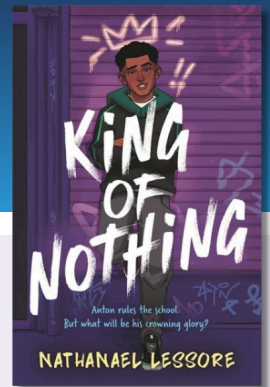




BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Friendship • Family • Community
- Identity • Masculinity

King of Nothing

by Nathanael Lessore
Anton and his friends are the kings of Year 9. But then the loser of the year, Matthew, saves Anton's life. The boys strike up an unlikely friendship, and Anton begins to question everything he thought was important.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Unlikely friendship is hugely endearing and the characters are great - it's easy to read and pretty tame while still getting to grips with a few issues. Great stuff - an author to watch."

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Anton makes friends with 'loser' Matthew but makes sure at first they don't speak to each other at school. Is it important to be cool or popular? Is it better to have good friends who will have your back? Is it ever ok to be friends with someone who ignores you in public?
- 2 Who is your favourite or least favourite character? What are your reasons?
- 3 Do you know of anything like the Happy Campers scheme in your area? Does a community project like that sound appealing to you? What hobbies or activities outside of school are you involved in?
- 4 Anton has good support from his teachers Mr Wall and Mr Benjamin who want to see him succeed in school. At first he is keen to just choose the same GCSE options as his friends, but is it more important to go your own way to achieve what you want? Do you have any teachers or school staff members who have been inspirational for you personally?
- 5 Anton's friend Kehinde has some ideas about how to treat females that Anton personally doesn't agree with. He hosts his own podcast but Anton doesn't always want to hear about it. Do you think it's hard for young men to find safe role models online? What is Kehinde doing or saying that Anton finds objectionable?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

