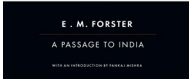


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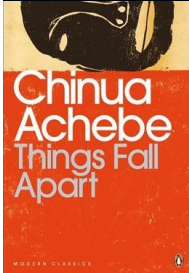
**A Passage to India** by E.M. Forster

Set in British India in the 1920s; the characters of this classic novel struggle to overcome their own differences and prejudices .



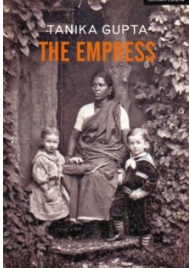
**Things Fall Apart** by C. Achebe

When outsiders threaten the traditions of his clan, Okonowo takes violent action. A classic tale of power and colonialism.



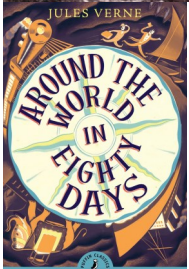
**The Empress** by Tanika Gupta

Uncovers remarkable unknown stories of 19th century Britain, the growth of Indian nationalism and the romantic proclivities of one of our most surprising monarchs.



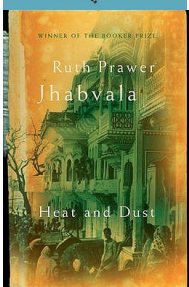
**Around the World in Eighty Days** by Jules Verne

A classic adventure, first published in 1872, heavily influenced by the technology and sociopolitics of the time.

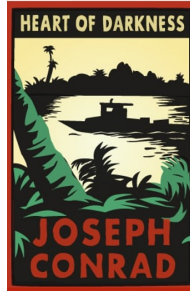


**Heat and Dust** by Ruth Praver Jhabvala

The story of a woman seeking to find out more about her step-grandmother's tumultuous life in 1920s British India.



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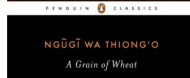
**Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad

A classic novella, published in 1899, exploring themes of power and morality in colonial Africa.



**A Grain of Wheat** by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

A classic of Kenyan literature, this book follows characters whose intertwined lives are transformed by the 1952-1960 Emergency in Kenya.



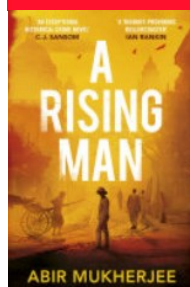
**King Solomon's Mines** by H. Rider Haggard

This 1885 adventure story started a wave of books inspired by the exploits of British explorers in Africa.



**Kim** by Rudyard Kipling

The story of a part Indian, part Irish boy who journeys through India in search of religious enlightenment.



**A Rising Man** by Abir Mukherjee

A crime drama set 1919, revolving around the British presence in India.

# History

## WIDER READING

### BRITISH EMPIRE



Library



All these books are available from the school library



# NON-FICTION



**Inglorious Empire** by S. Tharoor  
A bestselling polemic, examining “what the British did to India”, from massacres to deliberate deindustrialisation. Tharoor discusses how every imperial 'gift' - from the railways to the rule of law - was designed in Britain's interests alone.

**The New Age of Empire** by Kehinde Andrews

A study of the legacy of Empire, and its impact on racism and colonialism in the world today.

**Empireland** and **Stolen History** by Sathnam Sanghera

Where can we see Britain's imperial past today? Sanghera argues it is all around us, and still influences our lives and attitudes.

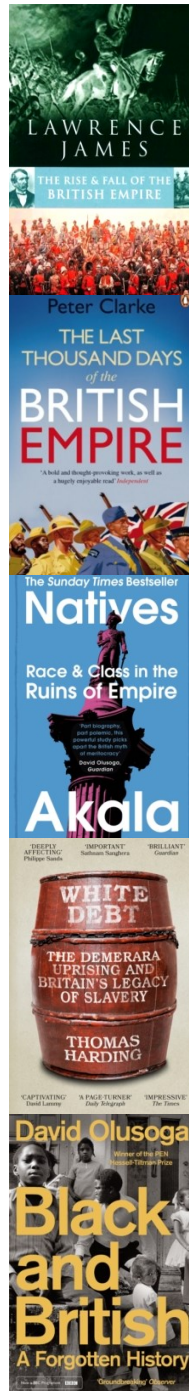
**Victoria's Wars** by Saul David

In the early part of Queen Victoria's reign, the British Empire was rapidly expanding. This is the story of how it happened and the people who made it happen.

**Empire** by Niall Ferguson

An acclaimed but still controversial history of the British Empire, “in all its splendours and its miseries”.

# NON-FICTION



**The Rise and Fall of the British Empire** by L. James

Covers the history of British expansion overseas from the 16th to the 20th centuries.

**The Last Thousand Days of the British Empire** by P. Clarke

Analyses the post-war disintegration of the Empire, including the role of the USA.

**Natives** by Akala

Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, this book confronts the legacy of the British Empire, beginning with the author's own personal experiences.

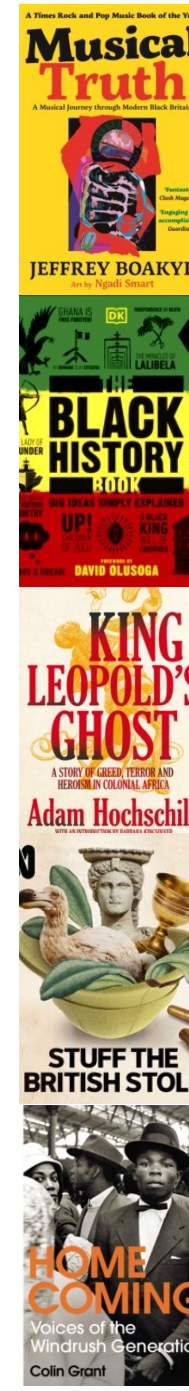
**White Debt** by T. Harding

When the author discovered that his family had profited from slavery, his investigation took him to Demerara (now Guyana), the site of an uprising that contributed towards eventual abolition.

**Black and British** by David Olusoga

A comprehensive history of Black Britain, from the Roman Empire to the World Wars.

# NON-FICTION



**Musical Truth** by Jeffrey Boakye

Explores the history of Britain, Empire and postcolonialism through the lens of popular music.

**The Black History Book** by DK

Covers a whole catalogue of milestones in Black History worldwide, providing a useful and simple overview.

**King Leopold's Ghost** by Adam Hochschild

The true and haunting story of Belgium's brutal regime of atrocities in colonial Congo.

**Stuff the British Stole** by Marc Fennell

A witty but serious podcast series, examining the history of objects and artefacts taken to Britain from around the world.

**Homecoming** by Colin Grant

Draws on over 100 first-hand interviews, recordings and memoirs by those who came to Britain from the West Indies between the late 1940s and the early 1960s.