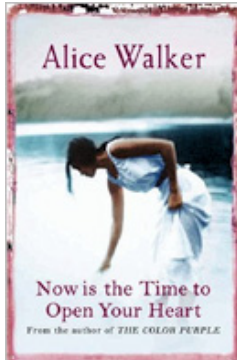


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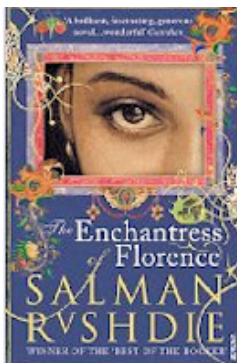
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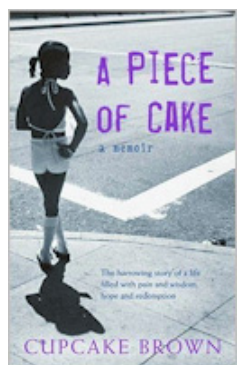
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### The enchantress of Florence - Salman Rushdie

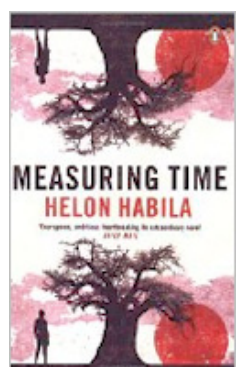
In his own elegant and unique style, Salman Rushdie weaves a magical tale that captivates and entralls. His lyrical and vivid prose brings alive the stories of a young traveller and their effect on the court of the Emperor Akbar, back in the sixteenth century. Part historical fact and part fairytale, this is a reading feast.

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### A piece of cake - Cupcake Brown

This is a must – read experience through a rollercoaster of emotions. The heart-wrenching, true story of Cupcake Brown is truly inspiring, humorous and tear-jerking. Her descent into the terrifying world of drug addiction and the way she turns her life around is a gripping tale that is both brutally frank and startlingly funny.

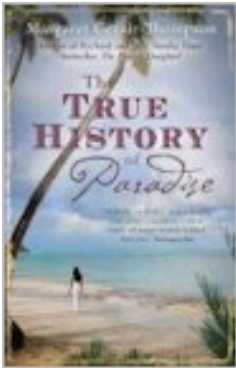


### Measuring time - Helon Habila

This engaging and beautifully written novel tells the story of twin brothers in rural Nigeria, as their lives take very different paths. Only one succeeds in fleeing their domineering father to become a soldier, while the other remains at home. The haunting and very human account of these vividly drawn characters and their mixed fortunes skilfully interweaves their personal experiences with the politics and customs of recently independent Nigeria.

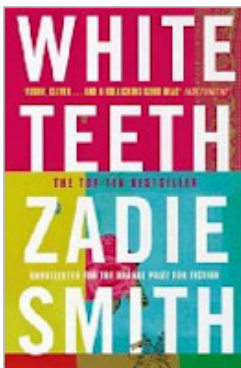


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### **The true history of Paradise - Margaret Cezair-Thompson**

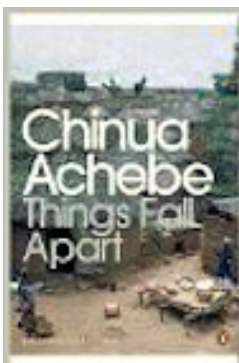
This evocative and convincing novel skilfully interweaves the compelling story of a young Jamaican woman with fascinating reminiscences of her ancestors. Jean Landing is about to flee her war-torn homeland of Jamaica. As the writer explores what that means to her, she touches on both political and personal issues and treats the reader to vivid descriptions of the landscape.



### **White teeth - Zadie Smith**

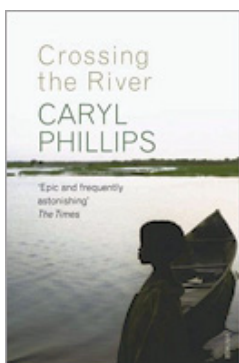
Zadie Smith tells the life-affirming and exuberant story of two families living in multicultural North London. Archie Jones and Samad Iqbal met in WWII and have been best friends ever since. Their characters are so real that reading their conversations feels like eavesdropping and the story's weighty themes of gender, class and race seem effortlessly light.

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### **Things fall apart - Chinua Achebe**

This classic novel, which has sold millions of copies, is an arresting story of a proud but powerless Nigerian man, Okonkwo, as he witnesses the ruin of his people. A gripping study of the problem of European colonialism in Africa, it shows us life through the eyes of the people of Igbo village and how life changes when European missionaries arrive.



### **Crossing the river - Caryl Phillips**

This powerful novel spans 250 years of the African diaspora through the moving and thought-provoking stories of three siblings sold into slavery by their father. Nash returns to Africa as a missionary in the 1830s, Martha settles in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century American West and Travis is a GI posted to Yorkshire in WWII. An ingenious exploration of serious issues, which bridges the gaps between continents and centuries.

