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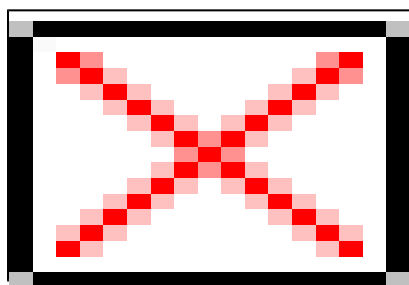
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Alex Wheatle chooses a tale of adventure and daring.



In all the set texts I read during my education, I can only remember engaging and relating to one black character: Jim, the escaped slave in Mark Twain's **Huckleberry Finn**. I so wanted to kick Huckleberry Finn off that raft navigating the Mississippi and use it to save more slaves! I suppose I first wished I could write something like that book; a tale of adventure and daring.

Later **Moss Side Massive** by Karline Smith was a book that inspired me - I thought I could write that kind of story but from my own perspective. Of more recent titles I would have loved to have written **Scavengers** by Darren Simpson - what a first novel!

Alex Wheatle's latest book, [The Humiliations of Welton Blake](#) [3], is published by Barrington Stoke, 978-1781129494, £7.99 pbk. [Cane Warriors](#) [4], published by Andersen Press, came out at the end of 2020.

Mark Twain's **Huckleberry Finn** is published by Penguin Classics, 978-0143107323, £7.99 pbk.

Moss Side Massive by Karline Smith is published by Black Sapphire Press, 978-1684540143, £9.99 pbk, and **Scavengers** by Darren Simpson is published by Usborne, 978-1474956024, £6.99 pbk.

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