



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY TRUST

# Join the Nation and #LightTheDarkness

**At 8pm on 27th January, get ready to Light the Darkness.**

Households across the UK will be lighting candles and putting them in their windows to:

- remember those who were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

You can upload a photo of your candle on social media using the hashtags:

**#HolocaustMemorialDay**

**#LightTheDarkness**



**WARNING** : Students **YOU MUST** ensure you have adult supervision for this activity.

## WHAT IS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY?

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

It takes place on the 27th January each year. This date was chosen as it marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation and genocide must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Even in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all.

HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. We know they learn more, empathise more and do more.

Together we bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond all recognition.

**The theme for HMD 2021 is**  
***Be the light in the darkness***  
**to encourage everyone to**  
**take action to *'be the light'*.**

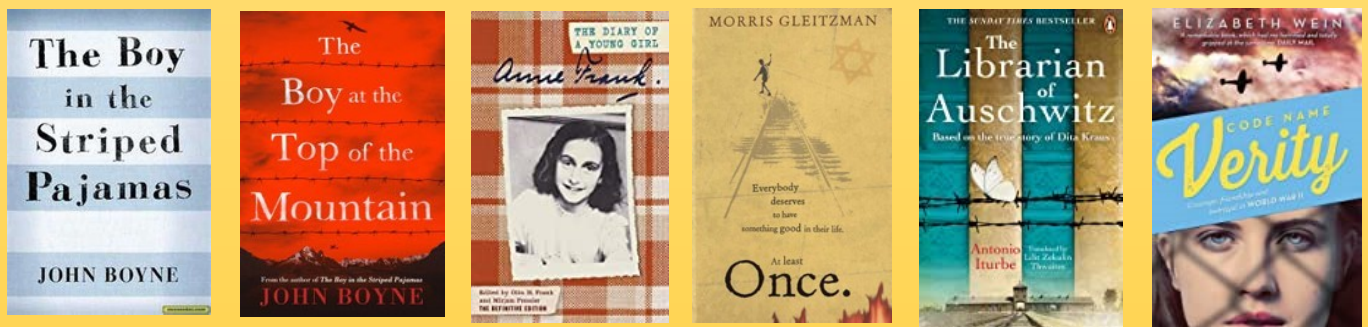
Sometimes it feels as though COVID-19 is the only topic of conversation. I hope that by making Holocaust Memorial Day 'front page' news we can all take comfort from lighting candles for the loved and lost. Please check out the Holocaust Memorial Trust website <https://www.hmd.org.uk>



## RECOMMENDED READS

The Holocaust is a harrowing subject and understandably, several KS3 parents/carers have asked me for help in finding suitable books to give an insight rather than fully exposing young minds to the full horror of genocide. Books (see below) can be found in our Non-Fiction, Historical Fiction and True Stories bookshelves. When students are back in School, I look forward to making individual recommendations.

### Recommended by the Jewish Book Council



### Also available...



# B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is  
happening in our School  
Library Community  
January 2021

## Dear Library Friends,

As anticipated, 2021 began with a new Lockdown and I am marooned in our Library with lots of new books and no one to loan them out to. I am missing my Librarian Team and 'my' Year 9s (you know who you are).

It is hard to remain positive but my solution is to keep busy. This month I have set up two new book sections, the first is called **CONSERVATION CORNER** for books about saving our Planet (thanks Amy Brough for the name) and the second, is **BLACK HISTORY** recognising this subject is not only about 17th and 18th Century slavery.

I am also becoming more 'au fait' with applying sticky back plastic book covers and am putting together new resources for when our Library finally re-opens to all. Later on in this edition, you will also find my 21 books for 21 challenge!

In this regard, many of you have Library books at home, all I would ask is that, for now, you locate and then keep them in a safe place where they will not get damaged. If you are unsure as to whether you have one of our Library books, please message me via Satchel. One for clarification. Similarly, if anyone has any reading recommendations or artwork they would like to see published in our next edition, please message me.

Finally, whilst Christmas seems a lifetime ago, I do need to republish my Library commendations as one Librarian qualified for this recognition after we had 'gone to print'. All Student Librarians give yourselves a 'pat on the back' as we have held our virtual Team together for nearly a year. Keep up the good work! Happy New Year.

Mrs Brett, Library Co-Ordinator



# Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. STATISTICS : 520 books out on loan including:
  - 297 text books
  - 134 Library fiction books for pupils
  - 73 staff topic
  - 16 personal loans to staff165 books returned and shelved
2. Weekly Library Team Zoom meetings.
3. Setting up a Conservation Corner and Black History book section.
4. Book covering and repairs.
5. Processing donated books (thank you Mrs Frank and Mrs Nixon).
6. Database cleansing.
7. Morning Registration Presentations prepared for Year 9 (Censorship) and Year 10 (Thrillers).
8. Preparing resources for future lunchtime Clubs.
9. Compiling Volume 2 of our 'Be Creative' scrapbook.
10. Reviewing our Click-and-Drop service.
11. Re-opening our Library for some Zoom lessons.



# Library Noticeboard



**January Birthday**  
**Joe Williams**



A massive 'thank you' for  
Amelia Brien's brilliant  
Christmas Party Quiz!!!

## Librarian Virtual Awards

### Leader Board:

Amy Brough	25
Mia Armstrong	15
Amelia Brien	15
Lucy Brough	15



2020  
**LIBRARY**  
COMMENDATIONS

**Mia Armstrong**

**Amelia Brien**

**Maddy Broadhurst**

**Amy Brough**

**Lucy Brough**

**JESS FORD**

**Hettie Reynolds**



A special thank you to pupils for the Christmas tree decorations presented to me at the end of 2020.

I was gifted this fuchsia pink Christmas tree for our Library by the Student Team way back in 2013. At the beginning of each December it goes up on my desk and then enjoys pride of place on my landing at home over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you. Mrs B x

# LIBRARY CLICK-AND-DROP SERVICE

Our School Library is operating limited opening hours, please contact Mrs Brett via Satchel.One if you would like to visit!

## Loans, a recap for those in School:

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.

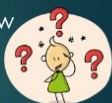
Library books must be returned through the letterbox under our Library noticeboard (next door to student support services).

## Click-and-Drop order form

For ease of access, this is now stored in the Student Resources folder

### 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](https://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](https://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)



Many pupils currently have Library books out on loan. Please put these to one side for safekeeping and return when you come back to School. Obviously, in these unprecedented times there is no avoiding overdue Library books and therefore fines will be waived. **Replacement fees**, however, will be charged for any Library books which are either lost or returned badly damaged. **If this applies to you, please message Mrs Brett via Satchel.One.**





**ART GALLERY**  
Mia Armstrong's  
'Jack-O-Bonnie'  
and Vaporeon  
plushies.





# David Attenborough A Life Story

Cherish the Natural World because you are part of it...  
AND you depend on it.

**Author:** Lizzie Huxley-Jones

**Illustrator:** A life story production

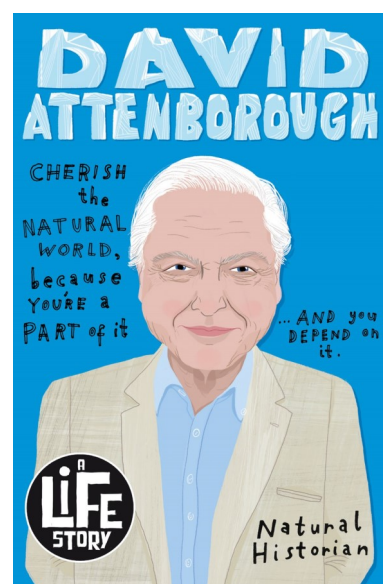
**Main story line:** This book is about David Attenborough's life! It tells you all about his adventures around the world from when he was in his late teens to now. You will find out about loads of species in the wild and in zoos that Sir David reported about on live TV.

**What I liked:** I really enjoyed the fact that you could keep on learning through reading the book and there were nice quotes and words that he had said himself. A bit like Shakespeare!

**What could be improved:** I think this book could have a real ending to it because it was a little confusing when it only ended in tips to saving the environment. The tips could have been in a specific chapter in the middle of the book, maybe so the text in it was a bit more understandable at the end.



**Rating:** I would rate this book 3 stars mainly because I am not that keen on biographies but if you like reading about other peoples lives, this would be the book for you!



# THE ALCHEMYST BY MICHAEL SCOTT

## REVIEWED BY ELIZABETH SELMAN

**Main characters:** *Nicholas Flamel, Sophie, Josh, Scathach, John Dee, the Dark Elders, Perrenelle*

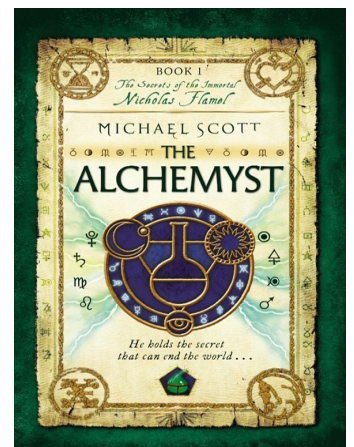
**Main story line:** *Josh and Sophie Newman are ordinary teenagers until they meet Nick Fleming (also known as Nicholas Flamel) who takes them to the Dark Elders. When they discover the secret to destroying and saving the Universe, Nicholas needs them to awaken their powers so he can fight his enemy, Dr John Dee. Unfortunately, only Sophie's powers are awakened...*

**Rating:** *I would rate this book ★★★★★ Overall; it was really exciting but did become a little stale in places. It would be great for people who like reading Harry Potter!*

**What I liked:** *You could feel like you were really there and it was easy to imagine what the Alchemyst's Worlds looked like.*

**What could be improved:** *I think it needs a glossary at the back of the book so if you didn't know what a particular magical word meant, you could look it up quickly. Everything else was very exciting and fun!*

**Nicholas Flamel** is referred to in the Harry Potter books as the French wizard and famed alchemist, the only known maker of the Philosopher's Stone, a legendary substance with incredible powers. He is described as a close friend of former Hogwarts' Headmaster Albus Dumbledore. In truth, Nicolas Flamel was born in Paris on 28 September 1330. By the 1900s, Flamel was acknowledged as the greatest alchemist of his day and it was believed that he had discovered the secret of eternal life. Mrs Brett



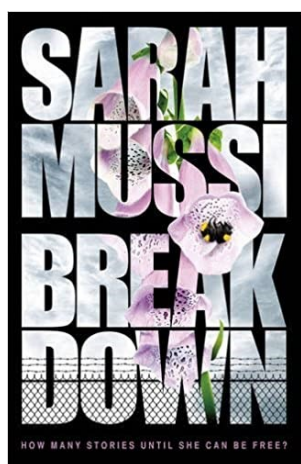


# Mrs Brett's January 2021 Book Reviews



Absolutely brilliant! Dystopian fiction at its best with Alien invasion and Zombies; perhaps influenced by John Wyndham's 'Day of the Triffids' and H.G. Wells's 'War of the Worlds'? A must read for all lovers of Dystopia, the second in the series is on order!

**Genre : Dystopian Fiction**



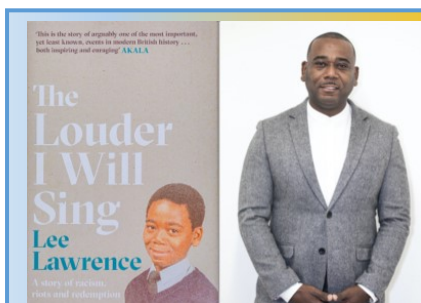
It is 2084 and Society has degenerated to a dog-eat-dog mentality thanks to a lack of resources (food, shelter, clothing) and poor government. Melissa survives kidnap by a brutal gang and deceives a 'ganger' into helping her escape. The developing romance between the two fails to compensate for the plot shortcomings. This may appeal to Year 8/9 Dystopian readers.

**Genre : Dystopian Fiction**



In a perfect world the only way to die is to be gleaned by a professional scythe. When Citra and Rowan are chosen as apprentice scythes they know they have no option but to learn the art of selecting and killing their victims. Against a backdrop of corruption, they are instructed that at the end of their training, one will have to glean the other. A thought provoking plot but not for those who dislike 'blood and gore'. Definite appeal for Year 9+.

**Genre : Dystopian Fiction**



**COSTA COFFEE BOOK AWARDS**

**WINNER OF THE 2020 BIOGRAPHY AWARD**

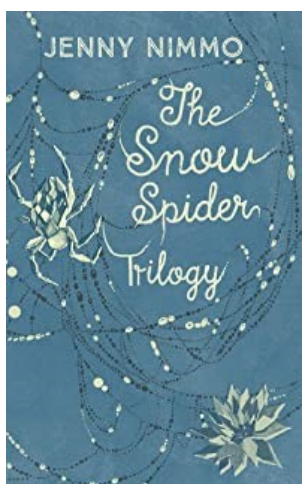
**The Louder I Will Sing by Lee Lawrence**

A memoir about growing up in modern Britain as a young Black man.



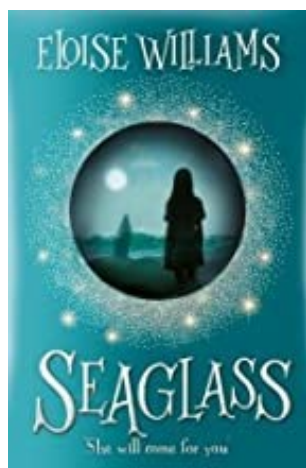
Kellen is moments away from facing his first mage's duel and the start of four trials that will make him a spellcaster. There's just one problem, his magic is gone. This will appeal to lovers of 'Yu-Gi-Oh' and KS3 readers of adventure fantasy authors Derek Landy and Taran Matharu.

**Genre : Fantasy**



On his ninth birthday, Gwyn is given a brooch and told to cast it into the wind. Later he discovers the wind has sent something back - the snow spider - and so begins Gwyn's journey as a magician. I found the first book to be an enjoyable read but came to an abrupt stop when the story seemed to change completely for the second book. I am assured it is the same story but from a different viewpoint so I will persevere with the rest of the trilogy. A good read for Year 7s.

**Genre : Fantasy**



This is a chilling contemporary ghost story with a determined 13-year-old heroine defending her family and learning to handle her emotions. Thank you so much to all the Year 7s who recommended this one to me. This is a must read for KS3.

**Genre : Horror**



**COSTA COFFEE BOOK AWARDS  
WINNER OF THE 2020 POETRY AWARD  
The Historians by Eavan Boland**

Boland's poetry shows us how the hidden stories of women's lives can revise our sense of the past.

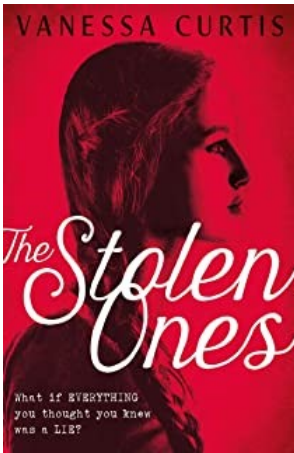




Sarah has played many roles but now she faces her most challenging of all. There is only one way for a Jewish orphan spy to survive at a school for the Nazi elite and that is to become a monster like them. A well-written, fast paced debut novel and an absolute must read for those with an interest in World War II.

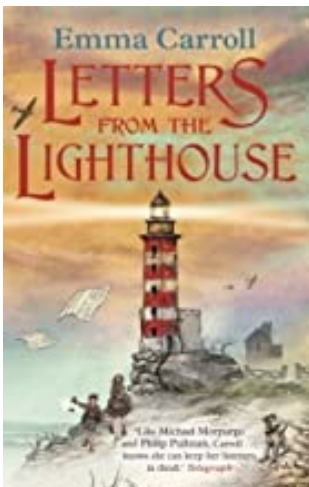
**Genre : Historical Fiction (World War II)**

(this is a bit of a stretch and I may move to our Adventure section depending on your feedback)



'I live with Mama and Papa in Munich. Food is still rationed, though the war ended over ten years ago. My boyfriend is Jewish. I have to hide this from my parents...Sometimes I think they are hiding something from me, too.' This is a fascinating story which gives a real insight into the consequences of Hitler's policies and sadly, the racial prejudice which poisoned the Post-War years. An absolute 'must read'.

**Genre : Historical Fiction (World War II)**



February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. Before they leave, their older sister goes missing in an air raid. Olive is desperate to find out that happened to her and then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon and a secret mission. This book was recommended to me by a number of Year 7s and I am so pleased a I read it.

**Genre : Historical Fiction (World War II)**



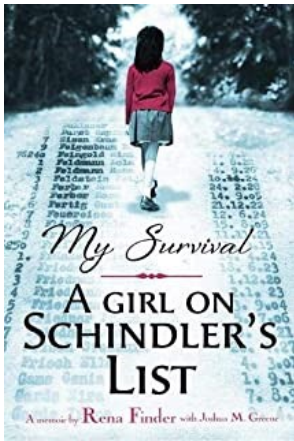
**COSTA COFFEE BOOK AWARDS**

**WINNER OF THE 2020 CHILDREN'S AWARD**

**Voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant**

An epic journey of police chases, storms at sea and unexpected puppies. Set in the aftermath of

World War I the story follows two orphans as they take their narrowboat across the Channel in search of lost loved ones and a place to call home.



Rena Finder was only eleven when the Nazis forced her and her family – along with all the other Jewish families – into the ghetto in Krakow, Poland. Rena worked as a slave labourer with scarcely any food and watched as friends and family were sent away. Rena and her mother were saved by the bravery and generosity of Oskar Schindler. This is a short book which serves as a 'gentle' introduction to the horrors of the Holocaust for our more sensitive KS3 readers.

**Genre : True Stories (Holocaust)**



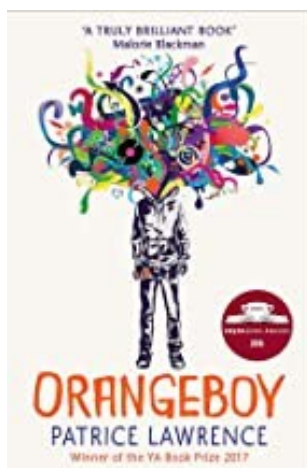
This book tells the story of Hollywood icon Hedy Lamarr and gives a fascinating insight into the build up to the 'Final Solution' as well as the place of women in the World. It does come to an abrupt end and I wanted to find out more so I did a little research on the Internet. As a result I suspect that some poetic licence has been taken by the author, otherwise this would have received a 5 star rating. Recommended for Year 9+ readers.

**Genre : Biography (I may shelve in True Stories!)**



Born out of wedlock in the early 1960s, Steve's parents hid him away from the world by locking him in the cellar...for 13 years. Harrowing and heart breaking, well worth the read.

**Genre : True Story**



*Not cool enough, not clever enough, not street enough for anyone to notice, sixteen year old Marlon was the kid who people looked straight through. He had made his mum a promise never to follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path of crime and gang culture but someone is determined to hunt him down. This is an award winning book with a thought provoking and well-crafted plot. Year 9s and over should read this one.*

**Genre : Teen**





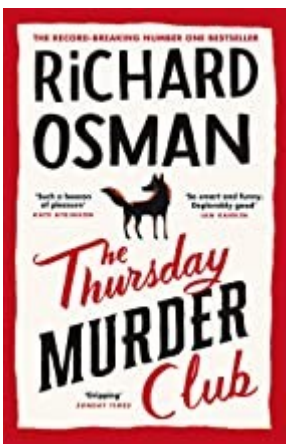


The Stromberg family move from Stockholm to manage an isolated pine plantation in northern Sweden. The snow comes early and the family are cut off from the outside world. The daughter (we never find out her name) explores the old plantation house, wary of the ancient housekeeper and increasingly disturbed by local folk lore and the oppressive atmosphere created by the dense pine trees and blanket of snow. I disliked the daughter but was held by a captivating build up and an unexpected ending.

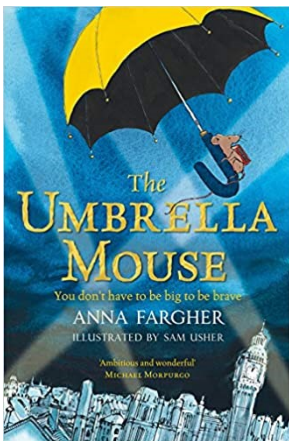
Genre : Horror



Fans of the Red Eye Horror series will love this one.



This is the debut **Crime** novel by Pointless and House of Games presenter Richard Osman. In a peaceful retirement village, four elderly residents meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. When a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. This novel made me laugh (a rarity) and cry in equal measure. The best book of 2021 (so far) and I am looking forward to the sequel.



This book was recommended by Year 7s and is described as 'a heart-stopping adventure drawing on the true stories of animals caught in the conflict of WWII'. It is also the winner of the 2019 Sainsbury's Book Prize for Fiction. Sadly, I was left feeling underwhelmed; the dialect is unbelievable and the plot extremely flimsy. Before reading I thought this would be historical fiction but I will be shelving under **Adventure**. Sorry, this one is not for me.

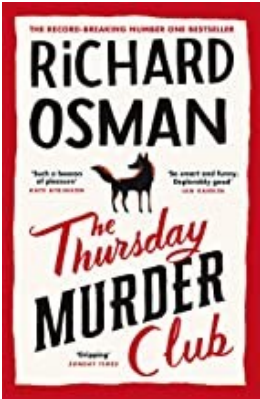


This was the choice of my local Book Club and with some serious editing it could have been brilliant. A family sets out in their canoe to go camping in the wilderness but one night, a bear attacks. To save their lives, Dad locks his children in the metal food chest. When they emerge, their fight for survival begins. The story is told through the eyes of a child who, at first, does not fully comprehend what has happened. **Horror**



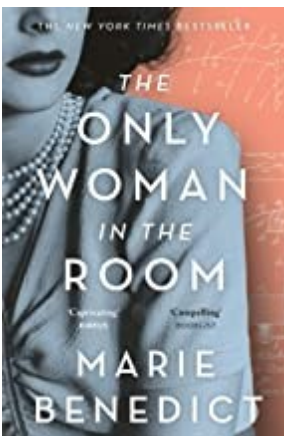
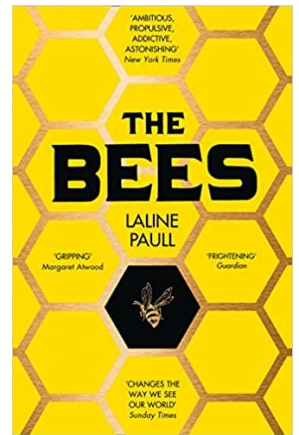
# Corbet Staff **BOOKCLUB** Reading for Christmas

We held our-after School Zoom meeting on 9th December (sadly no mince pies and mulled wine) and agreed on this selection of books to read over December and January 2021:



In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. When a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. The members might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late? This debut novel has 'rave reviews' and Mrs Frank has started reading it already and has praised its 'feel good' factor. Looking forward to this one!

This book is on our Year 9 Book-et list and is another brilliant debut novel. Our unlikely heroine is Flora 717, a sanitation bee on the bottom rung of the hive hierarchy. Living to accept, obey and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen. Yet Flora 717 is exceptional and in the face of an increasingly desperate struggle for survival she changes her own destiny and that of the hive. Mrs Brett can highly recommend this book, you forget they are bees, it could be us!



Recommended by one of our new members, this biography tells the remarkable story of Hedy Lamarr. Who would have thought this Hollywood icon was married to an Austrian arms dealer who was a Nazi sympathiser and she was therefore privy to secrets of the Third Reich? Not only beautiful, Lamarr was also a talented Scientist living in a 'man's world' yet her ground breaking invention revolutionised modern communication.

Nora Seed's life has been full of misery and regret but when she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. As she tries to undo her past mistakes and create the perfect life, her choices place the Library and herself in danger. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?



## Can you read 21 books by the end of 2021?

21 Books for  
— a Better You

I have set myself this additional challenge (to read one book for each of the following categories). If you would like to attempt this, please message me via Satchel.One for futher details. Mrs Brett

- Animals .....
- Another country .....
- Awful cover illustration .....
- Biography .....
- Classic .....
- Climate Change/Conservation .....
- Crime & Detection .....
- Discrimination .....
- Disney Twisted Tale .....
- Funny book .....
- Ghost .....
- New book (published 2021) .....
- Picture Book .....
- Positive story .....
- Recommended by a friend .....
- Re-read Favourite .....
- Short Story .....
- Trilogy (Book 1).....
- Trilogy (Book 2) .....
- Trilogy (Book 3).....
- Written by J.K. Rowling .....

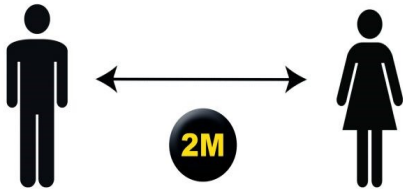
Name ..... Tutor .....

Date challenge completed ..... Or, Number of books read by 31/12/21 .....



# Coronavirus (COVID19)

Please follow these rules



## Social Distancing

Please keep a distance of **2 Metres** apart (6ft)



## Hand Washing

Wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least **20 seconds**

*Use hand sanitizer gel if soap and water are not available*



## Coughs & Sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (*not your hands*) when you cough or sneeze

Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards



## Don't

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean