

B.O.T.B. TOP READS FOR 2020

Dear Reader,

I have lost count of the number of times I have been asked *'Mrs Brett, how many books have you read?'*. For the first time, I have kept a list and **the answer for 2020 is 115** (I may have missed a few). Surprisingly, perhaps, because of Covid-19, I have read less...

I have sorted my reading list by genre (in alpha order by title not author to make the books easier for you to find online) and have highlighted **my favourites in red** and the books I really **disliked in blue** (apologies to their authors).

For the first time, I have also compiled my Top 20 for the year and my Librarians have kindly done the same. You will see that our Staff Book Club has also rated the books they have read during 2020.

I hope these lists will give you lots of ideas for books you would like to read over the Christmas holidays and beyond.

Happy Reading

Mrs Brett

Library Co Ordinator

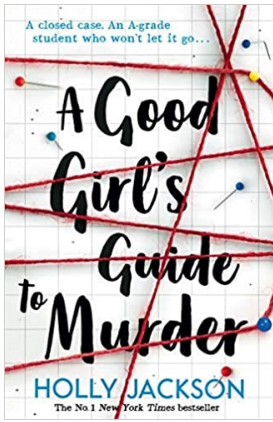
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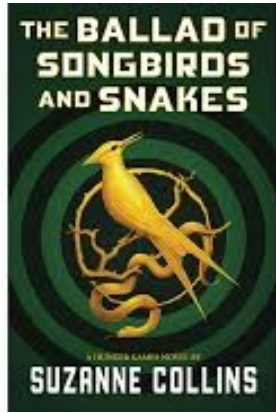
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MRS BRETT'S TOP TWENTY

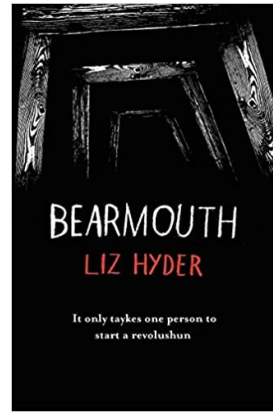
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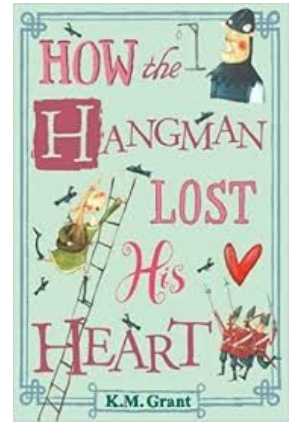
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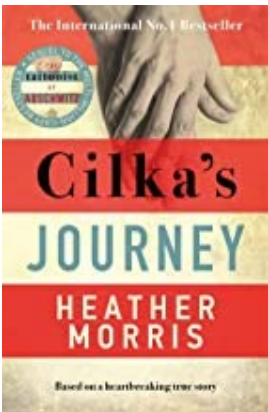
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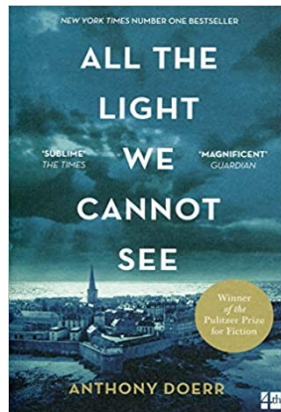
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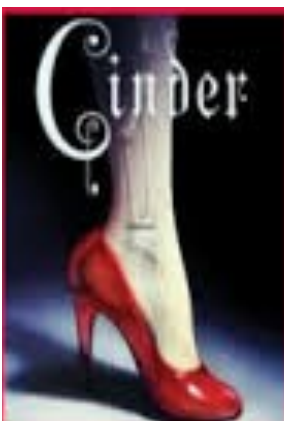
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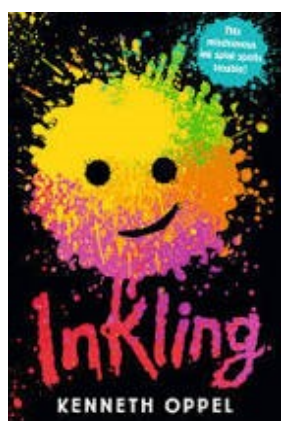
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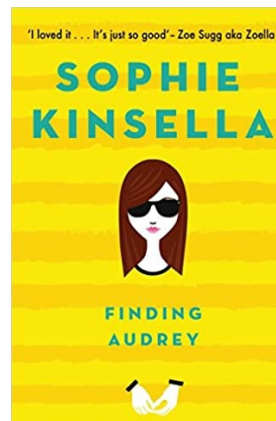
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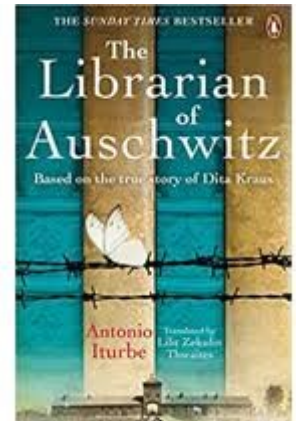
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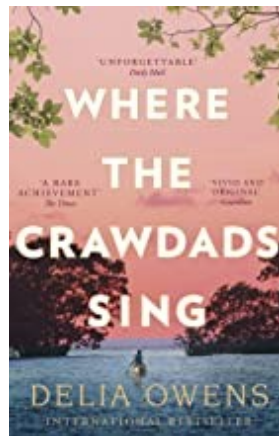


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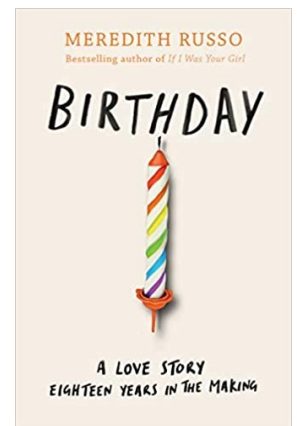
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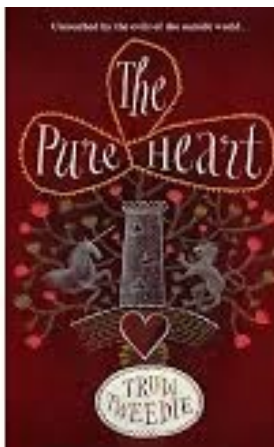
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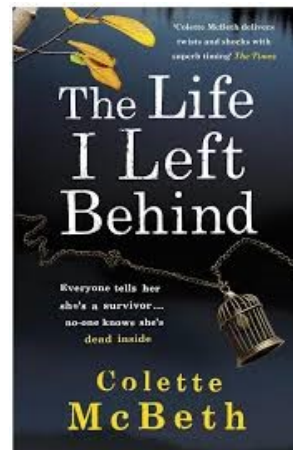
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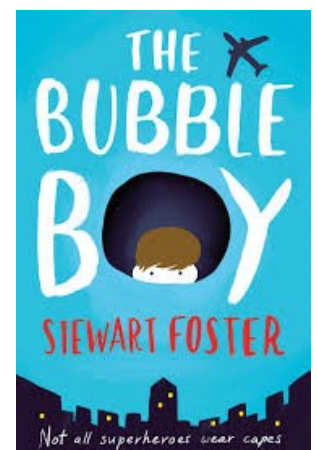
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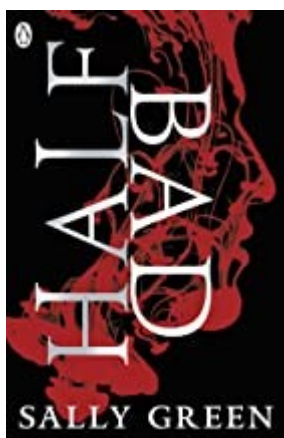
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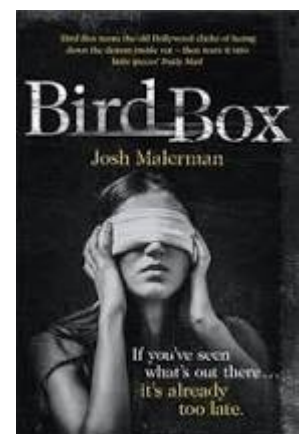
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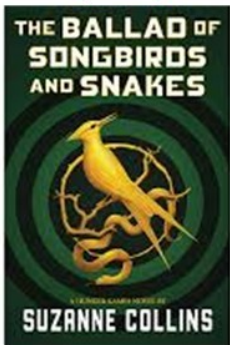


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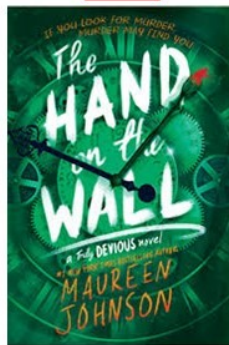


Our Librarian Team's Top 20 of 2020

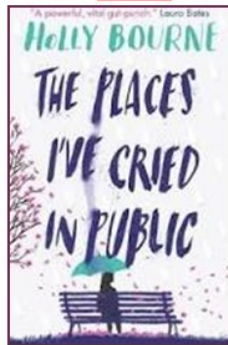
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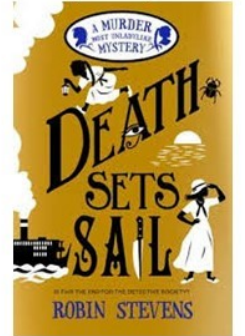
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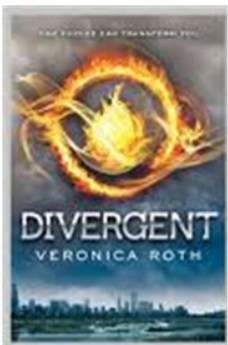
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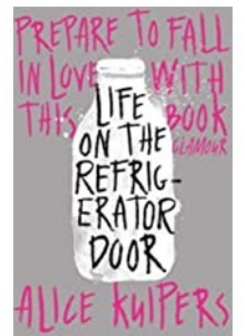
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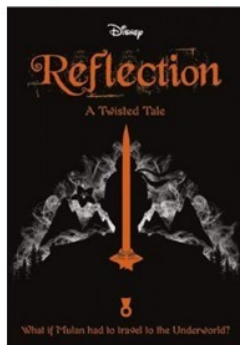


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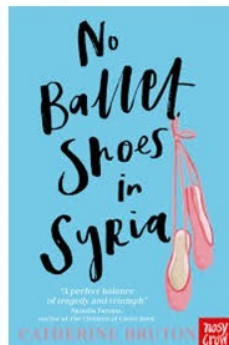


* Purchased for our Library on student recommendation.

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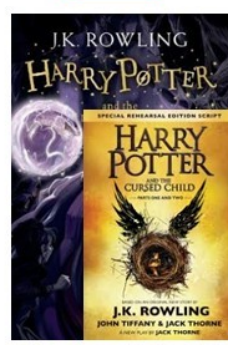
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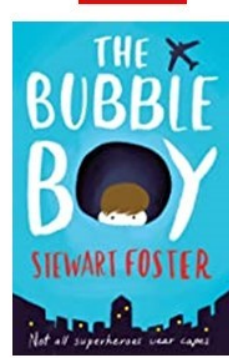
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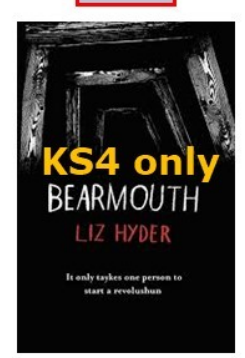
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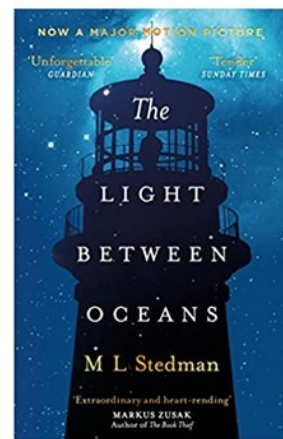
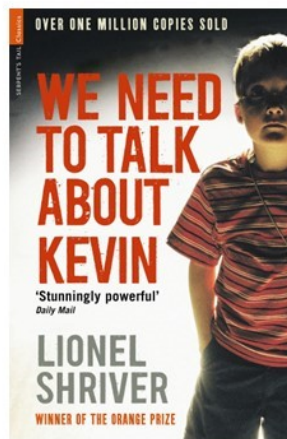
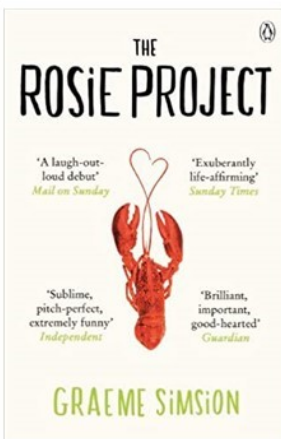
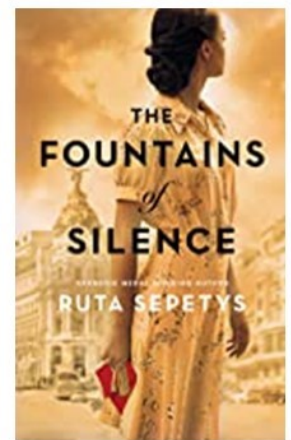
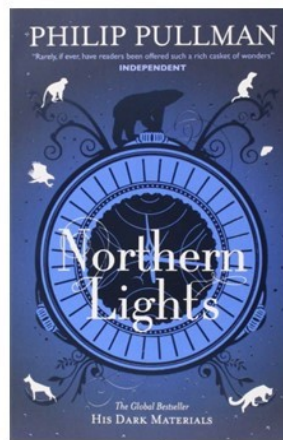
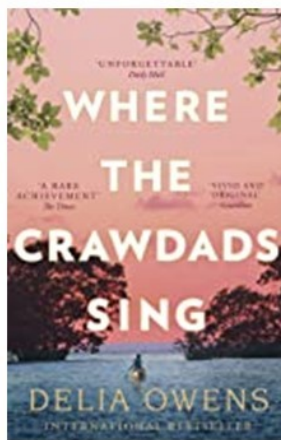
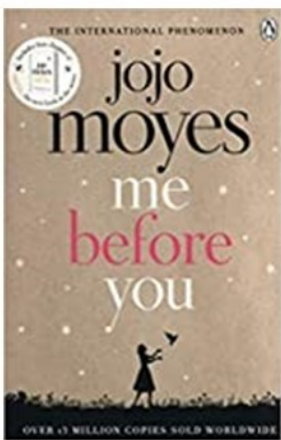
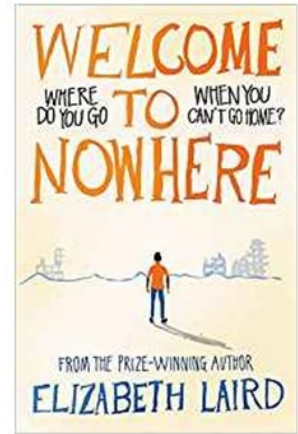
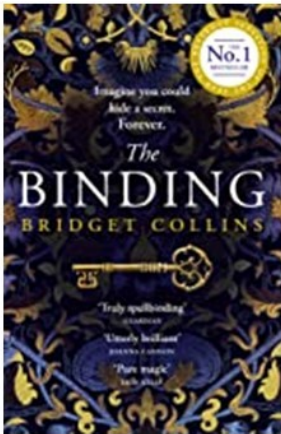
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Corbet Staff **BOOK CLUB** 2020 Reading



Our Top 6

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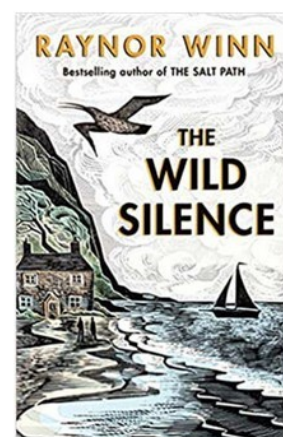
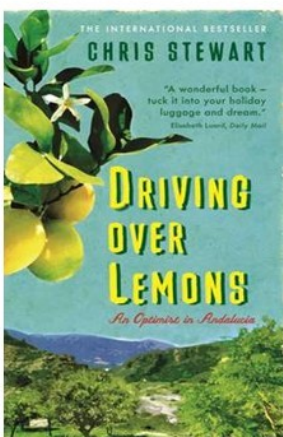
2 Light Between Oceans

3 Wild Silence

4 One Moment

5 The Binding

6 Me Before You



Mrs Brett's 2020 Reading List

ADVENTURE (14)

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Inkling by Kenneth Oppel

Malamander by Thomas Taylor.

Cogheart Series (4) by Peter Bunzl

Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray

Secret Breakers by H.L. Dennis

The Icarus Show by Sally Christie

The Secret of the Night Train by Sylvia Bishop

Where The River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy

CRIME (17)

A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson &

Good Girl, Bad Blood by Holly Jackson

Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

The Life I Left Behind by Colette McBeth

The Vanishing of Katharina Linden by Helen Grant

Theodore Boone series (6) by John Grisham

Things in Jars by Jess Kidd

There's Someone Inside Your House by Stephanie Perkins

Truly Devious series (3) by Maureen Johnson

Mrs Brett's 2020 Reading List

DYSTOPIAN (15)

Usually this is my favourite genre but not when we have an actual Pandemic.

Bearmouth by Liz Hyder

Birdbox by Josh Malerman

Flood Child by Emily Diamond

Half Bad Trilogy by Sally Green

Invictus by Ryan Graudin

Lunar Chronicles (4) by Marissa Meyer

Secret Runners of New York by Matthew Reilly

Small Minded Giants by Oisín McGann

The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes

Watchers Last Stop by Peter Lerangis

FANTASY (24)

Darkness Falls by Mia James

Deeplight by Frances Hardinge

Dreamweaver by Louise Lawrence

My Love Lies Bleeding by Alyxandra Harvey

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Secret Breakers series (6) by H.L. Dennis

Sleeping Angels by Mia James

The Binding by Bridget Collins

The Boy In The Smoke by Maureen Johnson

FANTASY / Continued

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Vampire Dusk series (6) by Sebastian Rook

Wolf Spring Chronicles (2) by Nancy Holder

HISTORICAL FICTION (3)

Mother Tongue by Julie Mayhew

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

The Secret Countess by Eva Ibbotson

HORROR (9)

I am reading more horror in response to popular demand!

Body Snatchers by Malcolm Rose

Century by Sarah Singleton

Dark Room by Tom Becker

The Haunting by Danielle Vega

The Mediator by Jenny Carroll (Meg Cabot)

The Pure Heart by Trudi Tweedie

The Replacement by Brenna Yovanoff

The Sacrifice Box by Martin Stewart

The Wereling by Stephen Cole

Humour (1)

Apparently, I have a weird sense of humour...

How The Hangman Lost His Heart by K.M Grant

SPORT (1)

Oh dear, my New Year's Resolution must be to read more Sporting biographies, suggestions please!

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

TEEN (including Romance) (8)

Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

Magic Flutes by Eva Ibbotson

On The Come Up by Angie Thomas

Paper Avalanche by Lisa Williamson

Scars like Wings by Erin Stewart

The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster

Under A Dancing Star by Laura Wood

With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

THRILLER (3)

I do enjoy a good thriller, see titles under Young Adult!

Private London by James Patterson

Street Soldier by Andy McNab

The BodyGuard Series : Hostage by Chris Bradford

TRUE STORIES (8)

Some excellent books have been published over the last twelve months to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Cilka

The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz

TRUE STORIES/Continued

The Saboteur of Auschwitz by Colin Rushton

The Librarian of Auschwitz

The Sisters of Auschwitz

The Tattooist of Auschwitz

The Women at Hitler's Table

WE REMEMBER, child survivors of the Holocaust speak

YOUNG ADULT (12)

All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

An Inspector Montalbano Mystery The Rosary Girls by Richard Montanari

Hidden Depths by Ann Cleeves

Birthday by Meredith Russo

Kill All Enemies by Melvyn Burgess

Never Look Back and Hope by Lesley Pearce

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Go-Between by L.P. Hartley

The Light Between Oceans by M L Steadman

The Rosary Girls by Richard Montanari

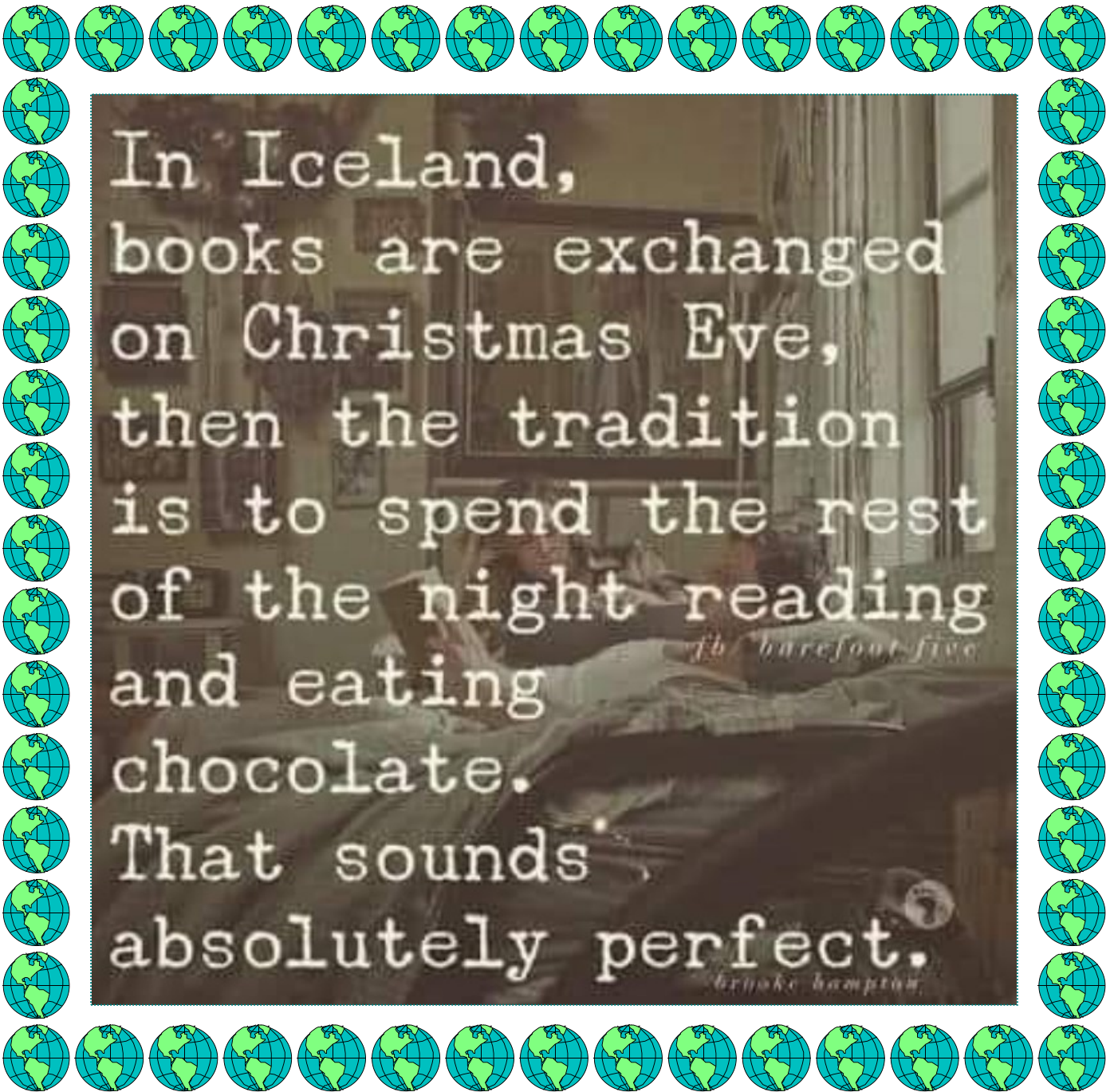
The Voice of the Violin by Andrea Camilleri

Up Close by Henriette Gyland

MRS BRETT'S CHRISTMAS READING LIST

I have so many plans for the Christmas holiday that I am not sure how much time I will actually have to read. I may have been overly ambitious with this list but, of course, it will shrink over the next week as I recommend some of these books onto our keen young readers. I am hoping I will be able to read enough to 'stay ahead' of our most enthusiastic borrowers. I suspect I will be working my way down this list well into January 2021.

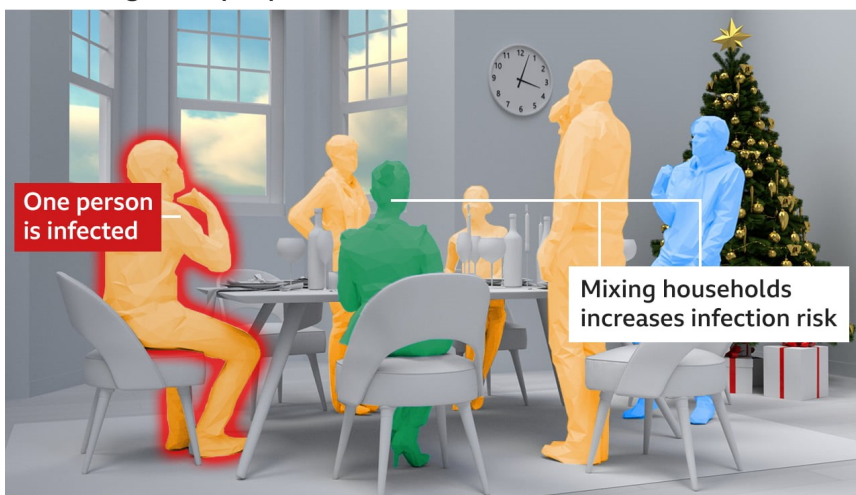
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The Only Woman In The Room by Marie **Benedict** (Staff Book Club)
No Ballet Shoes in Syria by **Catherine Brunton** (Historical Fiction)
The Stolen One by Vanessa **Curtis** (Historical Fiction)
Spellslinger by Sebastien **de Castell** (Fantasy)
Poisoned by Jennifer **Donnelly** (Fantasy)
The Umbrella Mouse by Anna **Fargher** (Historical Fiction)
Red Eye : FIR by Sharon **Gosling** (Horror)
The Midnight Library by Matt **Haig** (Staff Book Club)
The Rains by Gregg **Hurwitz** (Horror)
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt **Killeen** (Historical Fiction)
The Bridge by Bill **Konigsberg** (Young Adult, advisory content)
Running Girl by Simon **Mason** (Crime)
The Midnight Guardians by Ross **Montgomery** (Fantasy)
Breakdown by Sarah **Mussi** (Dystopian)
The Snow Spider Trilogy by Jenny **Nimmo** (Fantasy)
The Thursday Murder Club by Richard **Osman** (Staff Book Club)
The Good Thieves by Katherine **Rundell** (Adventure)
Arc of a Scythe Trilogy by Neal **Shusterman** (Dystopian)



In Iceland,
books are exchanged
on Christmas Eve,
then the tradition
is to spend the rest
of the night reading
and eating
chocolate.
That sounds
absolutely perfect.

Covid risks at Christmas

Gathering of six people from three households



**STAY
HOME**
— and —
**READ
BOOKS**