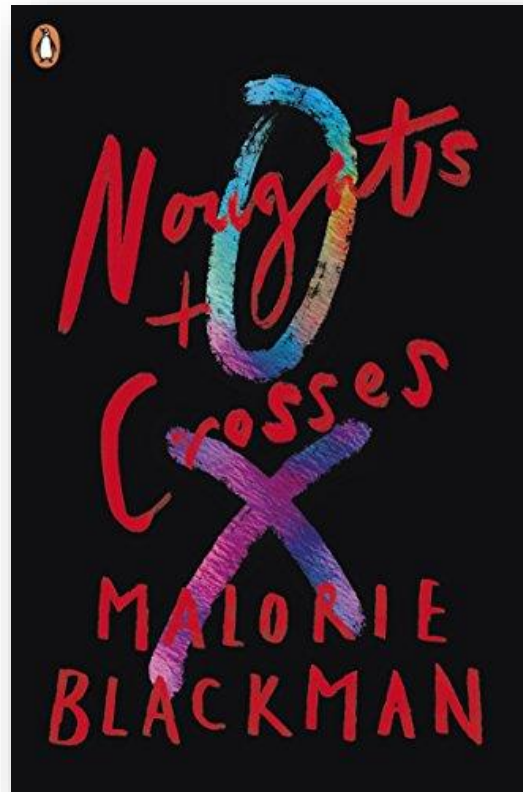








Noughts and Crosses

Malorie Blackman (b 1962)



- **Sephy** is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her. **Callum** is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life.
- They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question. Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other.
- But this is love story that will lead both of them into terrible danger . . . and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.
- **Voted as one of the UK's best-loved books, Malorie Blackman's Noughts & Crosses is a seminal piece of YA fiction; a true modern classic.**
- 'The Noughts & Crosses series are still my favourite books of all time and showed me just how amazing story-telling could be' **STORMZY**

First love in a dangerous, alternate world - Noughts + Crosses:
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- **Malorie Blackman** OBE is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults. She has used science fiction to explore social and ethical issues.
- **She said of *Noughts and Crosses*...** *"It's all based on true stuff. The things [Callum] goes through particularly in school happened to me, like asking my teachers where the black scientists were on the curriculum and being told there weren't any. Or my first time in first class on a train and being accused of stealing the ticket."*
- **Did you know?** Blackman was born in Clapham, London. Her parents were both from Barbados. At school, she wanted to be an English teacher, but she grew up to become a systems programmer instead. She earned an HNC at Thames Polytechnic and is a graduate of the National Film and Television School

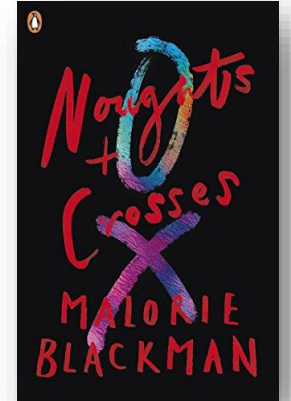


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