

**BLACK**

# HISTORY

# MONTH

# PEOPLE AND



# POWER



**Black History Month 2023 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.**

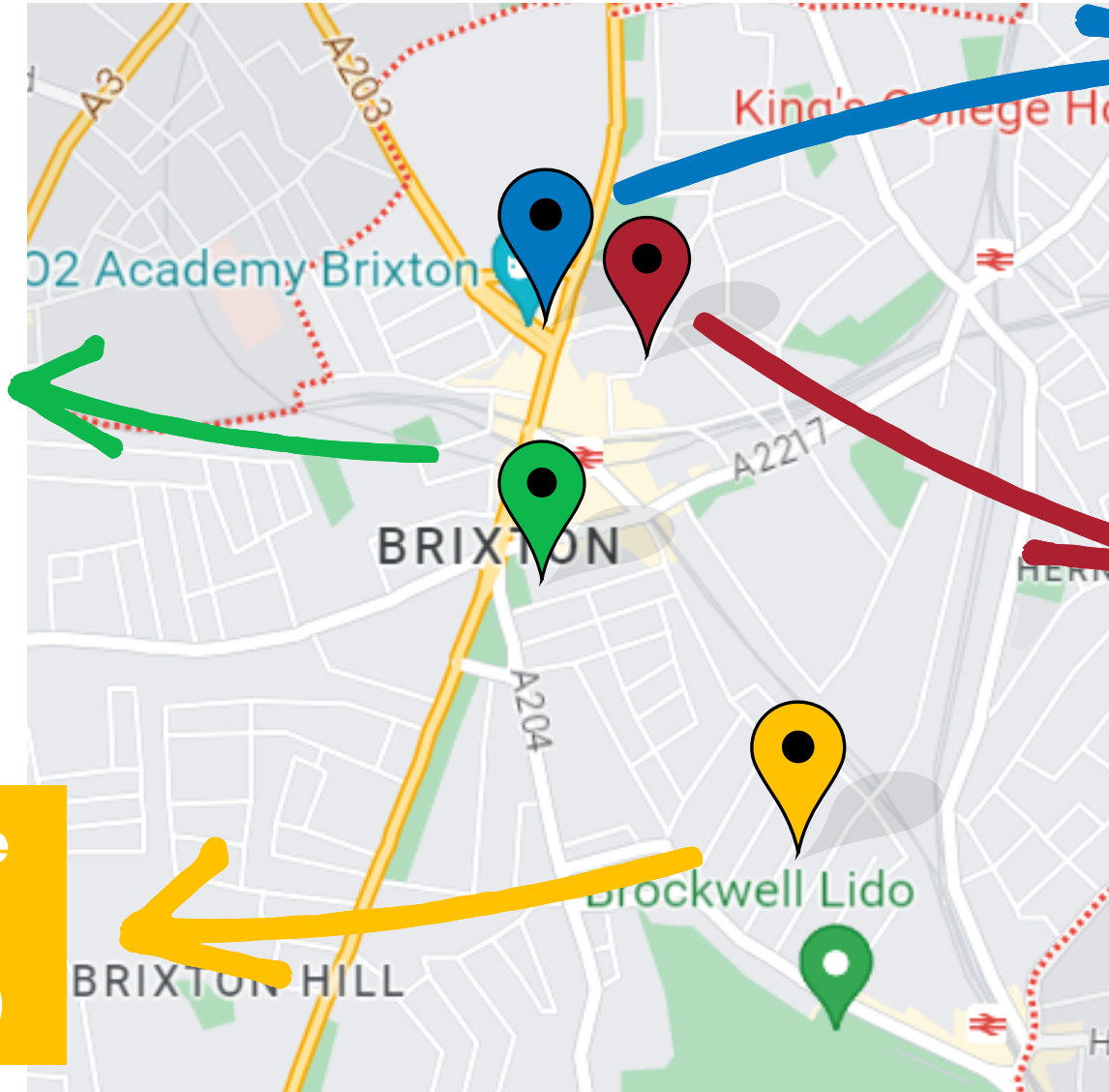
**Here at SW9, we wanted to remember the people and places within Brixton which have fought for racial equality over the last 100 years.**

**Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten.**

# OUR BRIXTON

**SW9  
Community  
Housing**

**Windrush Square  
BCA (Black  
Cultural  
Archives)**



**7 Gresham  
Road  
First OWAAD  
meeting**

**Brixton Advice  
Centre  
(Railton Road)**



# Black Cultural Archives (BCA)



In 1981, the streets of Brixton were filled with protesters and rioters. Within these groups of people, a small group of black artists, teachers, and activists met with one common goal:

**To create a space which would commemorate and educate people on the forgotten history of black people in Britain.**

Queen Mother Moore, on the right, was an African-American civil rights leader who inspired the founding of the BCA.

**To this day, it is one of the only institutions in Britain which brings together objects, books, and stories of the black people of Britain.**



# OWAAD (Organisation for Women of Asian and African Descent)



**Stella Dadzie**



**Olive Morris**



**Gail Lewis**

OWAAD created a space for Black and Asian women to meet, organise and address their experiences at a time when Women's Liberation was a white-dominated movement.

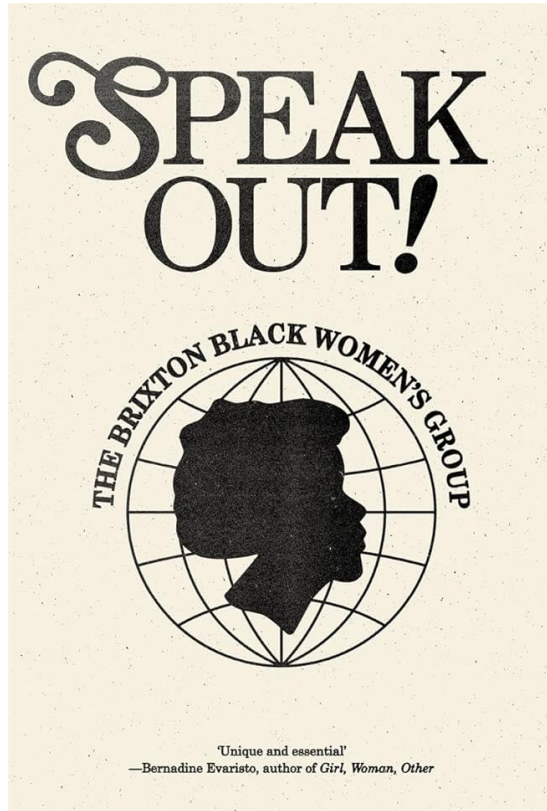
# The first OWAAD Conference



**Do you recognise this building?**

The first conference was held at the (now) Karibou Education Centre on Gresham Road, Brixton, and attended by hundreds of women.

# Brixton Black Women's Group (BBWG)



One of the first black women's groups to be established in the UK.

The aim of the BBWG was to create a distinct space where women of African and Asian descent could meet to focus on political, social and cultural issues as they affected black women.



They published their own newsletter 'Speak Out!'

# Black Panthers Youth Collective



**The British Black Panthers (BBP) or the British Black Panther movement (BPM) was an organisation that fought for the rights of black people and racial minorities in the country.**

The BBP worked to educate black communities and fight against racial discrimination.

Members of the BBP worked to educate one another and British communities about black history.

# Railton Road: Then & Now



The 1981 Brixton riot started here. The George pub was burnt down and a number of other buildings were damaged.

After this, buildings on the road were used by organisations like:

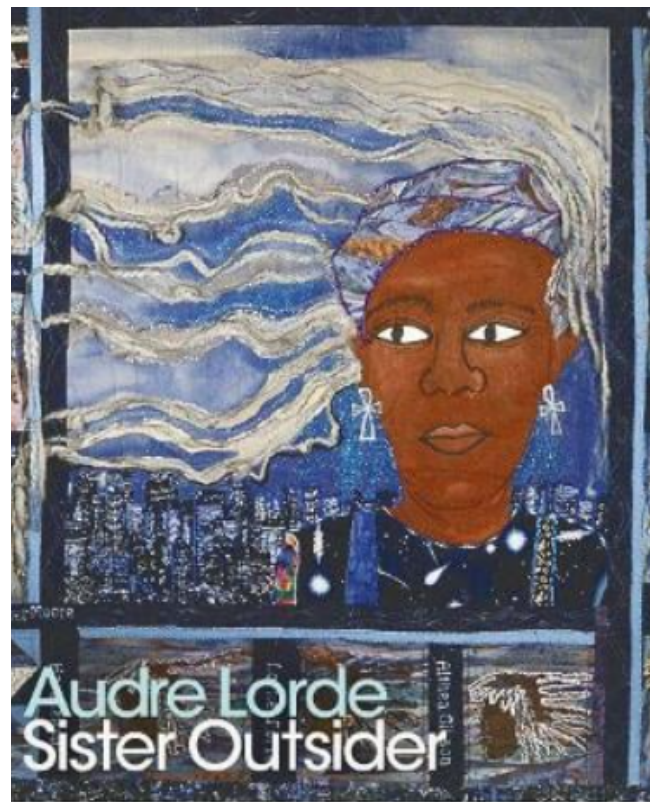
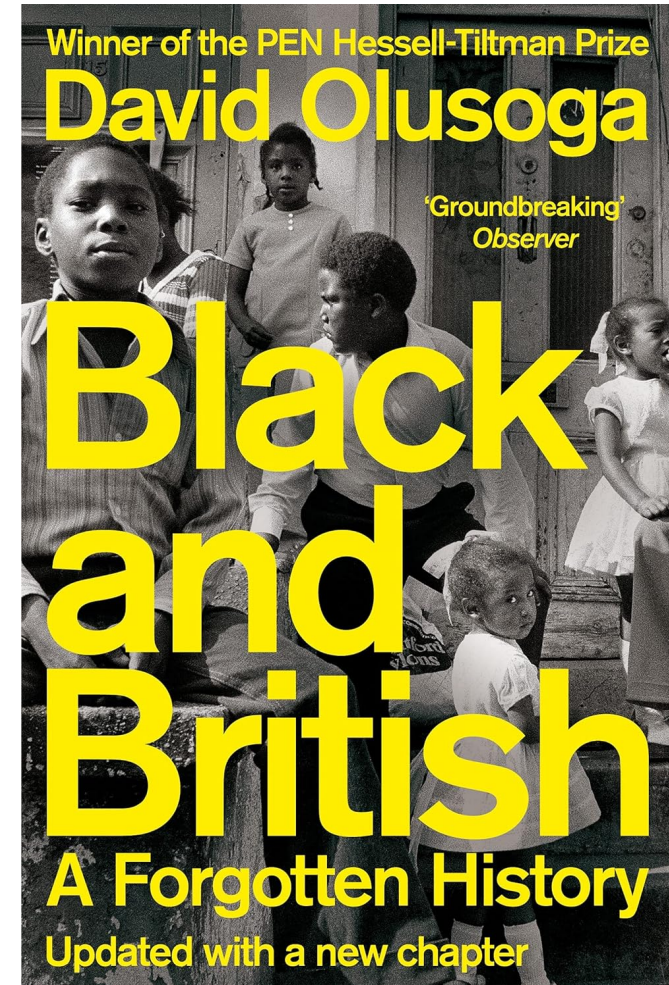
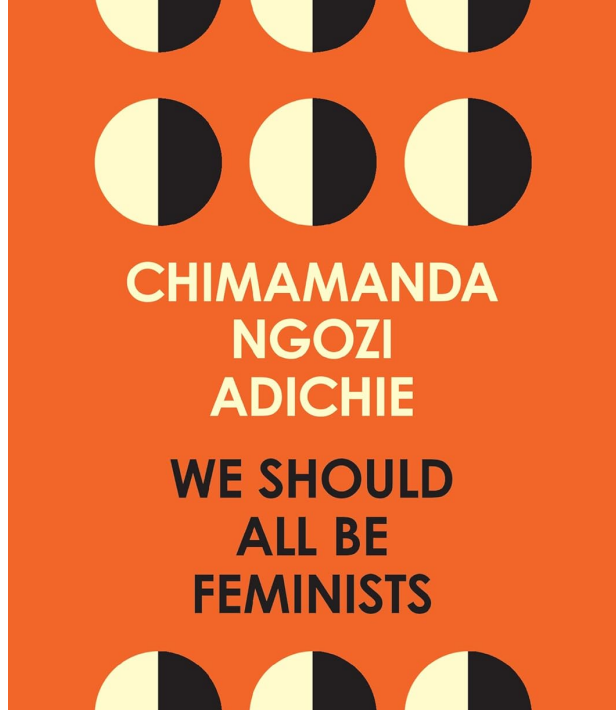
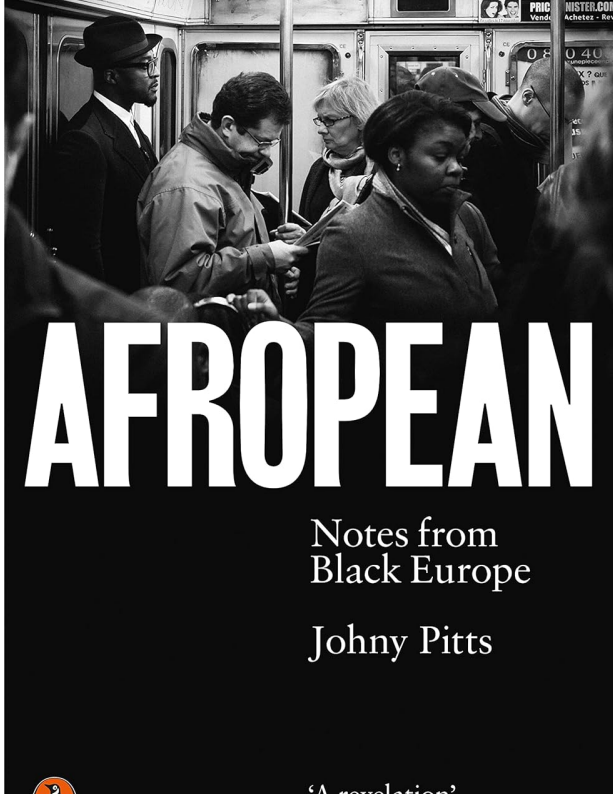
**121 Centre:** Meeting place for the Black Anarchist Cross; it was used as a squat from 1981 to 1999, making it one of London's longest continuous squats; used by Brixton Black Women's Group.

**78 Railton Road (now flats):** used by the South London Gay Community Centre, GLF and Brixton Fairies

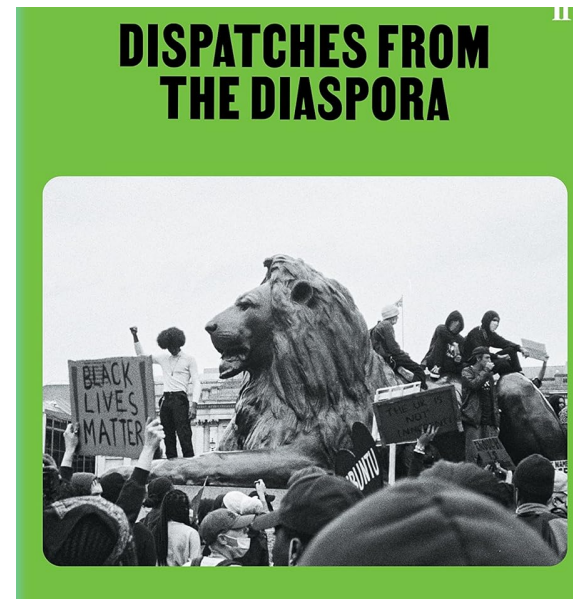
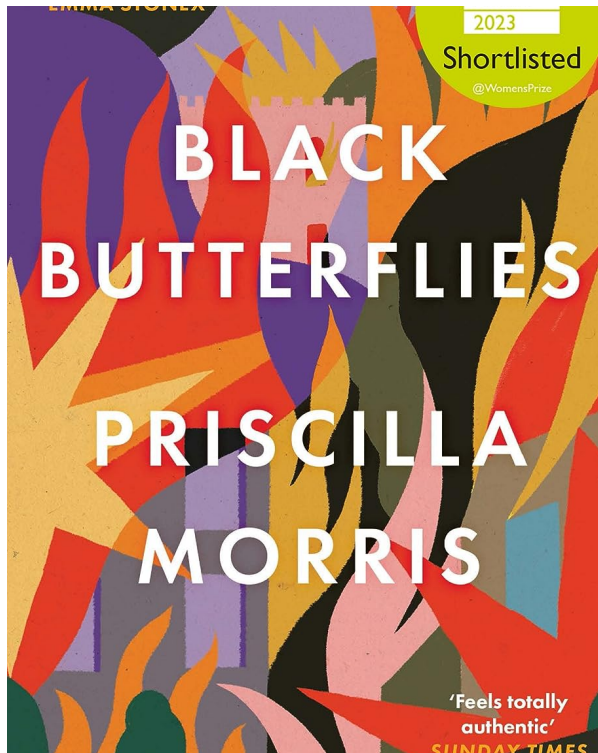
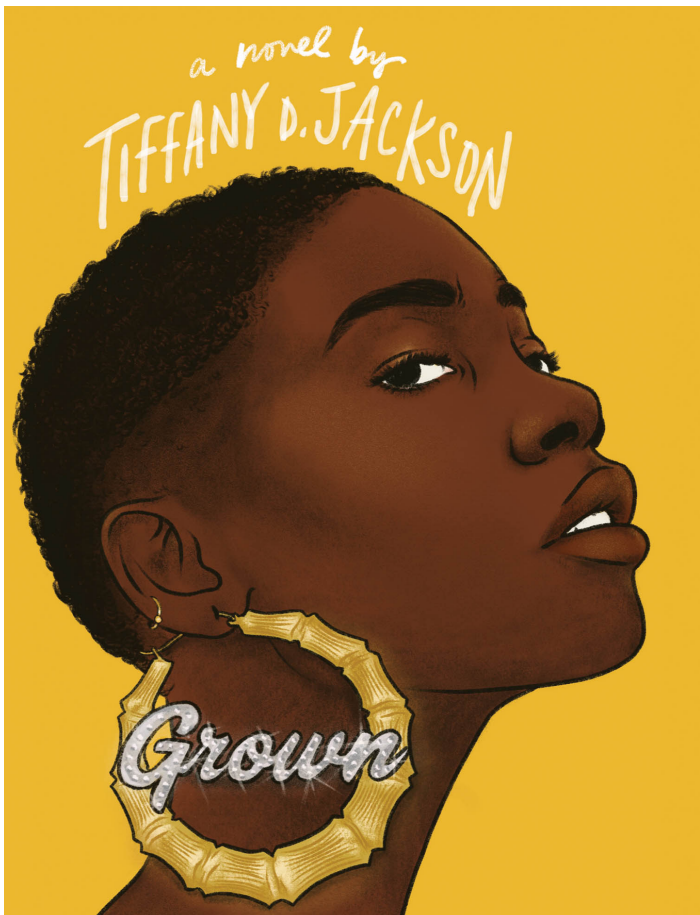
**165 Railton Road:** Race Today Collective

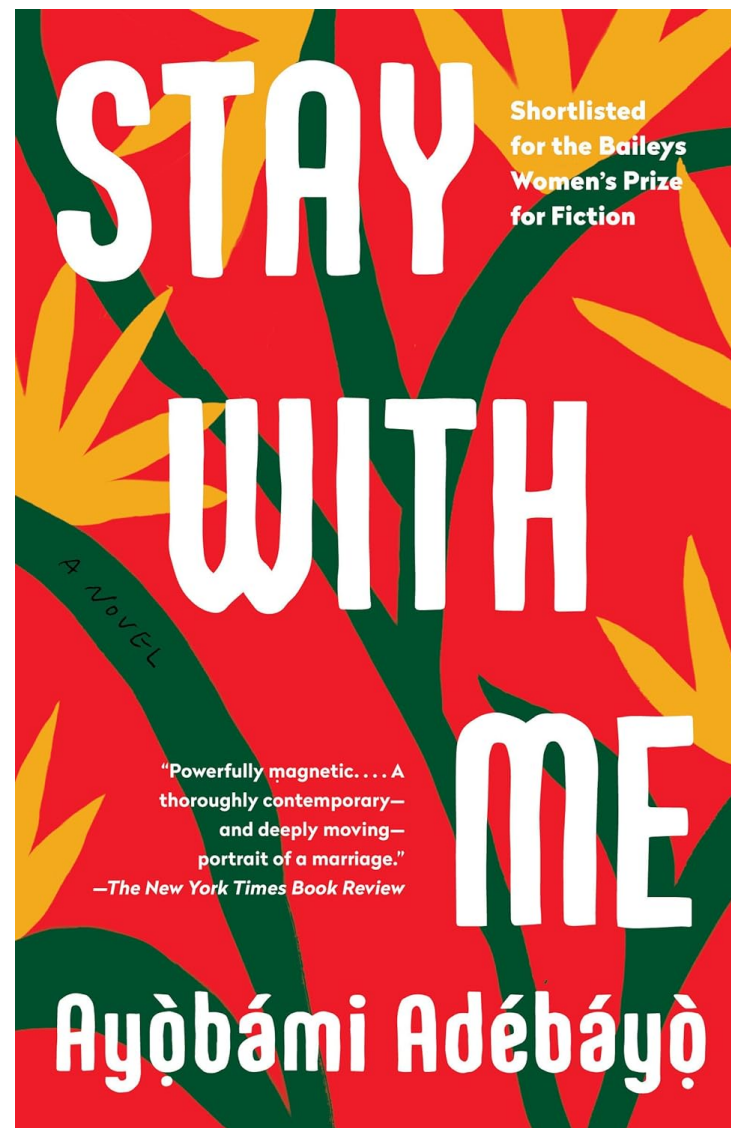
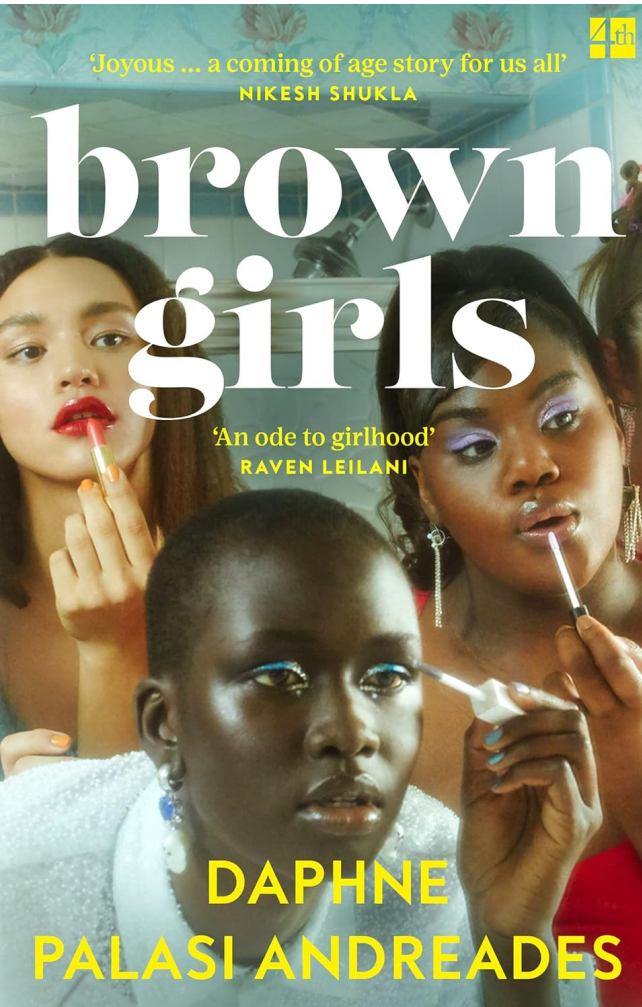
# READING CORNER

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR  
FAVOURITE BOOKS THIS YEAR









## OUR PICKS!



# INSPIRE OUR CHILDREN

