

# Black History Month 2024

Reclaiming Narratives



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This year's theme for Black History Month (BHM) is “**Reclaiming Narratives**,” and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

This theme focuses on correcting historical inaccuracies, highlighting untold success stories, and showcasing the full complexity of Black heritage. It aims to take control of our stories, honour our heroes, and challenge narratives that have overlooked Black contributions and achievements in the UK and globally.



# Books

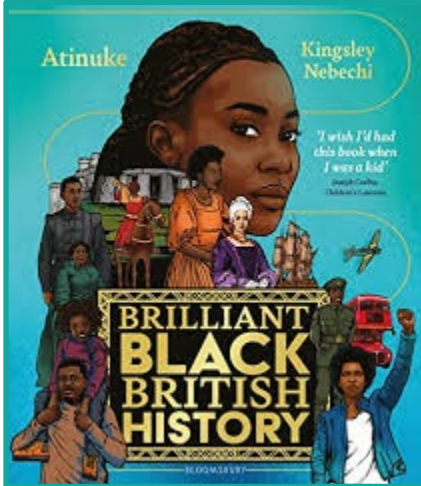


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# Books



## Brilliant Black British History

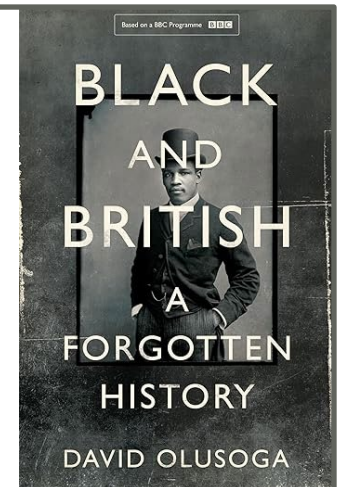
This book offers a vivid and engaging journey through the history of Black people in Britain, from the first Britons to the present day.

*'I started reading and couldn't put it down. It's the kind of book I wish I'd had when I was a kid' – Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate*

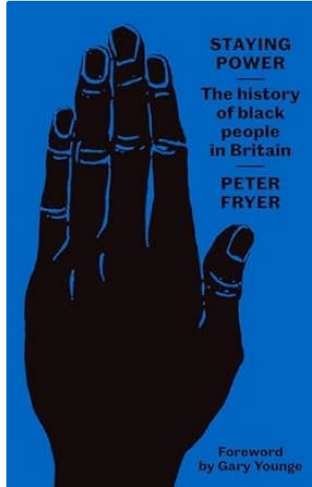
## Black and British

A comprehensive exploration of the long and rich history of Black people in Britain, spanning centuries.

*'An insightful, inclusive history of black people in Britain . . . Rich in detail and packed with strong personalities, this is an important contribution to our understanding of life in the UK' – History Revealed*



# Books



## Staying Power: The History of Black People in Britain

This classic work provides an in-depth look at the contributions and experiences of Black people in Britain from Roman times to the 20th century.

***'A fascinating account of the growth of the black community in Britain over the past centuries' – Guardian***

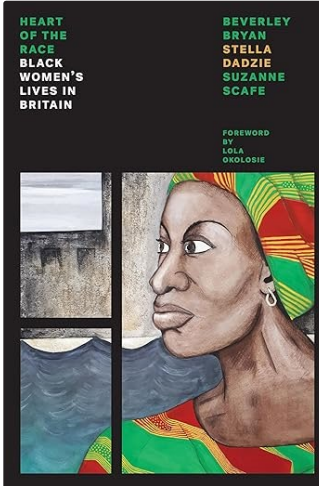
## African and Caribbean People in Britain: A History

A detailed account of the history of African and Caribbean communities in Britain, highlighting their significant impact on British society

***'A comprehensive history of African and Caribbean people in Britain and the vital role they played in the struggle for equality. An epic narrative and a timely book' – Wolfson History Prize judges***



# Books



## Heart Of The Race: Black Women's Lives in Britain

This book focuses on the experiences of Black women in Britain, addressing structural inequalities and their resilience.

*'A scholarly examination of black women's position in British society via the prism of slavery, colonialism and migration' – Camden New Journal*

You can access links to the books by clicking on any of the covers of the books. All links will take you to Amazon, but please consider other ways of getting your hands on one of these amazing books.

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# Film & TV



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# Film & TV

## Small Axe – BBC iPlayer

Directed by Steve McQueen, this anthology series consists of five films, each telling a unique story about the West Indian community in London from the 1960's to the 1980's.



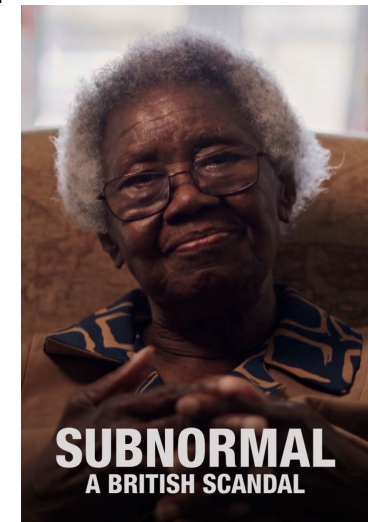
## I May Destroy You – BBC iPlayer

Created by and starring Michaela Coel, this critically acclaimed series explores themes of race, consent, and trauma through the lens of a young Black British woman.



## Subnormal: A British Scandal – BBC iPlayer

This documentary investigates the scandal of Black children being disproportionately sent to schools for the “educationally subnormal” in the 1960s and 1970s.





# Film & TV

## Black Power: A British Story of Resistance – BBC iPlayer & Prime

This documentary examines the Black Power movement in the UK during the late 1960s and 1970s, focusing on key figures and events



## Africa and Britain – BBC iPlayer

Presented by historian David Olusoga, this BBC series explores the rich and often overlooked history of Black people in Britain.



## Belle – Disney+

Directed by Amma Asante, this historical drama tells the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the mixed-race daughter of an African woman and a British naval officer, set in 18th-century England.



# Podcasts



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# Podcasts

## Black History Bites

- Black Learning Achievement and Mental Health (BLAM UK) offers short, bite sized and accessible global Black History and cultural podcasts

## Not Just the Tudors

- In this episode of Not Just the Tudors they discuss how the Tudors came from many walks of life and interacted with people from Africa

## Short History of...

- The late 19th century was a period of imperialism for Europe, which resulted in a land-grab of epic proportions. The entire continent of Africa was sliced up, to be swallowed by five rival nations.

## You're Dead to Me

- Host Greg Jenner is joined by Prof Gretchen Gerzina and special guest Kwame Asante in Georgian England as they meet some of the leading figures of Black History.

# Black Inspirational Brummies



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## Professor Dame Elizabeth Anionwu

Born in Birmingham in 1947, Dame Elizabeth faced numerous challenges, including being placed in care as a child. She overcame these obstacles to become a pioneering nurse and health advocate, particularly known for her work in sickle cell disease and thalassemia.



## Constable Andrea Reynold

A founder member of the West Midlands Police Black and Asian Police Association, she has been a significant figure in promoting diversity and inclusion within the police force. She was awarded a King's Police Medal in 2022 for her contributions.



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# Black Inspirational Brummies

## Ignatius Sancho

Although not originally from Birmingham, Ignatius Sancho's legacy as a writer, composer, and abolitionist has had a lasting impact. Born on a slave ship, he later became a prominent figure in the fight against slavery.



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## Benjamin Zephaniah

A poet, writer, and activist, Benjamin Zephaniah was born and raised in Birmingham. His work often addresses issues of race, politics, and social justice. Zephaniah is also a prominent figure in the Rastafarian community.



# What's going on in Brum



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# Legacy Centre of Excellence

## Black History Month Launch Celebration

Dive into the heart of Black History Month with LCE's special launch event dedicated to celebrating the vast cultural heritage and remarkable achievements of the Black community. This vibrant, in-person gathering is set to provide an enriching and educational experience for all attendees.

