



Onjali Q. Rauf is a bestselling British author. She was born in February 1984 and grew up in East London. Throughout her life, Rauf has been a powerful advocate for women and children across the world.

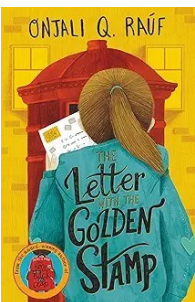
In 2019, she was named as one of the BBC 100 Women, a list and multi-format series of 100 inspiring and influential women from around the world. Her experience of racism has hugely informed her work and why she thinks representation in children's books is important.

The Adventures of Tintin were the stories that got her thinking and feeling about lack of representation among British Ethnic Asian Minorities in children's literature. What stood out from Tintin was the fact that it has characters from China and all over the world whereas the majority of books had white middle-class kids as characters. She wanted to write for people of a minority background and believed that it is hugely important to have them represented in children's literature; also, choosing topics that are rare for children to read about in fiction like refugees and domestic violence.

Rauf continues to write books about strong issues for children with great heart and humour. For British writers of colour, her debut was a watershed moment and proved that diverse books from diverse authors have a market and can win critical acclaim ("Onjali Q. Rauf").

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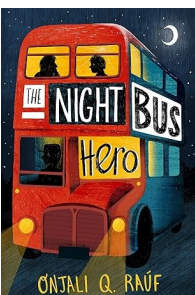
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[The Letter With The Golden Stamp](#)

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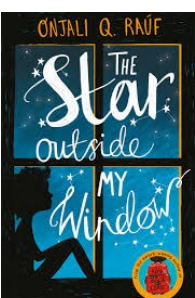
In Swansea, young Audrey hides her biggest secret: she's the sole carer for her sick mother and siblings. When a mysterious neighbor appears, Audrey must act to protect her family.



[The Night Bus Hero](#)

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Hector excels at getting in trouble, often crafting pranks during detention. After humiliating a homeless man and facing shame from a classmate, he reaches a turning point, wanting to change his image. But will anyone take him seriously?



[The Star Outside My Window](#)

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Ten-year-old Aniyah and her brother Noah enter foster care after their mum's disappearance. Believing that bright hearts become stars, Aniyah embarks on a daring adventure to prove her mum is the newly discovered star acting strangely.