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Bring. On. The. Books.

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

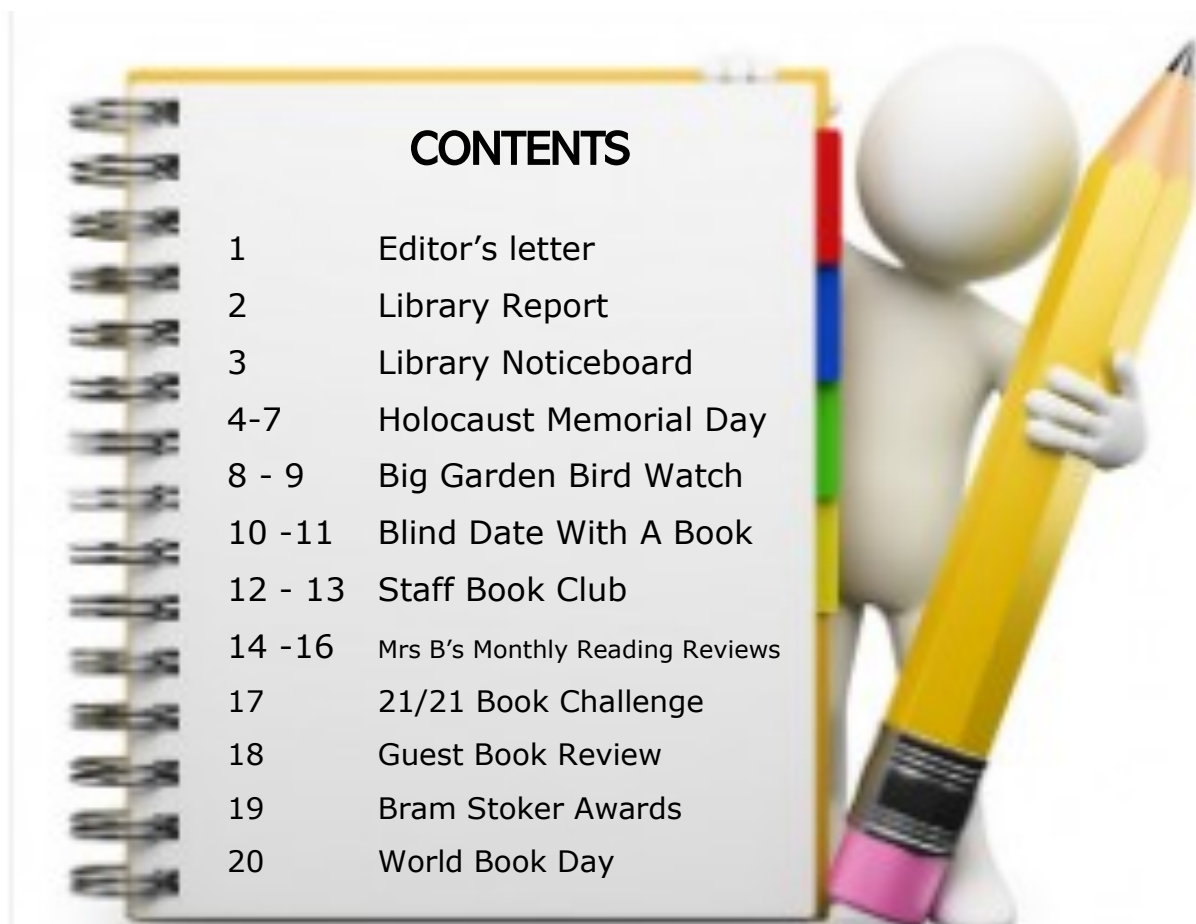
Dear Library Friends,

My first week back after the half term holiday (and what a strange 'non-holiday' that was) was greeted by the welcome news that everyone is back in School from 8th March. Fingers crossed for this and that our School Library will soon reopen.

In the meantime, lots has been going on behind the scenes and for this 'bumper' edition, I am introducing a contents page. Enjoy reading and if you have any questions, as always, please message me jackie.brett@corberschool.net.

Stay safe everyone.

Mrs Brett
Library Co-Ordinator



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Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. FEBRUARY STATISTICS :

133 books returned and shelved

533 books out on loan including:

297 Text books

29 Staff loans (topic)

43 Staff loans (personal)

164 Pupil loans (fiction)

2. Covid Test & Trace training and data inputting.
3. Weekly Library Team Zoom meetings.
4. Compiling our Library monthly newsletter.
5. Book covering and repairs.
6. Processing new books.
7. New book displays by Genre.
8. Ongoing Library database cleansing.
9. Ancient Egypt Powerpoint Quiz for Year 7s.
10. World Book Day Powerpoint for all pupils and staff.
11. Compiling Volume 2 of our 'Be Creative' scrapbook.
12. Blind Date with a Book for staff
(thanks to my 'wrappers' Judith Leach and Rachel Townend!).



Library Noticeboard



February Birthdays

Mia Armstrong



Year 7s
What do you know about
ANCIENT EGYPT?
QUIZ Deadline 10th March

The poster features a background image of the Great Pyramids of Giza under a dramatic, cloudy sky.

A massive 'thank you' for Amelia Brien's brilliant Christmas Party Quiz. Although Elanor fessed up to some Internet research, Mrs Brett decided to award chocolate prizes to Elanor (for her honesty), Katherine Oldham and Amy Brough.

Librarian Virtual Awards

Amy Brough	29
Amelia Brien	19
Mia Armstrong	17
Lucy Brough	17



Congratulations Amelia

on your promotion to Corporal with the 28 Shawbury Squadron of the Air Cadets.



LIBRARY ART GALLERY

I am sooooo excited... Finally, I have collated all our Library creative writing and artwork and filled an entire scrapbook. I am so looking forward to working with pupils and Librarians on Volume 3.

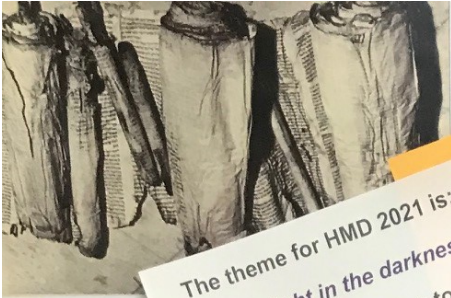




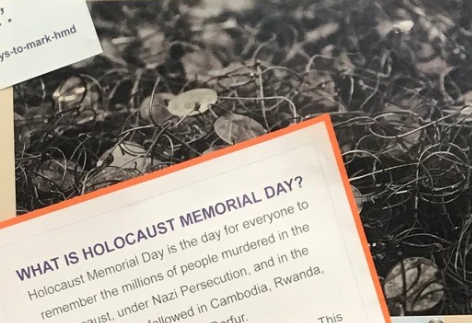
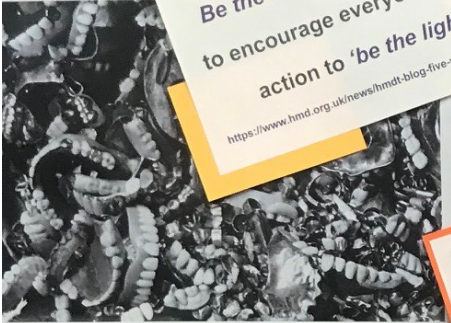
JOIN THE NATION AND LIGHT THE DARKNESS

Many thanks to pupils and staff who participated in this activity to bear witness, to honour those who endured genocide and to recognise the importance of coming together to create a safer future.

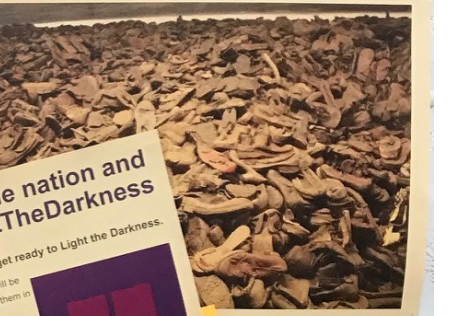
Mrs Brett



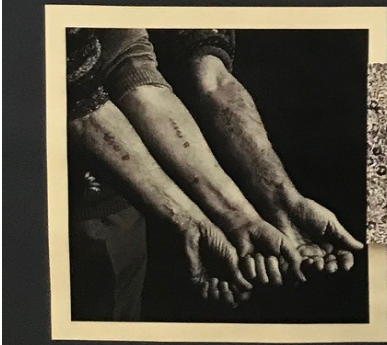
The theme for HMD 2021 is:
 Be the light in the darkness
 to encourage everyone to take
 action to 'be the light'.
<https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/hmdt-blog-five-ways-to-mark-hmd>



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.



Join the nation and #LightTheDarkness
 At 8pm on 27 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 and #LightTheDarkness



WHY DO WE NEED HMD?
 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 recognition.





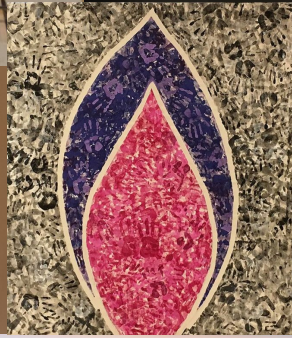
Molly Donnelly



Lily McKenzie



Becky Lane and Joseph Edwards



Seb Walton



Izzy and Emily Cartwright



Mrs C Dobson



Daisy Whittaker



Oka Richards

Lauren Keay



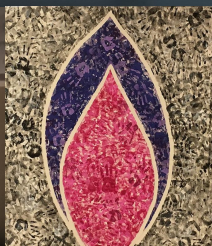
Elizabeth Donoghue



Alexander Hulme



Dylan Rees



Mrs J Brett



Mrs L Frank



Miss K Williams



Jack Munn





Many staff and pupils participated in the Big Garden Birdwatch. When we have snow and ice this is more important than ever!

Homemade Bird Feeder

Materials

- A cardboard tube (a kitchen roll is perfect)
- Two long sticks or skewers
- Some lard or suet (or vegetable suet)
- Birdseed, spread out on a plate or tray
- A piece of string

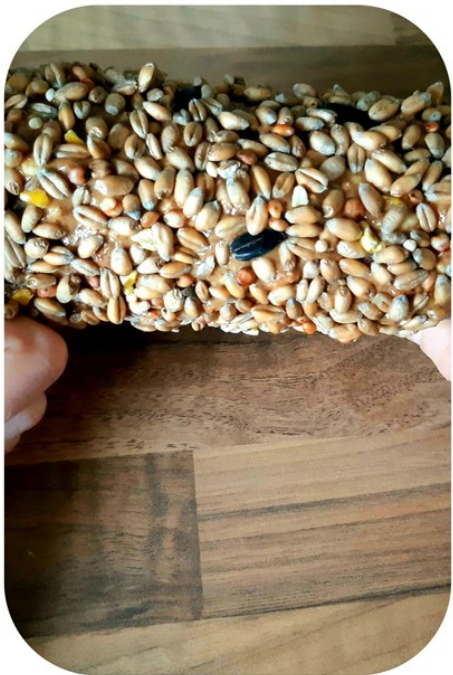
Check out the RSPB website; Pacey enjoyed making this bird feeder with his Mum, our very own Kate Williams.

Thanks for the photos!

Method

1. Start by making four holes in one end of your cardboard tube, these must be large enough for your sticks or skewers, but not so large that the sticks slide out. Be careful of any sharp ends!
2. Make sure the holes opposite each other line up so that you can thread your sticks through.
3. Next, make two small holes opposite each other in the other end of your tube. Use a butter knife or spatula to cover your roll in lard or suet, vegetarian varieties are good too.
4. Roll the tube in bird seed so that the seed sticks to the lard. Carefully thread the sticks through to make a cross shape, and thread a piece of string through the two top holes. Then you're ready to hang your feeder outside!

For those of us who find written instructions difficult to follow, many thanks to Miss Williams and her son, Pacey, for this 'hands on' demonstration ...



WARNING!


These bird feeders are not squirrel proof!!!

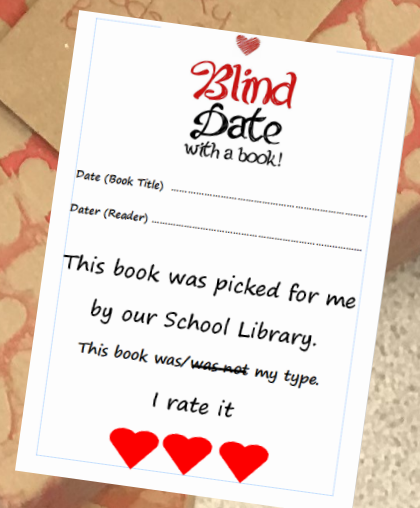




Blind
Date
with a book!

I am so pleased I ran this scheme again this year. Thanks to staff for participating and for the lovely positive feedback I have received. Good fun!

Blind dates are due back by 10th March but of those books returned so far, these are the ones which were a perfect match scoring a  rating which will encourage future readers to try!




Blind
Date
with a book!

Date (Book Title)

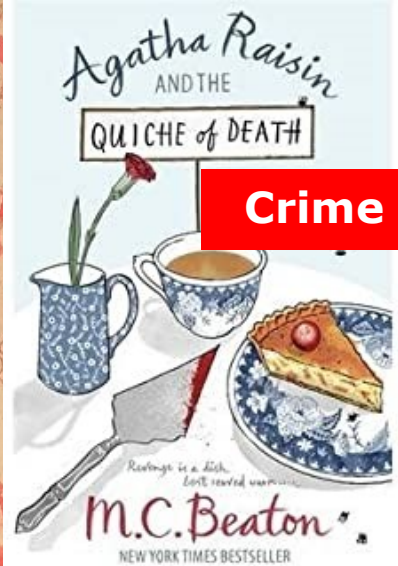
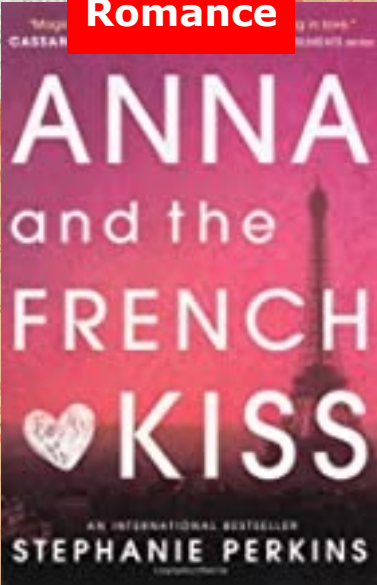
Dater (Reader)

This book was picked for me
by our School Library.
This book was/was not my type.

I rate it



Romance

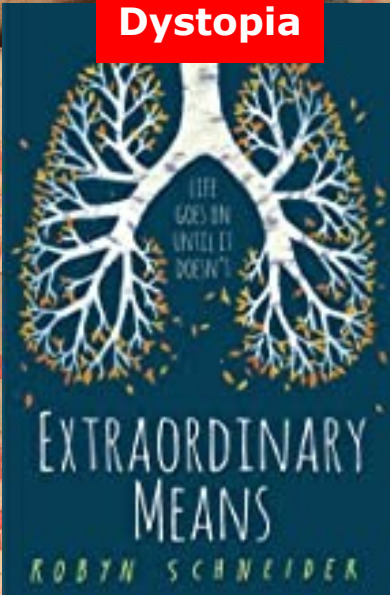


Crime



True Story

Dystopia

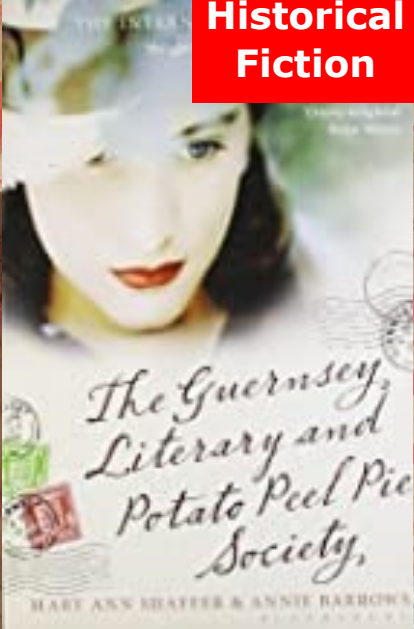


Crime



Historical Fiction

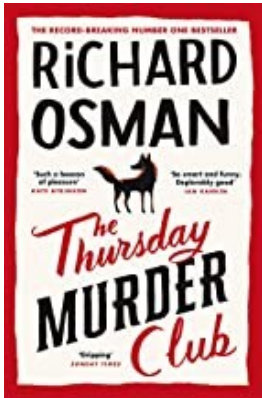
Historical Fiction



This quirky date is impossible to categorise!

Corbet Staff **BOOK CLUB** Feedback...

Every month we tell you what we are going to read but - until now - we have not provided feedback. As you can see, we are a diverse group of readers and we do not all like the same books. Staff, feel free to join us (you do not have to read every book on the list).



This is a well-written accessible story and a very enjoyable read. Mrs Leach

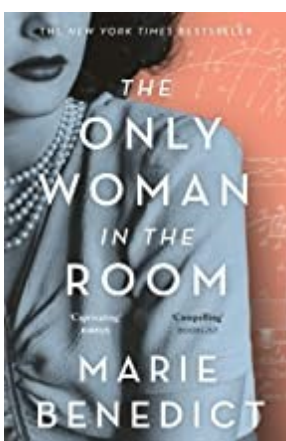
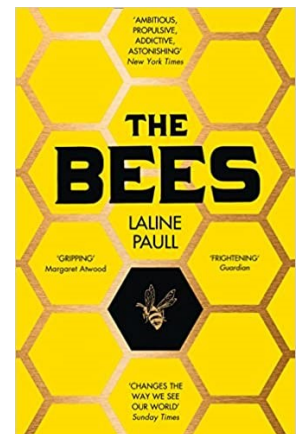
When we are old enough(!) we want to live in this retirement village. Mrs Gerrard & Mrs Brett Made me laugh out loud. Mrs Frank

A predictable ending so I did not finish it.

Mrs Gerrard

A fascinating insight into hive life with a dark Dystopian element. Predictable ending, so I did not finish it either. Mrs Frank

Well I LOVED it! Mrs Brett



This gave a real insight into the beginnings of Nazi Germany. I was disappointed that there was so little explanation of Hedy Lamarr's scientific discoveries. Mrs Leach

I liked the book but thought Lamarr came across as quite ego-centric. It is not strictly accurate but the historian in me liked the period detail and the growing sense of horror brewing as Nazis ambitions were revealed. This was not a challenging read but enough to keep me interested. Mrs Dobson

A good book for those new to biographies. Mrs Brett

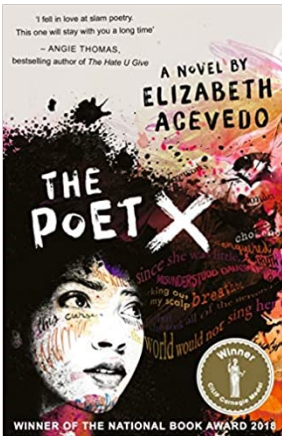
An uplifting treatment of a sensitive topic. This story made me question what makes us happy?

Often, it is the simple things. Mrs Frank

I gave up reading Matt Haig's Life On An Angry Planet and so decided to listen to the audio on Radio 4. This one is a no for me, I'm not interested in exploring a life full of regrets. Move on! Mrs Brett



Corbet Staff BOOKCLUB Spring Books

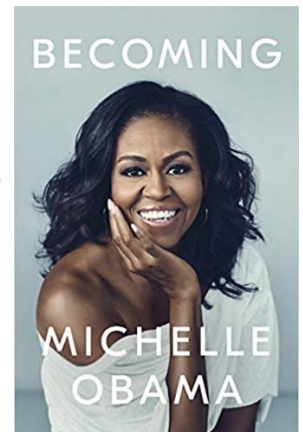


WINNER OF THE CILIP CARNEGIE MEDAL 2019
WINNER OF THE 2018 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD
WINNER OF THE MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD
WINNER OF THE PURA BELPRÉ AWARD
SHORTLISTED WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE 2019

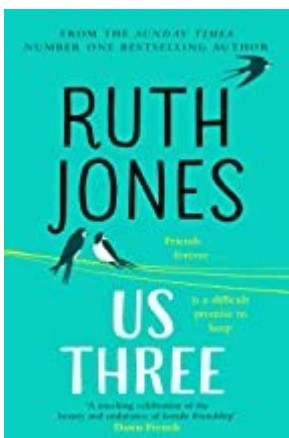
Written in free verse AND guaranteed to shock. This is *A novel about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in, no matter how hard it is to say.*

Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. X has secrets, her feelings for a boy in her bio class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. X thinks the world does not want to hear her but she refuses to stay silent. Membership of a slam poetry club pushes X and her secrets into the spotlight.

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, whilst establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world.



In this memoir, Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent in The Whitehouse.



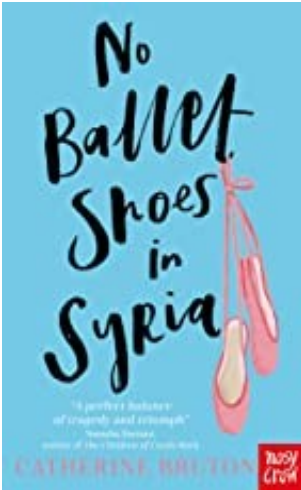
Meet Lana, Judith and Catrin. Best friends since primary school when they swore an oath on a Curly Wurly wrapper that they would always be there for each other, come what may.

After the trip of a lifetime, the three girls are closer than ever but an unexpected turn of events shakes the foundation of their friendship to its core, leaving their future in doubt; there is simply too much to forgive, let alone forget.

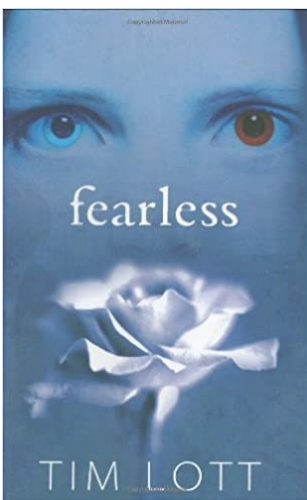
An innocent childhood promise they once made, Friends Forever is a difficult promise to keep.

This new novel is from Ruth Jones, co-creator of Gavin & Stacey and author of the number one bestselling debut, Never Greener.

Mrs Brett's Monthly Reading & Book Reviews

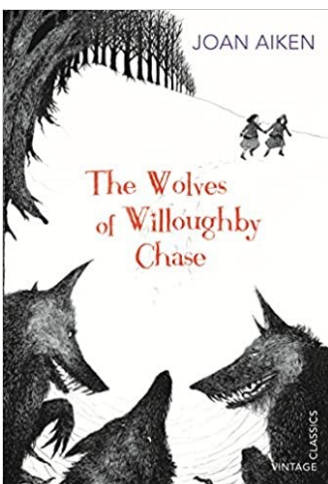


I purchased this on a Year 7 recommendation and the story focuses on an eleven year old girl called Aya who flees from Syria with her family seeking asylum. In order to stay in Britain, they must be recognised as refugees and Aya winning a ballet scholarship would help. This book has received many accolades and whilst I like the 'nod' to Noel Streatfield's 'The Ballet Shoes', for me, the story is too 'sugar coated'. It does, however, provide a good introduction to this subject for our younger readers and for this reason it is shelved under **Adventure**. ★★



This is one of the many books donated to our Library this month and I read it purely to decide its genre. What a find! This is a thought provoking tale of a young girl who risks everything to free herself and her friends from their imprisonment in the City Community Faith School where they are forced to labour in the city's laundry. There are echoes of all the contributing factors to genocide, the rise to power of those who should never be allowed to govern and the dehumanisation of the minority whilst the majority look the other way.

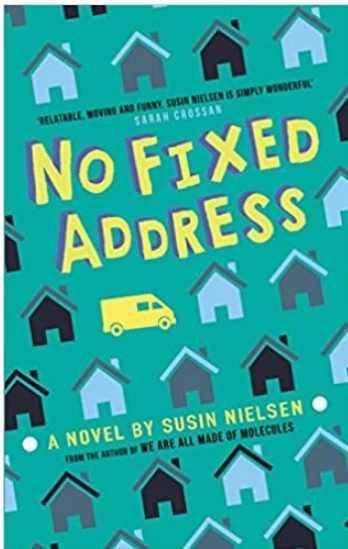
Throughout, Little Fearless maintains our hope that people will realise what is happening and the children will return to their families. This provides a gentle introduction to the consequences of discrimination and is a book everyone should read. I need help in deciding which genre to shelve this under!



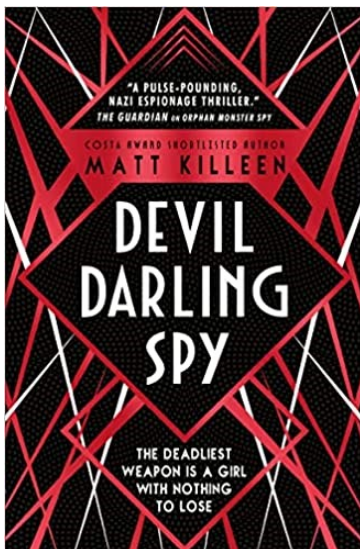
Genre : Classic

This book has sat in our Classics Corner for ages and - just looking at the cover - I have wanted to read it. Bonnie lives in Willoughby Chase and is used to wolves who come out at night. Her cousin Sylvia comes to stay and to keep Bonnie company whilst her parents travel abroad. At the same time, a new governess, Miss Slighcarp is appointed to look after the girls. She plots to take over the Estate, fires the faithful servants and sends the cousins away... This is probably the most accessible Classic I have ever read. Suitable for Year 7+. ★★★★★

Mrs Brett's Monthly Reading & Book Reviews



I have been putting off reading this book because I don't like the cover. I decided this would be a good one for my 21 book challenge. Felix Knutsson is nearly thirteen, lives with his mother and pet gerbil Horatio, and is brilliant at memorising facts and trivia. So far, pretty normal. But Felix and his mom Astrid have a secret: they are living in a van. Astrid promises it's only for a while until she finds a new job, and begs Felix not to breathe a word about it. This is a beautifully written book offering a non-judgemental approach to flawed parenting and homelessness. We need more **Teen** books like this. Highly recommended for Year 7+.



The deadliest weapon is a 'little' girl with nothing to lose. Jewish born Sarah is used to spying in the champagne-fuelled parties of Nazi Berlin but her latest is tracking a lethal disease across bullet-torn Africa and to uncover the monster who would use it to create fifty million corpses. This sequel is even better than 'Orphan Monster Spy', Sarah's character is thoughtfully developed as we are given an even greater insight into the Nazi mentality. Mmmm these books could be film material.

Genre : Historical Fiction



Gregg Hurwitz is the author of Orphan X as well as comics in the Batman and Wolverine Series. 'Last Chance' is the relentlessly action-packed sequel to 'The Rains'. If you like Dystopian fiction with a touch of romance, this one is for you. I could not put this book down and the 'ending' left me 'crying buckets', (much to my husband's disgust). I wish I was a Hollywood film producer...!

Genre : Dystopian



Mrs Brett's Monthly Reading & Book Reviews

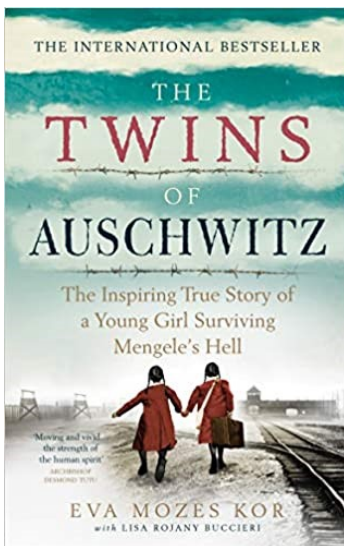


'Vowed' was kindly donated by Mrs Nixon and (even though it was book 2) I decided to give it a test run to see if it could 'stand alone' and be suitable for our School Library. It was so good that I had to buy the other two books in the trilogy which I then read over the holiday.

What a find. This is definitely one of the best Fantasy series I have read since Twilight, The Darke Academy, Wicked Lovely and The City of Bones. My fantasy readers will love this. Year 8 +.

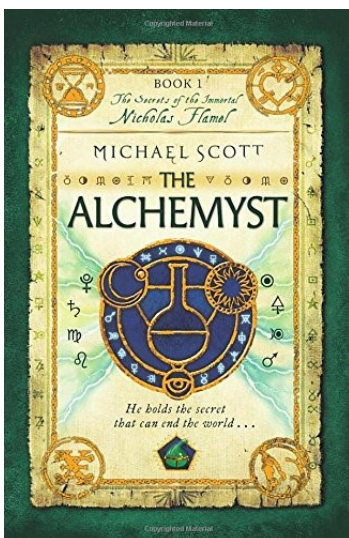


Genre : Fantasy



Truthfully, this is not the hard hitter I thought it would be. Told in a matter of fact manner with many of the atrocities 'skated over', I found myself not particularly liking Eva. The Afterword was fascinating and I am wondering if there are similarities with the Tattooist of Auschwitz with the desensitising to survive? I am comfortable with Year 7s reading this book and would welcome feedback.

Genre : True Stories



At last, I have managed to grab this book off our shelves to read myself. All our Harry Potter fans are drawn to this series because of the mention of Nicholas Flamel. As with so many aspects of the Harry Potter books, Nicholas Flamel was real; born in Paris on 28 September 1330 and believed to be the greatest Alchemist of his day, discovering the secret of eternal life (The Philosopher's Stone).

In this series, Nick and his wife Perry, are guardians of the Codex and are pursued by the megalomaniac Dr John Dee (from Elizabethan times).

The plot revolves around a prophecy which implicates teenagers Josh and Sophie Newman who have un-awakened powers and the ability to save or condemn mankind.

A little far-fetched but a jolly good **Fantasy** read. How annoyed am I to find the next book is currently out on loan?!



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

No Fixed Address

Awful cover illustration

The Only Woman In The Room

Biography

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Classic

Climate Change/Conservation

Crime & Detection

The Thursday Murder Club

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)..... The Blackheart Legacy : Banished

Trilogy (Book 2)..... The Blackheart Legacy : Vowed

Trilogy (Book 3)..... The Blackheart Legacy : Judged

Written by J.K. Rowling

Mrs Brett's progress!

Name Tutor

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

Guest Reviewer : Elizabeth Selman (Year 6)

NEVERMOOR,

THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW

AUTHOR: Jessica Townsend

ILLUSTRATOR: Beatriz Castro

MAIN CHARACTERS: Morrigan Crow, Hawthorne swift, Jupiter North, Ezra Squall and Jack.



MAIN STORY LINE: This book is about a girl believed to be cursed to die on her 11th birthday. Then, a man named Jupiter North takes her away to a magical place (Nevermoor) where she has to do 4 trials to stay. The trials take her on lots of adventures and even help her to make a new friend. However, on the last trial she has to use her “Knack” a special skill which she doesn’t have. Find out more in this amazing book!!!

WHAT I LIKED: My favourite part was definitely when she did the final trial because technically, she didn’t do it!! (Find out more in the book!)

WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED: I think there could be a little more description because to me, it didn’t have much and some parts were a little boring.

RATING:



I would recommend this book for pupils age 7 and over. This is a simple storyline but the imagery might be harder to understand for younger readers.

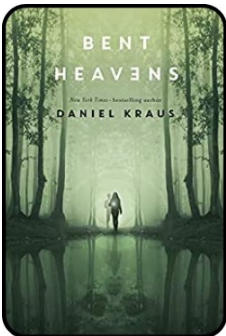
Editor’s Note:

I enjoyed reading this book and am not sure I agree with Elizabeth’s suggested minimum reading age! Now I am wondering if I should buy the rest of the series for our School Library. I need more pupils to read this book to help with my decision!





There has been so much interest in horror books over the last couple of years that even I have been 'sucked in'. I thought it might be worthwhile taking a look at this year's Bram Stoker Awards nominations for Young Adults. From the reviews, these are the books I would like to read but **I would welcome feedback from our regular Horror readers before I buy. Your opinion counts!**

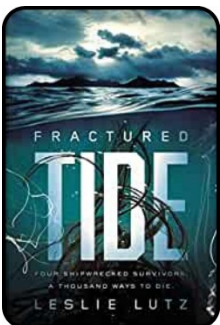


BENT HEAVENS BY DANIEL KRAUS

Lee Fleming is obsessed with capturing alien invaders and constructs a series of six traps in the woodland surrounding his house (Amputator, Hangman's Noose, Crusher, Neckbreaker, Abyss and Hard Passage). A horror thriller with an unexpected twist in the search for the truth.

WRANGLESTONE BY DARREN CHARLTON

Set in a post Zombie Apocalyptic World, this theme may have been done to death(!) but perhaps this book is worth a read because of the love story between two young male characters?

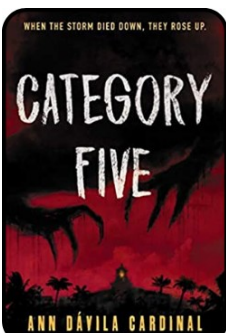


FRACTURED TIDE BY LESLIE LUTZ

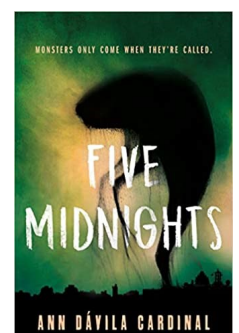
Again, I am not too sure about this one, the plot makes me think of the film 'Jaws' set in the Bermuda Triangle but the parallels drawn with the X-Files series sound promising?

FIVE MIDNIGHTS SERIES BY ANN DAVILA CARDINAL

'Category Five' is the sequel nominated for the this year's BSA. The first book 'Five Midnights' won the 2019 Digital Book Award for the best Suspense/Horror book. The plot outline is promising, Five friends cursed, Five deadly fates, Five nights of retribution.



If Lupe Dávila and Javier Utierre can survive each other's company, together they can solve a series of grisly murders. Clues lead them out of the real world and into the realm of myths and legends. If they want to catch the killer, they will have to step into the shadows to see what is lurking there, murderer, or monster?



Our £1 books



I have World Book Day Vouchers to distribute and they are valid until 28th March 2021. Pupils, I hope you enjoy my World Book Day Quiz with your Tutor on Wellbeing Wednesday.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2021 Thursday 4th March

Huw Aaron's *Ha Ha Cnec*

In his own distinctive style, this talented cartoonist and illustrator from Cardiff has created 'Ha Ha Cnec' for children young and old to enjoy. This little book (written in Welsh) is packed with jokes and cartoons along with some of Huw's unique characters.

