

# B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is  
happening in our School  
Library Community

March 2021

## Dear Library Friends,

Well, it has been another busy month and it is such a relief to see all our pupils back in School. I have especially missed the lunchtime banter with our Year 9s. Again, 'behind the scenes' in our Library, there has been lots going on.



I hope you enjoy reading this 'epic' edition; if you see any books you would like to read, please message me.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. HAPPY EASTER!

Mrs Brett   
Library Co-Ordinator

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# Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

## 1. STATISTICS for the month of March

Books shelved	172
Overdue books (from the last Lockdown)	21
Books loaned out to pupils via Click-and-Drop	64
Staff topic loans	109
Staff personal loans	9

- Collecting the majority of the 116 books due at the end of the phased return from Lockdown.
- Re-starting the click-and-drop service as our Library remains closed to the majority of pupils whilst operating as a Year 9 classroom.
- New '**Give Me Attention**' book wrapping and display stand for neglected books.
- Processing new books.
- Refreshing corridor display board.
- Updating Library page for the Student Planner.
- Finalising morning registration PPT presentations for each Year Group.
- International Women's Day Quiz and organising the Student Librarians to interview Dr. Tinker for next month's edition.
- World Book Day, locating copy books for our Library and handing out £1 tokens.
- Setting up a new Carnegie Shadowing group (Powerpoint promotion via Tutor and Satchel.One, member packs, procuring the shortlisted titles).
- Progressing Mrs Ashton's Book-et List.
- Library Team Zoom meetings.
- Librarian Team Virtual Awards.
- Ancient Egypt Quiz winners.
- Book covering and repairs.
- Millennium Classic book covers.
- Ongoing Library database cleansing.
- Researching potential new Library software providers.
- Exploring Fund raising ideas.



Please read me, otherwise  
I will be taken away!  
Ask at the Issues Desk



## BOOK RETURNS AFTER LOCKDOWN



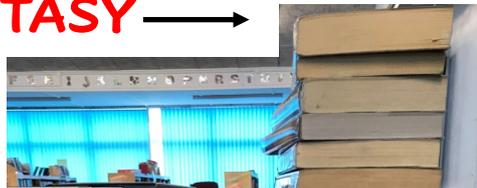
Thank you pupils and staff for your prompt response to my appeal for the return of Library books out on loan before Lockdown. This is the first time our returns letterbox has been crammed full of books.

We have had just two casualties so far which I will need to replace..



Replacement cost £7.20 & £4.00

**1st FANTASY** →



**2nd HORROR** →



**4th GRAPHIC NOVELS** →



For ease of shelving, I stacked our returns by genre and think this is a very visual illustration of the current most popular genres!

← **3rd DYSTOPIA**

# Library Noticeboard



## Feb (apols for last month) & March Librarian Birthdays

Mia Armstrong  
Lily Marmaras  
Jess Ford & Beth Stimson

Well done **Mia Armstrong**, a senior Librarian and now the **Year 11 History Ambassador**.

### Librarian Virtual Awards Leader Board:

Amy Brough	29
Amelia Brien	20
Mia Armstrong	18
Lucy Brough	18

A good month  
for our  
Virtual Awards!

### Virtual Training Award

Congratulations to

**AMELIA BRIEN**

Certificate awarded online  
Wednesday 10th March 2021



### Virtual Training Awards

Congratulations to

**MADDY BROADHURST**

Certificate awarded by Mrs Brett  
Wednesday 10th March 2021



### Virtual Training Awards

Congratulations to

**MORGAN RICHARDS**

Certificate awarded by Mrs Brett  
Wednesday 10th March 2021



Two of our Year 7 pupils, **Josh Clarke** and **Lily Poston**, entered the **Shropshire Music Service Competition**. Josh was awarded a certificate for his efforts. Lily's original, self-penned song and singing talent saw her winning the **Showcase category**. The judge told Lily to "keep writing" and commented upon the nature of the lyrics and the cleverness of the musical construction. **Congratulations to both Lily and Josh.**

# Year 7 Ancient Egypt Quiz Results

## WINNERS

**1st Ed Spencer (7E)**

**2nd James Roberts (7E)**

**3rd Henry Burns (7T)**

### Also receiving a stationery set:

**Bethany Williams (7T)**

**Josh Kynaston (7E)**

**Francesca Widdon (7T)**

**Megan Lawson (7O)**

**Lloyd O'Keefe (7R)**

### Runners up:

**Noah Pearson-Wright (7O)**

**Neve Marmaras (7R)**

**Phoebe Quinn (7C)**

**Anastasia Serdyuk (7T)**

**Rory Strang (7C)**

## Ancient Egypt Quiz Answers

1. Ancient Egyptians ground down their teeth by eating bread (the desert wind blew sand into the dough).
2. The early Lunar Calendar was based on the Moon. The later Civil Calendar (365 days) was derived from the Lunar Calendar (months) and the Nile fluctuations (seasons).
3. The discovery of the Rosetta Stone enabled the decoding of Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs
4. Wealthy Ancient Egyptians wrote on Papyrus.
5. Tutankhamun's toes poked out of the end of the coffin.
6. The last Queen of Egypt was the Greek Cleopatra.
7. The Ancient Egyptian board game was called Sennet.
8. Toothpaste is an Ancient Egyptian invention.
9. Our School Library has nine books specifically about Egypt.
10. The Dewey Decimal Code for Ancient Egypt is 932.

## HARRY POTTER TIE-BREAKER

Many of J. K. Rowling's fantastic beasts were borrowed from 'elsewhere'.

**FAWKES THE PHOENIX** was the name of the mythical beast appearing in many of the Harry Potter books, first described as living in Ancient Egypt by the 5<sup>th</sup> Century historian Herodotus (known by some as the 'Father of History' and others as the 'Father of Lies').

A number of competition entries suggested the **SPHINX**, the **GRIFFIN**, the **BASILISK** and **CERBERUS**. A good effort but I did not allow these answers!



**Well done everyone for taking part. Mrs B**

# For our Talented Artists...

## Young Artists' Summer Show

Made possible by Robin Hambro



Now in its third year, the **Young Artists' Summer Show** is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 5-19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Entries can be made using any medium (e.g. paint, sculpture, photography, installation, video etc) and collaborative entries (a piece made by more than one student) are also welcome.

We have some super talented young artists in our School and it would be lovely to see their work exhibited at the RA. Please check out the website for further details and have a chat with Mrs Gascoine if you would like to enter.

Last year, 392 artworks were selected from nearly 18,000 submissions and these are currently displayed online. Please take a look, these are a few of my favourites...



**The deadline for receipt of entries is 26th April 2021**

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>

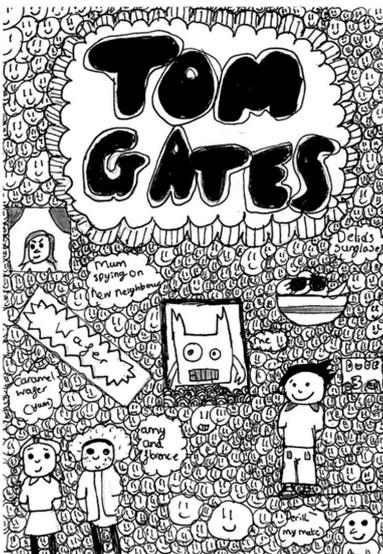
# Tom Gates Doodling Competition



I have been somewhat disappointed by the way this competition has been run and whilst judging artwork is subjective, I believe our entries were better than a lot of the runners up.

At least the top ten doodle plates have been published in the front papers of Liz Pichon's new book 'Ten Tremendous Tales' The top 50 entries may be viewed on: [https://issuu.com/rebeccagillies/docs/doodle\\_comp\\_winners\\_gallery](https://issuu.com/rebeccagillies/docs/doodle_comp_winners_gallery)

WINNER!



## LIBRARY ART GALLERY

This is Mia Armstrong's entry for the art competition launched by the Prime Minister. The theme was 'something that you are thankful for'. Nice to see books taking centre stage. Well done Mia.

10 UK Prime Minister  
15 February at 03:30 · 🌐

📣 Calling all young artists! 👤 👤

🖼️ Want to see your art on display in 10 Downing Street?

**Creative**

# Perfect Blind Dates...

**Blind Date**  
with a book!

Date (Book Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Reader) \_\_\_\_\_

This book was picked for me  
by our School Library.

This book was/was not my type.

I rate it

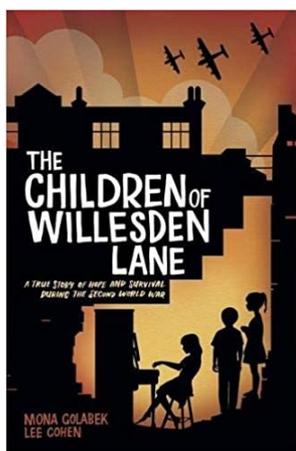
♥♥♥

The return date for Blind Dates was 10th March and we have some more perfect matches to recommend to our readers. Staff, if you want to hang onto your date for a while longer, please let me know.

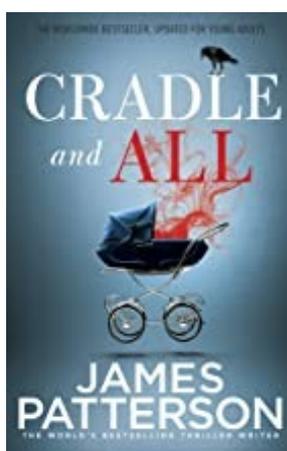
Top ♥♥♥ ratings for:



**Fantasy**



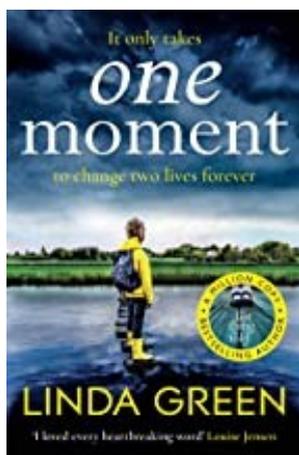
**Historical Fiction**



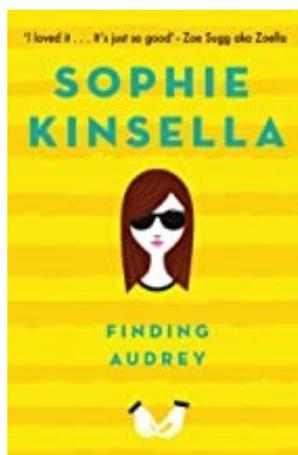
**Horror**



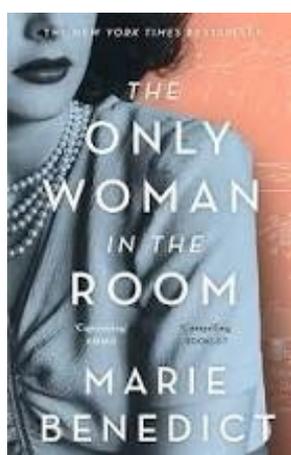
**Teen**



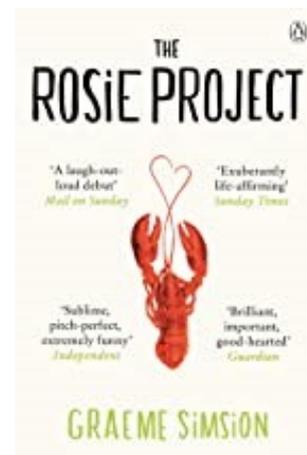
**Teen**



**Teen**



**True Story (Biog)**



**Young Adult**

One teacher enjoyed her blind dates so much that she brought Mrs Brett a bunch of flowers. Next year, I will definitely be offering this dating service to staff!!!



# Dates to remember...

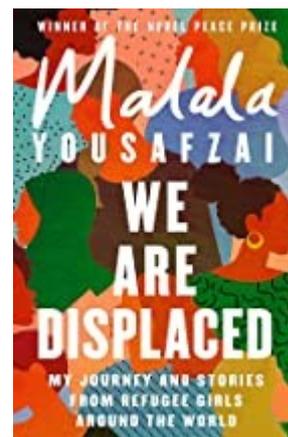
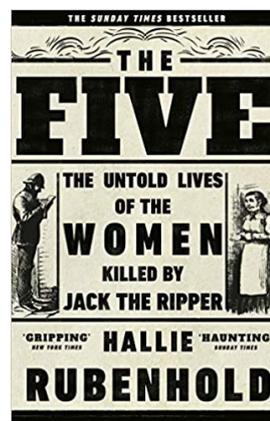
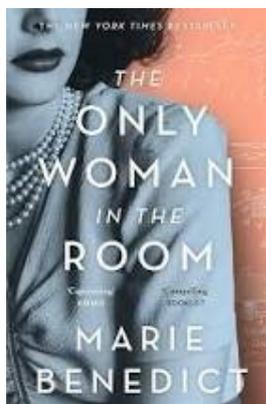
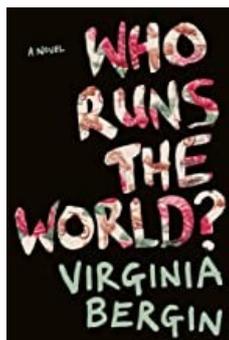


International Women's Day

## International Women's Day

is held every year on **8th March** to celebrate the achievements of women across the world and to continue the 'push' for gender equality.

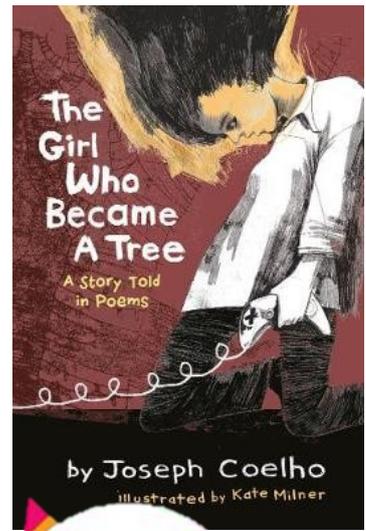
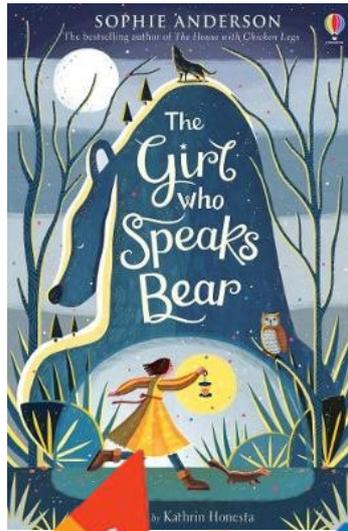
### Recommended Reading:



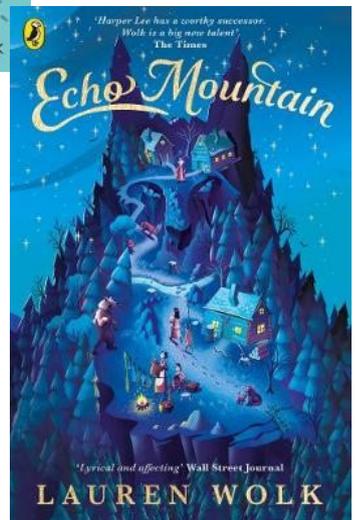
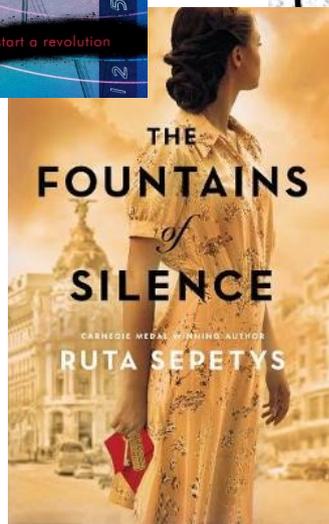
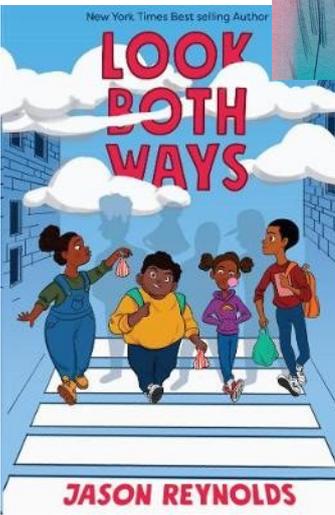
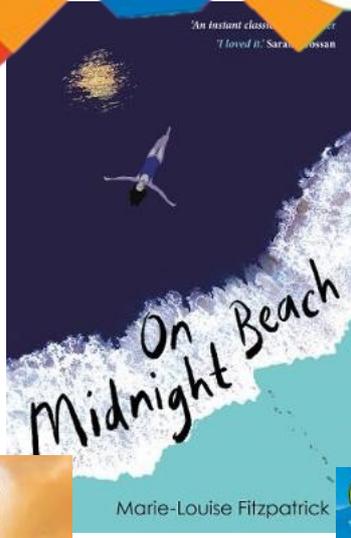
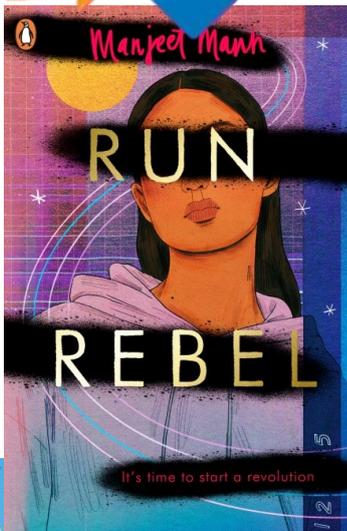
Mrs Brett may have to adopt **Pacey** as our School Library's unofficial mascot. Here he is again dressed as 'Peter Rabbit' for World Book Day. Miss Williams tells me that this little rabbit ate all the carrots but left the radishes... We had a very low key World Book Day, tokens were distributed as always but even Mrs Brett was not able to get hold of all the WBD books. Has anyone got a copy of the Welsh one I could have please?



# For our Carnegie Shadows...



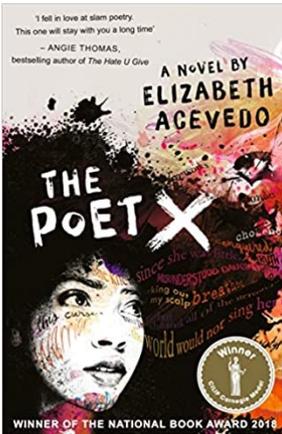
## Shortlisted 2021 for the CILIP Carnegie Medal



The library and information association

If you would like to join our **SHADOWING TEAM** and read these **SHORTLISTED** books, please contact Mrs Brett.

# Corbet Staff BOOKCLUB Spring Books

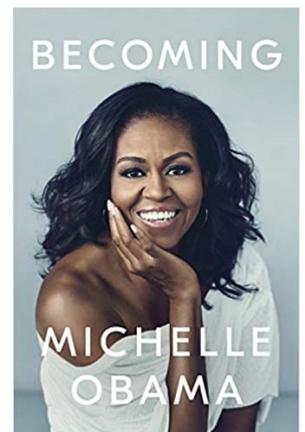


WINNER OF THE CILIP CARNEGIE MEDAL 2019  
WINNER OF THE 2018 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD  
WINNER OF THE MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD  
WINNER OF THE PURA BELPRÉ AWARD  
SHORTLISTED WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE 2019

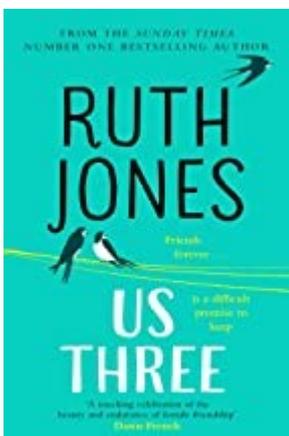
Written in free verse AND guaranteed to shock. This is *A novel about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in, no matter how hard it is to say.*

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 this role - she helped create the most inclusive and welcoming White House in history. Michelle Obama also established 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 and of course, 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.

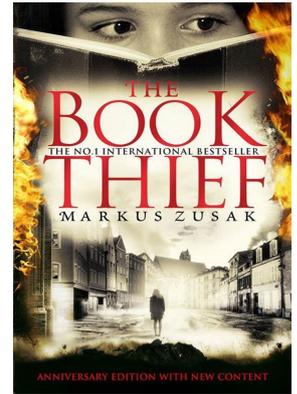
This new novel is from Ruth Jones, co-creator of *Gavin & Stacey* and author of the number one bestselling debut, *'Never Greener'*.

## Guest Reviewer Elizabeth Selman (Yr 6)

### THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak

**Main characters:** Liesel Meminger, Rudy Steiner, Tommy Muller, Rosa Huberman, Hans Huberman, Ilsa Hermann, The Furer, Max Vandernburg and Frau Holtzapfel.

**Main story line:** Set in World War 2 Germany, this book is about a girl called Liesel who is fostered by a German couple (one who plays the accordion and who teaches her to read and write and one who says a lot of bad words). She makes friends with a boy with lemon hair and they go stealing together - for food - not books. The book thief (Liesel) goes to a parade for The Furer's (Adolf Hitler's) birthday where she sees people burning books, Jewish books. She loves reading so when it is all over, she steals a book from the bonfire. She is seen by the mayor's wife who then shares her Library with Liesel. With all this going on, Liesel's foster parents decide to hid a Jew (the son of the man who saved the foster father's life). There is a lot going on in this book. **NO SPOILERS!**



**What I liked about the book:** I really like the fact that the book is narrated by Death; it is emotional in parts but always with a twist! Some parts were a little funny because I had a translator to say the German words I didn't pronounce properly and didn't understand.

**What could be improved:** I think it could use less bad language; some translation and maybe a pronunciation guide for the German words. Some bits are too melancholic and need a bit more excitement.

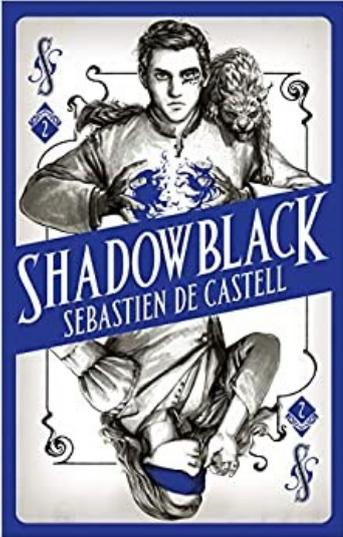
**Rated:** I would rate this  because some of it was too glum for me and didn't have enough excitement. It was a nice challenge to persevere to read and understand.

**Recommended for:** This book is for very strong readers in Year 6 because some of it for me was a little tricky to understand (words that were a bit confusing). Year

*Elizabeth*

Mrs B says : Elizabeth is an exceptional reader. I found the first few chapters difficult to engage with and as a result, tend to recommend this book to our prolific readers in Year 8 and over. I hate to admit to this but, watching the film helps!

## Mrs Brett's Monthly Reading & Book Reviews



**Genre : Fantasy**

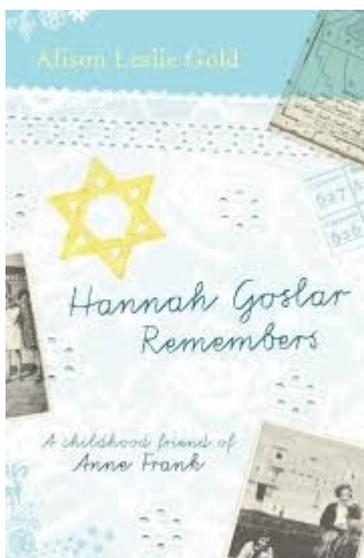
I enjoyed the first book in this series so much that I purchased the second one (initially, I did not realise there are six books in this series). I think this will appeal to fans of 'The Summoner' series. For me, a series is spoilt if laborious references are made to the sequence of events in the previous books. De Castell does not do this. I have appreciated the brief, casual references made to the plot in to refresh the reader's memory. I want the next one but need pupils to read in order to justify buying the set.

Recommended for Year 7+



**Genre : Fantasy**

During my data cleansing/stock check, I was a little annoyed to find that 'Mist' the first book in this series has gone AWOL. I decided to read 'Frost' to see if it was worth keeping. In 'Mist', Nell enters the world of the Elven when her sister is kidnapped by two brothers in an attempt to broker a deal to free the Elven adults who have been interned in prison camps in the human world. 'Frost' continues this story and is a nice easy read. 'Mist' is currently out of print, does anyone have a copy they can donate to our Library please?



I discovered this little gem many years ago and chose to read it again for my '21 Book Challenge'. This tells the story of Anne Frank from the viewpoint of her best friend Hannah. Many of the more harrowing details are 'glossed over' and this book therefore provides an excellent introduction to the Holocaust for our more sensitive readers.

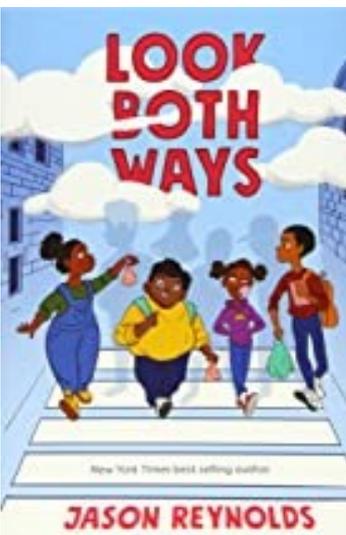
**Genre : True Story**





**Genre : Fantasy**

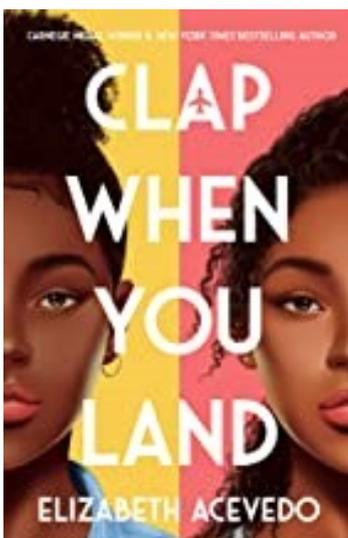
I spotted Phoebe (Year 9) reading this book and asked if I could borrow it because I liked the cover. My first attempt to read failed; I could not get 'into it' but I think this was because I was too distracted by all the new books I wanted to read before adding them to Library stock. Anyway, on second reading, I loved it. The plot focuses on a human-robot hybrid working at a fantasy theme park who befriends a maintenance worker who starts to make her question everything. I would describe this as a Sci-Fi Dystopian with a touch of Romance. What's not to like?!



**Group Read Teen**

The only reason I read this book is because it is on this year's Carnegie shortlist and as I am asking all our Shadows to read it, I could hardly not read it myself. The first chapter was awful but as much as I did not want to like this 'very American' book, Reynolds worked his magic. A clever little story about life's hard knocks which begin in School and I think most Year Groups will get something from it.

Could be this year's winner?

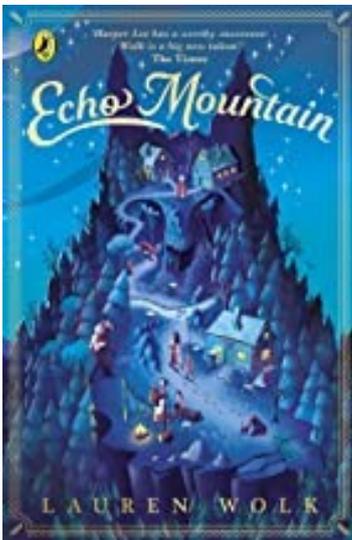


**Genre : Teen**

This, too, is on the Carnegie Shortlist and as I am a fan of Acevedo's 'Poet X', I have been looking forward to reading. Whilst this is a powerful story of loss, I did find myself frustrated by the Spanish and at times was not sure which sister's story I was reading and 'who was who'. I may need to ask MFL for help and add some notes to the front of this book just to make it more accessible. I am interested to see what our Shadows make of this one.

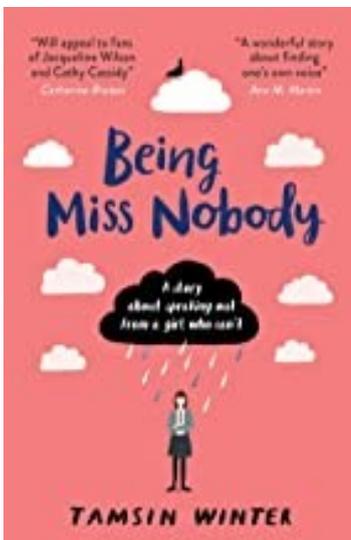
The poor star rating does not reflect the quality of the free verse, some of which is breath taking. Three stars deducted because I could not easily follow the plot.





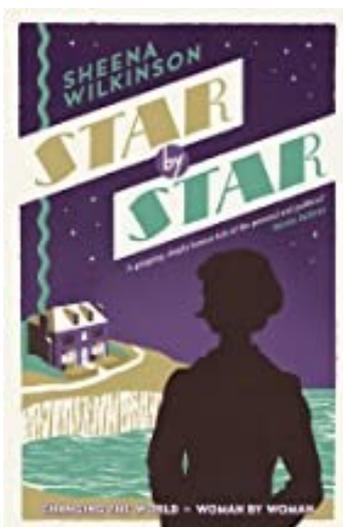
**Genre : Adventure**

Another on the Carnegie shortlist and I am quite cross about this one; still very pricey and only available in hardback. How am I meant to buy a set for our Shadows to read? Nevertheless, Wolk's 'weird' adventure stories are well worth the read. 'Beyond The Bright Sea' and 'Wolf Hollow' both have a lyrical quality to the writing which may not appeal to everyone. In my opinion, Echo Mountain is Wolk's best book to date and if the judges are looking for a conventional winner, that ticks all the boxes, this could be it...



**Genre : Teen**

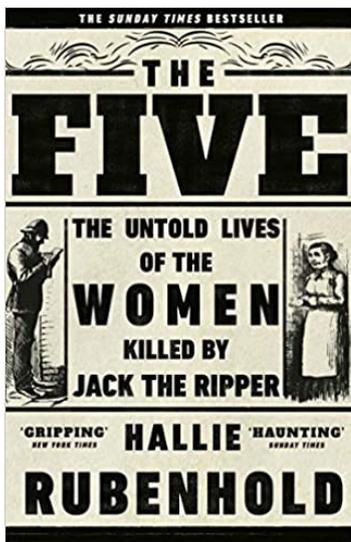
Okay so I have tweaked my 21 book challenge to accommodate this book, it is just so good! I put off reading because the cover is awful (I think); it just goes to show, 'never judge a book by its cover'. I have learnt so much from this story about 'selective mutism'; I now have far more empathy for those battling with this condition. Rosalind only speaks at home, she has no friends at school and relies on her little brother but he has terminal cancer. At school she gets picked on because she cannot fight back, until she sets up a blog. As Miss Nobody. Rosalind can speak up and expose the bullies, until her plan spectacularly backfires..



**Group Read  
Historical Fiction**

I was looking for a short read that would tie in with International Women's Day and I remembered this one in our Group Read Section. Just imagine, the 'Great War' has ended, a flu pandemic is sweeping across Europe and women are winning the right to vote. Truth stranger than fiction? Well this was 1918 and this historical fiction novel focuses on the story of Stella, the death of her suffragette mother means her only option is to travel from Liverpool to Ireland to live with an Aunt she has never met. A thoughtfully told story of particular relevance at the moment. Highly recommended to Year 7s and over!





**Non-Fiction**  
**364.6**

Many thanks to Mrs J Jones for recommending I purchase a copy of this book for our School Library. Many of our pupils 'enjoy' the 'blood and gore' of the Ripper murders. This book takes a different approach, looking at the victims whose deaths were 'discounted' because of the assumption they were prostitutes. This book lost half a star (!) because there is so much detail to absorb that it took me ages to read. The research undertaken by the author gives a real insight into Victorian England and just how awful a woman's life could be if she lost her male protector (father, brother, husband). Well worth a read for mature Year 9 and KS4 pupils.



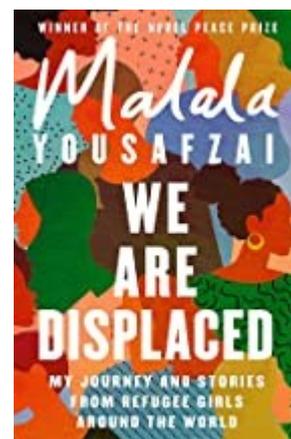
**Can you read 21 books by the end of 2021?**  
I have set myself this additional challenge (to read one book for each of the following categories). If you would like to attempt this, please message me via Satchel. One for further details. Mrs Brett

- Animals ..... *No Fixed Address*
- Another country ..... *Being Miss Nobody*
- Awful cover illustration ..... *The Only Woman In The Room*
- Biography ..... *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*
- Classic ..... *The Thursday Murder Club*
- Climate Change/Conservation ..... *The Five*
- Crime & Detection ..... *The Five*
- Discrimination ..... *The Five*
- Disney Twisted Tale .....
- Funny book .....
- Ghost .....
- New book (published 2021) .....
- Picture Book .....
- Positive story ..... *The Kingdom*
- Recommended by a friend ..... *Hannah Goslar Remembers*
- Re-read Favourite .....
- Short Story ..... *The Blackheart Legacy : Banished*
- Trilogy (Book 1)..... *The Blackheart Legacy : Vowed*
- Trilogy (Book 2) ..... *The Blackheart Legacy : Judged*
- Trilogy (Book 3)..... *The Blackheart Legacy : Judged*
- Written by J.K. Rowling .....

## 21 Progress Report

My 21 book challenge is going along okay, I can't understand why so few of you have taken this on...!

I am hoping to buy Malala Yousafzai's new book for our Library but then I may struggle with the remaining categories on this list... I need recommendations please! Mrs B 



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

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