

Bicentenary Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

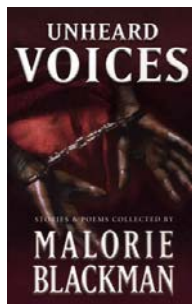
Teen Fiction

M.T. Anderson. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation. Vol. 1: The Pox Party*

The first of two parts, this novel is set in Boston during the American Revolution, a time when American Patriots rioted and battled to win liberty while African slaves were entreated to risk their lives for a freedom they would never claim. Octavian is a boy given the finest of classical educations. Raised by a group of rational philosophers known only by numbers, young Octavian begins to question the purpose behind his guardians' fanatical studies. Only after he dares to open a forbidden door does he learn the hideous nature of their experiments — and his own chilling role in them.

Malorie Blackman. *Unheard Voices: An Anthology of Stories and Poems to Commemorate the Bicentenary Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act*

In 1807, the British parliament passed an Act making the trading and transportation of slaves illegal. This book brings together stories and poems which provide a first-hand account of the horrors of slavery, remembering the brutal and long-lasting inflictions which have shaped millions of lives.



Zee Edgell. *Time and the River*

Set in Belize in the 1800s, this is the story of a young woman born a slave, and her path to freedom, eventually becoming a slave owner herself.

Jamila Gavin. *Coram Boy*

Recently staged at the National Theatre, this is a tale of two boys, and of fathers and sons, in the eighteenth century. Otis takes money off desperate mothers, promising to deliver their babies to the Coram Foundling Hospital in London. Instead, he murders the babies and buries them by the roadside, to the helpless horror of his mentally ill son, Mish. But Mish manages to save one baby, Aaron, and escape to the Foundling Hospital. There Aaron grows up with Toby, the son of an African slave, and the two become inseparable friends. But their fates upon leaving the hospital could not be more different ...

Frances Mary Hendry. *Chains*

Juliet wants to prove to her father that a girl can be just as good as a boy when it comes to business, and so she changes places with her brother and sets sail on her father's ship on its next voyage to Africa and America. But Juliet's adventure turns into a nightmare when she realizes the full horror of the trade her father is engaged in – the slave trade, at its height in the late eighteenth century.



Mark Twain. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

When Huckleberry Finn flees from his brutal father, he meets up with an old friend, the slave Jim, who is also running away. Together they travel by raft down the Mississippi, experiencing amazing adventures, and learning of the strange ways of people in the Deep South.

Also on order:

James Berry. *Ajeemah and his Son*

James Riordan. *Rebel Cargo*