Colouring Book

CAMBRIDGE BLACK HISTORY

Learn about 12 black figures and their connections to Cambridge whilst colouring!

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

My name is Selena Scott and I have spent nearly all of my life in Girton, Cambridge. Growing up here, I had no idea so many iconic black figures had walked these very streets. Since Cambridge’s black history was never spoken about, I presumed it did not exist!

I created this book in the hope that you are able to learn about these extraordinary figures and recognise their fantastic accomplishments, whilst having fun! These trailblazers deserve to be remembered and recognised for their hard work, achievements and role in shaping history.
Olaudah Equiano was a very important writer and activist who fought against slavery. He was born in 1745 in Benin and was sold into slavery. In 1766, he bought his own freedom for approximately £5,800 in today’s money. He married Susanna Cullen in St Andrew’s Church, Soham, Cambridgeshire and one of his daughters, Anna Maria, is buried in St Andrew’s Church, Chesterton, Cambridge. His autobiography was a best-seller that was reprinted ten times in his lifetime and Olaudah sold it on a UK-book tour to raise money for the abolitionist cause.
Amy was born in Trinidad in 1881. She was the first black woman to study at Cambridge University in 1903. Because she was a woman, she was not given a degree, which meant her achievement often goes unrecognised. She was very caring and volunteered during the First World War helping to teach children and refugees.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trinidad is also known as the Land of the Hummingbirds
Jason is currently the youngest black professor at Cambridge University. He is autistic and only learnt to speak aged 11 and to read and write at 18 years old. He was born in 1985 on a council estate in Clapham, London. He once ran 30 marathons in 35 days for charity, which is further than running the length of the UK!