

# St Thomas More RC Academy Library

## Celebrating Diverse Voices



## Some Reading Suggestions for KS3

Miss Edwards and Mrs Feeney 2020

# Introduction

**'Let's make our bookshelves reflect the diversity of our streets.'** Phil Earle

In the library we want to have the widest range of books possible. We want to reflect the world in which we live and open doors to new worlds.

We want you to explore wider communities and encourage you to consider different perspectives, cultures and histories.

Most of these books have been recently published....we hope they will become St Thomas More favourites and classics of the future.

We all have different reading abilities so some books may well be too hard for you at the moment, some may be too easy. You will notice that I have put the Book Levels by the titles to help you.

Remember ....the more you read the better your reading will be...

We hope that you enjoy some of the books on this list....try something new, try something different

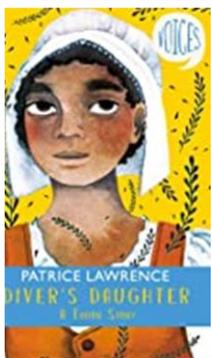
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***READ!!! Put yourself in someone's life: Get politically engaged: Learn about the World: Develop empathy: Stop hatred: Love:***

*NB-These books are all suitable for KS3. However, several of them will have some violence and disturbing content. Those marked UY have some more mature content. If you are unsure PLEASE ASK!*

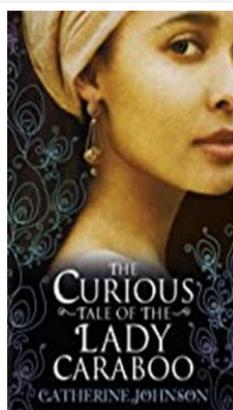
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### **Diver's Daughter – A Tudor Story**

**Patrice Lawrence**

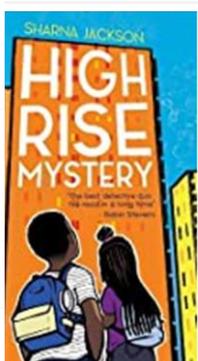
A wonderful, captivating read, full of detail of the Tudor world and a thrilling, gripping plot. Eve is a fabulous heroine. Based on historical events, this is a story about bravery and betrayal, adventure and danger, history and its unsung voices.



### **The Curious Tale of Lady Caraboo**

**Catherine Johnson UY**

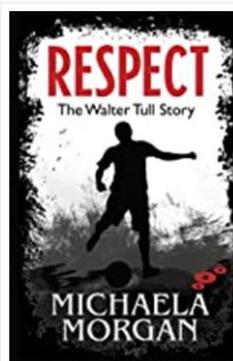
An exotic young woman arrives from a foreign land. Fearless and clever she convinces a wealthy family to take her in. But who is the real “Princess” Caraboo? Ordinary girl, princess or confidence trickster? AR 5.1



### **High Rise Mystery**

**Sharna Jackson**

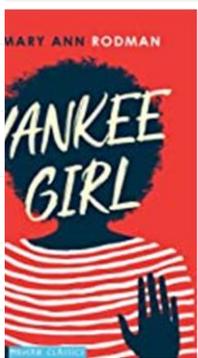
“If you think finding a body is a fun adventure, you’re 33% right.” In the right place at the wrong time. There’s been a murder in the Tri, and super-sleuths Nik and Norva are the detective duo to solve it! AR 3.5



### **Respect**

**Michaela Morgan**

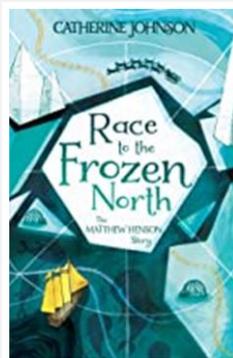
Tully and his brother don’t have much. But they do have each other. And Tully has an amazing talent ...football. But when the First World War begins and Tully follows a different path to earn a different kind of respect. Based on the true life story of Walter Tull, footballer and hero. AR 3.5



### **Yankee Girl**

**Mary Ann Rodman**

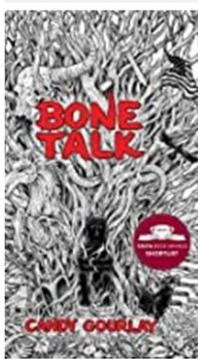
Mississippi 1964. Alice is the new girl at school and taunted by the “in crowd.” But she soon discovers that the other new girl Valerie, the school’s first black student has it much worse. Who will speak up?



### **Race to the Frozen North**

**Catherine Johnson**

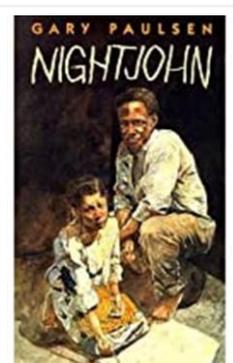
The story of Matthew Henson, the poor orphan boy who ran away to the city. Years later after many adventures becomes the first man to reach the North Pole. But his achievements are largely forgotten due to the colour of his skin. AR 4.6



### **Bone Talk 4.8**

**Candy Gourlay**

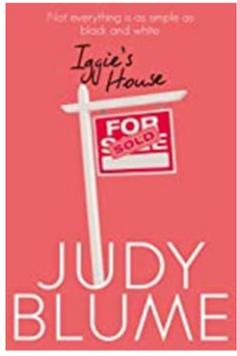
A magical story set in the Philippines over a hundred years ago.....it is literally a different world. The traditional, tribal village way of life is turned upside down when a new boy arrives bringing with him news of a different people called “Americans”. A very different read!



### **Nightjohn**

**Gary Paulsen UY**

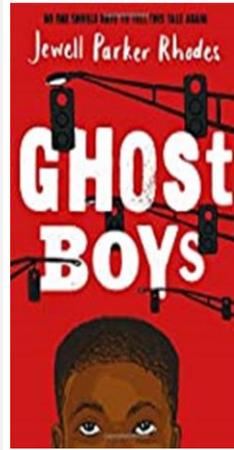
Set in America in the 1850’s this is a powerful story of slavery and survival. Inspiring and at times brutal this book is a mere 70 pages long. It’s a story that will stay with you



### Iggie's House

**Judy Blume**

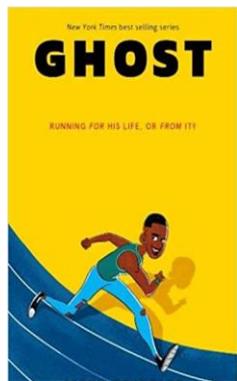
Winnie lives in Grove St and wants to make friends with the new family who have just moved in. But the new family are black. Grove St has always been white – and there are people who are determined to keep it that way. AR 3.5



### Ghost Boys

**Jewell Parker Rhodes**

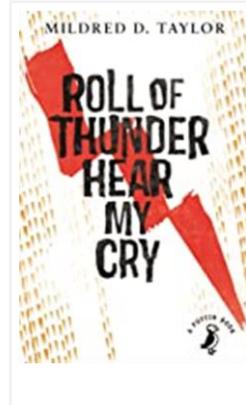
12 year old Jerome is a good boy. He does his homework and looks after his little sister. Then he is shot dead by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for the real thing. As a ghost Jerome watches his family grieve and realises that he is not the only ghost boy. AR 3.0



### Ghost

**Jason Reynolds**

Running.....That's all Ghost has ever known....but he is running for all the wrong reasons-until he meets Coach. Can he stay on track and become the best sprinter in the city? AR 4.6



### Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

**Mildred D. Taylor**

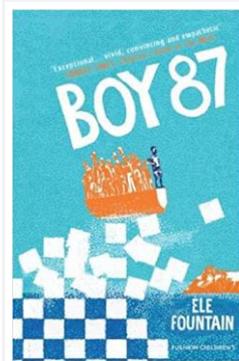
Cassie Logan lives on a farm in Mississippi. Set in the 1930's this is a classic tale of struggle, destruction and prejudice. Cassie ultimately finds the strength to stand up for what she believes in. AR 5.7



### You Should See Me in a Crown

**Leah Johnson** UY

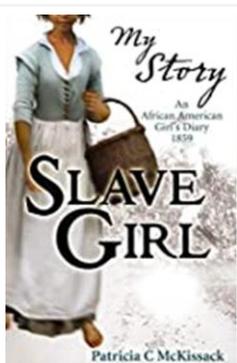
Liz thinks she's too black, too poor and too awkward to shine. Her escape route is an elite college but she has no money to get there..... Becoming Prom Queen could be the answer. How far out of her comfort zone is Liz prepared to go? More suitable for yr9 students.



### Boy 87

**Ele Fountain**

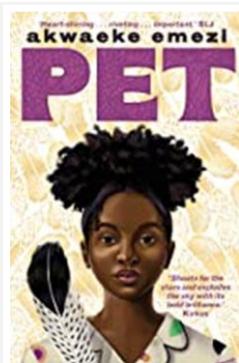
Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and running. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door – and he knows he is no longer safe. So begins a dangerous journey-through imprisonment, escape, separation. An amazing story of survival. AR 4.8



### My Story - Slave Girl

**Patricia C McKissack**

In 1859 it's illegal for slaves to read and write, but Clotee is teaching herself in secret. "Freedom" is just another word she's learned to write. Then she finds out about the Underground Railroad, a network of people who help runaway slaves, and discovers that freedom is more than just a word. AR 4.7



### Pet

**Akwaeke Emezi** UY

Do monsters still exist? A young transgender girl is on the hunt for a monster- a monster whose crimes are yet to be uncovered. This is a very different and thought provoking novel. More suitable for yr9 students.