

Writing since her late 20s, Malorie Blackman has written children's books, for television, and for the stage, according to the British Council. Thus far, she has had 69 books published. In 2008, Blackman was appointed an OBE, and from 2013 to 2015 she was the Children's Laureate. She has also received a variety of other awards for her writing.

The Noughts and Crosses YA series includes: Noughts \& Crosses, Knife Edge, Checkmate, Double Cross, Crossfire, and Nought Forever. Noughts and Crosses was adapted for the screen by the BBC. In addition, Blackman has written more YA books like Chasing the Stars. ${ }^{1}$


