

**FILM:** A round up of cinema showcasing vibrant black stories and talent.



## Rocks | UK | 2019 | 1h 33 | 12

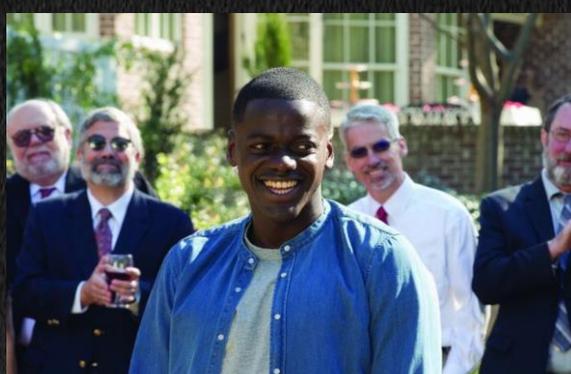
Set in Hackney, the film follows 15 year old "Rocks" as she tries to navigate supporting her family and growing up at the same time. Gritty, optimistic and life affirming.

*Available on Netflix*

## Get Out | US | 2017 | 1h 44 | 15

Chris goes to meet his girlfriend's family but all is not as it seems. A gripping thriller with a dark sense of humour, *Get Out* is a powerful parable on racial tensions, privilege and microaggressions.

*Available on Amazon Prime for £3.49*



## Tangerine | US | 2015 | 1h 24 | 15

This indie film made a huge splash at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival. It follows two friends trying to investigate a scandalous rumour. Hilarious and joyful, the film also features some of the only black trans leads ever committed to film.

*Available on Netflix*

## Small Axe | UK | 2020 | Series

Award winning mini-series by acclaimed director Steve McQueen. Each of the episodes is star studded and based on the real experiences of the West Indian community between the 1960s and 1980s.

*Available on BBC iPlayer*



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## Moonlight | US | 2016 | 1h 51 | 15

Award-winning coming of age drama. The film follows three chapters of main character, Chiron's, life. He faces crisis of identity and sexuality and is forever altered by the advice of drug-dealer, Juan. Available on Amazon Prime £2.49

## His House | UK | 2020 | 1h 32 | 15

Chilling ghost story where the trauma of a refugee couple's journey from war torn South Sudan plays out as a supernatural force. They struggle to settle into British life as their past literally haunts them. Available on Netflix



## Good Hair | US | 2009 | 1hr 32 | 12

Comedian Chris Rock explores the world of black hair inspired by his daughter complaining about her "bad hair". As funny as it is eye opening, its a fascinating slice of life featuring a host of recognisable faces. Available on Amazon Prime £2.49 (free for members)

## Atlantics

Senegal | 2019 | 1h 44 | 12A

Haunting and mysterious, Atlantics presents as a story of lovers separated by circumstance but it unravels to be much deeper. Ada must navigate love and loss with the ghosts of desire always over her shoulder. Available on Netflix



**FAMILY:** A round up of family cinema showcasing black stories and talent.



## Cool Runnings

US | 1994 | 1h 34

When an Olympic sprinter is disqualified, he vows to return to the competition by starting the first Jamaican Bobsled Team. High-spirited and fun for everyone. Available on Disney+ or £2.49 on Amazon P.

## Hidden Figures

US | 2016 | 2h 1

Based on the true story of a group of African-American women who worked for NASA in the 1960s. Inspiring and compelling.

Available on Amazon Prime £3.49



## Black Panther

US | 2018 | 3h 20

One for bigger kids, Black Panther has a well earned reputation as being an inspiring showcase of strong black characters and culture.

Available on Disney+ or £2.49 Amazon Prime.



## Hair Love | US | 2020 | 7m |

A wonderfully wholesome and fun short film about a dad having to learn how to style his daughter's afro. Beautifully animated and if you're short on time, it's only 7 minutes!

Available free [here on Youtube](#).



**BOOKS:** A round up of books showcasing vibrant black stories and talent.



## The Story of the Windrush

By K N Chimbiri | Children's

*An accessible and informative history of the Windrush generation's emigration from the Caribbean to the UK. The book utilises the stories of individuals accompanied by wonderful illustrations.*

## The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Rebecca Sloop | Non-fiction

*A jaw dropping musing on ethical issues around race and class. In 1951, Henrietta had a cell sample taken without her consent which became scientifically profound and lucrative.*



## Girl, Woman, Other

By Bernardine Evaristo | Fiction

*Massively acclaimed, the book follows the lives of 12 characters in the UK over several decades (predominantly black women). The novel deftly navigates the intersectionality of class, race, gender and history – among other things.*

## The Colour Purple

By Alice Walker | Fiction

*An influential classic, following the tumultuous life of Celie - a poor, uneducated, African-American girl living in the South around 1900. Covering challenging topics - the tenacity of the human spirit pervades. A must read.*

