

# B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

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

## Dear Library Friends,

Sadly, we decided not to head for our little cottage in Brittany and instead, I am painting our kitchen cupboards!!! I finally finished my quilt piece for Mrs Goodridge and have been busy wrapping lots of birthday presents for my son's 21st.

I am really enjoying our Library Zoom meetings; apart from the very abrupt endings when we run out of time.

This is our shortest edition so far and I am hoping for some of your contributions for August!

Best wishes



**Mrs Brett**

**Library Co-Ordinator**

p.s. I know a number of our regular Library users are running out of books to read. If you have not already done so, please take a look at the Shropshire Library service. Under 16s can join online:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/14733/joining-instructions-under-16.pdf>

Please make sure to record your Account ID and your PIN number as you will need this information to log onto the e-library service.

This service gives you access to e-books, e-audio, e-magazines and e-newspapers through <https://shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-book/e-library>.

## LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD



**There are no July birthdays to celebrate!!  
Library Team, please keep checking SMH  
for Zoom meeting invitations.  
Happy Summer Holidays!!**

# This month's Gallery...

## 2020 QUILT

**As you all know, Mrs Goodridge has set us a challenge to create a small piece of textile work to form part of a larger quilt for display.**

Remember:

- The decorative piece will need to be 18cm x 18cm but the fabric must be 20cms x 20cms so that Mrs Goodridge has a 2cm seam allowance all the way around each piece so that she can sew all the pieces together without hiding any of the decoration!
- Use woven cotton or polyester cotton fabric. Sheet, duvet, pillow case fabric, old shirt, plain tea towel are all suitable as the background fabric if you do not have any other fabric at hand.
- Any colours, patterns.
- It can be decorated in any way you want - patchwork, embroidered, painted, dyed, embellished with beads, buttons, ribbons etc
- It can be based on anything that is relevant to 2020 and important to you, a person, place, occasion, NHS, a loved one etc.
- It can be an image of something or a pattern.
- You don't have to be a brilliant sewer – just willing to have a go.
- Lots of ideas on the internet, Pinterest etc
- **MAKE SURE YOU ATTACH YOUR NAME TO THE BACK.**

**Please take part and be as creative as you can.**

This is Mrs Brett's contribution. As you can see, I have incorporated some of my tie and dye as well as felting. For many of us, the rainbow has become symbolic of lockdown and supporting our NHS. Looking forward to our return to school, I have also included our school 'motto' *Aspire : Achieve : Succeed.*



## This month's Gallery...

Another photograph from from Mrs Brett; this was a little housewarming gift for my son and his girlfriend. The tall paper rose is made from pages from 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' (one of my son Jason's childhood favourites) and both roses are set in a clay tile the shape of a house, stamped with their names and coloured with my new pearlescent paints. It took ages to do!!



## Living Knowledge Network Live Stream

The Living Knowledge Network is a UK-wide partnership of national and public libraries created by the British Library to exchange knowledge and develop memorable experiences for public library users, from simultaneous UK-wide exhibitions to professional leadership and development days. Over the past two years they have livestreamed a programme of live events to public library audiences across the UK.

In light of widespread library closures due to coronavirus, the Network has curated an archive programme of past events to keep people entertained and inspired and to remind everyone of the special place libraries have in our communities.

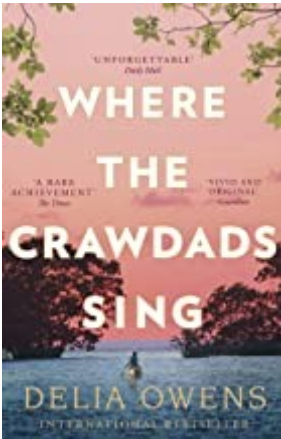
To find out more or watch the latest videos visit:

<https://www.living-knowledge-network.co.uk/>

# READING Recommendations

## Corbet Staff BOOK CLUB

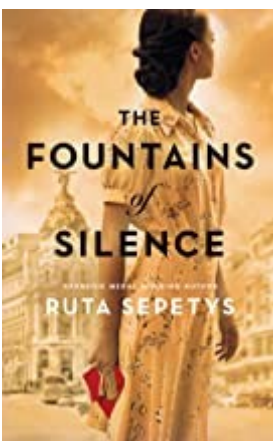
It is still proving tricky to get hold of some books so we have challenged ourselves with a selection for the Summer Holidays. Please see below and feel free to participate!



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 . . .

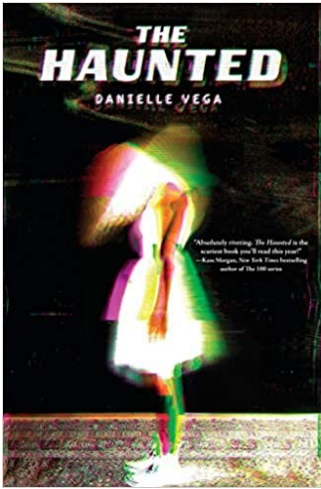


Madrid, 1957. Daniel, young, wealthy and unsure of his place in the world, views the city through the lens of his camera. Ana, a hotel maid whose family is suffering under the fascist dictatorship of General Franco. Lives and hearts collide as they unite to uncover the hidden darkness within the city.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

Ruta Sepetys is acknowledged as one of the finest writers of historical fiction for Young Adults. The review for this one reads: 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.

Personally I was disappointed with her last novel so I shall be interested to see how this one reads!

## In July Mrs Brett read...

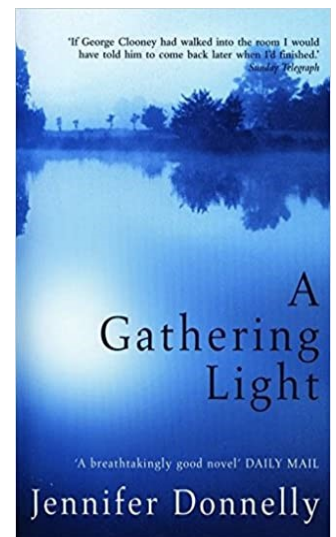


### **The Haunting by Danielle Vega**

This had fantastic reviews and I ordered the paperback but instead received the hardback with a really 'naff' cover. Although the cover was slightly off-putting, I decided to give it a go and could not put this book down; I read most of it in one afternoon and finished the last couple of chapters at bedtime (even though it's a horror I just wanted to find out the ending). The ending.....well..... No spoilers! I want to read more by this author.

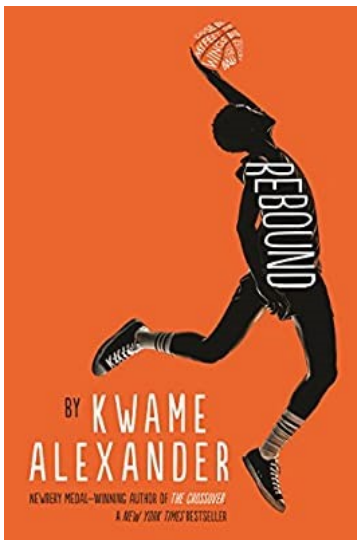
### **A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly**

I still cannot decide whether I like this book or not. Donnelly is a talented author and I could clearly picture each character and scene as I was carried along by the storyline. I love the description of the writer's voice and the use of the dictionary. My problem, was the love letters - I was irritated by the plot, it did not make sense to me that the sender still had her letters - this is explained by the author in the endnotes but I still think she should have come up with a better solution...



### **Inkling by Kenneth Oppel**

We have had this book on our shelves for sometime and very little interest has been shown. I recently reviewed another neglected book by this author and was so impressed that I did not withdraw it from our Library stock. As this one had been shortlisted for the Carnegie 2020 medal, I decided to overlook the childish cover and 'give it a go'. I loved 'Inkling' and think this book should have won. Recommended for those who enjoyed 'Wonder', 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and books by David Walliams.

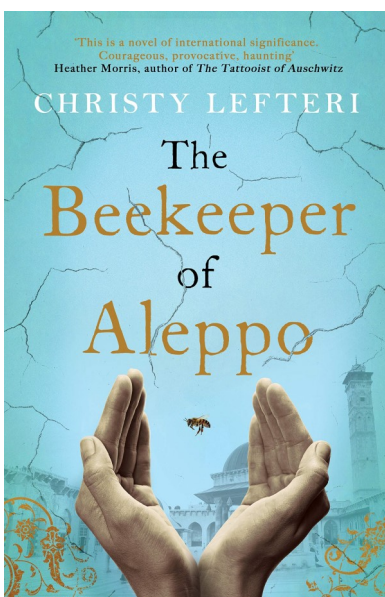


## Rebound by Kwame Alexander

First off, I love the cover illustrations for all of Alexander's books and I am a fan of free verse. I was not sure I would enjoy this book as I did not think I would identify with the main character and the basketball theme. It only took a few pages and then I was hooked but an abrupt and sadly disappointing ending spoiled this one for me but our next reader may disagree. Please read novels by this very talented black author.

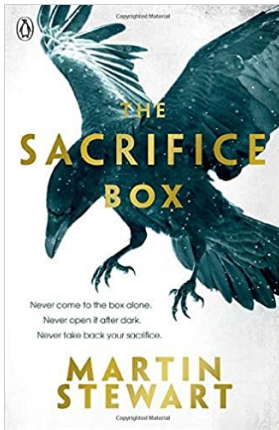
## With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Those KS4 pupils who read Acevedo's Carnegie medal winning 'Poet X' will be impressed with the versatility of this young author. Her latest novel is not written in free verse but is just as powerful. The Black Lives Matter movement has reinforced our need for self education to fully understand social diversity. Novels by this author and Kwame Alexander are hugely relevant; they are windows to modern lives very different from our own but at the same time, they touch on life lessons of value to all. A must read!



## The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Whilst this is a work of fiction, it is the result of a considerable amount of personal research to highlight the plight of Syrian refugees. For me, this was not a 'tear jerker'; it was about the fragility of human life. It was not an uplifting read. It left me feeling negative about the self-destructive side of humanity and our unfeeling treatment of our refugees a group of people portrayed as mentally and physically damaged individuals who are not receiving the support they need to move forward with their lives.

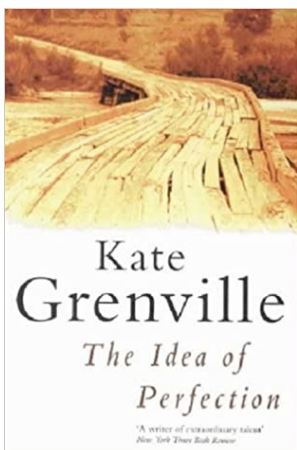
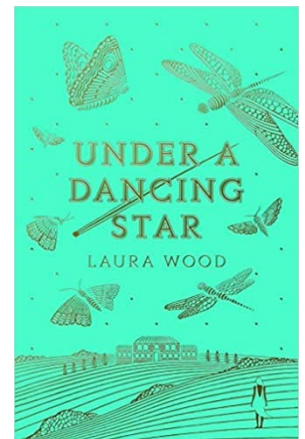


## **The Sacrifice Box by Martin Stewart**

Highly recommended for lovers of the Red Eye horror series. Great plot, bucket-loads of suspense AND believable characters. This is a winner!!! I might have to order a second copy for our Library shelves as well as more books by this author! Highly recommended for our KS3 and KS4 horror readers.

## **Under A Dancing Star by Laura Wood**

Laura Wood is one of my favourite authors. I would describe her as an 'atmospheric' writer. This is a coming of age novel set in the 1930s. Not suitable for KS3 but a must read for our mature KS4 Romance readers.

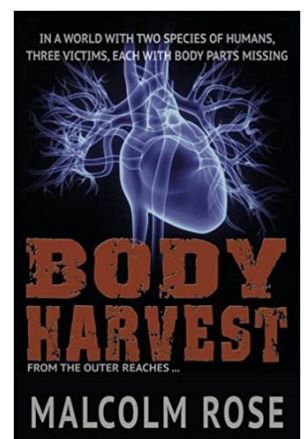


## **The Idea of Perfection by Kate Grenville**

Mrs Leach, I persevered with this one because you kindly lent me the book. The beginning was tedious but the author slowly worked her magic. I have mixed feelings about this one. I read fiction which opens worlds up to me which I could never imagine experiencing in real life. At times, this novel was a little too close to the truth and I found it rather depressing.

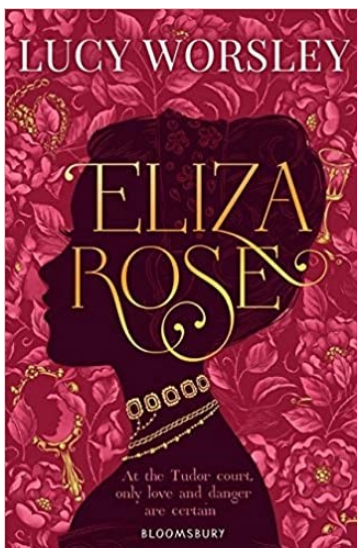
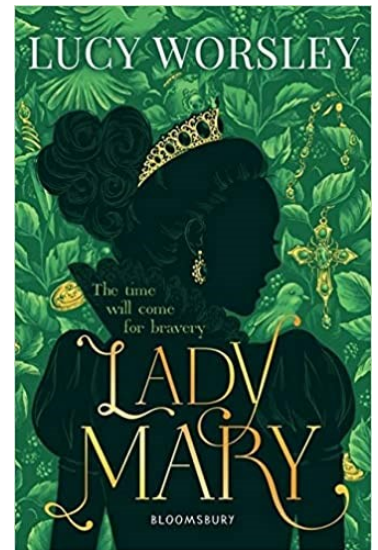
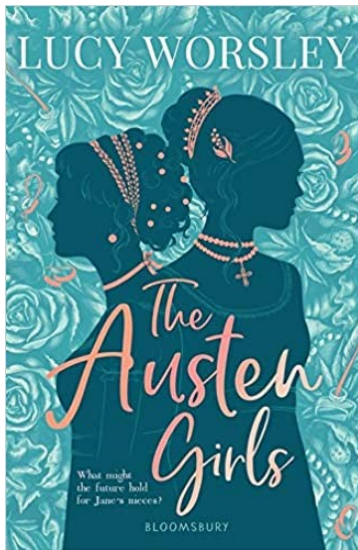
## **Body Snatchers by Malcolm Rose**

Super cover, exciting synopsis and a respected Young Adult author, I anticipated a winner but instead, I was left feeling disappointed. This one may suit some of our reluctant readers but I do not envisage buying the next in the series, unless you can persuade me otherwise...

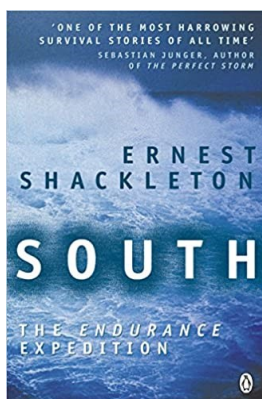
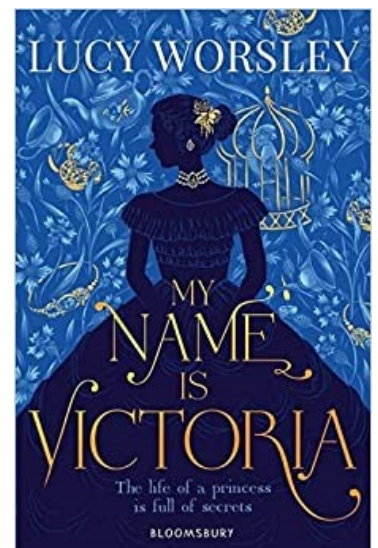


# Amy's Book Blog

These are the books Amy recommended during our Zoom meeting. I hope to purchase these for our Library:

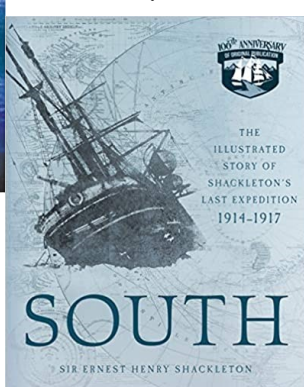


**Dr. Lucy Worsley OBE** is the author of this historical fiction series for teenagers. Worsley is a British historian, a television presenter and Chief Curator for the Historic Royal Palaces, the charity which looks after the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace, and other historic places.



In 1914, the polar explorer Ernest Shackleton announced an ambitious plan to lead the first trek across Antarctica via the South Pole.

The expedition would prove a perilous adventure.



*South* is the remarkable tale of the ill-fated expedition, told in Shackleton's own words - breathtakingly illustrated in this unique edition with photography from the expedition, modern images of the Antarctic, and newly discovered photos from the Ross Sea Party. Mrs Brett is looking forward to reading.



# Books new to our Library

## **Biographies:**

Peter Crouch How to be a Footballer

## **Fantasy:**

Love Shadows : Warriors Power of Three Series by Erin Hunter

Eclipse : Warriors Power of Three Series by Erin Hunter

## **Horror:**

Dark Room by Tom Becker

Body Harvest by Malcolm Rose

## **Quick reads for our reluctant readers:**

Magpie by Jill Atkins

Crime Stories by Penny Bates, David Bebin, Alan Durant & Anne Rooney

Ben's Room by Barbara Catchpole

Paupers by Mary Chapman

Wrong Exit by Mary Chapman

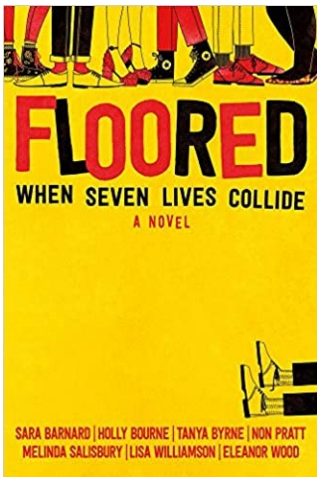
The Dark Candle by Peter Lancett

Today Everything Changes by Andy McNab

Star Chasers, The Jungle Planet by David Orme

## **Teen:**

Floored When Seven Lives Collide



## **Thriller:**

Street Soldier by Andy McNab

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