Malorie Blackman       | 14. Michelle Obama              |
| 5. Candice Carty-Williams | 15. Daniel Kaluuya              |
| 6. Paul Mendez            | 16. Chadwick Boseman            |
| 7. Ashley Hickson-Lovence | 17. Edward Colston              |
| 8. Caryl Phillips         | 18. 1966                        |
| 9. Inua Ellams            | 19. Eldridge Cleaver            |
| 10. Courttia Newland      | 20. Maya Angelou                |

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