

# B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

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

Dear Library Friends,

Two big successes to report this month; the safe return of the majority of our Library books borrowed before Lock-down and the launch of our new **Click-and-Drop** Service.

We are continuing with our Librarian Team Zoom meetings and working on a virtual debating team; more on this in our next issue.

We are a little low on Librarian contributions for this edition but it has been a busy few weeks back for all of us adapting to the new School procedures.

Best wishes  
Mrs Brett  
Library Co-Ordinator



## Library Click-and-Drop 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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"/> Adventure     | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals            | <input type="checkbox"/> Classics    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dystopian          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Novel | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humour        | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Read         | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport              | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen        |
| <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): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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 

## LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD



### September Birthdays

Hettie Reynolds  
Lily McKenzie  
Maddy Broadhurst  
Beth Stimson



## **Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report**

**Having had feedback from my fellow School Librarians across the county, I have to say that our post Lockdown Library service compares extremely favourably with other schools.**

1. Our Library is a now a Year 9 classroom and this has given me the opportunity to catch up on all those jobs we put to one side for when there is enough time to do (Fiction genre re-cataloguing, updating our Quick Reads and streamlining the Library database). Library borrowing tends to wane at the beginning of Year 9 so having Year 9 pupils in our Library serves as a fabulous reminder to read.
2. One benefit of Lockdown has been my introduction to 'Show My Homework' and this has really helped with the recovery of over a hundred overdue Library books, just a few more to go...
3. Our Returns letterbox (in use for years) is working beautifully as the new one-way system takes pupils past our Library.
4. At lunchtime I am supervising our Year 8 pupils; the benefit of this is being able to directly answer questions about our new Click-and-Drop service.
5. I have continued to order new books and I am certainly missing the help of my Librarian team to process these. Fortunately, Mrs Leach has been able to help with this task as well as the re-cataloguing of our Quick Reads.

## Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

6. Our **Click-and-Drop** service started a couple of weeks ago. Tutors presented my Powerpoint and students have been submitting their orders via Show-My-Homework. I have lots of experience of matching the book with the student; the tricky part is accessing my Library books. Our reference section has been dismantled but, with Jack Creed's help, I have created narrow corridors between stacked furniture to access books but I can still only grab books during free periods..

7. My Librarian Team has emerged from Lockdown with a hardcore of twenty student Librarians. I have been hosting Zoom sessions during the Summer Holidays to keep everyone together (as the Year bubbles cannot mix) and am working on a virtual Awards Programme to keep everyone on their toes ready for re-opening. Meanie that I am, I am making our Library Team memorise the alphabet and the ten Dewey Decimal categories (for starters)!

8. I am continuing to produce our Library monthly magazine - started just before Lockdown - and editions are downloadable from our School website. This has proved a good way of promoting reading and our Library service.

9. I've been asked about recruiting Year 7 Librarians without a Library so am thinking about this... LOL.

10. I am currently planning visits to Year 7 Tutor Groups during Tuesday and Thursday registrations to spread the love of books.



**HAPPY READING**



# FICTION NEW to our Library

## CRIME

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Good Girl, Bad Blood by Holly Jackson

Murder Most Unladylike Mystery : Death Sets Sail by Robin Stevens

## DYSTOPIAN

Monsters Trilogy\* : Monster, Villain & Hero by Michael Grant

\*continuation of the Gone Series

## FANTASY

Step Sister by Jennifer Donnelly

Warrior Cats, Power of Three : Outcast by Erin Hunter

Warrior Cats, Power of Three : Sunrise by Erin Hunter

Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murphy

The Book of Dust : The Secret Commonwealth by Philip Pullman

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Lady Mary by Lucy Worsley

The Austen Girls by Lucy Worsley

## HUMOUR

Dork Diaries : Spectacular Superstar by Rachel Renee Russell

The World's Worst Parents by David Walliams

## TEEN

The Places I've Cried In Public by Holly Bourne

No Fixed Address by Susan Nielsen

## THRILLER

Street Soldier : Silent Weapon by Andy McNab

## TRUE STORY

Hitler's Canary by Sandy Tosvig

## YOUNG ADULT

Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Remember to email with your recommendations for our Library  
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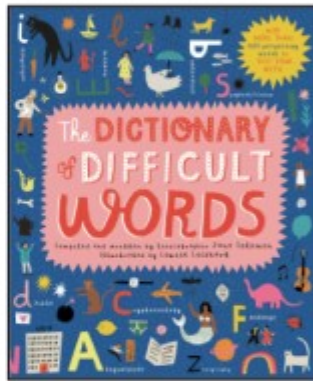
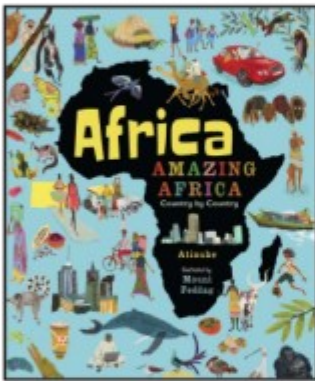




# 2020 Shortlist

Which of these factual books  
would you like to see on our  
Library Non-Fiction Shelves?

## Ages 8 to 12



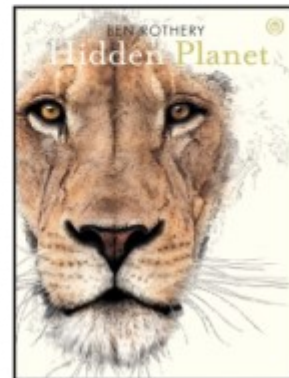
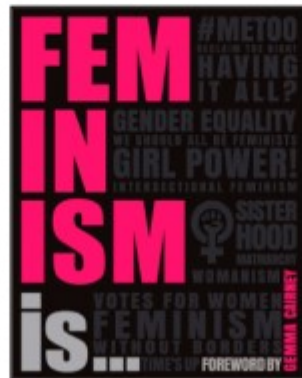
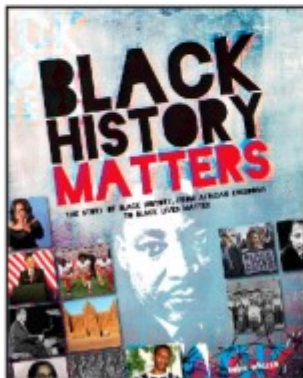
Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke & Mouni Feddag

Dictionary of Difficult Words by Jane Solomon & Louise Lockhart

Kids Fight Plastic by Martin Dorey & Tim Wesson

Heroes by Jonny Marx & Gerhard van Wyk

## Ages 13 to 16



Black History Matters by Robin Walker

Feminism Is... Foreword by Gemma Cairney

Hidden Planet by Ben Rothery

# *Mrs Brett's Choices*

## **Kids Fight Plastic**

A pocket-sized paperback which explains how to become a 2minutesuperhero by doing something simple every day to help fight plastic and save the oceans. Written by activist Martin Dorey who started up The Beach Clean Network in 2009, referred to as #2minutebeachclean on social media, and now with over 500 litter-picking stations around the coast. The book contains loads of background information and fascinating facts about the plastic problem and suggests plenty of achievable activities that anyone can put into practice, wherever they are (street, park, or school playground) to begin to take an active part in really making a difference. Fully illustrated throughout, the book is accessible, down-to-earth in its approach, and convincingly demonstrates that it is possible for everyone to have an impact on a problem of potentially over-whelming proportions.

## **Black History Matters**

Robin Walker draws together the major historical, geographical and political events that have shaped the experience of black people, from Ta-Seti to today, in this engaging and informative book. Well thought-out typography and a comprehensive contents page and index mean the wealth of information is easy to navigate and the accompanying photographs of artefacts, maps and people bring life to the facts and biographical accounts featured. A solid introduction to this vast aspect of world history.


## **Hidden Planet**

This is a personal love letter to the natural world created by the author/illustrator to give readers 'a glimpse of the outstanding diversity of nature'. Like many young people, Ben Rothery has always been wild-life obsessed, and his passion for the subject is bound to infect and inspire others. His detailed drawings have a photographic quality which reflect his desire to create technically accurate images that are immensely pleasing to look at. The originality of the book lies in how it explores the different ways in which creatures are hidden from sight, including the relationships between species that might otherwise seem unconnected. The book makes for fascinating reading, introducing new or less familiar concepts and animals. It is ideal for dipping into, but could also be used to support research, and would-be David Attenborough's will undoubtedly want to read the book from cover to cover.

## This month's Gallery...

Mrs Selman's daughter Elizabeth (a Year 6 Primary School pupil) very kindly reviewed these books for me. I will be using this form to create a new book review template for our Library Team. Thank you Elizabeth.



 **Book Review**

Title: Return to Roar

Author: Jenny McLachlan      Illustrator: Ben Mantle

Main characters: Auther / Rose / Win / mich / creaky / Grandpa

Main storyline: It is about 2 siblings who goto a magical world they created but whatever they play at home, it comes to Roar! Creaky is an evil scarecrow who finds an evil box and he whi stopped at nothing to see what was in the box...

What did you like about the book? I loved this book because i ♥ fantasy stories and it had some amazing imagery.

How could the book be improved? I don't think it needed to be improved at all!! it was perfect.

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments: This book is my fave!

Grade: 

<u>Excellent</u>	Good	Fair	Uninteresting
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Date: Finished 19.9.20      Signed: Elizabeth Selman-etc



## This month's Gallery...



# Book Review

Title: Welcome to Nowhere

Author: Elizabeth Laird      Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Main characters: Omar, Musa, Eman, Baba, Ma, Fवाद and Nadia.

Main storyline: It is about a boy and his family who are from <sup>Syria</sup> ~~Siria~~ and in the end, end up in a refugee camp but have to go to London to give Nadia a heart operation.

What did you like about the book? I really liked that the author has made the description really emotive and it made me want to help all of the refugee's.

How could the book be improved? I think it could use a few more pictures but otherwise, it was great!

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments: I ♥ this book and it was really heart-warming!

Grade:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Uninteresting

Date: Finished - 12.9.20

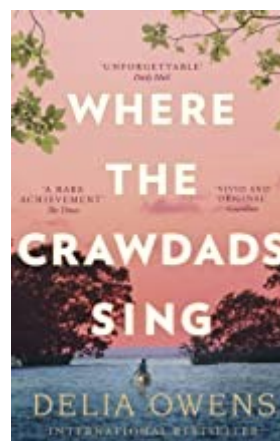
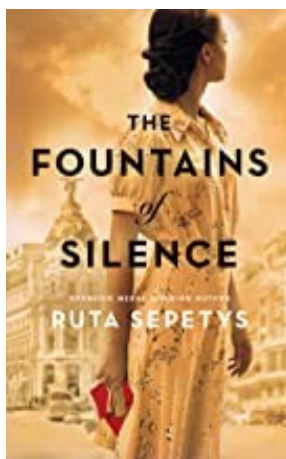
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## READING Recommendations

### Corbet Staff BOOK CLUB

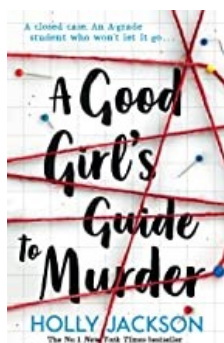
We have all been so busy since returning to School that we have not had chance to meet up via Zoom to nominate a new set of books. Watch this space next month! Mrs Brett still has not read 'The Fountains of Silence'...



## Student Librarian Recommendations

Thanks to Jess Ford for introducing Mrs Brett to novels by **HOLLY JACKSON**. How did I miss this new author?!! If you enjoyed 'One of Us Is Lying' by Karen McManus, you should like this author too. We now have these two titles available to borrow.

**The New York Times No.1 bestselling YA crime thriller.**  
**Winner of the British Book Awards' Children's Book of the Year 2020**  
**Shortlisted for The Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2020**



Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. The case is closed. Having grown up in the same small town, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is not so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, Pip uncovers secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. If the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth . . . ?

Pip Fitz-Amobi is not a detective anymore. With the help of Ravi Singh, she released a true-crime podcast about the murder case they solved together. The podcast has gone viral, yet Pip insists her investigating days are behind her. She will have to break that promise when someone she knows goes missing. The police will not investigate; will Pip find the victim before it's too late?



## In September Mrs Brett read...

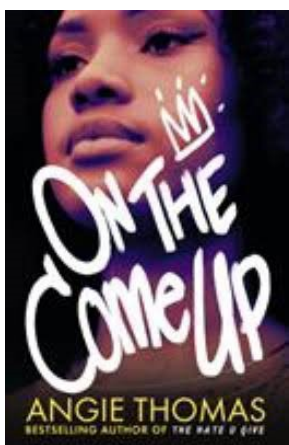
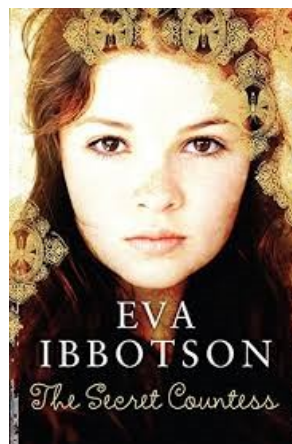


### **Magic Flutes by Eva Ibbotson**

Eva Ibbotson is one of our neglected authors but she is a beautiful writer. It took a while for me to get into this, slightly old-fashioned, fairy tale romance, but once I had sorted out the many different characters, I was hooked. This is an amusing romance with a wonderfully predictable ending. I think some of our mature Year 8 readers will enjoy this one.

### **The Secret Countess by Eva Ibbotson**

Another amusing romance and I can certainly see some parallels with Jane Austen. Slightly predictable again but thoroughly enjoyable reading. Anna, a young countess, has lived in a St Petersburg palace all her life but when revolution tears Russia apart, her now-penniless family is forced to flee to England. Armed with an out-of-date book on housekeeping, Anna determines to become a housemaid...



### **On The Come Up by Angie Thomas**

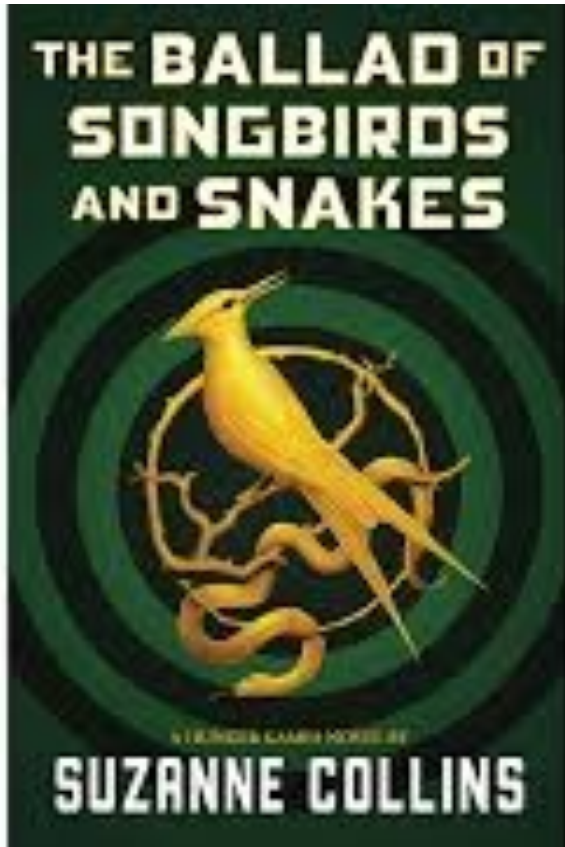
This is a young adult novel shortlisted for the 2020 Carnegie medal. It tells the story of Bri, a sixteen year old rapper hoping follow her father and succeed as an underground hip-hop legend. It has take me forever to read this book. I do not like the writing style and the contrived plot leaves me cold. I think perhaps I am a little too old for this one. I will be interested to see what some of our KS4 readers make of this novel.

### **My Love Lies Bleeding by Alyxandra Harvey**

I found this one on our Library shelves whilst looking for another book. It lived up to its cover and was, indeed, a Twilight-like Vampire adventure. The twist is that the dashing Vampire falls in love with the human-next-door-neighbour and the Female-about-to-be-Vampire falls in love with the human-Vampire-hunter. Okay for a quick read, I think our Year 9s will enjoy.



## Mrs Brett's Book of the Month...



All Dystopian/  
Fantasy lovers,  
this is a must  
read for 2020!!!



### **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins**

When first published back in 2008, it took a couple of years to catch on and then The Hunger Games trilogy became the trail blazer for a wave of new Dystopian novels.

I was somewhat underwhelmed by news of a prequel as so many authors have published sequels to successful series which have proved disappointing plot/money spinners. I should have known better; of course, this was going to be brilliant!

This book grabs you from the beginning and I wish I had read it more slowly to savour the quality writing (the sympathetic character development of President Snow through childhood deprivation - 'snow always lands on top' - and the interweaving of connecting plot lines) - but it was just so good.

I am now looking forward to the film. Let's hope it comes out on Netflix soon!



**WASH****HANDS****COVER****FACE****MAKE****SPACE**

**Hands: Wash** and sanitise your hands frequently.  
Sanitise your hands before putting on your face covering  
and after removing your face covering,

**Desk cleaning** : Please follow these protocols at the start  
of **ALL** lessons:

Pupils sanitise their hands-on entry to the room

Take a wipe from the tub and clean their desk area

Put the wipe in the bin and sit down

**Face:** thank you to everyone for your positive response  
to wearing face coverings whilst moving around the  
school, please do keep up the good work.

**Space:** Even when outside, please stay at least 1m apart.  
If pupils do not spread out more, we may have to  
introduce face coverings during break and lunch times  
too.

**Please keep up the good work and your  
positive attitude which is really appreciated.**