**Young Adult Reads- BAME Authors**

**Yaba Badoe** – *A Jigsaw of Fire and Stars*
Ghanaian-British documentary filmmaker, journalist and author.

**Tasha Suri** – *Empire of Sand – Out 15 Nov 2018 / Pre order it now*
Was born in the U.K., but toured India during childhood holidays. Her debut novel is an epic fantasy inspired by Mughal India.

**Natasha Ngan** – *The Elites / The Memory Keepers / Girls of Paper and Fire*

Part-time yoga teacher. She grew up between Malaysia and the UK.

**Muhammad Khan** – *I am Thunder / Kick the Moon*
Muhammad Khan is a maths teacher in a secondary school in Tooting and takes his inspiration from the children he teaches, as well as his own upbringing as a British-born Pakistani.

**Tanya Byrne** – *Heart-Shaped Bruise / Follow Me Down / For Holly*
Tanya worked for BBC Radio for 8 years. She now lives in Surrey, working as a freelance journalist and writing YA novels.

**Nikesh Shukla** – *Run Riot*
Novelist, TV writer and journalist. Editor of the anthology, The Good Immigrant, a collection of essays by British writers of colour about race and immigration.

**Alexandra Sheppard** – *O.M.G.s (Oh My Gods)*
Freelance social media strategist and YA author

**Sufiya Ahmed** – *Zahra’s First Term at the Khadija Academy / Secrets of the Henna Girl*

Born in India, moved to the UK as a baby. Sufiya lived in Bolton, Lancashire, before moving to London. She has worked in advertising and in the House of Commons, but is now a full-time author.

**Malorie Blackman** – *Robot Girl / Noble Conflict / Chasing the Stars*
Malorie has an OBE, held the position of Children’s Laureate from 2013 to 2015 and writes literature and television drama for children and young adults.

**Patrice Lawrence** – *Orange Boy / Indigo*
Patrice is an award-winning writer and journalist, who has published fiction both for adults and children.