# Representation in Drama



by Playwrights from the global majority



# INTRODUCTION

The list was created to encourage Drama exam boards to update their specifications. It was expanded to support secondary school teachers, directors, facilitators, lecturers and students with finding texts that reflect their own culture and/or heritage, and to introduce students to cultures and heritages different to their own. These plays can be used for study in the classroom, as a reading list to broaden your knowledge and for youth theatre productions.

It is essential that all students feel represented, a sense of belonging and have a better understanding and knowledge of our global community, in which they exist.

The plays included in this list have all had professional productions and are easily available to purchase. These plays have been read with exam board criteria in mind. We have included a suggested age range for engaging with these plays, however there will be plays which are placed in the A Level category which could be explored with a younger cohort - you know your students and participants best.

We encourage you to be mindful rather than colour blind when casting and consider the appropriateness of the play being performed by your participants. If characters are specified as being from the global majority\* then it is important that they are performed by actors from the specified ethnicities. It is important for white participants to read and study these works too. It is not appropriate for students to put on accents and perpetuate negative stereotypes, which reinforce systems of oppression.

To discuss this further, please do get in touch. This is a fluid list which we aim to update. We know there are many plays and resources out there which we haven't come across yet. If you would like to suggest a play or resource for us to read and consider then please get in touch with us at representation.in.drama@gmail.com

This list was compiled by creative engagement practitioner Mezze Eade and the London Theatre Consortium Creative Learning group.

\*Global majority includes, but is not limited to, artists of African, North African, South Asian, South East Asian, East Asian, Caribbean, Latinx, Middle Eastern, Native American, Native Australian, Pacific Islanders, Roma and Traveller heritage or diaspora, and refers to people who have experienced racism due to the colour of their skin or ethnicity. We do not want to lump individuals into one category and try to be specific when talking about individuals and communities.



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### 1. DESERT BOY - Mojisola Adebayo

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Published: 2010
Productions: 2010
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M + chorus

**Synopsis:** A musical play. teenage boy lands on Deptford beach with a knife in his stomach. As he lies crying for his mother his cries are heard through the centuries by a mysterious Desert Man from 300 years ago.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/content/mojisola-adebayo-desert-boyhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E

### 2. MUHAMMAD ALI AND ME - Mojisola Adebayo

Published: 2008

Productions: 2008, 2016, 2017

Publisher: Oberon Length: 105 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M, 1 gender non specific

**Synopsis:** A semi-autobiographical play: a coming-of-age story of a young, black, gay girl growing up in foster care, with the guidance of her fantastical friend Muhammad Ali. Told through poetry, dance, boxing, song and BSL.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.nayt.org.uk/wind\_/\_rush\_generations\_by\_mojisola\_adebayo https://vimeo.com/91385052 https://www.rajhashakiry.co.uk/projects/muhammad-ali-and-me/

### 3. HOARD - Bim Adewunmi

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 70 mins Cast: 4F, 1M **Synopsis:** Rafi and Ami's sister is coming round for dinner – and for the first time, she's bringing her boyfriend, Brian. Then without any warning, their mother arrives. Why doesn't she know that Brian exists?

### RESOURCES

 $https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/esmagazine/bim-adewunmi-east-london-dalston-a4143076. \\ html$ 

https://www.theu pcoming.co.uk/2019/05/17/im-a-hoarder-this-play-is-going-to-change-my-life-an-interview-with-hoard-director-femi-elufowoju-jr/

# 4. GONE TOO FAR - Bola Agbaje

Published: 2007

Productions: 2007
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 90 mins

Cast: 4F, 8M

**Synopsis:** An errand to buy milk becomes a journey through identity, acceptance and the complexities of racism.

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2008/jul/23/theatre.knifecrime?gusrc=rss\&feed=uknews \\ http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/playwright-screenwriter-bola-agbaje-discusses-screen-debut-figure-f$ 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7gaQV0u1Zc

# 5. OFF THE ENDZ - Bola Agbaje

Published: 2010

Productions: 2010 Publisher: Methuen Length: 70 mins

Cast: 3F, 2M (3 chorus)

**Synopsis:** Sharon and Kojo are trying to move out of the ends. Just released from prison, David isn't ready for his childhood friends to move on.

### RESOURCES

### Off the Endz

https://d19lfjg8hluhfw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Off-the-Endz-Resource-Pack.pdf

Authors in Alphabetical Order:

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### 6. I WANNA BE YOURS - Zig Ahmed

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019 - 2020

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 60 mins Cast: 1M, 1F **Synopsis:** Set in modern day. A tender, funny, lyrical play about finding love and holding onto it with everything you've got.

#### RESOURCES

https://tamasha.org.uk/ojects/i-wanna-be-yours/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEhFX6XM0XE

### 7. THE INVISIBLE HAND - Ayad Akhtar

Published: 2014

Productions: 2014, 2016, 2021

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 105 mins

Cast: 4M

**Synopsis:** American banker Nick Bright knows that his freedom comes at a price. Confined to a cell within the depths of rural Pakistan, every second counts. Who will decide his fate? His captors, or the whims of the market?

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.english-theatre.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/The-Invisible-Hand-TRP.pdf https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30cESXHe3UY&t=38s

### 8. BURGERZ - Travis Alabanza

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Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 75 mins

Cast: 1 Trans

**Synopsis:** After someone threw a burger at them and shouted a transphobic slur, Travis became obsessed with burgers. Burgerz is the climax of their obsession – exploring how trans bodies survive and address their own complicity.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ourlo1XW5HY http://travisalabanza.co.uk/work/

### 9. MINEFIELD - Lola Arias

Published: 2017

Length: 100 mins

Productions: 2016, 2017

Publisher: Oberon

Cast: 6M

**Synopsis:** Falklands/Malvinas war veterans who once faced each other across a battlefield now face each other across a stage. Together they share memories, films, songs and photos as they recall their collective war experience and embody the political figures that led them into it.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6KW7i1CRns&t=57s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o50io6puMhY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPKwOm89Ayk

### 10. FOR ALL THE WOMEN WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE MAD - Zawe Ashton

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019
Publisher: Oberon

Length: 90 mins Cast: 7F, 3M

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**Synopsis:** Examination of the forces working against women of the African diaspora living in white Western society.

#### RESOURCES

https://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-janet-kumah-currently-starring-in-zawe-ashtons-play-for-all-the-women-who-thought-they-were-mad/

### 11. THE MIKVAH PROJECT - Josh Azouz

A LEVEL

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015, 2020
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 2M

**Synopsis:** Two men form a bond as they participate in a weekly ritual cleansing. This bond explores the limits of love and the need for transformation.

#### RESOURCES

https://vimeo.com/408862082

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbJcak1n1iM

https://theatreweekly.com/interview-josh-zare-on-the-mikvah-project-at-the-orange-tree-theatre/

### 12. THE AMEN CORNER - James Baldwin

Published: 1961

Productions: 2013

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 130 mins

Cast: 9F, 5M (Chorus)

**Synopsis:** Preacher Margaret Alexander's world is about to crumble. After years of separation Margaret's husband returns but will she be able to keep hold of her son?

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjdf123iSRg

### 13. DUTCHMAN - Amiri Baraka/ Leroi Jones

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Published: 1964

Productions: 2016, 2019, 2021

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 50 mins

Cast: 1F, 2M (Chorus)

**Synopsis:** A white woman sits next to a black man on a train and strikes up an amicable conversation. But who should be fearful for their life?

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youngvic.org/blog/ola-ince-on-dutchman-race-and-research#close

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/amiri-baraka

https://www.enotes.com/topics/dutchman

# 14. THE FALL - Baxter Theatre Company

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2017 Productions: 2016, 2017

Publisher: Oberon Length: 80 mins Cast: 4F, 3M Synopsis: The #RhodesMustFall and subsequent student - led movements in South Africa alerted the country and world to ongoing issues brought about by apartheid and colonialism in South Africa. The Fall details the experiences of seven students within this movement and how they deal with their traumas while advocating for a free decolonised education.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKhOliK56EM https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCQ5RflpRCk

### 15. I AM (NOT) KANYE WEST - Natasha Brown

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020

Publisher: Team Angelica

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 1F

**Synopsis:** Tash navigates the politics of university elections to explore the complexities of identity

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYtAEhS1K8E

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### 16. TYPICAL - Ryan Calais Cameron

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1M

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**Synopsis:** A monologue about police brutality from the perspective of a man navigating how the world sees him as a black man.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.thestage.co.uk/features/ryan-calais-cameron-i-started-writing-typical-at-9pm-and-the-first-draft-was-finished-by-10am

https://shadesofnoir.org.uk/ryan-calais-cameron-on-typical/

### 17. QUEENS OF SHEBA - Jessica L Hagan and Ryan Calais Cameron

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 4F

**Synopsis:** Loosely based on the DSTRKT night spot incident of 2015, Queens of Sheba shines a spotlight on misogynoir: misogyny towards Black women where race and gender both play roles in bias.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/interviews/queens-of-sheba-an-interview-with-director-jessica-kaliisa/

### 18. CHEWING GUM DREAMS - Michaela Coel

Published: 2013

Productions: 2012, 2014

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 45 mins

Cast: 1F

**Synopsis:** Tracey Gordon, the 67 bus, friendship, sex, UK garage, school, music, teachers, friendship, periods, emergency contraceptive, arse and tits, friendship, raves, tampons, white boys, God, money. Friendship. Aaron, Candice, sex and Connor Jones. Chewing Gum Dreams is a one-woman play that recalls those last days of innocence before adulthood.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFuk3gUDJBY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap-SlckhLzl

### 19. RED VELVET - Lolita Chakrabarti

Published: 2012

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2012, 2014
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 5F, 7M

Synopsis: Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, 1833. Edmund Kean has collapsed on stage whilst playing Othello. A young Black American actor has been asked to take over the role. But as the public riot in the streets over the abolition of slavery, how will the cast, critics and audience react to the revolution taking place in theatre? Chakrabarti's play creates imagined experiences based on the little-known, but true, story of Ira Aldridge, an African American Actor who, in the nineteenth century, built an incredible reputation on the stages of London and Europe.

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/writersroom/entries/885fd420-c3a0-3aac-8fa5-4dd3adacce8b \\ https://kilntheatre.com/schools-education/\\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjU9EAX0kbU$ 

# 20. NO MORE LOTUS FLOWER - Julie Cheung-Inhin

Published: 2015

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Productions: 2015

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 30 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: A witty exploration of what it's like to be an East Asian actor in London.

#### RESOURCES

Full Show

https://vimeo.com/140852836



### 21. YOU FOR ME FOR YOU - Mia Chung

Published: 2015

GCSE / A LEVEL

**Productions: 2012, 2015 Publisher:** Bloomsbury

Length: 90 mins Cast: 3F, 3M,

Synopsis: North Korean sisters Minhee and Junhee are torn apart at the border as they attempt to flee. Each must race across time and space to be together again.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiupyujJYsA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojdhIYESMYw

### 22. THE FREE 9 - In-Sook Chappell

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2018 **Productions: 2018** 

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 60 mins Cast: 4F, 5M

Synopsis: Inspired by the true story of the Laos 9 - defectors or child refugees who slipped through the gaps of international law.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.thequardian.com/world/2014/dec/11/north-korea-releases-video-defectors-forced-

https://www.koreafuture.org/about

### 23. TROUBLE IN MIND - Alice Childress

Published: 1955

Productions: 1955, 1992, 2016, 2017 **Publisher:** Northwestern University

Press

Length: 120 mins Cast: 3F, 6M

Synopsis: A play within a play, satirising the theatre as a microcosm of society. A play about white people putting on a play about black people and the compromises made to keep the dominant culture happy

### RESOURCES

https://www.encyclopedia.com/arts/educational-magazines/trouble-mind https://youtu.be/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAf7t8m4-to

https://www.facebook.com/NPTCtheatre/videos/767378630312273/

### 24. WINE IN THE WILDERNESS - Alice Childress

Published: 1969



Productions: 1969, 2001

**Publisher:** Northwestern University

Press

Length: 120 mins Cast: 2F, 3M

Synopsis: Set in 1964 during a riot in New York the play explores notions of identity and selfworth with the African American community.

#### **RESOURCES**

Alice Childress

https://www.enotes.com/topics/alice-childress

### 25. HONEY SPOT - Jack Davis

Published: 1987



**Productions: 2021** 

**Publisher:** Currency Press

Length: 80 mins Cast: 2F, 3M

Synopsis: A friendship between an indigenous Australian boy and a white boy, whose families have nothing in common, until a crisis forces them to face their prejudices."

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROo5fl-bDgw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPvkvV6zwYM https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIDF6fDIEhE

https://msscordo.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/about-the-play-themes.pdf

### 26. ROUTES - Rachel De-Lahay

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Productions: 2013 Publisher: Methuen Length: 70 mins Cast: 4M, 2F

Published: 2013

Synopsis: A play about immigration, exile and what happens when people 'fall through the cracks.'

#### RESOURCES

http://exeuntmagazine.com/features/everythings-political/

### 27. THE WESTBRIDGE - Rachel De-Lahay

Published: 2011

Productions: 2011 Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 70 mins Cast: 4F, 4M

Synopsis: Tension mounts and sparks fly when a Pakistani girl is reported to have been attacked by a Black boy. Causing friends and relatives to question friendships and the nature of love.

https://royalcourttheatre.com/podcast/episode-6-rachel-de-lahay-talks-to-simon-stephens/

### 28. FUNERAL FLOWERS - Emma Dennis Edwards

Published: 2018



Productions: 2018, 2019 Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 60 mins Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Angelique, a seventeen-year-old whose dreams of being a florist are a refuge from a complicated adolescence. With her mum in prison, Angelique faces bullying, abuse and growing up in the care system

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1bI SDGPxc

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2019/apr/19/from-prison-to-the-stage-and-back-to-tottenham http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-emma-dennis-edwards-about-her-new-play-funeral-flowers/which is a superior of the control ofhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E

# 29. APPROACHING EMPTY - Ishy Din

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Methuen Drama Length: 105 mins

Cast: 4M 2F

Synopsis: In a scruffy minicab office, Mansha decides it's time to create his own destiny and offers to buy the business from his lifelong friend Raf. As the realities of the state of the company slowly come to light, these two best friends must confront the difficulties of going into business with those closest to them

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNgA-nmNgHE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKVPvwnBCc0

# 30. EAST IS EAST - Ayub Khan Din

Published: 1997



Productions: 1996, 1997, 2009, 2014,

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 90 mins Cast: 3F. 7M

Synopsis: George Khan wants to raise his family the 'proper Pakistani way' but hasn't counted on the distractions of 70s Salford. Abdul and Tariq aren't ready to be married off, Saleem is pushing artistic boundaries, Meenah's skirt is too short and Sajit just wants to hide in his parka. Can mum Ella keep the family together?

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### RESOURCES

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https://www.pilot-theatre.com/media/files/Education%20Packs/2006%20ER%20east-is-east-i pack.doc https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/revisiting-east-is-east

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### 31. SUMMER ROLLS - Tuyen Do

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019 Publisher: Oberon Length: 120 mins Cast: 2F, 5M

Synopsis: The Nguyen family are nursing deep wounds and secrets. Escaping war-torn Vietnam has left scars that no one is willing to talk about. As the family gradually integrates into their new life in Britain, the youngest daughter Mai turns to photography, her camera becoming a conduit through which she navigates her dual identity as a second-generation immigrant and chronicles her community's experiences.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aVpWchGZRA | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7GY3nS-Dlg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k0tS1dcC1o | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KkwnjBG7A https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqQGTGUF4yo| https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOo0YOVxJa0

### 32. FOMO - Suhayla El-Bushra

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017

Publisher: Bloomsbury Length: 60 mins

Cast: 5F, 4M (Chorus)

Synopsis: Dani and Josh are the perfect couple. Their friends watch as their love story unfolds on social media. But when the government switches off the internet for reasons of national security, the truth of their relationship is revealed. Told almost entirely through tweets, texts and status updates, FOMO takes a light, humorous look at comparing yourself to others.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuR34umiBlo

# 33. HOMEGROWN - Omar El-Khairy & Nadia Latif



Published: 2017 **Productions: 2015** Publisher: fly ∏rates Length: 70 mins Cast: 7F, 7M

Synopsis: An investigation into the 'radicalisation' of young Muslims and cultural identity.

https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2019/05/omar-el-khairy-and-nadia-latif-homegrown/

### 34. BARBER SHOP CHRONICLES - Inua Ellams

Published: 2017



Productions: 2017 Publisher: Oberon Length: 105 mins

Cast: 30M

Synopsis: Men gathered in barber shops in Johannesburg, Harare, Kampala, Lagos, Accra and London over the course of a day, discussing the world.

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/nt-at-home-barber-shop-chronicles

https://www.barbershopchronicles.co.uk

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/sites/default/files/national-theatre-at-home-barber-shopchronicles-learning-resource.pdf

### 35. HALF GOD OF RAINFALL - Inua Ellams

Published: 2019



Productions: 2019

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Length: 90 mins Cast: 1M, 1W

Synopsis: There is something about Demi. When this boy is angry, rain clouds gather. When he cries, rivers burst their banks and the first time he takes a shot on a basketball court, the deities of the land take note. His mother, Modupe, looks on with a mixture of pride and worry. From close encounters, she knows Gods often act like men: the same fragile egos, the same unpredictable fury and the same sense of entitlement to the bodies of mortals. She will sacrifice everything to protect her son. Only the women in Demi's life, the mothers, daughters and Goddesses, will stand between him and a lightning bolt.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9wbhhl\_Oak https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6m\_KnJLshgU

# 36. THREE SISTERS - Inua Ellams

A LEVEL

Published: 2020 Productions: 2020 Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 170 mins Cast: 10F, 9M **Synopsis:** Set in 1960s Nigeria, three sisters mourn the loss of their father and long to return to Lagos. But like their country their lives are plunged into chaos as the Biafran Civil War encroaches.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tbR\_-V-Snc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yC8e0gBec8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMPs3FBmJ5g https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K0IVcJ3OdA

# 37. THE DEATH OF A BLACK MAN - Alfred Fagon

Published: 1975

Productions: 2021
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 125 mins
Cast: 1F, 2M

**Synopsis:** Two friends have a plan to crack the music business, but what will be sacrificed in their quest to be rich beyond their wildest dreams?

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zMIY9R5IYg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjqE2koJGP4

### 38. MIES JULIE - Yael Farber

A LEVEL

(ADAPTATION BASED ON AUGUST STRINDBERG'S MISS JULIE)

Published: 2012

Productions: 2012
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 3F, 1M

**Synopsis:** Strindberg's Miss Julie is transposed to farm in post-apartheid South Africa. The characters struggle to address issues of reprisal and the reality of what can and cannot ever be recovered.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.theguardian.com/culture/video/2012/aug/17/strindberg-mies-julie-edinbugh-festival https://www.shakespearetheatre.org/watch-listen/mies-julie-the-washington-post/

### 39. COMPACT FAILURE - Jennifer Farmer

A LEVEL

Published: 2004

Productions: 2004

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 6F, 1M (1F OR M)

**Synopsis:** Compact Failure explores the relationships between three women prisoners: Chelle, Ruthie and Maya. Old-timer Chelle is lonely. Maya is missing her children who don't know she's in prison. Ruthie, in her early twenties, is a breath of fresh air for Chelle, who thought she was done with friendship.

# 40. THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND - Marcus Gardley (ADAPTATION INSPIRED BY THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA)

Published: 2014

Productions: 2014
Productions: 2014
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins

**Synopsis:** New Orleans, 1836. Following an era of French colonial rule and relative racial acceptance, Beatrice, a free Black Woman, has become one of the wealthiest women through her relationship with a rich white man.

When her lover mysteriously dies, Beatrice imposes a 6 month period of mourning on her and her three daughters. As the summer heat intensifies, the foundations of freedom she has built for herself and their three unwed daughters begin to crumble. Society is changing, racial divides are growing and, as the members of the household turn on each other in their fight for survival, it could cost them everything.

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZFYJPYbwxl\ |\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OljDOpcDS7A$ 

# 41. A WOLF IN SNAKESKIN SHOES - Marcus Gardley

(ADAPTATION INSPIRED BY TARTUFF

A LEVE

Productions: 2015

Published: 2015

Publisher: Methuen Drama

Length: 80 mins Cast: 5F, 3M **Synopsis:** A fresh take on Moiliere's, Tartuff, set in a world of fast food tycoons and megachurches is a wicked comedy that rocks the foundations of trust, faith and redemption.

Given just days to live, multi-millionaire Archibald Organdy puts his faith in the flamboyant Archibshop Tardimus Toof, a prophet, preacher and part-time masseur who arrives in Atlanta from the deep, deep south. Toof promises to absolve Archibald's sins and heal his disease, but his family suspect there's more to this healer than faith, virtue and snakeskin shoes.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_QUTSFLTyio

http://the british black list. co.uk/adjoa- and oh- is-a-peach- in-tricycle-the atres-production- of-a-wolf- in-snakeskin-delication and the support of the production of th

shoes/Ja0

### 42. RACHEL - Angelina W. Grimke

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Published: 1920

Productions: 1916, 1917, 2014

Publisher: Oberon Length: 130 mins Cast: 4F, 3M, **Synopsis:** Rachel is a young, educated, middle-class woman. But she is born into an African-American family in the early 20th century – a world in which ignorance and violence prevail.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://finboroughtheatre.co.uk/production/rachel/

### 43. AT THE GATES OF GAZA - Juliet Gilkes Romero

Published: 2008

Productions: 2008

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 6M

**Synopsis:** A group of soldiers from the British West Indian regiment are stranded during WWI, fighting for an Empire that does not accept them as equals.

#### RESOURCE

https://www.julietgilkesromero.co.uk/portfolio/at-the-gates-of-gaza/

### 44. THE WHIP - Juliet Gilkes Romero

Published: 2019

GCSE

Productions: 2019 (Audio 2020)

Publisher: Oberon Length: 165 mins Cast: 4F, 6M **Synopsis:** Set at the dawn of social reform laws in England, The Whip examines the fight to pass the 1833 Slavery Abolition Act.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgQtNO7HHn8

https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-whip/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6UTui\_iwcs

### 45. NINE NIGHT - Natasha Gordon

Published: 2018

GCSE

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 105 mins Cast: 5F, 2M **Synopsis:** The traditional Jamaican Nine Night wake tests the family left behind to mourn and celebrate.

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#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/nine-night

Authors in Alphabetical Order: A-C D-F G-I J-L M-O P-S T-V W-Z

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Cast: 7F

### 46. THE EMPRESS - Tanika Gupta

GCSE

Published: 2013 Productions: 2013 Publisher: Oberon Length: 160 mins Cast: 8F, 10M **Synopsis:** Investigates the impact of Empire on its Indian subjects in England. The play explores the relationship between Queen Victoria, Abdul Karim her servant and Rani Das an Indian nanny.

#### **RESOURCES**

 $https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyXl-jUXPYs\ https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-empress$ 

## 47. A DOLL'S HOUSE - Tanika Gupta

(AN ADAPTATION

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 130 mins

Cast: 3F, 3M



Synopsis: Set in Calcutta, 1879, reimagined through the lens of British colonialism

#### **RESOURCES**

https://lyric.co.uk/education-packs/a-dolls-house/

### 48. RED DUST ROAD - Tanika Gupta

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon Length: 140 mins

Cast: 11F, 5M

GCSE / A LEVEL

**Synopsis:** Stage adaptation of Jackie Kaye's memoir; the journey of a dual heritage child adopted by a Communist couple in 1970s Scotland

#### RESOURCES

http://www.tanikagupta.com/red-dust-road/

http://www.tanikagupta.com

### 49. THE CONVERT - Danai Gurira

Published: 2012

Productions: 2012, 2017, 2019

Publisher: Oberon Length: 145 mins Cast: 3F, 4M Synopsis: It's 1896 in Rhodesia and Jekesai has been given her new, catholic name. Chilford, the only black Roman Catholic in the region, has decided she'll now be known as Ester, wear European clothing and speak only English. She's torn away from everything that she knows by Chilford, who earnestly believes the promises of the white man.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youngvic.org/blog/danai-gurira-kwame-kwei-armah-conversation-the-convert

### 50. CHILDREN OF KILLERS - Katori Hall

Published: 2011

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2011, 2012

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 3F, 4M + Chorus

**Synopsis:** Young friends await the arrival of fathers they have never met. Hutu men, who years earlier, were driven to perpetrate the Tutsi genocide.

#### RESOURCES

https://vimeo.com/56159820



### 51. IS GOD IS - Aleshea Harris

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018, 2021, 2022

Publisher: Concord (Samuel French)

Length: 100 mins Cast: 4F, 4M

Synopsis: Twins and burns victims Racine and Anina, visit their mother (She/God) who they thought was dead. She sends them on a mission to kill their father who set her on fire and is the reason the twins are burnt. This epic takes its cues from ancient, modern, tragic, spaghetti western, hip-hop and Afropunk.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.theintervalny.com/interviews/2018/03/aleshea-harris-on-is-god-is/ https://wilmatheater.org/blog/a-conversation-with-is-god-is-playwright-aleshea-harris/

### 52. A RAISIN IN THE SUN - Lorraine Hansberry

Published: 1959

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 1959, 1960, 1973, 2004,

2010, 2014, 2017

Publisher: New York Vintage Books

Length: 70 mins Cast: 3F, 5M

Synopsis: A story about an African American family's experiences in South Chicago as they try to improve their circumstances with an insurance payout from the death of their father.

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/a-raisin-in-the-sun-revision-pack-11917431

https://teachnovels.com/a-raisin-in-the-sun-activities/

https://www.lhlt.org

### 53. LES BLANCS - Lorraine Hansberry

Published: 1960

Productions: 1970, 2001 and 2016

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 160 mins Cast: 3F, 7M,

Synopsis: Investigation of the notions of identity and ownership in a fictional 1960s sub-Saharan country, exposing the legacy of colonialism.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/les-blancs

### 54. JAMAICA BOY - Stephen Hoo

Published: 2018

**Productions: 2018** 

Publisher: Aurora Metro Books

Length: 75 mins Cast: 2F, 7M

Synopsis: Highlights the migratory history of the Chinese diaspora through the Caribbean to the UK. Set in 1960s Jamaica and present-day London exploring racial tensions and connections.

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfYNhOMlypk

# 55. YELLOW FACE - David Henry Hwang

Published: 2007 **Productions: 2013** 

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 110 mins

Cast: 2F, 5M

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Synopsis: A mock documentary exploring Asian identity and white media portrayal and politics.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2014/may/12/david-henry-hwang-miss-saigon-yellow-face-

racial-casting

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdOvAP5QITU

### 56. MULATTO - Langston Hughes

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Published: 1931

Productions: 1935, 1936, 2015

Publisher: Indiana Length: 60 mins Cast: 2F, 10M

Synopsis: Set in the deep south a young man struggles with his identity - the son of a Black servant and the white master - the plantation cannot be home unless he is recognised for who he truly is, the master's son.

#### RESOURCES

https://study.com/academy/lesson/mulatto-by-langston-hughes-poem-analysis html https://www.gradesaver.com/langston-hughes-poems/study-quide/summary-mulatto

### 57. BLOOD - Emteaz Hussain

A LEVEL

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015

Publisher: Methuen Drama

Length: 80 mins Cast: 1F, 1M

Synopsis: A contemporary urban love story set in the Midlands in a Pakistani community. The play follows Sully and Caneze as they navigate the ferocity of young love against a backdrop of family loyalties and expectation, an exploration of identity and hope for the future.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.bhucharboulevard.com/blood

### 58. SPUN - Rabiah Hussain

Published: 2018

**Productions: 2018** 

**Publisher:** Concord Theatricals

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 2

Synopsis: Seen through the eyes of two British Pakistani Muslim girls from East London, the play unravels the makings of a friendship, micro-aggressions in the city, and the challenge of keeping rooted through unstable times.

### RESOURCES

https://www.arcolatheatre.com/rabiah-hussain-why-i-wrote-spun/

### 59. TWO PALESTINIANS GO DOGGING - Sami Ibrahim

Published: 2019

Productions: 2021 Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 80 mins Cast: 3F, 4M

Synopsis: Is this a story about the Arab-Israeli conflict or is this a story about family?

#### RESOURCES

https://www.writeaplay.co.uk/meet-the-shortlist-sami-ibrahim/

### 60. LITTLE MISS BURDEN - Matildia Ibini

Published: 2019

GCSE

A LEVEL

Productions: 2019

**Publisher:** Concord Theatricals

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 3

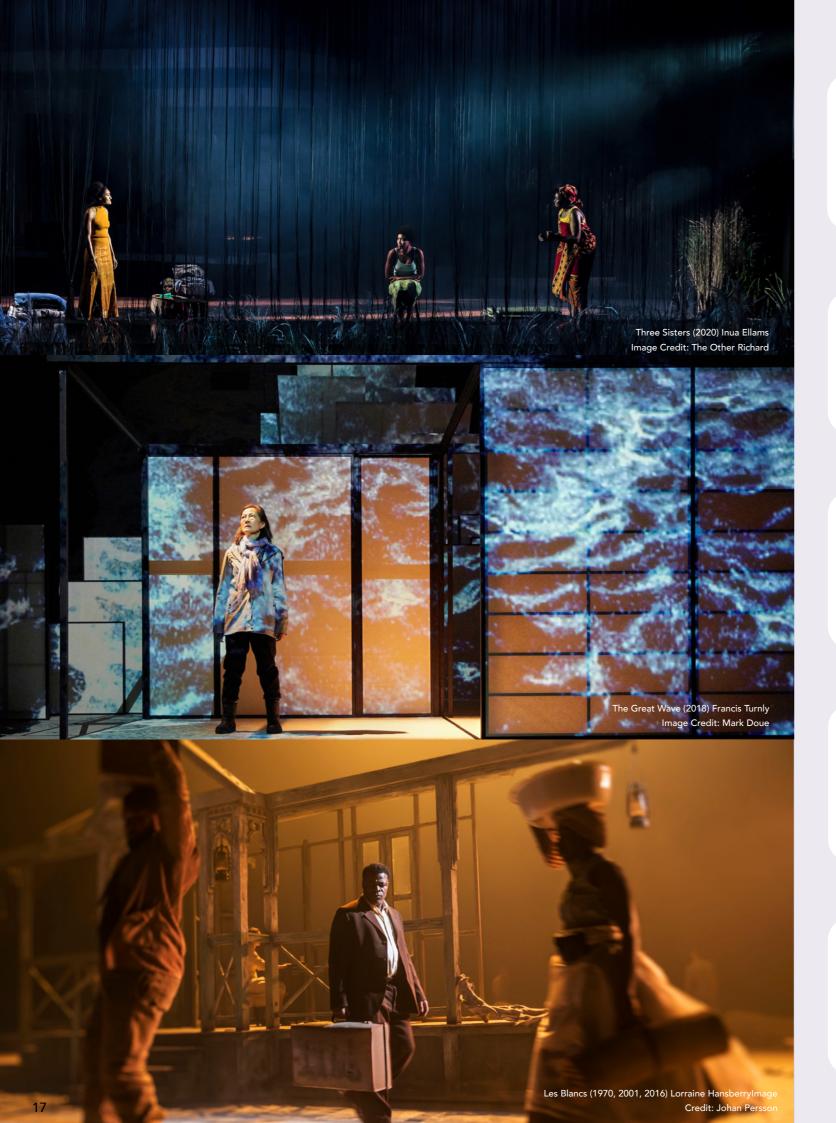
Synopsis: A coming-of-age play smashing together 90s nostalgia, Nigerian family, East London and Sailor Moon to tell the story of growing up with a physical impairment

### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfJla\_ktJug https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBKtHiQ30aw

https://www.breakingcharacter.com/home/matilda-ibini-qanda

W - Z Authors in Alphabetical Order: A - C J - L



### 61. GIRLS - Theresa Ikoko

Published: 2016

Productions: 2016 Publisher: Methuen Length: 90 mins

Cast: 3F

Synopsis: Tisana, Ruhab and Haleema are three normal teenage girls who have been best friends forever. But when they are kidnapped from their hometown, each must find their own way to survive.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNexqe3fnUw

http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/award-winning-playwright-theresa-ikoko-talks-about-new-play-

### 62. AN OCTOROON - Brandon Jacob Jenkins

Published: 2014

A LEVEL

Productions: 2014, 2017, 2018

Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 140 mins Cast: 5F, 10M,

Synopsis: Set on a plantation: presents the complexities of identity and discrimination and deconstructs racial stereotypes

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsmhrxOV9wU

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/octoroon-interview-branden-jacobs-jenkins-playwright

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psqmqqvlCS8

### 63. APPROPRIATE - Brandon Jacob Jenkins

Published: 2014, 2019

Productions: 2014, 2019 Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 125 mins Cast: 4F, 5M

Synopsis: The Lafayette family gather at their late father's home in Arkansas to bury the hatchet and prepare the former plantation for its Estate Sale. Until, that is, they make a discovery which changes everything.

Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' Appropriate is a gripping play about ghosts and the legacies we are left with, and a wickedly subversive appropriation of the great American family drama.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxz6IChI8Ec

### 64. CUTTIN' IT - Charlene James

Published: 2016



**Productions: 2016, 2020** Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 80 mins Cast: 2F

Synopsis: Two Somalian girls are brought together by a traumatic rite of passage.

https://d19lfjg8hluhfw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/27115720/Cuttin-it-

Resource-Pack-2018-v4.pdf

# 65. STRAIGHT WHITE MEN - Young Jean Lee

Published: 2020

A LEVEL

Productions: 2014

Publisher: Nick Hern (duo with Untitled

Feminist Show) Length: 190 mins

Cast: 5/6

Synopsis: Metatheatrical commentary on masculinity and identity in contemporary America.

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdQibq7gY6o https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kv03aGMS2E4

Authors in Alphabetical Order: A - C

### 66. MOON ON A RAINBOW SHAWL - Errol John

Published: 1958

Productions: 1962, 1986, 1988 & 2012

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 130 mins Cast: 4F, 9M

Synopsis: Post-war Trinidad - in a confined backyard each character struggles to find their life by clinging to what little they have or following their dream

#### RESOURCES

https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/migration-stories-in-errol-johns-moon-on-a-

https://www.bl.u no k/works/moon-on-a-rainbow-shawl

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/sites/default/files/moon\_background\_pack.pdf

### 67. DAHLIA AND ALI - Tariq Jordan

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 90 mins Cast: 1F, 2M

Synopsis: Accused of rioting, Ali awaits his fate in an Israeli interrogation room. But when an old lover steps in to defend him, the two are forced to confront their past; finding themselves torn between bitter loyalties.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=801026840253674

https://www.thenationalnews.com/arts-culture/on-stage/experience-of-ethnic-profiling-in-israelinspired-actor-to-write-new-london-play-1.840937

### 68. J'OUVERT - Yasmin Joseph

A LEVEL

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2019

**Productions: 2021** Publisher: Oberon Length: 95 mins

Cast: 3F

Synopsis: Three girls celebrate and grapple with their presence at the Carnival and in society to discover the true meaning of resistance and joy.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2021/apr/27/i-wanted-to-capture-the-joy-jouvert-writeryasmin-joseph-on-bringing-europes-biggest-carnival-to-the-stage

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq8ver96NMc

### 69. SANCHO: AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - Paterson Joseph

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2011, 2020, 2021

Publisher: Oberon Length: 70 mins Cast: 1M

Published: 2011

Synopsis: An historical monologue of the life of C. Ignatius Sancho – artist, entrepreneur and the first black British person to vote in 1774

#### RESOURCES

https://www.bl.uk/restoration-18th-century-literature/articles/preface-to-sancho-an-act-ofremembrance

# 70. GUARDS AT THE TAJ - Rajiv Joseph

Published: 2015

GCSE **Productions: 2015, 2017** 

Publisher: Oberon Length: 85 mins

Cast: 2M

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Synopsis: 1648 and the Taj Mahal is almost complete. An exploration of art, privilege and duty

#### RESOURCES

https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/GATT-Education-Pack-2017-Low.

https://atlantictheater.org/production/guards-at-the-taj/

### 71. BEHZTI - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

A LEVEL

Productions: 2010 Publisher: Oberon Length: 140 mins Cast: 4F, 3M

Published: 2004

Synopsis: A mother and daughter's illusions are shattered when they head to the local Sikh Temple, as they're immersed in a world of desperate aspiration and dangerous deals.

### 72. DISHOOM - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Productions: 2018 Publisher: Oberon Length: 120 mins Cast: 4F, 7M

Published: TBC

Synopsis: Simon's Bibi is ashamed of him, his father hides in the pub and the National Front are on the streets. Inspired by his cousin and Bollywood classic, Sholay, Simon finds friendship and the courage to change the world.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdpecZzovV0&t=1shttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDRot9-R7ZA https://www.rifcotheatre.com/shows/dishoom

### 73. ELEPHANT - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: 2018 Productions: 2018 Publisher: Oberon Length: 80 mins Cast: 3F, 2M

Synopsis: Vira, a CSA survivor has been doing what she can to get by -She's lived away from the family for years - it's too painful to be around them as the truth about what happened to her when she was a child is buried deep and denied by the family

At first it's a relief to be in the heart of the family again - she quickly reforms her bond with Amy and Bill and Barry seems to be forever helping out at the gurdwara...But when Vira faced with his abusing behaviours again, she can stay silent no more and her righteous rage finally brings the flimsy walls of a house built on lies and self- deceit, crashing down

#### RESOURCES

https://youtu.be/w8zusidUmnU

### 74. A KIND OF PEOPLE - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020 Publisher: Oberon Length: 105 mins Cast: 3M, 4F,

Synopsis: Workplace and family drama exploring the complexities of racial identity.

https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/akindofpeople/

### 75. GOOD DOG - Arinze Kene

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2017

Productions: 2019 Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 120 mins

Cast: 1M

Synopsis: If you're good then good things happen, don't they? A young boy begins to understand the complexities of the world and his place in it.

### **RESOURCES**

#### Good Dog

https://tiatafahodzi.com/good-dog-interview-with-arinze-kene/

https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/bushgreen/arinze-kenes-misty-preface-whats-a-black-play/

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### 76. LITTLE BABY JESUS - Arinze Kene

Published: 2011 Productions: 2011 Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 120 mins Cast: 1F, 2M

Synopsis: Three interconnected monologies about fitting in, making mistakes and healing.

RESOURCES

Little Baby Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndlP4cNBew8

### 77. MISTY - Arinze Kene

Published: 2018 **Productions: 2018** Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 100 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M + Musicians

Synopsis: An epic journey - exploring London's changing cultural and urban landscapes - that also interrogates the notion of a Black play.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMhRVHlrtM8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY1qwTF3j1Q https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dj01J2eg81Y https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIntKumh26Y

### 78. 10 NIGHTS - Shahid Iqbal Khan

Published: 2021

Productions: 2021

**Publisher:** 

Length: 60 mins Cast: 1M

Synopsis: When Yasser decides to take part in itikaf, sleeping and fasting in the mosque for the last ten nights of Ramadan, he soon regrets his decision. But as he navigates smug worshippers, shared bathrooms, and recurring thoughts of chunky chips, Yasser's isolation forces him to confront a side of himself he's been trying to keep hidden.

# 79. WHITE PEARL - Anchuli Felicia King

Published: 2019

**Productions: 2019** 

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 85 mins Cast: 6F, 1M

Published: 2003

**Productions: 2003** 

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 1F, 5M

Synopsis: Set in present day Singapore, a leading cosmetics brand is about to lose its reputation. A racist joke, adveristing a face cream, accidently goes viral.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwQc6TaAoiE

### 80. ELMINA'S KITCHEN - Kwame Kwei-Armah

Synopsis: Exposes the problems which perpetuate the inescapable cycle of violence in black communities

#### RESOURCES

 $\textbf{Kwame Kwei-Armah} \ \ \text{- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rt9RNkgc0vk}$ 

https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/featured-content/essays/lynette-goddard-rennaisance-black-british-british-bri

Elmina's Kitchen - https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/kwame-kwei-armah-on-elmina-s-kitchen-national-

theatre/9AGfTZP3j6fnxQ?hl=en https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/whats-on/elminas-kitchen.html

Programme - http://d1wf8hd6ovssje.cloudfront.net/documents/elminas\_tour\_pack.pdf



### 81. FIX UP - Kwame Kwei-Armah

Published: 2004

Publisher: Methuen

Productions: 2004, 2019

GCSE

Synopsis: Explores the responsibility of heritage and money in relation to identity and power

**RESOURCES** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgObpi9-oLo

Length: 120 mins Cast: 2F, 3M

### 82. SUPERHOE - Nicôle Lecky

Published: 2019

**Productions: 2019** Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 70 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: A young woman wanting to make her first EP gets lured into sex work through her social media accounts.

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrFsFGtM-C4

https://theartsdesk.com/brighton-festival/10-questions-actress-and-playwright-nic%C3%B4le-

lecky

### 83. #HASHTAG LIGHTIE - Lynette Linton

Published: 2017

**Productions: 2017** 

**Publisher:** Team Angelica Publishing

Length: 75 mins Cast: 3F, 3M,

Synopsis: The show is a heart-warming and hilarious exploration of the conflicting ideas of what it means to be mixed race in Britain today.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mV9lq6J2Vk

https://gal-dem.com/in-conversation-with-lynette-linton-writer-of/

http://www.arcolatheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Hashtag-Lightie-Education-Pack.pdf

### 84. SEVEN METHODS OF KILLING KYLIE JENNER - Jasmine Lee-Jones

A LEVEL Published: 2019

**Productions: 2019** Publisher: Oberon Length: 80 mins

Cast: 2F

Synopsis: How identity and beliefs are manipulated by and through social media

### RESOURCES

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p082bvvy/player

### 85. TEENAGE DICK - Mike Lew

(A SMASHED UP RETELLING OF RICHARD III)

Published: 2019

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2019, 2021 Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 120 mins (Full text) 90 mins

(Schools adaptation)

Cast: 4F, 2M

Synopsis: A darkly comic, smashed-up retelling of Richard III, Shakespeare's classic tale about the lust for power. Teenage Dick reimagines the most famous disabled character of all time as a high-school outsider in junior year: the deepest winter of his discontent.

https://www.creativedrama.com/2019/12/09/teenage-dick-by-mike-lew-play-overview/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4WxTKBxfEU

### 86. A HISTORY OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE EAST - Sabrina Mahfouz

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2019 **Publisher:** Bloomsbury Length: 65 mins

Published: 2019

Cast: 2F, 2M

Synopsis: A journey across 12 countries through British Imperialism

#### RESOURCES

https://d19lfjg8hluhfw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/18105713/AHOWITME-

PACK.pdf

### 87. CHEF - Sabrina Mahfouz

GCSE / A LEVEL

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Published: 2015

Length: 60 mins

Productions: 2014, 2015 Publisher: Bloomsbury

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Inspired by interviews with ex-inmates, follow a life and food journey that exposes how violence traps and passion can provide escape

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBdjL8sKyPI

### 88. NOUGHTS AND CROSSES - Sabrina Mahfouz

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019 Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 120 mins

Cast: 4F, 4M

Synopsis: Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's exploration of a segregated society

https://www.stratfordeast.com/media/66696/noughts-and-crosses-education-pack.pdf?\_ ga=2.125382925.681434020.1609713136-1982508103.1609713136

### 89. THE DJINNS OF EIDGAH - Abhishek Majumdar

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2013, 2018

Publisher: Oberon Length: 120 mins Cast: 2F, 8M

Published: 2013

Synopsis: Ashrafi and Bilal are orphaned siblings stranded and defined by the troubles in Kashmir. 18 year old Bilal is the pride of the region, part of a teenage football team set for great heights, and pushed to the limits by the violence around them. Haunted by hope, his sister is caught in the past, and Bilal is torn between escaping the myths of war and the cycles of resistance

Interweaving true stories and testimonies with Islamic storytelling, the play paints a magical portrait of a generation of radicalised kids, and a beautiful landscape lost to conflict.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2enlC4gdLAI

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# 90. PLAY MAS - Mustapha Matura

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 1974 Productions: 1974, 2015

Publisher: Bloomsbury Length: 120 mins Cast: 5F, 9M

Synopsis: 1950s Port of Spain. Samuel, a young tailor's assistant, dreams of Trinidad's

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On the eve of carnival everyone fills the streets, dressed up to play mas. This annual celebration turns to tragedy and spurs Samuel on to make a decision that will change the political landscape of the future of this vibrant, volatile island.

### RESOURCES

https://theartsdesk.com/theatre/play-mas-orange-tree-theatre

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https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/explore/playwrights/matura-mustapha

D - F Authors in Alphabetical Order: A - C



### 91. HALF BREED - Natasha Marshall

Published: 2017

GCSE

Productions: 2017

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Semi-autobiographical dark comedy about finding your voice.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.newstatesman.com/culture/music-theatre/2018/04/natasha-marshall-half-breed-it-gets-difficult-reminding-people-you-re

### 92. BLACKTA - Nathanial Martello-White

Published: 2018

Productions: 2012

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 8M

Synopsis: A Meta-theatrical exploration of male identity in the African diaspora.

#### **RESOURCES**

 $https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-20068465\\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAeYvb1ECg8$ 

### 93. TORN - Nathanial Martello-White

Published: 2016

Productions: 2016

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 100 mins

Cast: 5F, 3M,

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**Synopsis:** Generations of secrets have broken the Brook family. Siblings split-up, traded-off, treated differently. Angel, the youngest, has called a family meeting to sift through the wreckage. And she's not leaving until they've confronted the truth about how and why her family failed her.

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\_c7DT3WMJM

# 94. CHOIR BOY - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2012

GCSE / A LEVEL

**Productions:** 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 95 mins Cast: 7M **Synopsis:** Set in an American all black, all boys prep school. Determined to make his mark like those before him Pharus is hell bent on being the best choir leader in the school's 50 year history. But in a world built on rites and rituals, how will he conform to expectations and gain the respect he desperately needs?

#### RESOURCES

https://choirboybroadway.com/

### 95. IN THE RED AND BROWN WATER - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2008

A LEVE

Productions: 2008

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 80 mins Cast: 6F, 6M

**Synopsis:** Can a girl hold onto her dream when her family responsibilities expose her to other paths?

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.youngvic.org/blog/tbt-tarell-alvin-mccraney-the-young-vic \\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCZBaBpbIYo-staging$ 

# 96. THE BROTHERS SIZE - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2007

**Productions: 2018** 

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 90 mins Cast: 3M

Synopsis: An exploration of the bond between brothers, reunited through Yoruba mythology and music

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9L87ipehT6A

### 97. YVETTE - Urielle Klein Mekongo

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018 - 2019

Publisher: Oberon Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: In a performance that is equal parts hilarious and powerfully moving, the awardwinning Urielle Klein-Mekongo mixes spoken-word, garage remixes and vibrant original songs to tell the story of a young girl navigating her teens.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zO88DlkN120

https://shoreditchtownhall.com/arts/qa-yvettes-urielle-klein-mekongo.html

### 98. I SEE YOU - Mongiwekhaya

Published: 2016

GCSE / A LEVEL

**Productions: 2016** Publisher: Methuen Length: 80 mins

Cast: 3F, 5M

Synopsis: Post-Apartheid South Africa, after dark.

Ben meets Skinn for a night out. But the party is interrupted by the police. Ben, a young student who doesn't know his own history, is accused of a crime he didn't commit. And Officer Buthelezi, a former freedom fighter, can't let it go.

### **RESOURCES**

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/mongiwekhaya-interview-i-see-you-royalcourt\_39860.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MW4IYdNfds

### 99. ZHE: (NOUN) UNDEFINED - Chuck Mike, Antonia Kemi Coker and Tonderai Munyevu

Published: 2013

Productions: 2013 Publisher: Oberon Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M

Synopsis: The unfolding of two stories exploring the intersection of culture, migration, gender and sexuality for two British Africans.

Synopsis: Former soldier Grace joins a community group on her return to the UK. As the group

starts taking action Grace is forced to question her beliefs and finds herself back on the front

#### RESOURCES

line, but who is she fighting?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttJZwI4T\_Z4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlcWDck3nJq

https://www.mixcloud.com/RadioCardiff/stage2/

### 100. HEROINE - Nessah Muthy

A LEVEL

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Published: 2017

**Productions: 2017** 

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 5F

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### 101. LIBERIAN GIRL - Diana Nneka Atuona

Published: 2015 **Productions: 2015**  A LEVEL

Publisher: Methuen Length: 95 mins Cast: 5M, 4F

Synopsis: Set during the early years of the first Liberian Civil War telling the story of 14 year old Martha who flees her village as the army invades. After becoming seperated from her grandmother, Martha finds herself forced to join the rebels' unit.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2PrmpOgqOc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSNMFVxVtUw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lyB3nWuPzw

### 102. SWEAT - Lynn Nottage

GCSE / A LEVEL Published: 2018

Productions: 2015, 2018, 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 150 mins Cast: 3F, 6M

Synopsis: In one of the poorest cities in America - Reading, Pennsylvania - a group of factory workers struggle to keep their present lives in balance, ignorant of the financial devastation looming in their near future

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUjGbzmVqOs&ab\_channel=DonmarWarehouse

### 103. PASS OVER - Antoinette Nwandu

A LEVEL Published: 2017

Productions: 2017, 2020 Publisher: Black Cat Length: 75 mins

Synopsis: Moses and Kitch stand around on the corner--talking, passing the time, and hoping that maybe today will be different. As they dream of their promised land, a stranger wanders into their space with his own agenda and derails their plans.

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n-TE43BJYI&feature=youtu.be

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XW\_FHrzzq\_c

https://www.standard.co.uk/culture/theatre/paapa-essiedu-interview-pass-over-kiln-theatre-a 4360001.html

# 104. THE PRINCESS AND THE HUSTLER - Chinonyerem Odimba

Published: 2019

Cast: 3M.

GCSE

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 120 mins Cast: 5F, 2M

Synopsis: 10 year old Princess wants to win the Western-Super-Mare Beauty contest. But Princess will find out what it means to be black and beautiful in 1963.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS2WgUZ7uls&feature=youtu.be https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhnkdvoWx2s

### 105. THE SWEETNESS OF A STING - Chinonyerem Odimba

Published: 2017

Productions: 2018 Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 6F, 3M + 23 either

Synopsis: Inspired by West African Fables – Badger's parents want to move back to their home

### RESOURCES

run away.

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/file/connections-playwrights-2018-chinonyerem-odimba

country. Badger doesn't want to leave his friends and live in a strange place, so he attempts to

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### 106. THE GIFT - Janice Okoh

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 120 mins Cast: 7F, 2M

Synopsis: A day in the life of Sarah, a young black girl adopted by Queen Victoria. And present day Sarah, a middle-class black British woman. Both Sarah's take tea with the Queen.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-rqhqi-cf4c9e https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-3tpyp-cba9e4

 $https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-99w5y-e35ca46?utm\_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share\_ep\&utm_campaign=w\_share_e$ medium=dlink&utm\_source=w\_share

### 107. THREE BIRDS - Janice Okoh

Published: 2013 **Productions: 2013** 

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 3F, 2M

Synopsis: Siblings Tiana, Tionne and Tanika have found themselves home alone. Tiana's keeping it all together by taking charge of housework and homework.

But Tionne's experiments are getting stranger and Tanika's starting to act up. As the outside world begins to press in, the three will do anything to keep their secret safe from the adults who come to call.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlyYBZmWQ5Q

https://nickhernbooksblog.com/2013/02/25/janice-okoh-three-birds-in-rehearsal-the-evolution-of-a-

### 108. FATHER COMES HOME FROM THE WARS (PARTS 1,2 & 3) - Suzan Lori - Parks

Published: 2014

**Productions: 2014. 2016** Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 180 mins Cast: 11M 3F

Synopsis: West Texas, 1862. Hero, a slave, is promised his freedom if he joins his master in the ranks of the Confederacy against the Union. In a nation at war with itself, he must work against those striving to abolish slavery. The family he leaves behind debates whether to escape or await his return.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0I5EyzScHc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6O3NC50a8U

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/sep/21/suzan-lori-parks-interview-royal-court-father-comes-homefrom-the-wars-obama

### 109. TOPDOG/UNDERDOG - Suzan Lori - Parks

Published: 2001

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011,

2012

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 2M

Synopsis: Tells the story of two brothers, Lincoln and Booth. Their names, given to them as a joke, foretell a lifetime of sibling rivalry and resentment. Haunted by the past and their obsession with the street con Three Card Monte, the brothers are forced to confront the shattering reality of their future.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfXsYHDIYFM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLrDn2NdLe4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsH5BHBzy0M https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E

### 110. AN ADVENTURE - Vinay Patel

Published: 2018

**Productions: 2018** Publisher: Methuen Length: 150 mins

Cast: 3F, 3M

Synopsis: An Adventure follows headstrong Jyoti and her fumbling suitor Rasik as they ride the crest of the fall of the Empire from the shores of post-Partition India to the forests of Mau Mau Kenya onto the industrial upheaval of 1970s London and the present day.

https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/bushgreen/meet-the-cast-an-adventure-by-vinay-patel/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\_7sjMRXeYI https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nkvgxr2Nufg





### 111. LEAVE TAKING - Winsome Pinnock

Published: 1988

**Productions:** 1994 & 2018 Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 120 mins Cast: 4F, 1M

Synopsis: Explores the relationship between and identities of two distinct generations. Jamaican born parents and first-generation English children facing the same and very different obstacles to belonging.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XK72Ta7OQU https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8BTg1vaXal https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxfWSUMvSG4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jfvf QIEMn0

### 112. MULES - Winsome Pinnock

Published: 1996

**Productions: 1996** 

Publisher: Faber & Faber

Length: 90 mins Cast: 2F, 1M,

Synopsis: In a luxury hotel room, three young women are panicking. They are high-class "mules" (or drugs couriers) and one of their colleagues has absconded with the stash. If they don't make good on a delivery in Amsterdam that day then they're done for.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/explore/productions/mules

https://royalcourttheatre.com/podcast/s4-ep5-winsome-pinnock-talks-to-simon-stephens/

### 113. ROCKETS AND BLUE LIGHTS - Winsome Pinnock

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Published: 2018, 2020 Productions: 2020, 2021

Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 140 mins

Cast: 8F, 14M doubling used

Synopsis: Set in the present and the past - An actor faces Britain's history of slavery, while in Victorian Britain a ship carries a black sailor on his final journey and J.M.W. Turner through memory to inspiration.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8BTg1vaXal https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k1kj

https://www.royalexchange.co.uk/1571-rockets-and-blue-lights-programme/file

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIGABm9crzk&t=1s

# 114. ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI - Kemp Powers

Published: 2013

Productions: 2016 Publisher: Oberon Length: 90 mins

Cast: 6M

Synopsis: While the Civil Rights movement stirs outside, four American icons (Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown) meet in a hotel

http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/kwame-kwei-armah-talks-one-night-miami-2/

### 115. THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR - Iman Qureshi

Published: 2018

GCSE / A LEVEL

A LEVEL

**Productions: 2018, 2019** Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 90 mins Cast: 2F, 2M

Synopsis: Life as the director of a Muslim funeral parlour isn't always easy, but Ayesha has things pretty sorted. She and Zeyd share everything: a marriage, a business, a future. Until Tom walks in to organise his boyfriend's funeral. A snap moral decision, informed by the values of Ayesha's community and faith, has profound consequences

Forced to confront a secret she has hidden even from herself, Ayesha must decide who she is - no matter the

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeF7VNvP.JcQ

https://www.theatrefullstop.com/2018/10/31/papatango-prize-winner-iman-qureshi-talks-about-the-premiereof-the-funeral-director-to-show-at-southwark-playhouse/

### 116. DIARY OF A HOUNSLOW GIRL - Ambreen Razia

Published: 2016

Productions: 2015, 2016

Publisher: Aurora Metro Books

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: The story of a modern Asian young woman trying to straddle Western attitudes and traditional beliefs.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/oct/08/ambreen-razia-diary-of-a-hounslow-girl

### 117. FALL OF THE KINGDOM RISE OF THE FOOT SOLDIER - Somalia Seaton

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2016 Productions: 2016

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 120 mins Cast: 2F. 3M. 3 F or M Synopsis: A racially-motivated attack on a student forces her teacher to confront the uncomfortable truth lurking beneath the community.

#### RESOURCES

http://www.afridiziak.com/interviews/somalia-seaton/

### 118. BIG GUNS - Nina Segal

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017 Publisher: Oberon

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 2

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A two hander about fear, violence and the internet in which multiple narratives are summoned to combat the threat of an invisible gunman.

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/rising-star-nina-segal-big-guns\_43158.html

# 119. IN THE NIGHT TIME (BEFORE THE SUN RISES) - Nina Segal

Published: 2016

A LEVEL

Productions: 2016 Publisher: Oberon Length: 50 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M

Synopsis: Two parents being kept awake at night by their baby tell stories about the darkness of the world outside

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieQt\_YFsql4

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/feb/09/in-the-night-time-before-the-sun-rises-reviewterrors-parenthood-nina-segal

# FOR COLOURED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE / when the rainbow is enough - ntozake shange

Published: 1974

Productions: 1974 - 1977, 2019

**Publisher: SCRIBNER** Length: 90 mins

Cast: 7F

Synopsis: A series of 20 separate poems choreographed to music that weave interconnected stories of love, empowerment, struggle and loss into a complex representation of sisterhood. The cast consists of seven nameless African-American women only identified by the colors they are assigned. They are the lady in red, lady in orange, lady in yellow, lady in green, lady in blue, lady in brown, and lady in purple. Subjects from rape, abandonment, abortion and domestic violence are tackled.

#### **RESOURCES**

http://www.bookrags.com/lessonplan/coloredgirlssuicide/#gsc.tab=0

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSUCLS\_9INY

G - I

https://www.scribd.com/book/385752594/A-Study-Guide-for-Ntozake-Shange-s-for-coloredgirls-who-have-considered-suicide-when-the-rainbow-is-enuf

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### 121. THE ARRIVAL - Bijan Sheibani

GCSE / A LEVEL Published: 2020

Productions: 2019 - 2020 Publisher: Nick Hern

Cast: 2M

Length: 70 mins

Synopsis: Two brothers, one adopted and the other brought up by their genetic parents, test the notions of family bonds and identity

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49FEQrbBbEw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSOB6r6r\_lo

### 122. FAIRVIEW - Jackie Sibblies Drury

Published: 2018 Productions: 2019 Publisher: Oberon Length: 90 mins Cast: 5F, 3M

Synopsis: It's Grandma's birthday and the Frasier family have gathered to celebrate. Beverly just wants everything to run smoothly, but Tyrone has missed his flight, Keisha is freaking out about college and Grandma has locked herself in the bathroom.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youngvic.org/index.php/taking-part/inside-guides/inside-fairview https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4EZT3rB1tY

# 123. WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT... - Jackie Sibblies Drury

Published: 2012

Productions: 2012 **Publisher:** Bloomsbury

Length: 100 mins Cast: 2F, 4M,

Synopsis: A group of actors gather to tell the little-known story of the first genocide of the 20th Century. As the full force of a horrific past crashes into the good intentions of the present, what seemed a far away place and time is suddenly all too close to home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3efeYvcIA0&list=UUKfFf3JpR5ZdqvcKlcGyKAwhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psqmqqvlCS8

### 124. GHETTO - Joshua Sobol

Published: 1984

Productions: 1989, 2019 Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 80 mins Cast: 11F, 25M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Based on diaries from the holocaust and set in a Jewish Ghetto in Lithuania.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K97yKPhy3Ow https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEC5M0cLYQw&feature=youtu.be

### 125. AND BREATHE... - Yomi Sode

Published: 2022

Productions: 2021

Publisher: Penguin Books (as part of Poetry Collection MANORISM)

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Centring on the loss of a beloved matriarch, and breathe... explores family relationships, bonding and culture. This deeply personal and poetic play tackles the unspoken, between what we leave unsaid to protect each other and how we internalise the world.

https://almeida.co.uk/and-breathe-an-introduction-by-yomi-sode https://almeida.co.uk/yomi-ode-on-writing-and-breathe https://almeida.co.uk/inside-rehearsals-and-breathe

# 126. DEATH AND THE KING'S HORSEMAN - Wole Soyinka

Published: 1975

A LEVEL

Productions: 1975, 1976, 1987, 1990,

2008, 2009

Publisher: Methuen Length: 120 mins

Cast: 8M, 2F and non gender specific

ensemble

**Synopsis:** Elesin Oba, the Kings Horseman, has a single destiny. When the king dies, he must commit ritual suicide and lead his King's favourite horse and dog through the transitional gulf, the passage between the world of the living and that of the ancestors, to ensure continued harmony between the worlds. A British Colonial Officer, Pilkings, intervenes and disrupts this traditional ritual.

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZXo3StCwMc\&ab\_channel=ChannelsTelevision \\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISXg6Pml-wQ\&ab\_channel=Critic.Reading.$ 

WritingwithAtoQUAYSON

### 127. FIREWORKS - Dalia Taha

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2015 Productions: 2015 Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 70 mins Cast: 3F, 3M **Synopsis:** In a Palestinian town, eleven year-old Lubna and twelve year-old Khalil are playing on the empty stairwell in their apartment block. As the siege intensifies outside, fear for their safety becomes as crippling as the conflict itself.

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4oYl0RrlBA

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2015/feb/22/dalia-taha-fireworks-interview http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/richard-twyman-dalia-tahas-fireworks/

### 128. BLACK MEN WALKING - Testament

Published: 2018

ublished. 2010

**Productions: 2018, 2019** 

Publisher: Oberon Length: 80 mins

Cast: 1F, 3M

**Synopsis:** Thomas, Matthew and Richard walk. They walk the first Saturday of every month. Walking and talking. But this walk...maybe they should have cancelled, but they needed the walk today. Out in the Peaks, they find themselves forced to walk backwards through two thousand years before they can move forwards.

### **RESOURCES**

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/jan/23/black-men-walking-royal-exchange-manchester-testament https://medium.com/@hlmmarks1/interview-with-playwright-and-beatboxer-testament-on-black-men-walking-the-craft-of-playwriting-5a7c6bfa8a1a

### 129. ORPHEUS IN THE RECORD SHOP - Testament

Published: 2021

GCSE

Productions: 2021

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 40 mins

Cast: 4F, 3M, 2 Gender non-specific

**Synopsis:** Sorpheus is the owner of a struggling independent record shop in Leeds, fighting to keep his shop afloat. Peppered with music and mythology, the play follows Orpheus through a journey of self-discovery as he realises the value of letting go, looking forward and finding the joy in music.

#### RESOURCES

 $https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000vbtx/lights-up-orpheus-in-the-record-shop \\ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1pexOLdl1k$ 

### 130. ANDRIA: THE GIRL FROM ANDROS - Terence

Published: 166 BC

A LEVEL

Productions: 166 BC

Publisher: Penguin and Oxford World

Classics

Length: 30 mins

Cast: 3F, 9M + ensemble

**Synopsis:** Roman Comedy – a son does not want to marry the bride chosen for him by his father. The woman he wishes to marry is pregnant with his child. The son enlists their servants help to outwit the father.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/terence-andria-9781350020627

### **131. SALT** - Selina Thompson

GCSE / A LEVEL

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Published: 2018

A LEVEL

Productions: 2016, 2017, 2018

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 85 mins

Cast:

**Synopsis:** The show retraces the transatlantic human trafficking of slaves and how easily the UK's colonial history was ignored and forgotten.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExQtx4d\_J0U

### 132. BORN BAD - debbie tucker green

Published: 2003

Productions: 2003, 2011

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 55 mins Cast: 4F, 2M **Synopsis:** A blood-related black family. A Dad, a Mum, a Daughter, two Sisters, a Brother. A family argument. A skeleton in the closet.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2005/mar/30/theatre

# 133. EAR FOR EYE - debbie tucker green

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 130 mins

Cast: 8M, 8F

**Synopsis:** Snapshots of lives, snapshots of experiences of protest; violence vs non-violence, direct action vs demonstrations, ear for eye follows characters navigating their way through society today.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs3dDWceCpg

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/oct/28/meet-the-cast-of-debbie-tucker-greens-ear-for-eye-whats-on-stage-needs-to-reflect-life

# 134. GENERATIONS - debbie tucker green

Published: 2005



Productions: 2005, 2007, 2014, 2018

**Publisher:** Nick Hern Books

Length: 30 mins Cast: 4F, 3M **Synopsis:** Three generations of a black South African family, contest their relative culinary skills. But food isn't the only topic and the family numbers are declining.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqHhb3-3Vzs&feature=youtu.be

### 135. HANG - debbie tucker green

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 2F, 1M,

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**Synopsis:** Three has suffered a serious crime against her and her family. She has the unspeakable decision to make about how the criminal is killed.

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https://theatreweekly.com/interview-marianne-oldham-on-hang-at-sheffield-crucible/

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# 136. RANDOM - debbie tucker green

GCSE / A LEVEL

Published: 2008 **Productions: 2008** Publisher: Nick Hern Length: 70 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: A sister plays out the day her brother dies through her family's eyes

#### **RESOURCES**

https://d19lfjg8hluhfw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Random-Resource-Pack.pdf http://www.synergytheatreproject.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Random-workpack.pdf

http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/director-sacha-wares-on-random/

### 137. THE GREAT WAVE - Francis Turnly

Published: 2018 **Productions: 2018** Publisher: Methuen Length: 150 mins Cast: 5F, 7M

Synopsis: Identity and national relationships are explored through the plot of a missing daughter

#### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vqj-kJWzF6E

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/mar/14/north-korea-great-wave-francis-turnly

### 138. THE USUAL AUNTIJIES - Paven Virk

Published: 2011

**Productions: 2011** Publisher: Methuen

Length: 160 mins

Cast: 4F, 2M

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Synopsis: Three elderly South Asian auntijies live together in a women's refuge. Nearby, a new Indian bride has arrived in the country only to find herself in a place she is utterly unprepared for

#### **RESOURCES**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONW6C5vZR-E https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQCB2peF58c

https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/whats-on/theatre-news/coventry-writers-play-inspired-

mum-3046754

### 139. THE CANARY AND THE CROW - Daniel Ward

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019, 2020

Publisher: Oberon Length: 70 mins

Cast: 1F, 3M

Synopsis: With the opportunity to go to a 'better' school comes the struggle of staying connected to your home and fitting in.

https://www.middlechildtheatre.co.uk/the-canary-and-the-crow/

# 140. THE HIGH TABLE - Temi Wilkey

A LEVEL

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020 Publisher: Methuen Length: 120 mins

Cast: 5F, 3M

Synopsis: When Tara's parents refuse to accept and attend her marriage to Leah, the family's ancestors are called together to keep the family together.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0A3FTQZS7Y http://exeuntmagazine.com/features/temi-wilkey/

https://network.bfi.org.uk/news-and-features/industry-insights/temi-wilkey-'my-impulse-write-things-show-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JsAn\_HDVtE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3ial\_Ne2ng



### 141. DEATH OF ENGLAND - Roy Williams & Clint Dyer

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020 Publisher: Methuen

Length: 110 mins

Cast: 1M



Synopsis: A family in mourning. A man in crisis. After the death of his dad, Micheal is powerless and angry. In a state of heartbreak, he confronts the difficult truths about his father's legacy and the country that shaped him.

#### RESOURCES

https://youtu.be/pUTw3exEltU https://youtu.be/EU\_0llSnFZI https://youtu.be/DbsmpQ2fq9Y

### 142. DEATH OF ENGLAND: DELROY - Roy Williams & Clint Dyer

GCSE / A LEVEL Published: 2020

Productions: 2020, 2021 Publisher: Methuen Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1M

Synopsis: Written in response to This is England by Roy Williams and Clint Dyer. Set in 2020, Delroy is arrested on his way to the hospital. Filled with anger and grief, he recalls the moments and relationships which gave him hope before his life was irrevocably changed.

#### RESOURCES

https://youtu.be/jhIFndYCMG4

### 143. ANTIGONE - Roy Williams (ADAPTATION)

Published: 2014

**Productions: 2014, 2015** Publisher: Methuen Length: 95 mins Cast: 3F, 6M

Synopsis: Contemporary gangland London - politics and family loyalty are pushed to their limits" New Orleans, 1836. Following an era of French colonial rule and relative racial acceptance. Beatrice, a free Black Woman, has become one of the wealthiest women through her relationship with a rich white man. When her lover mysteriously dies, Beatrice imposes a 6 month period of mourning on her and her three daughters. As the summer heat intensifies, the foundations of freedom she has built for herself and their three unwed daughters begin to crumble. Society is changing, racial divides are growing and, as the members of the household turn on each other in their fight for survival, it could cost them everything."

https://www.pilot-theatre.com/media/files/2015%20ER%20Antigone%20Pilot%20Education%20Pack%20 Sept%2014%20final.pdf

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2014/sep/19/roy-williams-antigone-pilot-theatre

### 144. SUCKER PUNCH - Roy Williams

Published: 2010

Productions: 2010 Publisher: Methuen Length: 90 mins Cast: 6M, 1F

Synopsis: Two former friends step into the ring and face up to who they are. Sucker Punch looks back to the 1980s and asks if the right battles have been fought, let alone won

#### RESOURCES

https://royalcourttheatre.com/roy-williams-why-i-wrote-sucker-punch/

https://d19lfjg8hluhfw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Suckerpunch-

Resource-Pack.pdf

### 145. SHEDDING A SKIN - Amanda Wilkins

Published: 2021

**Productions: 2021** 

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Myah is called into the office to be part of a 'diversity' photo for her workplace, after confronting the racism, destroying the office, and getting fired - she moves in with an older woman and learns about connection and all of the other things our elders can teach us.

#### RESOURCES

https://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-amanda-wilkin-writer-and-star-of-new-play-shedding-

https://alt-africa.com/2021/06/08/soho-theatre-interview-with-amanda-wilkin-star-and-writer-ofshedding-a-skin/

### 146. MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM - August Wilson

A LEVEL

**Productions: 2016** 

Published: 1982

Length: 135 mins

Publisher: Samuel French

Cast: 2F, 8M

Synopsis: Set in a Chicago Studio, as the temperature rises so too do the tempers. This electric play exposes the exploitation and celebrates the skill of Black artists.

#### RESOURCES

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/who-was-ma-rainey

### 147. SEVEN GUITARS - August Wilson

Published: 1995

**Productions:** 1995, 1996 Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 160 mins Cast: 3F, 4M

Synopsis: Friends gather to remember their dead friend. Their memories expose the barriers to income and equality in 1940s for African Americans

#### RESOURCES

https://issuu.com/thomdunn/docs/materials--htc\_curriculum\_guide\_5\_\_

### 148. FORGOTTEN - Daniel York Loh

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018 Publisher: Oberon Length: 100 mins Cast: 1F, 7M

Synopsis: 1917 in a northern Chinese province villagers struggle to feed their children, with addiction and with the fall of the Imperial Dynasty. Will the war far away in Europe provide salvation?

### RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPWvkh6CUDo

https://www.theatrefullstop.com/2018/10/06/playwright-daniel-york-talks-about-his-latestproduction-forgotten-to-play-at-theatre-royal-plymouth-and-the-arcola-theatre/

# 149. REFUGEE BOY - Benjamin Zephaniah (Lemn Sissay Adpt.)

Published: 2013 **Productions: 2014, 2017** 

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 80 mins Cast: 2F, 8M

Synopsis: An exploration of identity and acceptance through a story of migration

https://leedsplayhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Refugee-Boy.pdf https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=DoZxGkrX6q0

### 150. I AM YUSUF AND THIS IS MY BROTHER - Amir Nizar Zugbi

Published: 2010

Productions: 2009, 2010

Publisher: Methuen Length: 90 mins

Cast: 4F, 8M + ensemble



Synopsis: A poetic exploration of the different forms of love; can love for family survive and love for your homeland sustain during times of conflict

#### RESOURCES

https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2010/jan/10/amir-nizar-zuabi-interview

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