

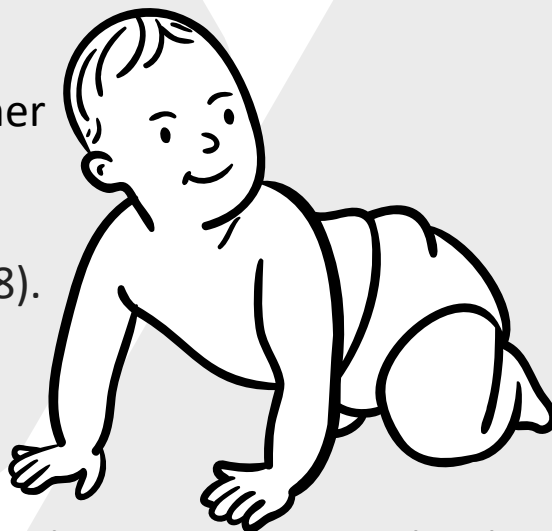
So where are the Black autistic children?

Where is Black autism?

There is chronic underrepresentation of Black autistic characters in books. Such representations as there are may be flawed, stereotypical and culturally insensitive.

What about research?

Black autism is further challenged within higher education, where both Black academics and autistic academics are underrepresented (Bhopal & Chapman, 2019; Woods et al., 2018).



Our project:

- To consider representation of Blackness and autism in picture books
- To extrapolate theories regarding representation of those who are Black and autistic
- to spotlight and challenge representation issues

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Why does this matter?

‘Invisibility’ masks wider social issues. Black children are less likely to receive a timely autism diagnosis (Wiggins et al., 2020); Black parents report negative experiences of the diagnostic process (Quinn-Lunny, 2021) Cultural sensitivities may lead to challenges in understanding of autism within Black communities (Kandeh et al., 2020)



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