

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
August 2020

Dear Library Friends,



Well, I'm still painting the kitchen cupboards, the walls and the ceiling!!! The excitement of the electrician's discovery of an enormous live wasp nest (the wasps had eaten away the ceiling insulation and the plastic insulation leaving bare wires hence our intermittent lighting) was surpassed by our day trip to York by steam engine (First Class luxury dining)!

As we come to the end of the Summer Holidays, I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed our Library team Zoom meetings even though I have yet to overcome some of the technical challenges. I was particularly impressed with our 18th August meeting where the Wifi in Turkey and Rumania worked better than in Bicton, Shropshire!

Looking forward to returning to School? We will be asking you to nominate your favourite Lockdown 'Unputdownable' book.

Best wishes

Mrs Brett



LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD

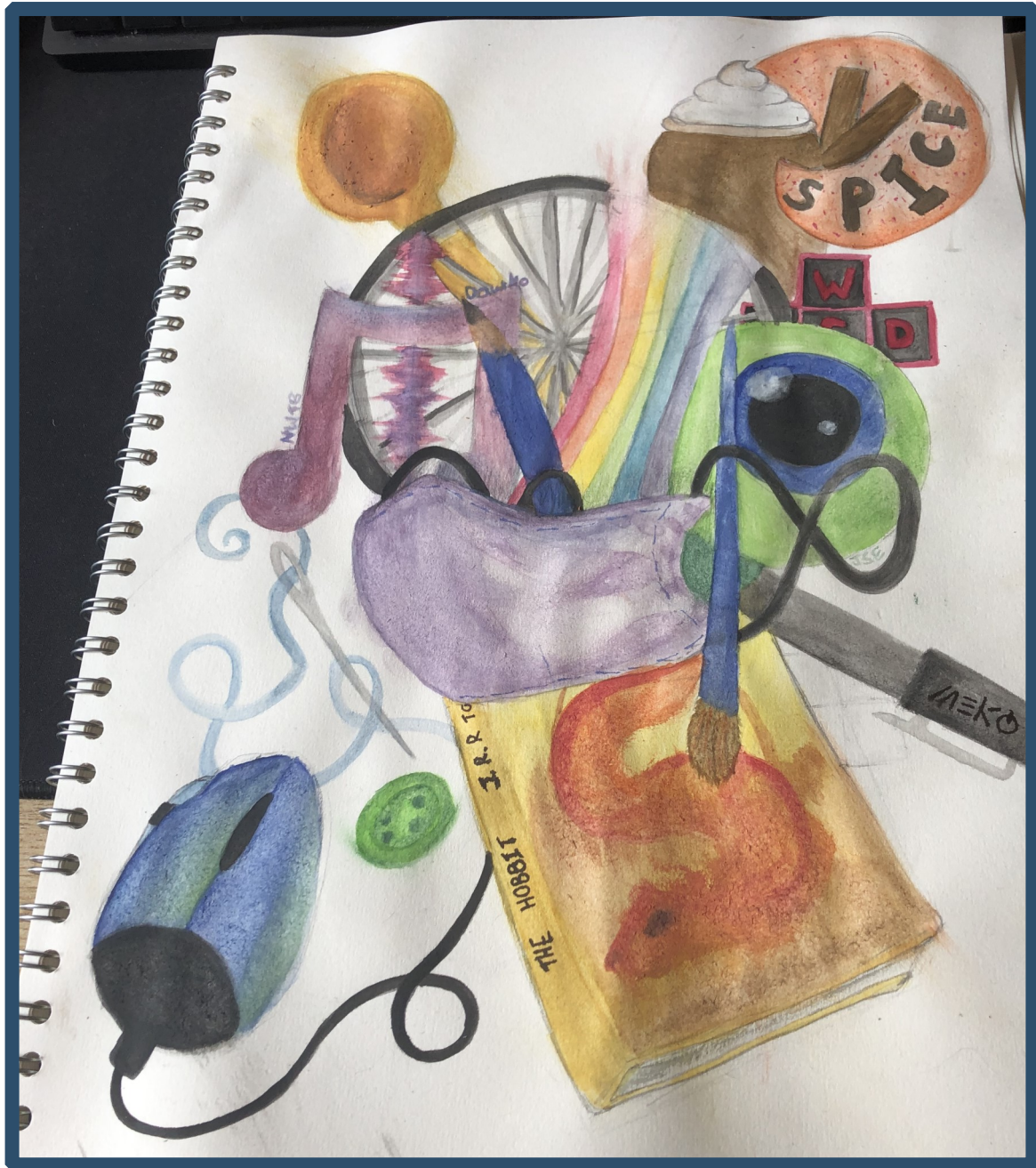


August Birthdays

Lucy Brough
Morgan Richards
Sergiu Stavaru



This month's Gallery...



Mia Armstrong had the brilliant idea of creating a piece of artwork to reflect all the things she had done during Lockdown.

I am definitely going to do this myself as a form of art therapy.

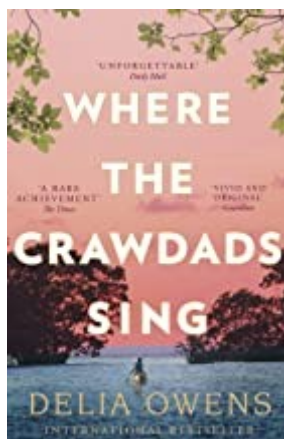
If you would like to have a go, please email your photographs for our next edition:

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READING Recommendations

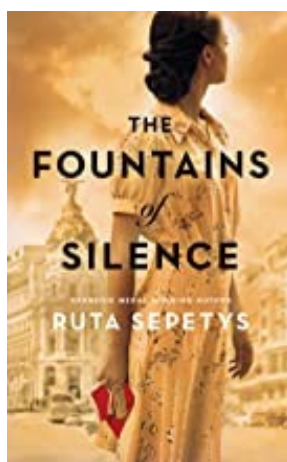
Corbet Staff BOOK CLUB

It is still proving tricky to get hold of some books so we have challenged ourselves with a selection for the Summer Holidays. Please see below and feel free to participate!



For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life, until the unthinkable happens

Finn and Kaz are about to meet for the first time... Ten-year-old Finn, a quirky, sensitive boy who talks a lot and only eats at cafes with a 5-star hygiene rating, is having a tough time at school and home. Outspoken Kaz, 59, who has an acerbic sense of humour and a heart of gold, is working at the café when Finn and his mum come in. They do not know it yet, but the second time they meet will be a moment which changes both of their lives forever . . .



Madrid, 1957. Daniel, young, wealthy and unsure of his place in the world, views the city through the lens of his camera. Ana, a hotel maid whose family is suffering under the fascist dictatorship of General Franco. Lives and hearts collide as they unite to uncover the hidden darkness within the city. A darkness that could engulf them all . . .

Ruta Sepetys is acknowledged as one of the finest writers of historical fiction for Young Adults. Personally I've loved all of Sepetys writing except for her last novel so I am excited to read this one. The Publishers have commented...

'Master storyteller Ruta Sepetys once again shines light into one of history's darkest corners in this epic, heart-wrenching novel about identity, unforgettable love and the hidden violence of silence'. Mmmmmm, we shall see!

In July Mrs Brett read...

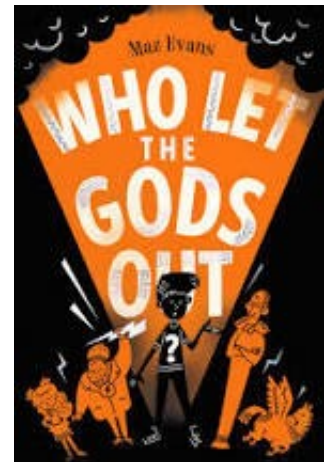


One Moment by Linda Green

Many thanks to Ms Williams for posting her copy of this book to me. I only read this one for Book Club as I am never comfortable reading novels where the main character is on the autistic spectrum (remember I am the fantasy/vampire/escapism reader); I am so pleased I did. This is a well-written book where the separate story lines are cleverly interwoven for an unexpected and emotional ending. A must read for our mature KS4 readers.

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans

Amy loves this book, Mrs Ashton loves this book, Mr Brett loves this book and I hate it. The only reason I carried on reading it was because I was reassured by the rave reviews that it would improve. In response to popular demand, I am buying the rest of the series but I will not be reading; apologies to all Maz Evans fans.



The Pure Heart by Trudi Tweedie

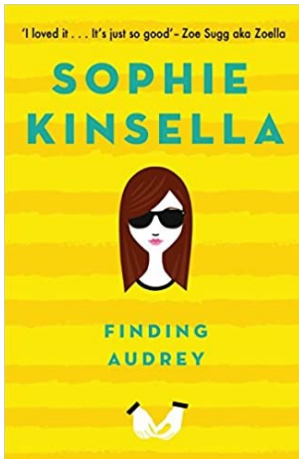
This is a creepy book; do not be deceived by the 'twee' cover illustration or the 'simple' (boring at first) storyline which stays with you long after you have finished reading. This debut novel won the Times Children's Fiction Competition in 2018 and I am looking forward to reading more books by this talented author.

Dark Room by Tom Becker

All our horror readers know the 'Red Eye' series and this book by Tom Becker is a very worthy addition. I am not a lover of horror but I do enjoy a good 'who-dunnit' thriller and this one has a really clever plot twist. Highly recommended for those who can cope with lots of blood and gore...



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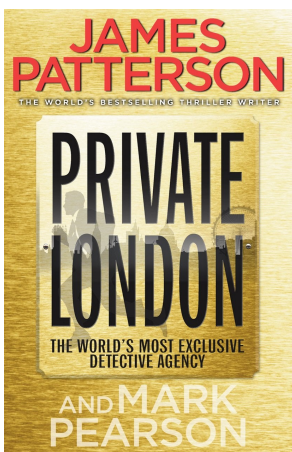
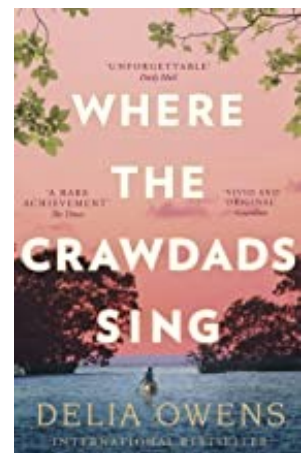


Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER. How many times to I say this, only to do it myself? Sophie Kinsella is one of my favourite chic lit authors but this book has languished at the bottom of my reading pile. Now I have finally read it, the cover illustration makes sense! The plot is just so relevant (school life, relationships and mental health issues); a tear jerker with an uplifting ending. A must read for our reluctant readers who enjoyed 'Life on the Refrigerator Door' by Alice Kuipers.

Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

This is one of our Staff Book Club reads and I am not surprised it is a Waterstones and Amazon 2020 best seller. Do not be put off by the tiny print, this is a beautifully written book with many evocative descriptive passages and 'long words'. Definitely not for our secondary school readers but a must for adults. This has everything, crime, passion, discrimination, nature; simply a winner!

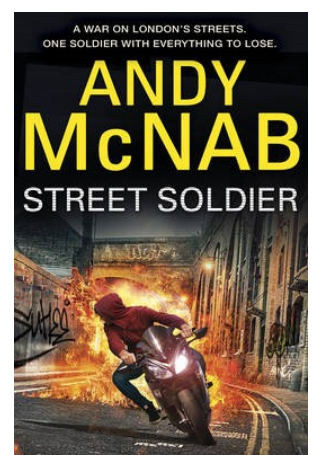


Private London by James Patterson

I found this one on my bookshelf at home, an airport buy that I had never read. After some of the intense books I have been reading this, ironically, provided a bit of light relief. A fast paced thriller, kidnap, murder and a satisfying plot twist. I am donating this one to our School Library and it will be shelved in the Young Adult section for lovers of books by Chris Ryan, Andy McNab and Peter Cocks.

Street Soldier by Andy McNab

I confess I put this book to one side part way through because I could not cope with the tension! Andy McNab's own teenage experiences have informed the central character's internal conflict and the realistic plot reflects McNab's personal SAS army knowledge (weapons and terrorism). Another must read for those who enjoy action thrillers. I will be buying the rest of the series for our School Library.



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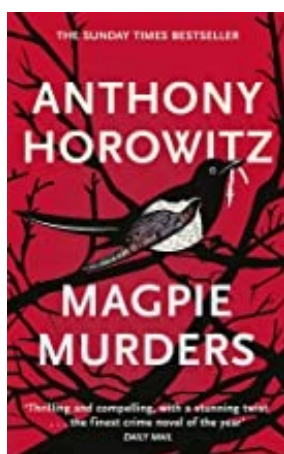


Scars like Wings by Erin Stewart

Everything I said about the 'Finding Audrey' book cover illustration applies to this book too. When I eventually got around to reading it, I found it 'unputdownable'. If you are a fan of John Green's 'The Fault In Our Stars' then this book is for you. I have not cried continuously over a book for a long time.

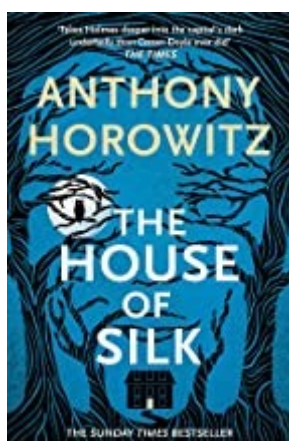
Hidden Depths by Ann Cleeves

My husband found this crime and detective novel in one of our bookcases (even we are getting short of books now) and enjoyed it so much that I decided to read it too. As many of you will know, the main character, Vera, is brilliantly played by the actress Blenda Blethin in the TV series of this name. A cracking read and I will be donating it to our School Library for our young adult crime readers.

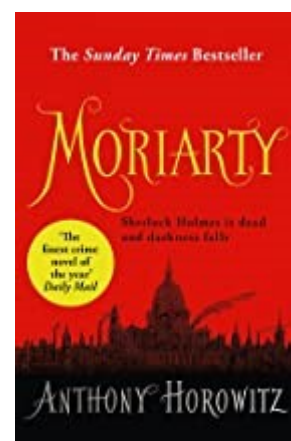


Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

Anthony Horowitz is such a prolific and talented author and many of our readers have enjoyed his Stormbreaker (thriller adventure) and Power of Five (fantasy adventure) books. Horowitz is also a TV screenwriter, creating Midsomer Murders and working on the Poirot series. Magpie Murders is a crime novel cleverly written as a book-within-a-book-within a book. I found the format a bit tedious at times but if you like Agatha Christie and Maureen Johnson's books then this one is for you.



Whilst updating our stock records, I have discovered that **two Sherlock Holmes inspired books by Anthony Horowitz have gone missing from our shelves.** If you have, please can you return to our School Library. It would be good to get these books back, no questions asked and no fines payable. Thank you.



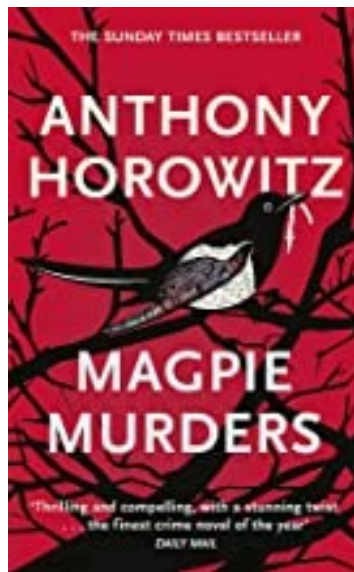
Librarians' Book Blog

We have taken a sabbatical as there is too much to do as the Summer Holidays draw to a close. Please see next month's edition for new recommendations.

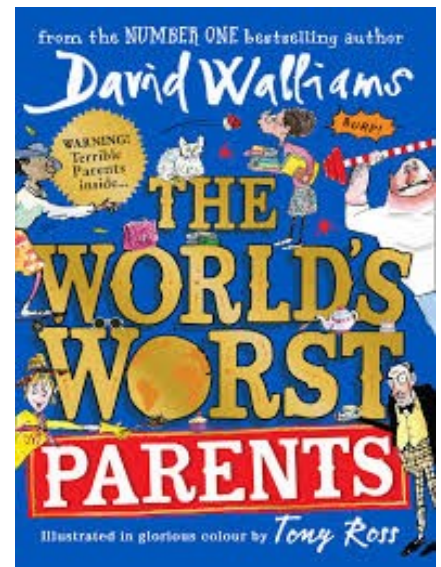
Books new to our Library this month



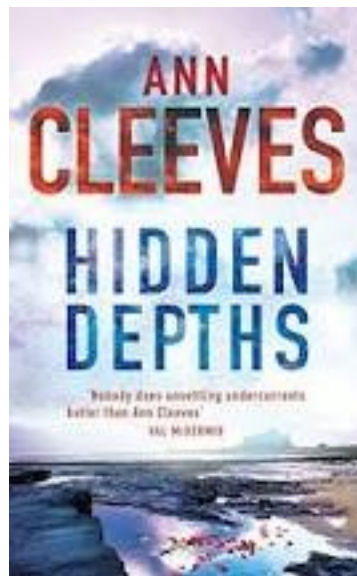
Donated by Mrs Williams.



Donated by Mrs Leach.



Another David Walliams!



Donated by Mrs Brett.

We have five months worth of new fiction titles for you to borrow with **the launch our new Click-and-Collect service on Monday 14th September. Happy Reading!**



Library Click-and-Collect Service

If you need to borrow a Library book and are unable to access our School Library, please complete this order form.

Name: Tutor Group:

EITHER, I would like to borrow:

Please write down the title and/or author:

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OR, I would like Mrs Brett to choose a book for me to read:

Please complete the reader profile below so that Mrs Brett can find the Library book best suited to you. This book will be loaned out to you for three weeks. See the return date on the date plate at the front of the book. If you need longer to read it, just contact Mrs Brett via Show My Homework to renew your Library loan.

MY READER PROFILE

☐ EITHER I would like a Fiction book and the last book I enjoyed was


My favourite genre is / genres are (tick the boxes):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thriller | <input type="checkbox"/> True Story | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult |

OR I would like a Non-Fiction book so that I can read about (please state the subject(s) that interest(s) you):

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☐ I enjoy reading books. ☐ I am a reluctant reader.

Please send your completed order form to Mrs Brett via Show My Homework. When you have finished reading your Library book, please return it via the letter box under the Library noticeboard (in the corridor between our School Library and Student Support Services). **HAPPY READING!** Mrs Brett 



From MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Check Show My Homework for details or ask your Tutor