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Scholastic UK signs self-published star Kandace Chimbiri for her series on Black British history

London (02 August 2020) Scholastic UK is proud to announce a non fiction series about Black British history for ages 7+ by Kandace Chimbiri. *The Story of the Windrush* will publish in October 2020 in time for Black History Month.

Leah James, Publishing Manager at Scholastic UK, acquired World Rights for three titles from Julia Churchill of A M Heath. *The Story of the Windrush* will be followed by a further two new titles in autumn 2021.

The Story of the Windrush celebrates the inspiring legacy of the Windrush pioneers who arrived in London in June 1948. Combining historical fact with voices from the Windrush Generation, this book sensitively tells the story and shows how this was an important moment for modern Black Britain.

Born in London, England in 1968 to parents from Barbados, Kandace Chimbiri is the author of Black history books for children. Motivated by a desire to help improve both children's literacy as well as their knowledge of history, Kandace founded her small publishing house Golden Destiny Ltd in 2009. Golden Destiny specialises in non-fiction titles for children, in particular Black history.



Kandace Chimbiri says: “Although I loved books since I was a child and I loved Black history, I never dreamt of writing Black history books. It began with a desire to create the books that would be available if the world was fair. I noticed a lack of diversity in books for children especially in the non-fiction genre. I began by self-publishing my work and am really excited now about working with a publisher who is going to make stories like these available to a much wider audience. I feel that Scholastic understands what I want to achieve. They can see the importance of books like *The Story of the Windrush* and why they are needed in the world right now.”

Leah James says: “We are excited to be working with Kandace Chimbiri to tell children about Black British history that is not yet taught in schools. I am thrilled that we are able to introduce her brilliant self-published book *The Story of the Windrush* to wider trade and school audiences. Kandace brings this momentous period to life and it is important that all children get to hear the stories of the Windrush pioneers. I look forward to the other stories that Kandace will bring to our list and readers.”

The Story of the Windrush by Kandace Chimbiri will be published by Scholastic on 1st October 2020.

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