

## Rani And Sukh Bali Rai

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### What's Your Problem?

Our pupils' success will be defined by their ability to read fluently and skilfully. But despite universal acceptance of reading's vital importance, the reading gap in our classroom remains, and it is linked to an array of factors, such as parental wealth, education and book ownership, as well as classroom practice. To close this gap, we need to ensure that every teacher has the knowledge and skill to teach reading with confidence. In *Closing the Reading Gap*, Alex Quigley explores the intriguing history and science of reading, synthesising the debates and presenting a wealth of usable evidence about how children develop most efficiently as successful readers. Offering practical strategies for teachers at every phase of their teaching career, as well as tackling issues such as dyslexia and the role of technology, the book helps teachers to be an expert in how pupils 'learn to read' as well as how they 'read to learn' and explores how reading is vital for unlocking a challenging academic curriculum for every student. With a focus on nurturing pupils' will and skill to read for pleasure and purpose, this essential volume provides practical solutions to help all teachers create a rich reading culture that will enable every student to thrive in school and far beyond the school gates.

### Old Dog, New Tricks

The Crew didn't think things could ever get that bad again. They were seriously wrong. Things have calmed down for the Crew (Billy, Ellie, Della, Jas and Will) and life in the Ghetto is ticking on as usual. But things are about to kick-off all over again. The police have launched Operation Clean-up and dealers are regularly being pulled off the street and into the police station. Someone's got to be grassing them up, and soon Nanny and the Crew are getting blamed. Billy is mugged, Ellie is picked on in school, and Billy's house is being targeted. The Crew need to find out who's pointing the finger before things get really serious. As tough and uncompromising as ever, Bali's latest novel won't disappoint his army of fans and will undoubtedly win him many more. A thrilling sequel that also stands alone.

### Rama and Sita

Simran likes Tyrone from the moment she spots him in the crowd. He's gorgeous and he won't take no for an answer. There's just one problem. . . Tyrone is black and Simran's not sure how her family will react. Even though her parents were a

'love match' and married each other against the wishes of their families, Simran doesn't think they will approve of her having a black boyfriend, and her nightmare uncles and aunts certainly won't. Like her cousin Ruby says, it's the last taboo. But Simran likes Tyrone too much to walk away, so they face the problems their relationship causes together. But it becomes harder than either of them predicted and when the hatred they encounter escalates into violence, with families and friends turning against each other, Simran and Tyrone are forced to question whether they are strong enough to fight for what they believe in.

## **Rani And Sukh**

A re-telling of the tale - recounted in the ancient Sanskrit poem 'The Ramayana' - of Prince Rama of Ayodhya and his wife Sita, exiled to the forest by a jealous stepmother and hounded by the demons who lived there. This is a story of loyalty, courage and bravery, and the ability of love to overcome all. Suitable for children aged 4 and upwards, the book is an exciting read-at-home story and an excellent educational resource to support the study of the Festival of Diwali.

## **Two-timer**

Cal's family are proud to live in an 'analogue' world - no wifi in their house , just an ancient black-and-white TV. At school, Cal has no choice but to live in the 21st century, coping with a range of bullies and chancers on a daily basis. When Cal's mum decides to 'rebalance' the family with a stint as volunteers at a local foodbank, Cal inadvertently discovers new kid Jacob's secret, and Jacob flips. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 13+

## **Mohinder's War**

## **Girl in the Broken Mirror**

When Jonas finds a gun left from a shooting he takes it home. He can't wait to show his mates Kamal and Binny, who reckon they can use the gun to bolster their own street cred. But when Kamal starts to use the gun in robberies, Jonas realises it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

## **(Un)arranged Marriage**

Rani doesn't fit in. Without wings, she doesn't feel like she belongs with the other fairies. Rani sets off on a perilous journey to find a home, a journey that leads her underwater, deep into the lagoon, where the mermaids live.

## **The Angel Collector**

While on an archaeological dig in Egypt with his father, Jai accidentally opens a portal to an ancient world. Suddenly, he is confronted with Anubis, God of the Dead, who captures his father. To rescue his father, Jai must hunt down a demon who has escaped from the underworld and is wreaking havoc on Victorian London.

Jai finds himself a stranger in a strange time and a strange land, searching for a demon who jumps from human to human in order to savagely hunt and murder in peace. The only way to stop it is to destroy its human host, but first you have to stay alive long enough to find it. And in Victorian London, there's only one name on everyone's lips Jack the Ripper The Demon Hunter is part of the HEROES series - created with series editor Frank Cottrell Boyce and specifically written to engage and captivate less confident readers. An epic tale packed full of action and cliff-hangers that boys and girls will not be able to put down. A great solution for reluctant readers and encouraging reading for pleasure. Any teenager who likes gory horror films, The Mummy or Indiana Jones will take to this like a leech to a seeping wound. Melanie Chadwick, Benfield School, Newcastle upon Tyne I thought that this book was original, absolutely fantastic, very gory Shirley Walmsley, Albany Science College, Chorley

## **The Last Taboo**

"Threes a crowd? ""One evening I'd be with Neeta, telling her she was my only girl and that. And the next I'd be round at Kellys, kissing her up. It was like I'd died and gone to an RnB video like them ones on MTV. Playa heaven, you get me?"" Harj has no girlfriend and no hope, as his friends like to keep telling him. So when not one but two of the fittest girls in town ask him out, how can he say no? At first he feels bad about cheating on them then he starts to enjoy it. Soon lying is a

## **Fire City**

Marcus is in trouble - there's a new caretaker in school and it's his grandad. How embarrassing! But what's worse, the school mascot, Flossie the goat, has gone missing and Marcus suspects his grandad may have something to do with it.

## **Crossfire**

Meet Ellie, Jas, Della, Will and Billy. They're tough. They're street-smart. They're the Crew, and they live in what they call the Ghetto - the estates round the city centre where everyone is skint and it's important to stick together. No-one has a go once you're part of a gang. Except, sometimes, the older gangs who can be really dangerous- A new, contemporary novel for today's teenagers from the author of the critically acclaimed (un)arranged marriage.

## **Rani & Sukh**

Twenty-five years ago the world changed forever. A great war, which had raged for three years ended, and the reign of the Demons began Within the crumbling walls of Fire City, fifteen-year-old Martha is a member of the resistance, a small band of humans fighting for freedom in a lawless and horrifying new world. Amidst the chaos of battle arrives Jonah, a handsome stranger with a thirst for revenge and a power to destroy the Demon rulers. As Martha and Jonah's lives collide, the future of the resistance is altered forever. The battle for humankind will now begin. An epic story of catastrophe, survival and the power of humanity.

## Secrets

In this brilliantly haunting new novel, John Banville forges an unforgettable amalgam of enchantment and menace that suggests both *The Tempest* and his own acclaimed *The Book of Evidence*. "A surreal and exquisitely lyrical new novel by one of the great stylists writing in English today."--*Boston Globe*.

## Disney Fairies: Rani in the Mermaid Lagoon

Greg's casual interest in the history of a ruined mansion becomes more personal as he slowly discovers the tragic events that overwhelmed its last inhabitants. Set against a background of the modern day and the First World War, Greg's contemporary beliefs become intertwined with those of Edmund, a foot soldier whose confusion about his sexuality and identity mirrors Greg's own feelings of insecurity. This is a complex and thought-provoking book, written with elegance and subtlety. It will change the way you think.

## Heroes

Life at schools never easy but for Kully theres no hope. His school life has gone down the toilet - all because he didnt go. To the toilet. Can he get his revenge on the bullies who make his life so bad? A wicked gross-out comedy. Interest age 12  
Reading age 8

## Stay a Little Longer

It's 1919 and Amritsar is a city on the brink of rebellion. Riots, violence and tension spill onto the streets . . . Bissen Singh fought bravely for the British Empire during World War One. Now he waits patiently for news from England. Gurdial, a young orphan, is desperate to marry Sohni, the daughter of a rich and evil man. And Jeevan, Gurdial's oldest friend, is swept up in the revolution and changing beyond all recognition. Bissen, Gurdial and Jeevan are looking to the future whilst trying to escape ghosts from the past. But as the fight for Amritsar reaches a terrifying climax, their lives will be changed for ever. An epic story of love and life, war and death from multi-award-winning author Bali Rai.

## Starting Eleven

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## Rani and Sukh

A collection of 20 stories from India's rich folklore heritage. From wicked magicians to wise old priests, charming princes and beautiful princesses, to greedy tigers and wily jackals, these magical tales are full of adventure and trickery, and infused with deeper messages about morality, Life and the world around us. Founded on the work of folklorist, Joseph Jacob, and from tales from India's Mughul period, award-winning author Bali Rai's lively retellings are a delight for readers of all ages. The book includes endnotes with a glossary, additional information as well as ideas for activities that children can do to explore the stories further.

## **The Demon Hunter**

Hannah, Suky, Grace, Dean, Jit and Imtiaz are best friends at school, though their home lives couldn't be much more different. This story is told from Grace's point of view, as the gang try to find a way around being foiled by Mr. 'The Enemy' Herbert. Can they find a way to outfox him?

## **Killing Honour**

A powerful and gripping novel that sweeps the reader from modern-day Britain to the Punjab in the 1960s and back again in a ceaseless cycle of tragedy and conflict. 1950s Punjab - a secret affair goes terribly wrong and the bride commits suicide after her lover is attacked by her family. The two families part in violence and conflict. 2004 Leicester - Rani and Sukh fall in love, unaware of the terrible legacy of the past and the conflict between their two families-Can tragedy be averted or will the two young people be able to escape the cycle of violence and draw the families together for the future?

## **Ghosts**

JIT can't be bothered with school. His mum's new boyfriend is doing his head in, and the last thing on his mind is dealing with lessons and homework. He needs the gang's help, and fast . . . SUKY and Imi have been going out for ages. But there's trouble in paradise - namely, Suky's strict parents. A whole load of drama is about to kick off . . . Two great stories from the Devana High gang.

## **Closing the Reading Gap**

Dal, Chris, Abs and Jason have made the squad for the local youth club under-11s football team. And after their first match (not as successful as they'd have liked), they are determined to prove that they've got what it takes to be winners. Rushton Reds for the Cup! Chris is a striker - but can he put the ball in the back of the net when Rushton Reds meet Evington Eagles, their chief rivals, in a big Cup game? He and his team-mates - Dal, Jason and Abs - all want to lift the trophy. But Evington Eagles are the Cup-holders and won't be easy to beat . . .

## **The Night Run**

Rani and Sukh fall in love, unaware of the terrible legacy of the past in the Punjab of the 1950s and the conflict between their two families. Rani is a Sandhu and

Sukh is a Bains and sometimes names can lead to terrible trouble. Can tragedy be averted or will the two young people be able to escape the cycle of violence and draw the families together for the future?

## **The Angel Collector**

Crossfire is the long-awaited new novel in legendary author Malorie Blackman's ground-breaking Noughts & Crosses series - perfect for fans of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Power*. Thirty-four years have passed since Sephy Hadley - a Cross - first met Callum McGregor - a nought. Their love was forbidden, powerful - and deadly. Life is seemingly very different now for noughts and Crosses - including for Sephy and Callum's families. But old wounds from the past are hard to heal, and when you're playing a game as dangerous as they are, it won't be long before someone gets caught in the crossfire. Praise for Noughts & Crosses 'The Noughts & Crosses series are still my favourite books of all time and showed me just how amazing story-telling could be' - Stormzy 'The most original book I've ever read' Benjamin Zephaniah 'Blackman "gets" people . . . she "gets" humanity as a whole, too' Guardian 'Powerful' Sunday Times

## **The Crew**

Amritsar, India, 1919. A city on the verge of meltdown, as tensions between the local people and the British colonial rulers explode. 12-year-old Arjan Singh learns that his father has been falsely charged with serious crimes and faces hanging. But there has been a terrible massacre in the city, as British troops fired on unarmed Indians, and the city is under curfew. Anger and fear have left the population seething and danger lurks around every corner. Arjan sets out on a perilous mission to save his father, in the face of armed troops, martial curfew, and vicious local bandits. Can he escape and get to his father before it's too late?

## **Shivers**

Francis Joseph Cassavant is 18. He has just returned home from the Second World War, and he has no face. He does have a gun and a mission: to murder his childhood hero. Francis lost most of his face when he fell on a grenade in France. He received the Silver Star for bravery, but was it really an act of heroism? Now, having survived, he is looking for a man he once admired and respected, a man adored by many people, a man who also received a Silver Star for bravery. A man who destroyed Francis's life.

## **Are You Kidding?**

## **Concrete Chips**

Sam hates life on the council estate - everyone knows why he and his mum had to move there and they won't let him forget it. When he meets the beautiful and mysterious Cassie he quickly falls head over heels. But when Sam's devotion starts to cloud his judgement and his life begins to spin out of control, he still can't seem

to walk away. Will the truth about Cassie be more than he can bear?

## **Tales from India**

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## **Dominoes and Other Stories**

A thrilling World War II adventure set in occupied France, featuring an Indian RAF pilot. Great for fans of Michael Morpurgo and John Boyne, and those who want diverse historical fiction. Thirteen-year-old Joelle Breton stumbles across Indian-born RAF pilot Mohinder Singh when his plane crashes in occupied France and it's up to her and her parents to hide him from the Nazis. After all, her parents are brave members of the French Resistance and will do everything they can to help get Mohinder back to Britain. But when they are betrayed and tragedy strikes, Joelle and Mohinder will have to act fast if they are ever to evade the enemy. Flashbacks offer dramatic stories set in key moments of history, perfect for introducing children to historical topics.

## **The Art of White Roses**

Aman's dad is gone, leaving her feeling lost and alone. She struggles to talk about it, but it's a fact and he isn't coming back. When a lovely man called Gurnam moves in to her street and saves Aman from some local bullies, he and Aman quickly become friends, perhaps even like family. But Gurnam has his own sadness, one that's far bigger than Aman can understand, and it's tearing his life apart.

## **Soccer Squad: Glory!**

'Honour,' I repeated, wondering how such a small word could have caused so much trouble. When Sat's sister, Jas, is married off into the Atwal family she changes, she's quiet and distant. But Sat's too busy with his own life; his girlfriend, his friends, football . . . Then Jas disappears. According to her new husband, she's run off with another man. Her family disown her; don't seem to care if she's ever found. But Sat doesn't believe it. Something has happened to his sister and he's determined to figure out what. But his investigations take him into dark and dangerous territory . . . A powerful, hard-hitting teen thriller on the controversial topic of honour killing, by multi-award-winning author Bali Rai.

## **Web of Darkness**

When the Singh family move into a new house, their neighbour Mick is far from welcoming. He's mean to everyone and his racist beliefs make living next door hard for the Singhs. But Harvey is convinced that he can help Mick, he just needs to work out how

## **The Shell House**

The local youth club are putting an under-elevens squad together - and Dal, Chris, Abs and Jason are determined to be picked. They know they're the best players in their school - but what if that isn't good enough and they don't make the team? Dal knows he'd be gutted if his mates made it and he didn't . . . Then once the team is picked, they have to do the business on the pitch - go out and win! And their coach has a couple of surprise new players to help the team . . .

## **Revenge of the Number Two**

It is 1957 in Marianao, a suburb of Havana. Adela Santiago is 13 years old and lives in a small blue house with her mother, father, brother, and grandfather. And yet something is amiss. The students on her street are disappearing. Not only that but her parents' marriage seems to be disintegrating and her cousin is caught up in a bombing at the Hotel Nacional. Welcome to a world where a revolution is brewing. Welcome to Cuba. An insight into what it is like to be young when bad things happen and it is not your fault.

## **The Harder They Fall**

## **City of Ghosts**

MANNY WANTS TO BE A FOOTBALLER. OR A POP STAR. OR WRITE A BESTSELLER. HE DOESN'T WANT TO GET MARRIED 'Harry and Ranjit were waiting for me - waiting to take me to Derby, to a wedding. My wedding. A wedding that I hadn't asked for, that I didn't want. To a girl who I didn't know If they had bothered to open their eyes, they would have seen me: seventeen, angry, upset but determined - determined to do my own thing, to choose my own path in life' Set partly in the UK and partly in the Punjab region of India, this is a fresh, bitinglly perceptive and totally up-to-the-minute look at one young man's fight to free himself from family expectations and to be himself, free to dance to his own tune.

## **The Whisper**

Each of these narratives are from an array of vibrant, fresh teenage voices who tell us what it is like to be living their life, as an urban Asian, West Indian, or white teenager in Britain today. From the gritty raw narrator of title story, Dominoes, who describes the gang warfare mentality of both his family and his friends, to the realism of mixed-race relationships in Bhangra Girls and Bhangra Boys, this is a unique collection that truly reflects the society we live in today, and gives true and authentic voice to contemporary adolescents from all cultures growing up in urban Britain.

## **The Gun**

When the incredibly attractive Benedict befriends Lily online, she is thrilled. He is so much more mature than boys her age and he seems to know exactly how she's feeling. She finds herself opening up to him, telling him things she wouldn't tell anybody else. And she needs someone to confide in more than ever before as a spate of apparent suicides rocks her school - and her group of friends. But is Benedict the kind, charming person that he seemed to be initially? Lily soon realises that now, with half our lives spent online, you can be found - even if you try to hide . . .

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