

Black and British: A Forgotten History by David Olosuga

This is perhaps not so much a forgotten history as - in its detail - unknown history. Black people have been here since the Ivory Bangle Lady of Roman Britain and have shared our history at various levels ever since. Olosuga writes a passionate but scholarly and fair book; the facts of the inhumane British involvement in slavery and the slave trade need no manipulative language. And there are some good white Brits as well as baddies in this wide-ranging work! It's a deeply important, and very readable, book. We all now know there's more to black British history than some superficial knowledge of Amazing Grace, Wilberforce, Windrush, Enoch Powell and Stephen Lawrence.