

# B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

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

**Dear Library Friends,**

October is a big month for our Library with

***National Poetry Day***

***World Mental Health Day***

***Black History***

Not forgetting, of course, that from the 5th to the 10th October we celebrate ***National Libraries week.***

With the majority of School Libraries closed across the country, these events have certainly been low-key affair but Mrs Brett is not downhearted. Our **click-and-drop service** for example, is likely to remain in place to continue to expand our Library readership when our Library re-opens.

Just a quick reminder, as a result of half-term holidays, all Library loans are due back during the first week of term. If anyone needs to renew their loans, please message me on Satchel.One.

Happy Reading.

**Mrs Brett**



## LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD



### **New Virtual Training Awards**

Amy Brough	12 points
Lucy Brough	8 points
Mia Armstrong	6 points
Jess Ford	
Emily Kovach	4 points

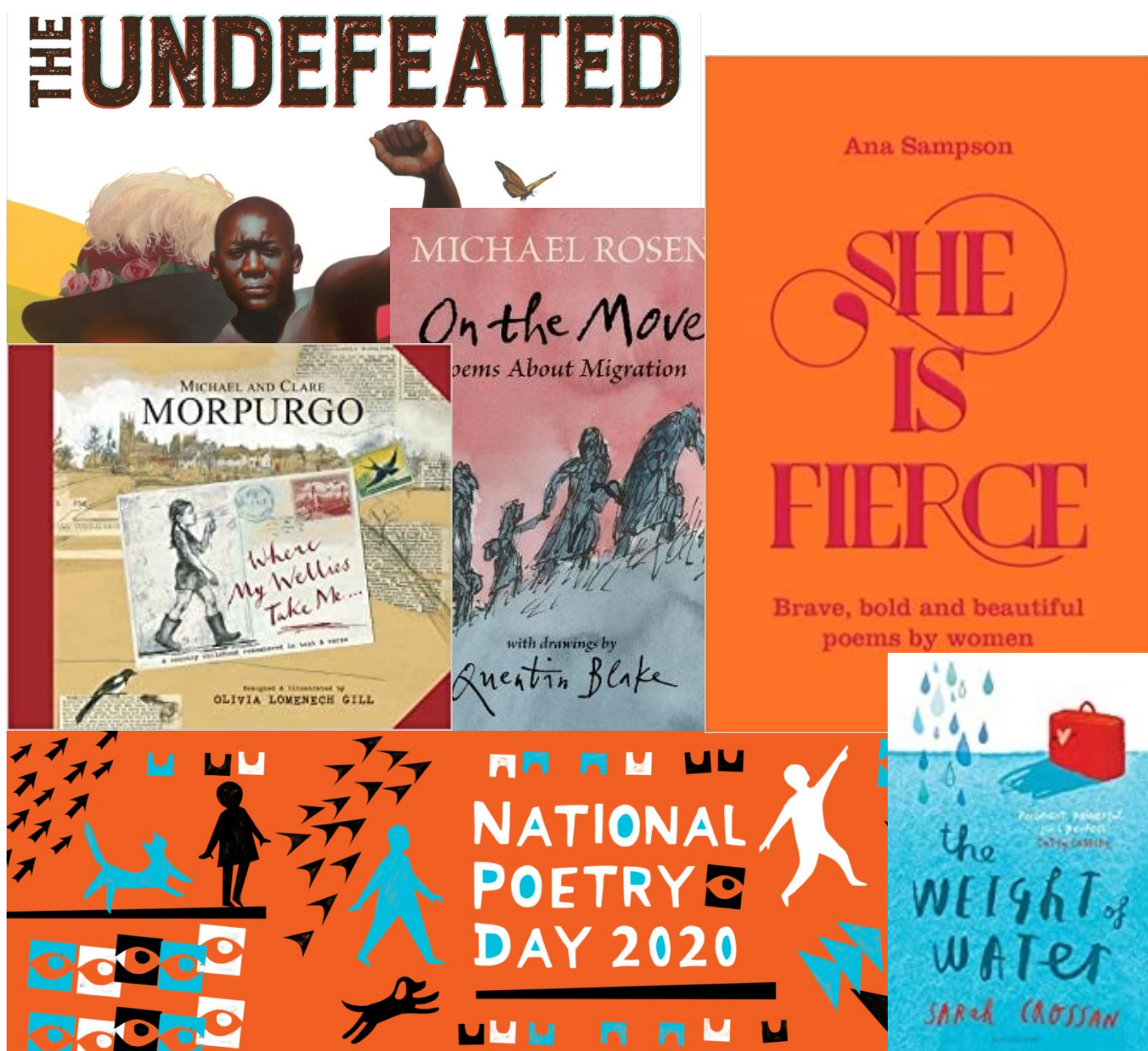


# NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2020

*Vision : see it like a poet*

As a lover of free verse and poetry, I am saddened that our poetry books are somewhat neglected. I always treat our Library to a couple of new poetry books to celebrate National Poetry Day and we really do have some lovely books. When our Library re-opens I may need to consider moving these books out of the Non-Fiction section of our Library to make them more accessible to pupils.

In the meantime, the theme of this years NPD is 'vision' which, of course, can be interpreted in many different ways.

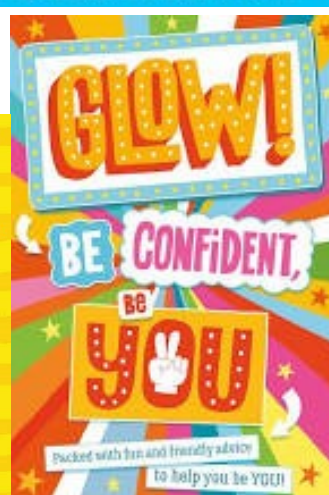
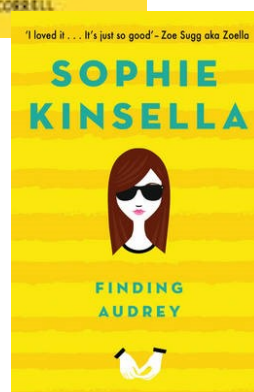
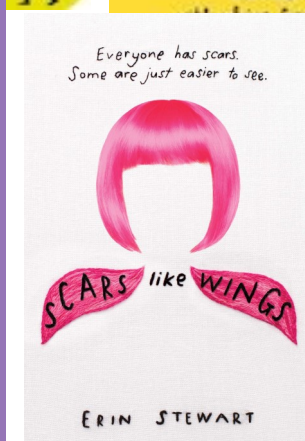
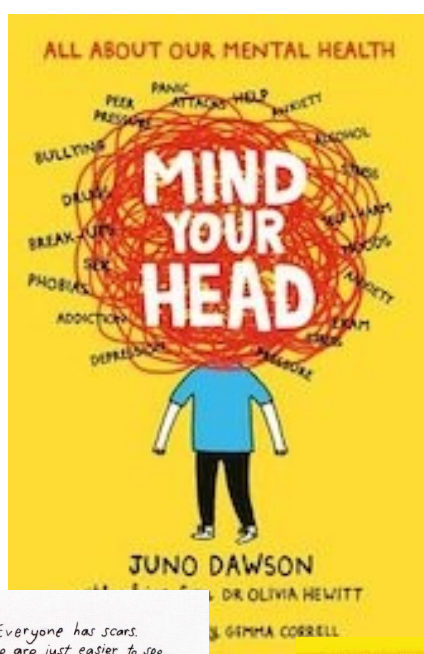


# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

## Do **one** thing

for better mental health this  
World Mental Health Day

10 October



In our School Library, we have a wide range of Teen fiction exploring mental health issues. We have also been expanding our range of Young Adult confidence booster books (shelf-help!). Please ask Mrs Brett for a list of titles available to borrow.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# THE UNDEFEATED



This is for the **unforgettable**.  
The Swift and sweet ones  
who **hurdled history**  
and opened a world  
of **possible**.

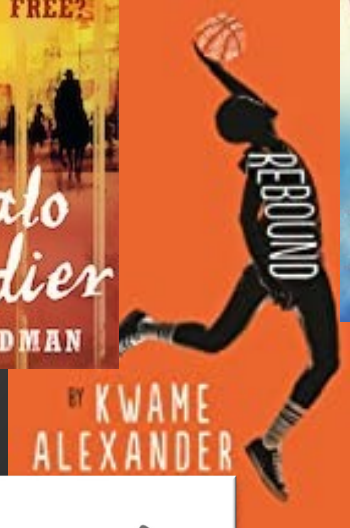
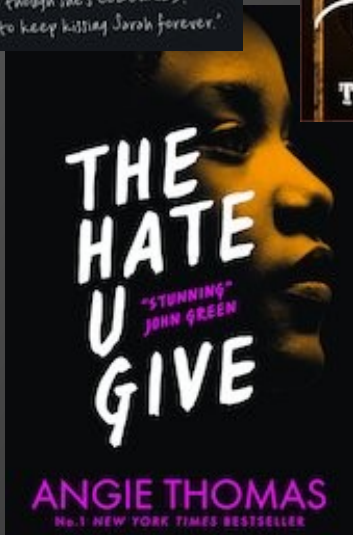
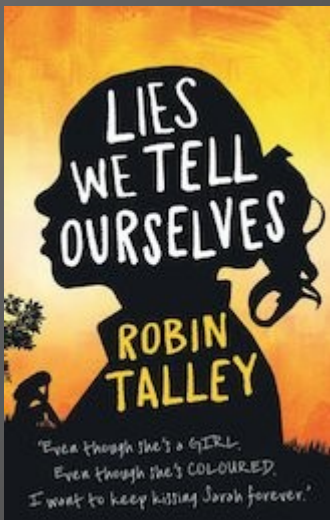
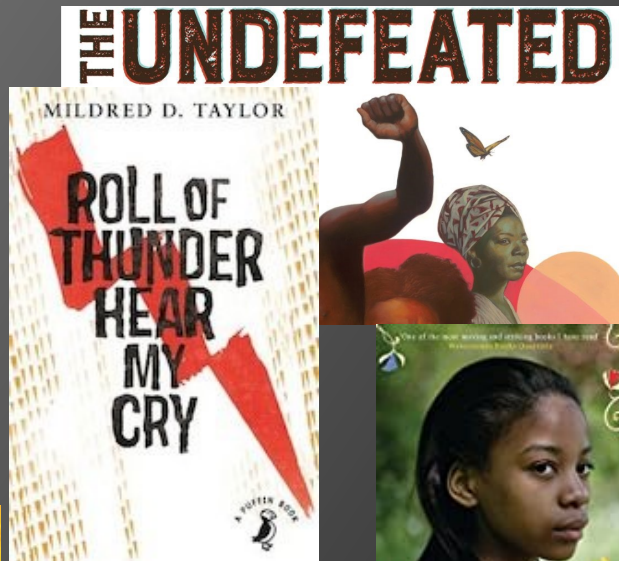


If I was asked to recommend one book to celebrate black history month, it would be this one.

Inspirational verse by **Kwame Alexander** brought to life by the superb illustration of **Kadir Nelson**.

Please find time to look at the Black History Month display board outside our Library. Mrs B.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHARING OUR EMBRACED HISTORY



# Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. Click-and-Drop is now working well (see later comments). Having had feedback from my fellow Librarians across the county, I have to say that our post Lockdown Library service is comparing very favourably with other schools.
2. Whilst a few of our Librarians have decided to take a holiday from the team, I am delighted to say that we have an active group of 20 (ranging from Year 8 to Year 11). I am very grateful for their enthusiasm which will be evident as you read on...
3. Satchel.One is proving an invaluable tool for communicating with our Library users.
4. I have received a very positive response to my plea to return Library books borrowed before Lockdown. I have 'written off' 16 books and will be replacing 8 from this year's Library budget. Setting this in context, it is no exaggeration to say that many School Libraries are chasing 100s of overdue books.
5. A quick nod to statistics here. In September 2019, our Library Team shelved 1,068 book returns, by comparison, in September 2020, Mrs Brett and Mrs Leach shelved 105 book returns. Heart-breaking.
6. Quickly moving on! Year 7 Tutor room visits have proved very successful and it is lovely to see so much enthusiasm for our Library books. I am looking to book more Tutor visits in November.
7. More new books have arrived to support National Poetry Day, Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. Please see the list at the back of this newsletter for all new books arriving this month.
8. Pupils are continuing to recommend books and I am looking to expand our Graphic Novels (Manga and Marvel).
9. With the help of Mrs Leach, I have updated our Quick Reads section for our reluctant readers and have purchased new titles to supplement our existing stock.
10. I am starting to process the multiple copy books purchased by Mrs Ashton in support of the Book-et List challenge which pupils will find in their planners.
11. Last, but not least, a bumper edition of our Library newsletter!

# Library Quick Reads

## What are Quick Reads?

Thin books for pupils who have yet to find a love of reading.  
Larger font + creamy yellow pages to help those with Dyslexia.  
Shelved by genre (not in alphabetical order by author surname).  
Colour coded to make it easier for our Librarians to put away.

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Adventure      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Animals                                      |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Classics       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Crime  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Discrimination | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Dystopian                                    |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Sport          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Teen   |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Thriller       | Librarians: ALL our Classics have blue spots <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

### 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):**

<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 checked="" 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.

If you are one of our reluctant readers and would like to try a Quick Read, remember to select these options on the click-and-drop form.

## Library Team Debating Society

Pre-Covid we enjoyed holding balloon debates in our Library. We are now taking our first tentative steps into the World of Zoom debating. We decided to choose a fun debate 'motion' for starters:

**This House believes that rabbits make better pets than dogs.**

This was a very good natured debate with Lucy Brough making an excellent case for rabbits being the better pet. Our Debate Captain, Katherine Oldham, stepped in at the last minute and made an equally good case for dogs being the better pet. Katherine won the debate but we could see that the 'better' pet is the one that is right for you. Without doubt, Lucy has a truly exceptional rabbit.



# LIBRARY CLICK-AND-DROP SERVICE

Our School Library is currently operating as a Classroom for Year 9 ONLY but **everyone still has access to our Library books.** We have an extensive range of fiction, non-fiction and reference titles and we are continuing to loan out Library books using our **Click-and-Drop service.**

## Loans, a recap:

Each pupil has their **own library account** and may **borrow up to three books at a time.**

The **loan period for Library books is three weeks** (longer during holidays).

Library books **must be returned through the letter-box under our Library noticeboard** (next door to student support services).

In these unprecedented times, **finest will be waived** on overdue books, providing they are returned in the condition in which they were borrowed.

## LOANS

- To borrow a Library book, please use our new **Click-and-Drop service.**
- You can **EITHER** request a specific book **OR** you can ask Mrs Brett to choose a book for you.
- The more information you give, the easier it will be for Mrs Brett to make a good reading match!



## Click...

- You will find this order form on satchel:one.
- It looks complicated to complete but, when you start, you will find it easy to do!

## and...

Send your completed order form to Mrs Brett via satchel:one

Mrs Brett will select your book, issue it and place it in a paper bag for quarantine and later delivery.



## Drop...

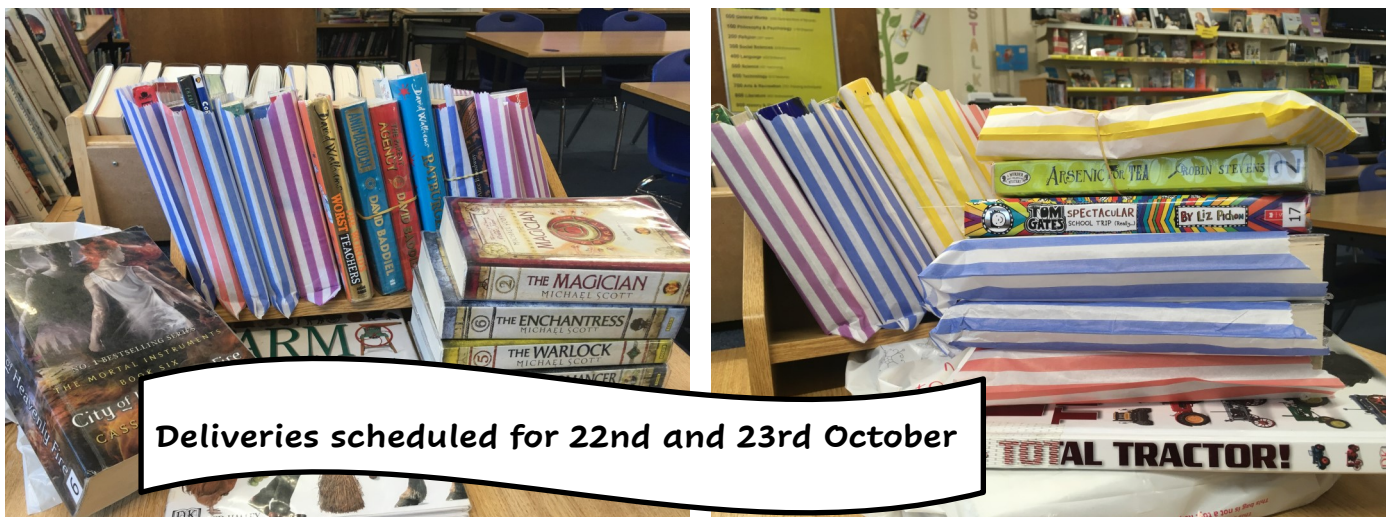
Mrs Brett will deliver Library books to Tutor rooms during Morning registration.

Each paper bag will be labelled with:

- your name and Tutor group
- the date the book was placed in the bag
- the date the book is due back (this will also be written on the date plate inside the book)





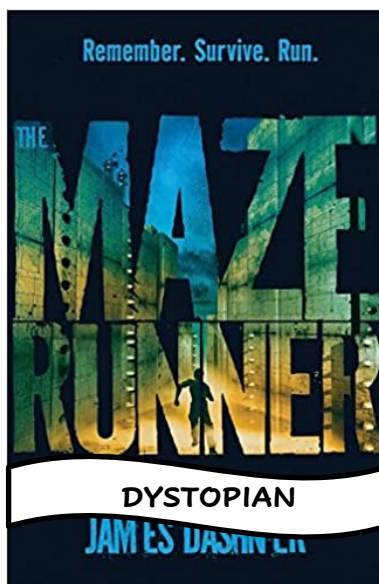
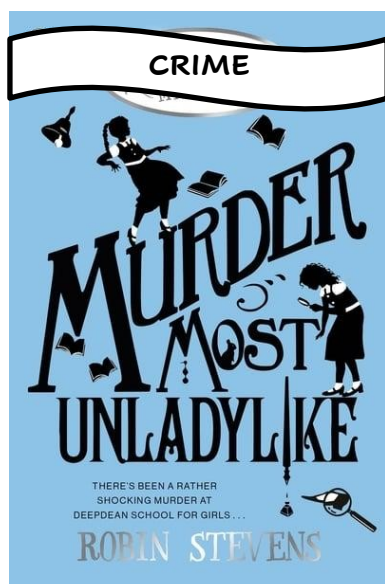


**Deliveries scheduled for 22nd and 23rd October**

Our click-and-drop service got off to a slow start as we familiarised ourselves with the new process using Satchel.One.

By the half term holidays, it is encouraging to see that during the four week period from 21st September, Mrs Brett issued and delivered 129 Library books.

As 63% of our readers are currently in Year 7, Mrs Brett has determined that her morning registration Library roadshow will be travelling outwards from Year 7 to other Year groups...



# School Librarian Team Virtual Training Awards

Mrs Brett held the first ever Librarian Zoom meeting on 16th July and now we are into a regular routine of weekly Zooms (alternative Wednesday and Thursday evenings) so that as many Librarians as possible can participate.

In place of our regular Wednesday lunchtime training meetings, Mrs Brett has put together an online programme to ensure our Library knowledge is improved and consolidated rather than lost in the absence of our Library in which to use it.

This new programme offers a series of Awards and incentives and the very worthy recipient of our first Virtual Training Award is **Amy Brough (90)**. Congratulations Amy.



The virtual training is designed to complement the existing Awards programme and under very difficult circumstances, two of our Librarians have also qualified for their Bronze Certificates (emailed home for printing off and presented virtually!!!).

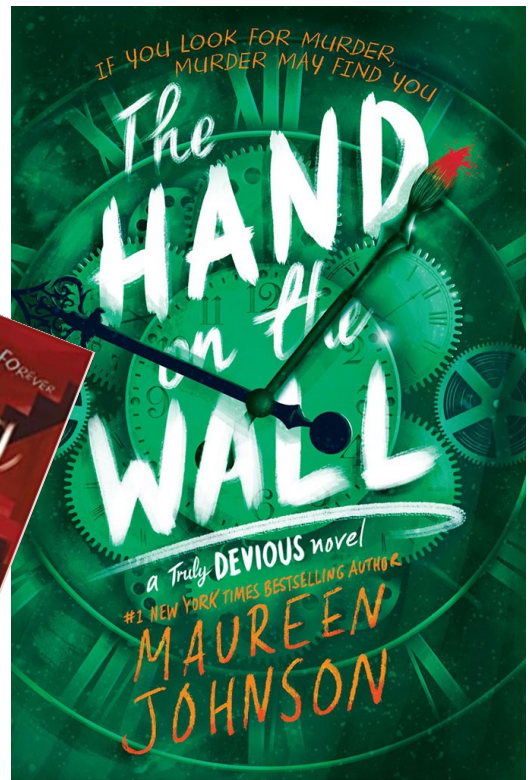
Well done **Hettie Reynolds (8B)** and **Lucy Brough (8R)**

Lucy did so well with her presentation on the Arctic Fox; our first Librarian Zoom presentation (with a little assistance from Mrs B).

## Librarians' Book of the Month...



Reviewed by  
Amy Brough



### **The Hand on the Wall by Maureen Johnson**

The first Truly Devious novel was published in 2018, opening the way for a trilogy of simply amazing books.

Set in a school for gifted students and filled with suspense, unpredictable plot twists and a deadly poem, this trilogy (Truly Devious, The Vanishing Stair and The Hand on the Wall), are well worth reading. I couldn't wait for the final book, and it did not disappoint. One of the only books that is actually unputdownable, I read all 368 pages in one night!

'The Hand on the Wall' was a perfect ending to this series, and when it gets to the final reveal, you are clueless right down to the last second as to the identity of the murderer.

I would definitely recommend this crime novel to students in Year 8 and above.



5-STAR RATING

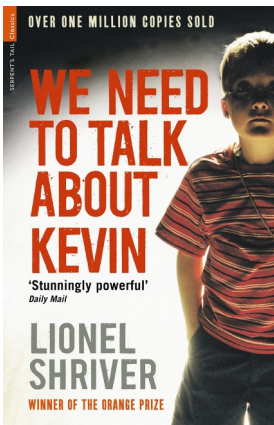
# READING Recommendations

## Corbet Staff BOOKCLUB

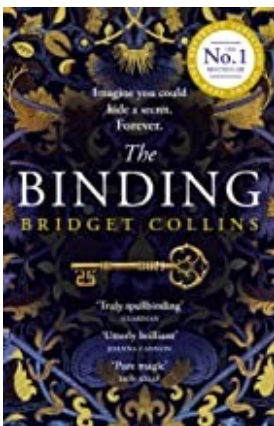
We have set ourselves a challenge to read four books by Christmas...



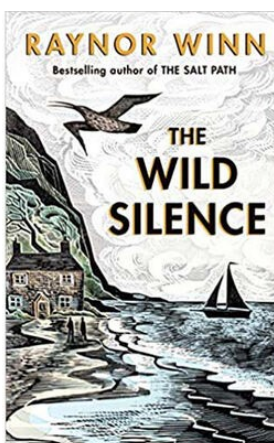
This debut novel by Healey was shortlisted for numerous awards in 2014. It tells the story of an investigation into a seventy-year-old crime, through the eyes of an unlikely narrator. This is a brilliant portrayal of the 'the fragmentation of the human mind' and a must read, especially if you have a friend or family member lost in the fog of Alzheimer's disease or senile dementia.



Eva never really wanted to be a mother; certainly not the mother of a boy who murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker and a teacher who had tried to befriend him. Now, two years after her son's horrific rampage, Eva comes to terms with her role as Kevin's mother in a series of startlingly direct correspondences with her absent husband Franklyn about their son's upbringing. She fears her own shortcomings may have shaped the monster her son has become...

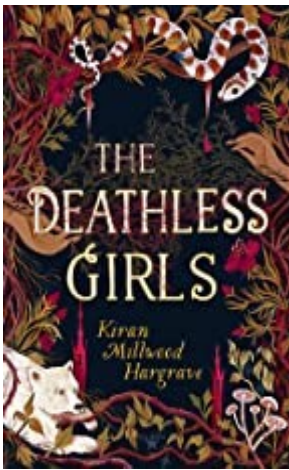


Emmett Farmer is a binder's apprentice. His job is to hand-craft beautiful books and, within each, to capture a memory. If you have something you want to forget, or a secret to hide, he can bind it – and you will never have to remember the pain it caused. In a vault under his mentor's workshop, row upon row of books and secrets are meticulously stored and recorded. Then one day Emmett makes an astonishing discovery: one of the volumes has his name on it. SHORTLISTED FOR WATERSTONES BOOK OF THE YEAR 2019



We all enjoyed Raynor Winn's debut novel 'The Salt Path' and wanted to read the next one 'The Wild Silence'. After walking 630 miles homeless along The Salt Path, the wind-swept and wild English coastline now feels like home to husband and wife Moth and Raynor. Despite Moth's terminal diagnosis, he seems revitalized in nature and life beyond The Salt Path awaits. As they return to four walls, the sense of home is illusive and returning to normality is proving difficult until an incredible gesture by someone who reads their story changes everything...

## In October Mrs Brett read...

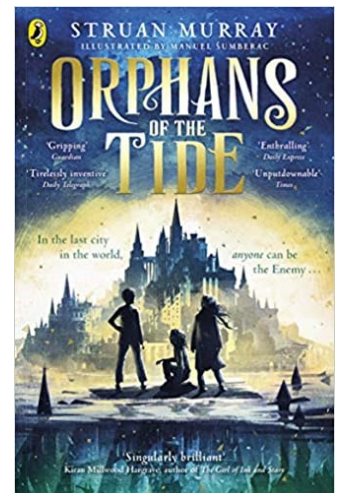


### **The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

I have been very impressed by the genre diversity and the atmospheric quality of Hargrave's writing and I was looking forward to reading her debut novel for Young Adults. Described as 'Gothic, intoxicating, feminist, darkly provoking and deeply romantic', this is the imagined untold story of the brides of Dracula. 'The Deathless Girls' is a must read for KS4 lovers of Fantasy Horror but even I have to admit, I found the ending a little underwhelming,

### **Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray**

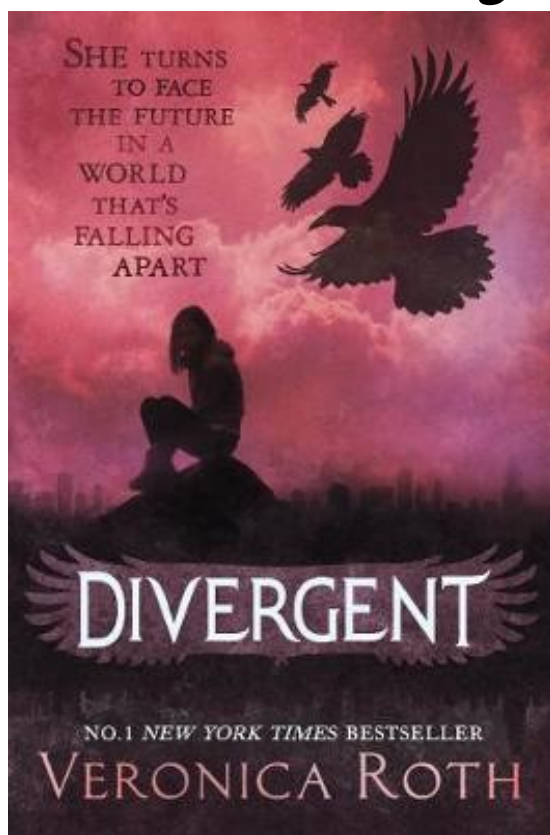
When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos. Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he is innocent. The Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever. To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is. The opening chapter almost put me off this book but I persevered and was soon hooked. A good choice for KS3 fantasy adventure readers.



### **Vampire Dusk series by Sebastian Rook**

Ten years ago this series was so popular that we had two sets of books. Sadly, over the years the books have languished on our shelves so I decided to read them myself. At times the plot is a little stretched but I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the adventures of Ben, Emily and Jack as they crossed the World vanquishing plagues of vampires. Recommended for those who like adventure but without romance.

### Divergent by Veronica Roth



After being forced to choose her place in a society divided into factions, Tris has to undergo a series of extreme initiation tests. She carries a deadly secret which could either destroy her and everything she cares about, or it could be their salvation.

I liked how the story was narrated in the first person and we are able to feel as if we are living the story along with Tris.

The films are amazing but definitely read the books first. I loved this Trilogy and would recommend it to all of our Dystopian fans in Year 8 and above.

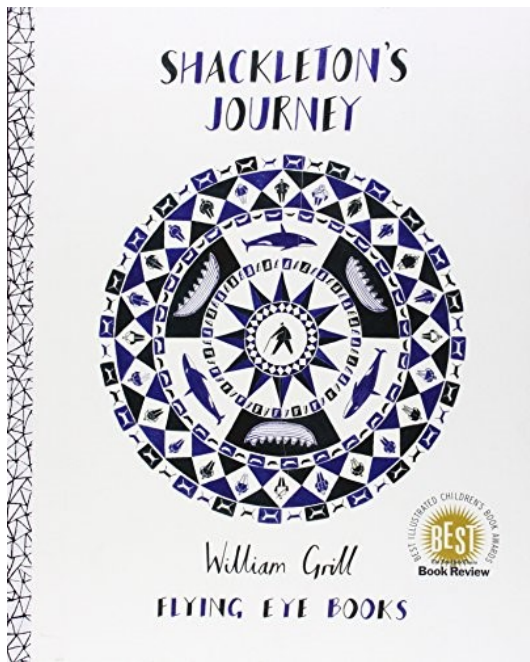
What is Dystopian fiction?



In 1516, Thomas More wrote about 'Utopia' as a fictional island society where everyone lived in harmony. We have to move on several centuries to 1895 for the publication of the first Dystopian novel, 'The Time Machine' by H.G. Wells.

Dystopia is the opposite of Utopia and a Dystopian society is characterised by a new social order favouring the elite minority whilst the majority live in poverty. 'The Time Machine' was followed by more Dystopian Classics, 'We' by Yevgeny Zamyatin, 'Brave New World' by Aldous Huxley and '1984' by George Orwell.

Dystopian fiction today is arguably the most popular genre amongst young people. Should we be concerned that - in an era of climate change (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, extinction), global warming, radicalisation, terrorism and the Covid 19 pandemic - our secondary school pupils want to read this type of 'fiction'?



# Shackleton's Journey

**Author and Illustrator** William Grill

## Main Characters

Ernest Shackleton, Frank Wild,  
Frank Hurley and Frank Worsley

## Reviewed by

Matt Selman (Age 9; an avid Alex Rider fan)

## Main story line

A man called Ernest Shackleton goes on an expedition to Antarctica but his ship gets destroyed. The crew have to seek refuge on Elephant island until help comes. They had to eat penguins and in the end, spoiler alert, they had to kill all of the dogs that they had. 😞

## What did you like about the book

I liked the illustrations in the book because they give you the full outline of what's happening in the story. It only took me one day to read, which is good as I didn't have to wait to find out what happened.

## What could be improved

I think that it needs more writing to tell the reader what's happening. Nothing more.

## Recommended to

People who like adventure stories and picture books.



*This book is shelved with our graphic novels but is a good choice for those who enjoy reading factual information. Please do not be put off by the tiny print and the amount of space on the pages...*

## Elizabeth's Book of the Month

Mrs B would describe  
**RETURN OF THE DAPPER  
MEN**, written by Jim  
McCann and illustrated  
by Janet K. Lee as fairy  
tale meets steampunk.



I asked Elizabeth to step outside her comfort zone and review this graphic novel. I can hardly bear to cover the illustrations with type and Elizabeth 'loved the pictures' too.

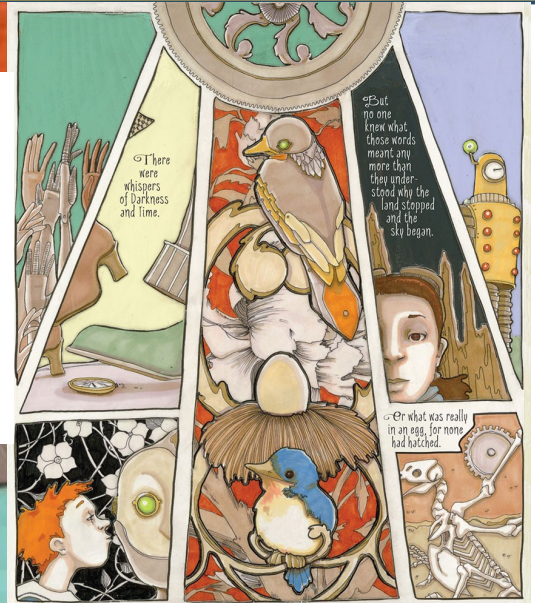




# Elizabeth's Book of the Month

The main characters are Ayden, Zoe and 314 Dapper men

The storyline is about a world with no time inhabited by children under the age of 11 and robots. The Dapper men come down and turn back time.



I liked the pictures in it and that it is a modern fairy tale (pretty much).

I didn't like the layout because I didn't know what to read first so it could be improved a lot!



I would recommend this to pupils who like reading comic layouts and don't like too many words!



# October Art Gallery

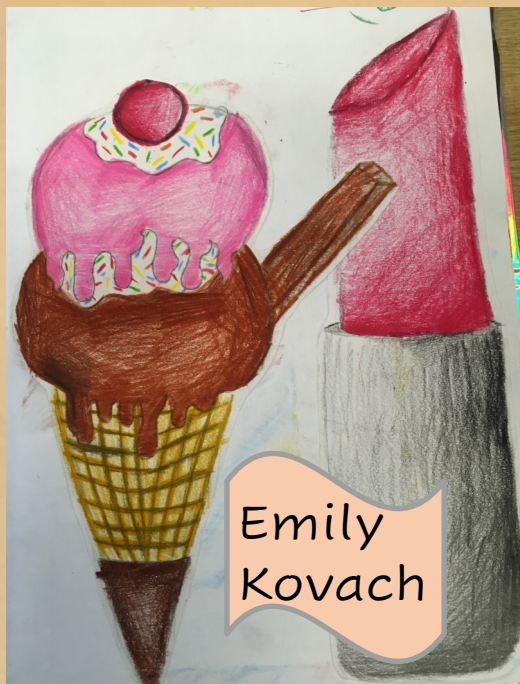
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Cara May



Josie Mitchell



Emily  
Kovach

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Josie Mitchell



Reuben Green



Matt Drew

# BOOKS NEW to our Library

## NON-FICTION

Black History Matters

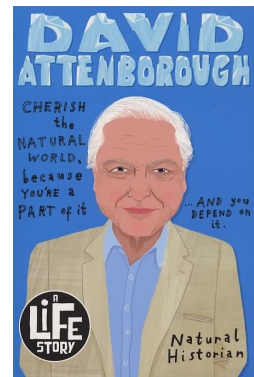
Martin Luther King Jr

When Rosa Parks Met Martin Luther King Junior

David Attenborough : Cherish The Natural World

Hidden Planet

Kids Fight Plastic



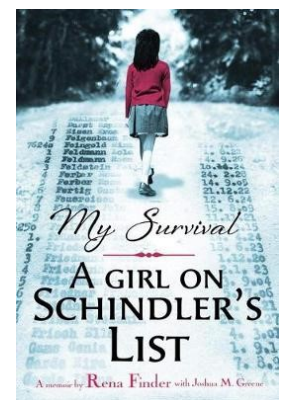
## **POETRY**

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

On The Move, Poems about Migration by Michael Rose

## **TRUE STORIES**

My Survival, A Girl on Schindler's List



## FICTION GENRES

### **FANTASY**

The Book of Dust The Secret Commonwealth by Philip Pullman

### **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Mary and Frankenstein



### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

Freedom by Catherine Johnson

### **HUMOUR**

Dork Diaries : Spectacular Superstar by Rachel Renee Russell

### **THRILLER**

Agent 21 : Under Cover by Chris Ryan

Agent 21 : End Game by Chris Ryan

### **YOUNG ADULT**

Clap When You Land

The Bridge

