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SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Shawlands Academy

18/05/20

Welcome back to week two of the School Library Newsletter. I hope that you found last week's useful. If you'd like to access it again, check out the Library [blog](#) on Glow.

You might notice some new additions to this week's newsletter. The **Weekly Roundup** will now include a **Catch-up** and **Highlights Next Week** listing to let you know about any online events that you may have missed and to give you a heads up about interesting upcoming events.

A new '**Learning**' section has been added in **Activities** to keep you updated about some fun, free educational opportunities taking place online. You mustn't miss out on **Freestyle Football** and **Beatboxing** modules by **Skills Academy** which are delivered by experts in their fields, check out more on their website. **International Museums Day** is May 18th so be sure to head over to the **Natural History Museum's** website for a virtual tour by David Attenborough and explore their amazing resources that you can access from home. The **Competitions** section has been extended to include more contests taking place and are now listed by deadline date to help your entries

All About Books will also run a new weekly feature called **Reading Well** that'll feature mental health books from the **Reading Agency's** Reading Well booklist along with a randomly selected activity from the **YoungScot's #ClearYourHeadChallenge** that is taking place now.

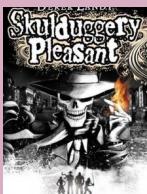
You may also notice that some of the books will have a small **icon** beside them that say 'super readable'. This is to indicate specific titles that are published by **Barrington Stoke** who specifically design their books to be easier to read using specially designed paper that reduce the glare of the text. A **Libby** icon will also appear next to titles available as **eBooks** on the app. Happy reading!



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WEEKLY ROUNDUP

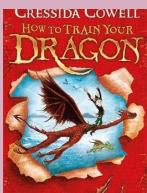
DAILY



SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT LIVE w/Derek Landy

skulduggerypleasant.co.uk/

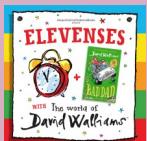
Derek Landy reads a chapter a day from the first book of his popular series *Skulduggery Pleasant* on his website. Catch-ups available.



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON LIVE w/Cressida Cowell

[YouTube/cressidacowell](https://www.youtube.com/cressidacowell)

Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell reads from her book *How to Train your Dragon* on her YouTube channel. She is also reading *How to Speak Dragonese* and *How to be a Pirate*.



#AUDIOELEVENSES w/David Walliams

worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

Audio Book extracts played daily at 11am of David walliam's Books. Currently reading, Bad Dad. Previous episodes stay up for a week.



SBT AUTHOR LIVE ON DEMAND

scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-on-demand

BBC Authors Live brings free, world-class author and illustrator events for children and young people right into your home. Each week, Scottish Book Trust will highlight three past broadcasts (one for lower primary, one for upper primary and one for secondary) that families can watch together at home at any point during the week. Each broadcast will also have an accompanying set of learning activities



NATIONAL SHELF SERVICE

[YouTube/NationalShelfService](https://www.youtube.com/NationalShelfService)

CILIP, the UK's library and information association, has launched the National Shelf Service, a new daily YouTube broadcast featuring book recommendations from professional librarians. The National Shelf Service will feature one librarian and one book recommendation each day.

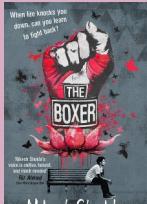
MONDAY



HAY FESTIVAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

from 8am onwards, hayfestival.com

Discussions and activities with authors Cressida Cowell, Onjali Q Rauf, Patrice Lawrence and Muhammad Khan on the Hay Player. Downloadable resources and recorded catch-ups available.



THE BOXER w/Nikesh Shukla

3pm, hayfestival.com, wowfest.co.uk

The Boxer, from acclaimed writer Nikesh Shukla, tells, over the course of the ten rounds of his first fight, the story of amateur boxer Sunny. Sunny joins a boxing club to learn to protect himself after a racist attack. He finds the community he's been desperately seeking at the club, and a mentor in trainer Shobu, who helps him find his place in the world. But racial tensions are rising in the city, and when a Far Right march through Bristol turns violent, Sunny is faced with losing his new best friend Keir to radicalisation.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

TUESDAY



HAY FESTIVAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

from 8am onwards, hayfestival.com

Discussions and activities with authors Konnie Huq, Emma Carroll, Sue Cheung, and Karl Nova on the Hay Player. Downloadable resources and recorded catch-ups available.



HARRY POTTER AT HOME LIVE

wizardingworld.com

Daniel Radcliffe, Stephen Fry, David Beckham, Dakota Fanning, Claudia Kim, No-ma Dumezweni, and Eddie Redmayne are amongst the cast of narrators who have lent their voices to the story they love by recording videos of themselves reading the timeless *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone/Sorcerer's Stone*. Catch-ups available



NATURE LIVE ONLINE

12pm, hm.ac.uk/visit/exhibitions/nature-live

Hang out with the Nature Live Online team on Tuesdays at 12.00 and Fridays at 10.30 for interactive talks featuring topical discussions with our scientists and cutting-edge research. From meteorites to mammoths, evolution to the climate crisis, Nature Live Online is a great way to explore the natural world. Catch-ups available

WEDNESDAY



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from 8am onwards, hayfestival.com

Discussions and activities with authors Chae Strathie, Pamela Butchart, Lucy Worsley, and Jon Chase on the Hay Player. Downloadable resources and recorded catch-ups available.



COOPED UP KIDS @ CHICKENHOUSE BOOKS

chickenhousebooks.com/schools/coopedupkids

Videos featuring bedtime stories, first chapter readings and interviews with authors including Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Maz Evans, Cornelia Funke and Jasbinder Bilan posted Wednesdays and Fridays. Downloadable activity sheets and recorded catch-ups available.



CODING COMPUTER GAMES LIVE STREAM w/Mako Create

2pm Facebook @ MakoCreateUK or @HaltonLibraries

In collaboration with Halton Libraries, Mako Create are running a free 5-week online computer games workshop covering MakeCode Arcade (Block-Based and JavaScript coding), Character design (and Pixel art), Making enemies and projectiles, Level design, Story telling, and two player game. Starting Wednesday 20th.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

THURSDAY



HAY FESTIVAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

from 8am onwards, hayfestival.com

Discussions and activities with authors Christopher Edge, Eloise Williams, Laura Coryton, and Dean Atta on the Hay Player. Downloadable resources and recorded catch-ups available.



THE JOY OF SPINES w/Graeme Hawley

5pm nls.uk/events

A whistle-stop tour of the Library's vast collections of modern printed works using 360 photographs of book spines. Entertaining and surprisingly moving, this presentation is led by Graeme Hawley, the Library's Head of General Collections. It takes you round 120 miles of shelves without even having to leave your seat.'



A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE:THE NATIONAL THEATRE AT HOME

7pm ntlive.com

Throughout lockdown, the National Theatre will stream full-length performances each week. This week they'll be featuring Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire* directed by Benedict Andrews.



MAKAR TO MAKAR w/Jackie Kay ft. Don Paterson

7pm [Facebook/NationalTheatreScotland](https://www.facebook.com/NationalTheatreScotland) and [YouTube/NationalTheatre](https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalTheatre)

Scotland's national poet Jackie Kay is to present a new weekly series of online cultural events, created in response to the current lockdown. The series, titled *Makar to Makar*, will feature established literary talents and emerging voices from Scotland and across the world along with other special guests, and will include a mix of conversation, spoken word performance, and live music.

FRIDAY



HAY FESTIVAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

from 8am onwards, hayfestival.com

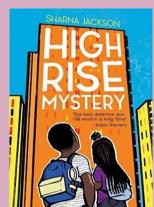
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HIGH-RISE MYSTERY w/Sharna Jackson

3pm wowfest.co.uk

Join author Sharna Jackson for a discussion and reading of *High-Rise Mystery*, a perfect 'whodunnit' for children aged 11+. After finding their community art teacher murdered on their tower block estate ('The Tri'), sisters Nik and Norva are determined to solve this terrible crime. *High Rise Mystery* is a fantastic, urban-set mystery is fast-paced, funny and exciting. Nik and Norva are two brilliant new detectives with great senses of humour, and readers will be rooting for them from page one.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

FRIDAY



THE BOOK SHOP BANDS LOCKDOWN

8:30pm @TheBookshopBand Facebook

The Bookshop Band are the musical offspring of an artistic love-affair between a group of award winning songwriters and an independent bookshop in the UK, Mr B's Emporium of Reading Delights. The songs are the musical outpouring of the band's own response to books they have read.

SATURDAY



THE STORY KIST: INCLUSIVE ONLINE STORY AND SONG SESSION

11am Facebook/ScottishStorytellingCentre

Join storytellers Ailie Finlay and Marie Louise Cochrane for a cosy session of sensory stories and songs. We'll let you know beforehand which household objects they'll be using as props for the stories – you can gather them together and be all ready to join in! Sing along with your favourite songs and enjoy the tactile rhymes! Lots of fun for everyone,

CATCH-UP



CORALINE w/ Neil Gaimen + friends

YouTube/NYPL

Catch-up with readings of Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* by the author himself along with instalments from celebrities including LeVar Burton, Rosario Dawson, and Dakota Fanning. Brought to you by the New York Public Library. Might be for a limited time only so be sure to check the nypl.com website.



IDAHOBIT DIGITAL WORLD TOUR w/LGBT Youth Scotland and Spectrum

lgbtyouth.org.uk/idadobit2020

Created in collaboration with our Dundee youth group, 'Spectrum', LGBT Youth Scotland mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) in 2020 with this interactive digital workshop. Using Google Maps Street View, you'll take a tour of some of the world's monuments to LGBTI people, learning more about their lives and the events that brought them into the public consciousness as you go

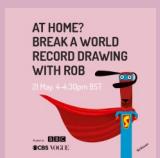
HIGHLIGHTS NEXT WEEK



THE HAY FESTIVAL

Hayfestival.com

The Hay Festival continues with its adult programme. Authors Hilary Mantle, Roddy Doyle, Sandi Toksvig, and Ali Smith are among writers who will be previewing their work. Discussions with Stephen Fry, Benedict Cumberbatch, Margaret Atwood and Helena Bonham Carter are also set to appear. Topics this year will span health, current affairs as well as science and climate change.



#DrawWithRob Guinness Book of World Records w/Rob Biddulph

4pm May 21st, YouTube/RobBiddulph

Join illustrator Rob Biddulph and his friends to attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the World's Biggest Art Lesson live on his YouTube channel. Will he or won't he? Tune in to find out!



JHALAK PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

May 26th, Jhalakprize.com

The winner of the Jhalak Prize will be announced May 26th. This year's shortlist features a YA book, *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

ONGOING LITERARY FESTIVALS



OPEN THE DOOR FESTIVAL

womenslibrary.org.uk

Open the Door is unique; it is a festival that breaks down the barriers between writers and readers and generates poignant, important discussions. For 2020 the Festival that has a special focus on environmental and ecofeminist ideas. We hope to use this festival as an opportunity to celebrate these words and highlight the importance of thinking widely about our environment and our changing world.



HAY FESTIVAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

hayfestival.com

A five-day Hay Festival Programme for Schools - free films for primary and secondary school children - will be broadcast 18–22 May. Aimed at inspiring creative reading, this programme has been developed for children to access with their parents. Each film will include a recommended activity to do at home. Featuring discussions with authors including Cressida Cowell, Onjali Q Rauf, Konnie Huq, Pamela Butchart, Dean Atta, Liz Pichon, Bali Rai, Laura Bates, and Michelle Paver



BOOKTASTIC BEDFORD: FESTIVAL OF BOOKS VIRTUAL

booktasticbedford.wordpress.com

Featuring bestselling author Steve Cole with his popular series 'Adventure Duck', joined by Blue Peter Book Award winning author, Vashti Hardy and Harriet Muncaster, author of the hugely popular Isadore Moon series. Poet AF Harrold will be performing alongside illustrator Katy Riddell, and David Litchfield will run an illustrating session.



WoWFest: Lockdown

wowlitfest.co.uk

WoWFest: Lockdown brings you an inspiring and passionate collection of artists to help us all through these difficult times and galvanise us towards reshaping the new normal once lockdown can be lifted. Featuring talks and performances by Irvine Welsh, Noam Chomsky, Amrou Al-Kadhi, Francesca Martinez, Raoul Martinez, Lyn Gardner, AL Kennedy, La Violette Societa, FR. Roy, Toria Garbutt, Will Burns, Carla Mellor, Brian Reade, Ronan Hession, Levi Tafari, and many more.



LOCKDOWN LITFEST

lockdownlitfest.com

Lockdown Litfest is a global literature and culture hub, born in the time of COVID-19 to bring a real-world festival experience to your home screens. We're here for these tough times and beyond, to deliver interviews, readings, masterclasses and more, whatever your age or interests. With an ever-growing schedule of new talent, old favourites and best-selling household names, we'll connect you with authors, poets, scholars, scientists, illustrators and more, slow-cooking a feast for your minds and souls.



SoA AT HOME FESTIVAL

societyofauthors.com

Featuring authors in conversation, including Philip Pullman, Joanne Harris, Sarah Waters and Neil Gaiman, workshops on research, storytelling and more, and panel discussions on the state of the industry, wellbeing, activism, and financial support for authors struggling financially during the health crisis.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

LITERARY FESTIVALS NOT TO BE MISSED



GLASGOW ZINE FEST REMOTE

glasgowzinelibrary.com

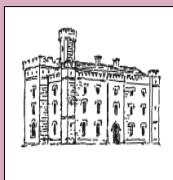
At Glasgow Zine Fest Remote you can attend talks and workshops on Zoom, join in on make-alongs and zine showcases on Instagram Live, contribute to our zine in a day via email, and visit our virtual zine fair on our website! Make sure to use the hashtag #GZFRemote when joining in!



STRATFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL GOES VIRTUAL

stratfordliteraryfestival.org.uk

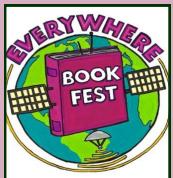
Celebrating its 13th year in 2020, The Stratford-upon-Avon Literary Festival is an exciting mixture of debate, ideas, celebrity author events, workshops and humour. They will be adding recorded interviews with some of the authors from the festival every day from 6am.



CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE BOOK FESTIVAL

chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literary_festival/

The Everywhere Book Fest is a virtual celebration of authors, books, and readings that brings the book festival experience to everyone! Featuring two free full days of live and pre-recorded sessions with your favourite picture book, middle grade, and young adult authors including: Jason Reynolds (long Way Down), Jewell Parker Rhodes (Ghost Boys), Marie Lu (War Cross), Nic Stone (Dear Martin) and more.



EVERWHERE BOOK FEST

everywherebookfest.com

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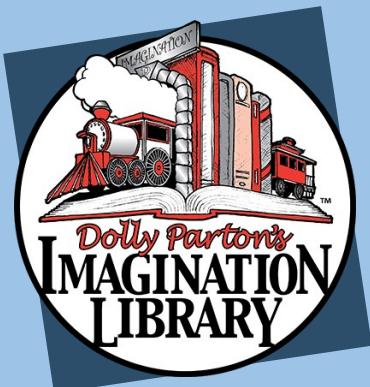
BIG BOOK WEEKEND

bigbookweekend.com

The Big Book Weekend is a three-day virtual book festival that brings together the best of the cancelled British literary festivals, with a range of events 'presented' by the relevant festival, featuring the authors and other artists that would have appeared. Featuring: Maggie O'Farrell, Damian Barr, Alexander McCall Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Robert Webb, Neil Gaiman, Marian Keyes, Juno Dawson, Patrick Ness, Jackie Kay, Bernadine Evaristo, and many more.

ACTIVITIES

READING



Goodnight with Dolly w/Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

imaginationlibrary.com/goodnight-with-dolly/

"Goodnight With Dolly" will feature Dolly Parton reading a series of Imagination Library books all carefully chosen for their appropriate content at this moment in time. The books will include "There's a Hole in the Log on the Bottom of the Lake" by Loren Long, "Llama Llama Red Pajama" by Anna Dewdney, "I Am a Rainbow" by Dolly Parton, "Pass It On" by Sophy Henn, "Stand Tall Molly Lou Mellon" by Patty Lovell, "Violet the Pilot" by Steve Breen, "Max & The Tag-Along Moon" by Floyd Cooper, "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Peña, "Coat of Many Colors" by Dolly Parton, and of course, "The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper. Catch-ups and downloadable activity sheets available.

MINIATURE BOOKS w/The British Library

bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book

The British Library have an amazing section on their website that features miniature books in their collections. Did you know the very first work Charlotte Bronte created was a miniature book for her sister Anne? Neither did we. Also explore books from Queen Mary's dollhouse library that contained over 600 tiny books, some by famous authors.



JHALAK PRIZE LONGLIST AUTHOR READINGS

[YouTube/JhalakPrize](https://www.youtube.com/c/JhalakPrize)

In the run up to the Jhalak Prize for the Book of the Year by a Writer of Colour announcement happening on May 26th, their YouTube channel will be showing readings from the shortlisted authors. This year, the shortlist features a YA title, The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta—also our book of the week.



FREE ROY OF THE ROVERS DOWNLOAD

[royoftheroversofficial.com/](https://www.royoftheroversofficial.com/)

Roy of the Rovers are extending their giveaway until the end of May. Get two free downloads of Roy of the Rovers' graphic novels, Scouted and Kick-Off to keep. Available of their app and online store.



ACTIVITIES

WRITING



YOUR STORIES: FUTURE

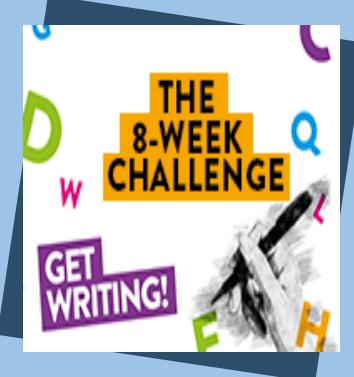
scottishbooktrust.org.uk/yourstories

As part of our annual writing project - Your Stories - we're asking people all over Scotland to submit true stories inspired by this year's theme, Future. Every day we cast ourselves into the future, imagining what's next in our lives. We tell ourselves stories about where we'll go and with who, or reflect on how the past has shaped us. For many of us, the future represents opportunity and gives us hope that we can make positive change for our loved ones, our communities or ourselves. Send us your story using the form below by **Friday 5 Jun**

8 WEEK CHALLENGE

www.uea.ac.uk/fly/8-week-challenge

The Festival of Literature for Young People teamed up with a variety of YA authors to create a series of online writing activities as part of their Lockdown Diaries competition. The competition is only available to pupils living in Norfolk and Suffolk, but access to the challenges are freely available and include writing tips and challenges set by authors including Alexander Gordon-Smith, Henry Sutton, and Frances Hardinge



BBC COMEDY CLASSROOM PACK

literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/zone/bbc-comedy-classroom/

Ever wondered how the comedy we watch on TV is created? Want to write your own sitcom but not sure how to get started? This pack is full of top tips from professional comedians to get your comedy career off the ground. You'll find tips and activities for writing sketches and stand-up, videos from some of your favourite comedians, and a toolbox full of techniques for creating great comedy.

MAZ EVANS CREATIVITY MASTERCLASS

authorfy.co./masterclasses/mazevans

Hear how Maz Evans used the Greek myths to inspire her best-selling series, 'Who Let the Gods Out' and watch her creativity masterclass set in an amphitheatre. Maz's debut children's novel 'Who Let the Gods Out?' was published 2017 and was selected as the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month. It has received over 20 award nominations, including the Carnegie Medal, Branford Boase, Books Are My Bag and Waterstones Children's Book of the Year. Maz began her career as a TV journalist, and has won awards for songwriting and scriptwriting.



ACTIVITIES

ARTS + CRAFTS



TOM GATES ACTIVITY PACK

lizpichon.com/free-activities

Tom Gates author, Liz Pichon, has a free activities section on her website full of downloadable colour sheets and activities including designing your own book mark, creating a pop-up card, and making a paper stand-up monster. Fun stuff for fans of this very popular series and perfect if you're tuning into listen to her discussion at the Hay Festive this week.

MAKE A MINIATURE BOOK w/the British Library

bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book

The British Library have a whole feature about miniature books, featuring the tiniest books housed in their collection and a tutorial on how to make your very own! The British Library want you to send a picture of yours to them for their virtual book shelf. Share on Twitter @BL_Learning using the hashtag #DiscoveringChildrensBooks or email at learning.bl.uk



#DRAW WITH ROB w/Rob Biddulph

robbiddulph.com/drawwithrob

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Author and illustrator, Rob Biddulph hosts a free live drawing session. Recorded catch-ups are available on his website. Rob Biddulph has written books including *Grrr*, *Sunk*, *Odd Dog Out* and has illustrated books such as *My Brother the Superhero* by David Solomon, *There May be a Castle* by Piers Torday, and *Radio Boy* by Christian O'Connell. Join Rob and his friends at Art World Records are aiming for an official Guinness book of World Records title by hosting the biggest online drawing session on May 21st.



ACTIVITIES

LEARNING



SKILLSACADEMY: BEATBOXING & FREESTYLE FOOTBALL

skillsacademy.literacytrust.org.uk/

Throughout the Covid-19 period, Skills Academy are offering free access for families to their Beatboxing and Freestyle Football modules. Login through the FamilyZone area of the website and sign-up to unlock videos and challenges with the world's leading freestyle footballers Aguska Mnich and Jamie Knight and internationally acclaimed beatboxers, Sons of Pitches and Kimmy Beatbox.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR

nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum

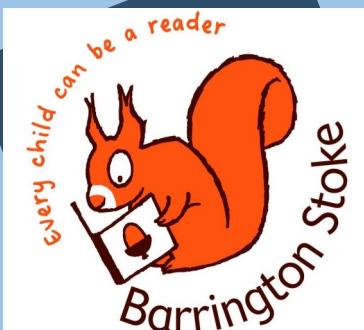
Delve into the Museum from home with a virtual self-guided tour of the galleries, an interactive experience about Hope the blue whale and audio guides narrated by Sir David Attenborough. A brilliant way to celebrate International Museums Day on Monday, May 18th.



HOMESCHOOLING HELP FOR LOCKDOWN w/Barrington Stoke

baringtonstoke.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/

Publisher Barrington Stoke has created a pack to help you tackle home-schooling with dyslexic children or young people. Filled with **expert advice, free resources** and **useful links** for teachers and carers, we hope this pack can be a helping hand in this difficult time.



ACTIVITIES

COMPETITIONS

MAY DEADLINES



50 WORD FICTION

scottishbooktrust.com/fifty-words-competitions

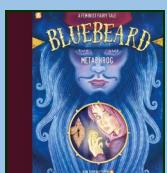
Monthly writing competition run by the Scottish Book Trust. This month's theme - adoption. Deadline May 26th



PERIOD POETRY COMPETITION

womenandgirls.org.uk/

Poetry competition run by charity Women and Girls open for young people to support Menstrual Hygiene Day. Deadline May 28th



SBT SCHOOLS BOOK OF THE MONTH GIVEAWAY

scottishbooktrust/book-of-the-month/bluebeard

The Scottish Book Trust have three copies of Metaphrog's latest graphic novel, *Bluebeard*, to give away. Simply read the Interview with Metaphrog and answer the question at the bottom of the webpage. Deadline May 31st.



A WRITE LAUGH

authorfy.com/masterclasses/awritelaugh

Write a story that makes you laugh in no more than 500 words. Deadline May 31st.

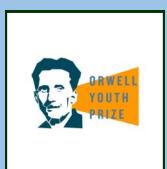


CREATIVE FUTURE WRITERS AWARD

creativefuture.org.uk/

This year's theme is **Tomorrow**. Your work should respond to the theme, implicitly or explicitly, but we're looking for quality writing first and foremost. The theme is a creative prompt, not a requirement. Two categories: Poetry: max 42 lines, Fiction max 2,000 word. Deadline 31st May.

JUNE DEADLINES



ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE

orwellfoundation.com/the-orwell-youth-prize

This year they're are seeking creative responses to 'The Future We Want'. Journalism, essays, short stories, blog posts, poems, and plays are all welcome. How you respond to this year's theme is your choice. Deadline June 11th.



OCEAN AWARENESS STUDENT PROJECT

bowseat.org/contest

The 2020 Ocean Awareness Contest is a call for young artists, conservationists, makers, thinkers, and activists who are concerned about the future of our blue planet. 2020 theme is Climate Hope: Transforming Crises. Deadline June 15th.

ACTIVITIES

COMPETITIONS

JUNE DEADLINES



SBT SCOTS STORY COMPETITION: A' THE SEAS

[scottishbooktrust.com/writing-and-authors/scots-story-competition-2020](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/writing-and-authors/scots-story-competition-2020)

Write a poem, story, play or song in under 200 words, a one page comic or a video of you telling a story in three minutes or less on the theme *Til a' the seas gone dry* in the Scots language. Deadline June 24th.

JULY DEADLINES



STEPHEN SPENDER PRIZE

stephen-spender.org/spender_prize

The Stephen Spender Prize promotes literature in translation with an annual prize for translated poems. Deadline July 17th.



GENERATION LOCKDOWN

generationlockdown.co.uk

This is your opportunity to write about your experience. You can submit a piece of writing about what life has been like in lockdown and during the coronavirus. This could be a personal experience, a poem, or a creative story. All of you will have had a unique experience that is only yours, and only you can capture in words.



FOYLES YOUNG POETS OF THE YEAR AWARD

foyleyoungpoets.org

The biggest poetry competition for young writers is once again open, looking for the very best poems by writers aged 11-17. Deadline July 31st.



JOHN BYRNE QUARTERLY AWARD

johnbyrneaward.org.uk

The John Byrne Award is an online exhibition and creative competition open to anyone aged 16+ living in Scotland. Deadline July 31st.

AUGUST DEADLINES



YOUNG MUSLIM WRITERS AWARD

muslimwritersaward.submittable.com/submit

The Muslim Young Writers Award is for poems and short stories from 5-16 year olds. There are different categories for each key stage. Deadline August 13th.



LOUISE RENNISON NATIONAL FUNNY AWARD

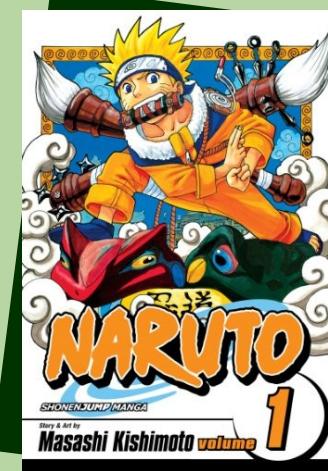
louiserennisonnationalfunnyaward.com

The Louise Rennison National Funny Award is a writing and performing arts competition designed to showcase the creative and comedic talents of young people throughout the UK. Deadline August 31st.

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

FEATURED EBOOKS

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NARUTO VOLUME 1 by Masashi Kishimoto

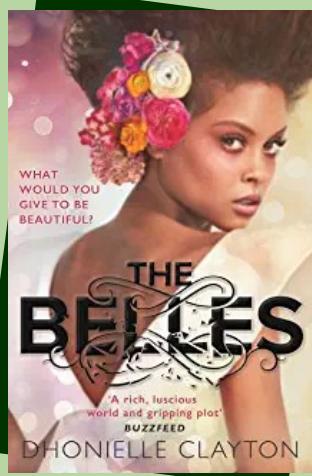
Twelve years ago in the Village Hidden in the Leaves was attacked by a fearsome threat. A nine-tailed fox spirit claimed the life of a village leader, the Hokage, and many others. Today, the village is at peace and a troublemaking kid named Naruto is struggling to graduate from Ninja Academy. His goal may be to become the next Hokage, but his true destiny will be much more complicated. The adventure now begins.

MARVEL MILES MORALES, SPIDER-MAN by Jason Reynolds

Miles Morales is just your average teenager. But lately, Miles's spidey-sense has been on the fritz. When a misunderstanding leads to his suspension from school, Miles begins to question his abilities. Maybe kids like Miles aren't meant to be superheroes. As Miles tries to get his school life back on track, he can't shake the vivid nightmares that continue to haunt him. Nor can he avoid the relentless buzz of his spidey-sense every day in history class, amidst his teacher's lectures on the historical benefits of slavery and the modern-day prison system. But after his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers a chilling plot, one that puts his friends, his neighbourhood, and himself at risk.



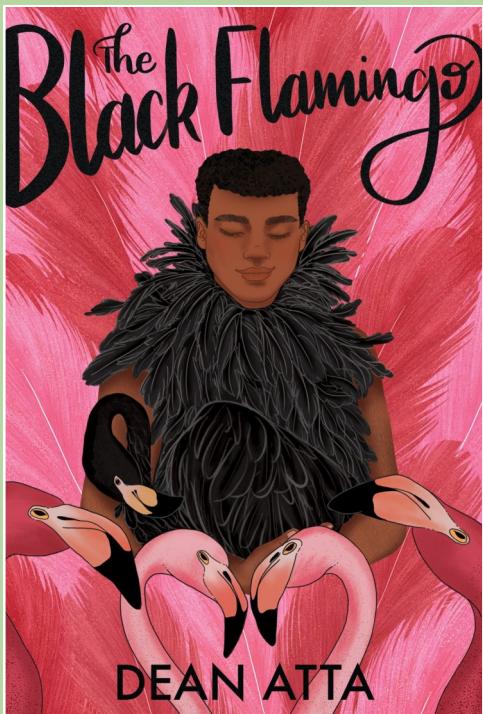
THE BELLES by Dhonielle Clayton



Camellia Beauregard is a Belle. In the opulent world of Orleans, Belles are revered, for they control Beauty, and Beauty is commodity converted above all else. In Orleans, the people are born gray, they are born damaged, and only with the help of a Belle and her talents can they transform and be made beautiful. But it's not enough for Camellia to be just a Belle. She wants to be the favourite—the Belle chosen by the Queen of Orleans to live in the royal palace. But once Camellia and her Belle sisters arrive at court, it becomes clear that being the favourite is not everything she always dreamed it would be. And when the Queen asks Camellia to risk her own lie, Camellia now faces an impossible decision.

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

BOOK OF THE WEEK



THE BLACK FLAMINGO by Dean Atta

A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, *The Black Flamingo*. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.

The Black Flamingo is the winner of the Stonewall Book Award and has been shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize, the Carnegie Medal, and YA Book Prize.

Dean Atta is a Glasgow based British poet, author, and performer. He has been listed by *The Independent* newspaper as one of the 100 most influential LGBTQ+ people in the United Kingdom. Check out a discussion and a reading with Dean on the Jhalak Prize YouTube and on the Hay Festivals schools programme line-up.

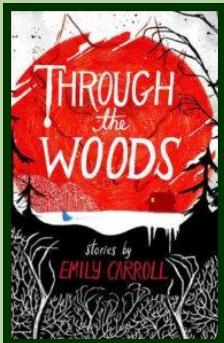


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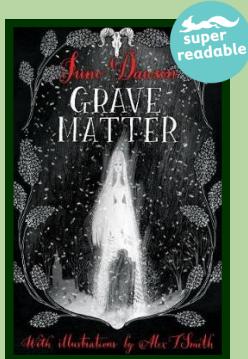
READING LIST -WORLD GOTH DAY

May 22nd is World Goth Day so we've pulled together a list of YA Gothic Fiction to get in the mood. Taking cues from classic work such as Frankenstein, Dracula, Wuthering Heights, Edgar Allan Poe, and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, gothic fiction combines horror, suspense, and romance to explore melodrama and the macabre.

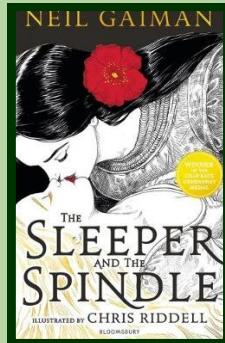
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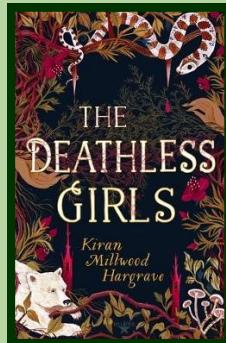
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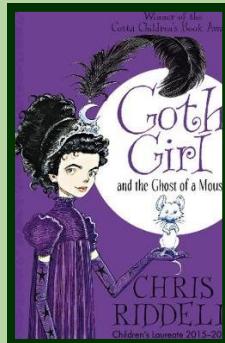
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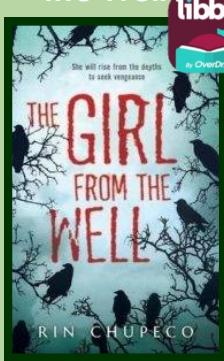
The Deathless Girls



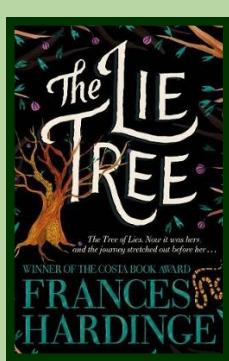
Goth Girl (series)



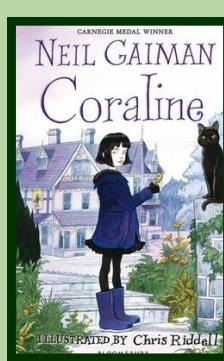
The Girl from the Well



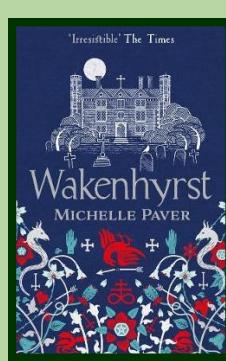
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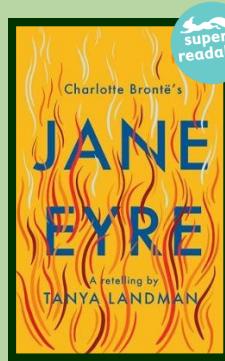
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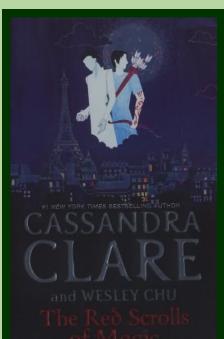
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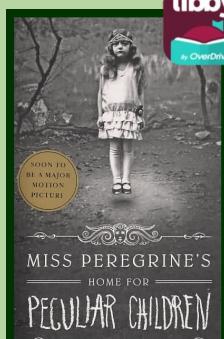
The Red Scrolls of Magic



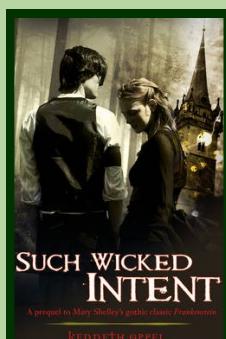
The Haunting of Jessop Rise



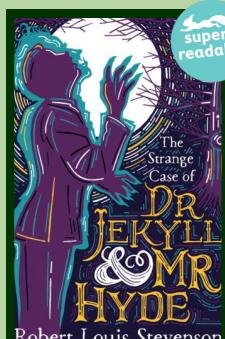
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children



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The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde



ALL ABOUT BOOKS

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: HOLLY BOURNE



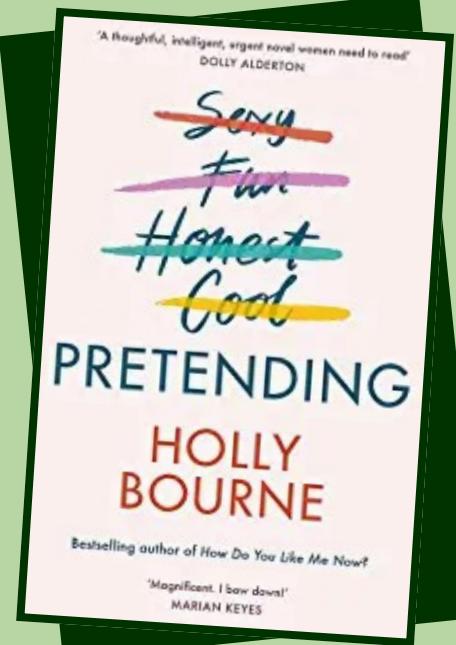
ALL ABOUT HOLLY

Holly Bourne is a journalist and author of thirteen books. She writes mainly about relationships, mental health, and feminism. She is a relationships expert at thesite.org, and information and advice website for 16-25 year olds. She has been shortlisted for a national writing award, the Brook Sexual Health Awards 2012, and she's in the final for the Rosemary Goodchild award for excellence in sexual health journalism. She is also an ambassador for Women's Aid. Her novels *Am I Normal Yet?* and *It Only Happens in the Movies* were nominated for the YA Book Prize.

Watch her most recent interview with Daisy Buchanan where she chats about her latest book, *Pretending*, on the Waterstone's YouTube channel in the Events & Festivals section.

Also, listen to Holly discuss her *Spinster's Club* series on the Usbourne YA podcast at soundcloud.com/usborneya

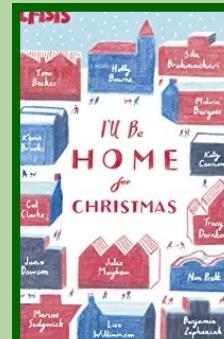
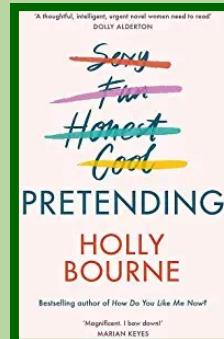
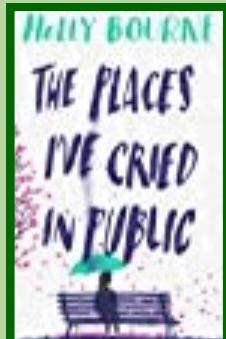
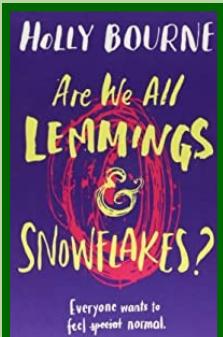
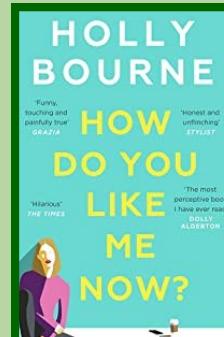
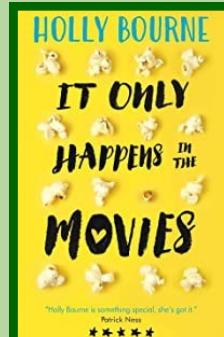
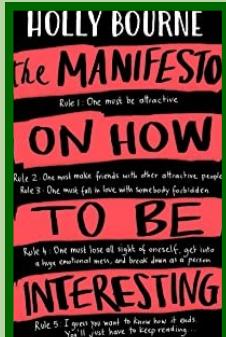
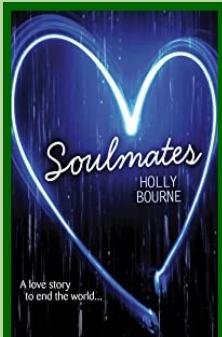
Be sure to tune in to her discussion at this week's Hay Festival



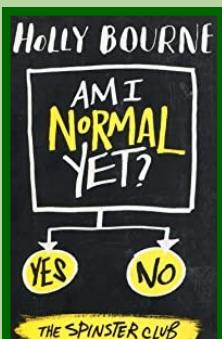
ALL ABOUT BOOKS

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: HOLLY BOURNE

Print this page to keep track of the Holly Bourne novels you've read or want to read. Visit her website to learn more about his novels. This reading list features her stand alone noels, a short story collection, and the *Spinster's Club* series.

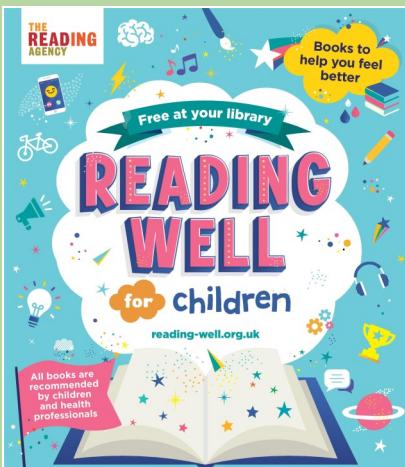


Spinster's Club series



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READING WELL



Several studies have shown a strong link between reading and mental health. A 2018 research study from the National Literacy Trust titled *Mental Wellbeing, Reading, and Writing* found children and young people who are the most engaged with reading and writing in their free time have significantly better mental wellbeing than their peers who are the least engaged. As part of their Reading Well campaign, the Reading Agency have launched an updated 'Reading Well' booklist. The books have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families.

YoungScot have partnered with Healthier Scotland are running a #ClearYourHeadChallenge for seven weeks from May 1st, setting a weekly challenge each Friday where YoungScot card holders can win points. All you need to do, is share a video of you taking on the challenge you've chosen to do - you can find all the details on each challenge on the Young Scot website, on our Instagram account, or by looking up the **#ClearYourHeadChallenge** tag. Whether you want to do all 31 challenges, a few of them, or even just a one-off - it doesn't matter - you can still take part! You can start Day 1 on the first of May with us, or later on! Whatever day you share your challenge, you'll still get the Young Scot Rewards points too.



To help promote these initiatives we'll highlight one Reading Well book in every newsletter along with a random activity from the #ClearYourHeadChallenge. Head to the YoungScot website to take part in the challenge.

Find out more on their websites:

#ClearYourHeadChallenge:

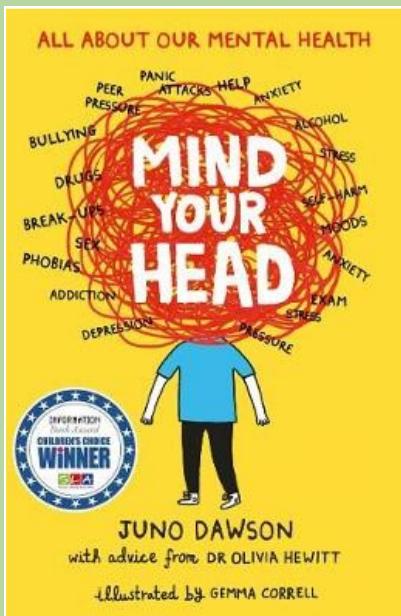
young.scot/get-informed/national/what-is-the-clear-your-head-challenge

Reading Well booklist:

reading-well.org.uk/

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READING WELL BOOK OF THE WEEK



MIND YOUR HEAD by Juno Dawson

From the critically acclaimed author of *This Book Is Gay*, James Dawson, now writing as Juno Dawson. We all have a mind, so we all need to take care of our mental health as much as we need to take care of our physical health. And the first step is being able to talk about our mental health. Juno Dawson leads the way with this frank, factual and funny book, with added information and support from clinical psychologist Dr Olivia Hewitt. Covering topics from anxiety and depression to addiction, self-harm and personality disorders, Juno and Olivia talk clearly and supportively about a range of issues facing young people's mental health – whether fleeting or long-term – and how to manage them. With real-life stories from young people around the world and witty illustrations from Gemma Correll.

Day 5 of the challenge asked you to list your Top 3 books to read in lockdown and nominate a pal to take part. To take part, go to Instagram

Tag **@youngscot** in your posts! Earn 150 **#YSRewards** points.

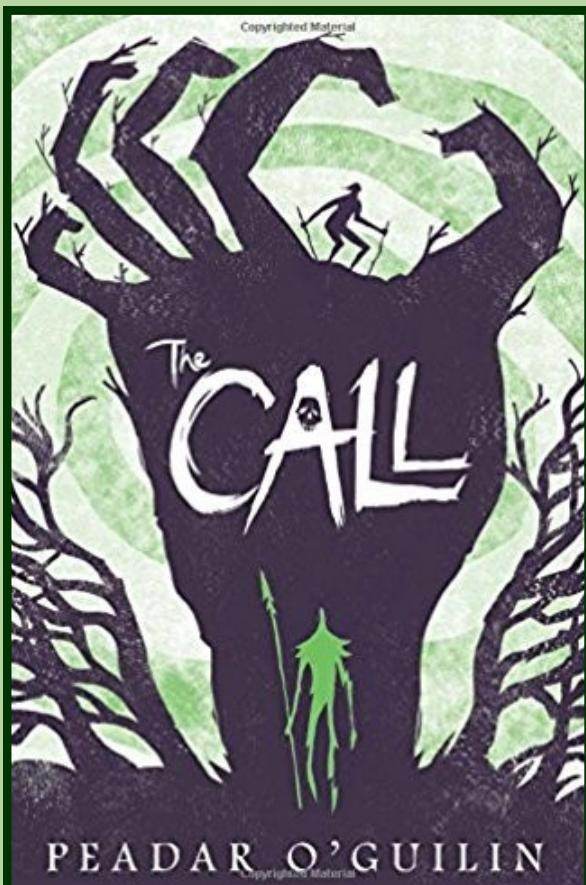
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ALL ABOUT BOOKS

3 WORD BOOK REVIEW



The Call by Peadar O'Guilin



What is the story about?

Teenagers attend a special school to prepare for the inevitable 'Call' to the Fae world where they must fight for survival or suffer genuinely gruesome consequences.

What did you like about the book?

Brutal. Fast-paced. Creepy.

How did the story make you feel?

Shocked. Horrified. Fascinated.

Name one novel that you would compare it to? *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Who would you recommend this book to?

S4+ pupils. Folk horror fans. Reluctant readers.

SUBMIT YOUR BOOK REVIEW

Have **YOUR** book review **PUBLISHED** in the newsletter!

Answer some of the questions with **3 WORDS ONLY**, rate your book out of **3 STARS**, and **EMAIL** your review to the Librarian.

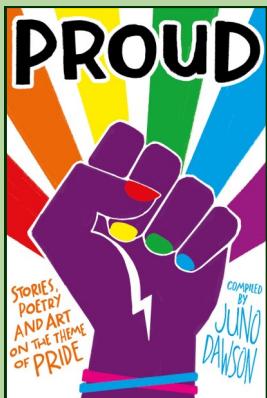
1. A short blurb about what is the book about
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3. How did the story make you feel (sad, funny, scary?) (in 3 words)
4. What did you dislike? (in 3 words)
5. What other novel would you compare it to?
6. Who would you recommend this book to?

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Highlighting recent and last year's YA book winners from established and prestigious UK-based book awards.

RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

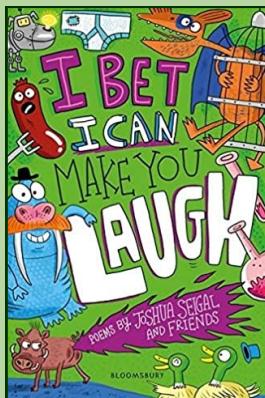
Visionary Honours Book of the Year



Scottish Teenage Book Prize



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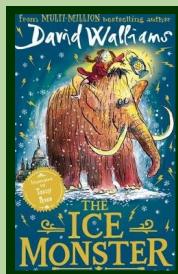


COSTA Book Award



PREVIOUS WINNERS - YA

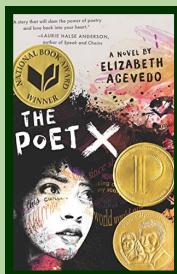
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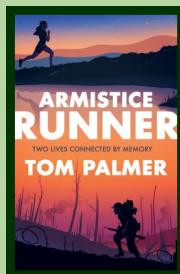
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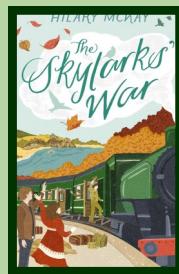
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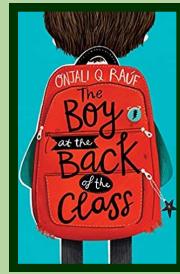
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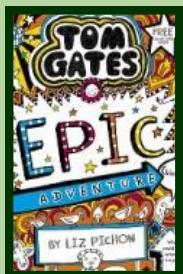
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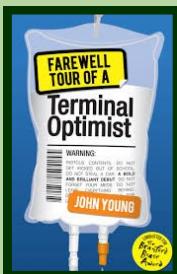
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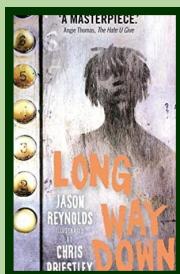
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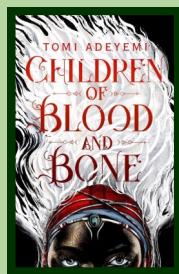
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UKLA Book Prize



Waterstones Prize



YA Book Award

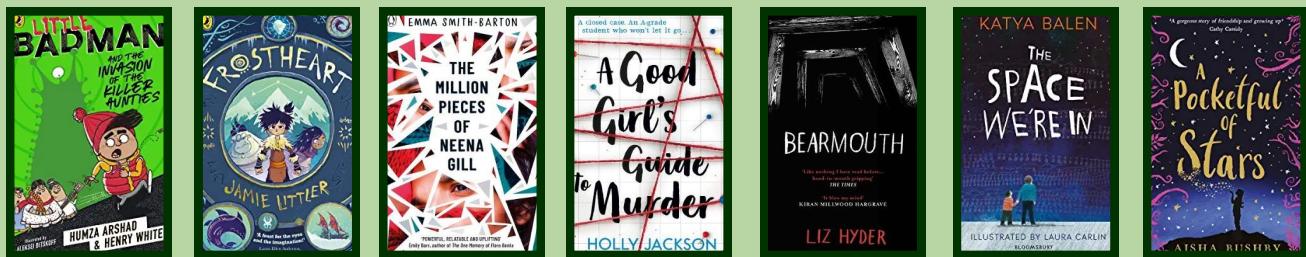


ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Featuring current shortlists from UK-based awards that include YA titles.

SHORTLISTS

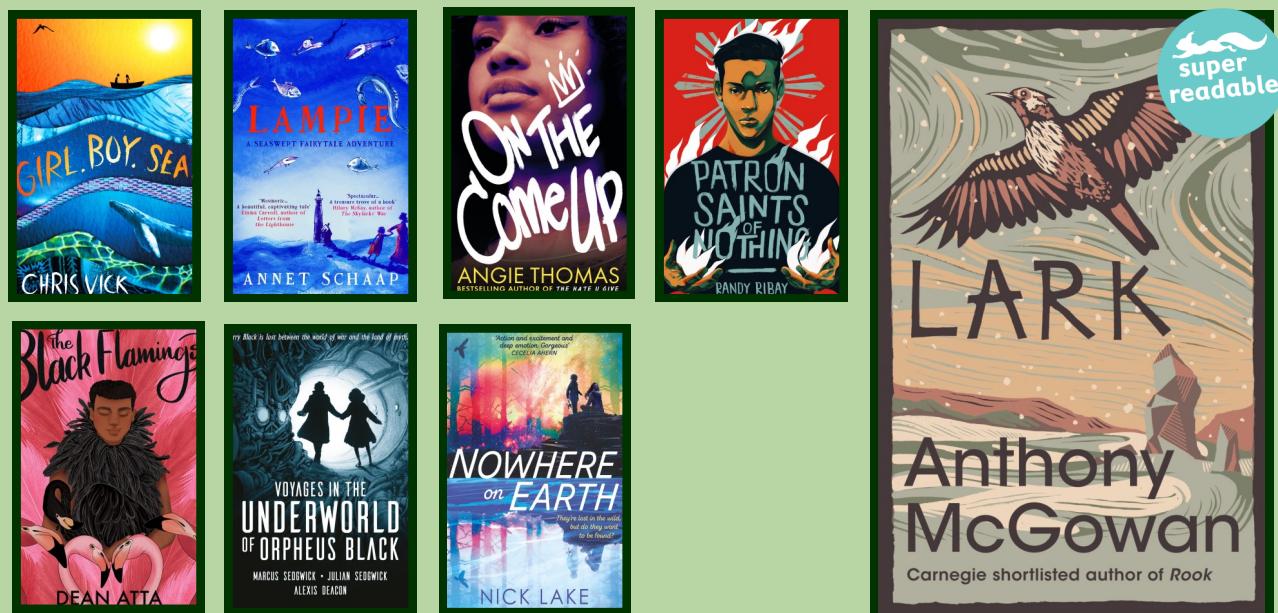
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British Book Awards - Children's Fiction



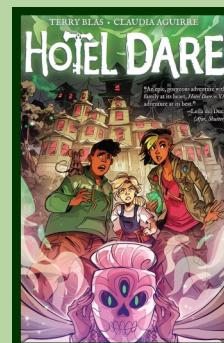
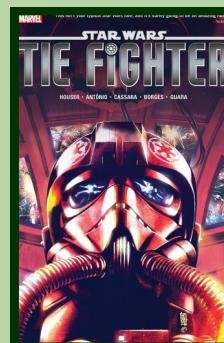
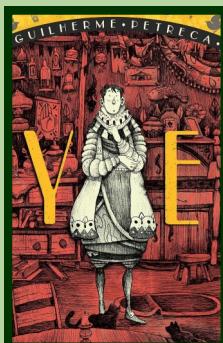
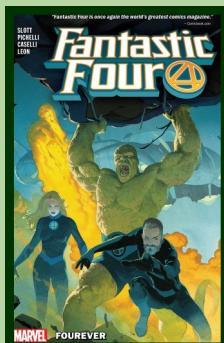
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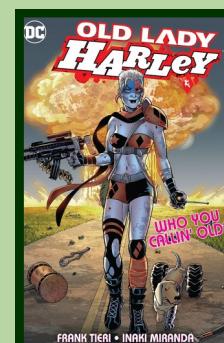
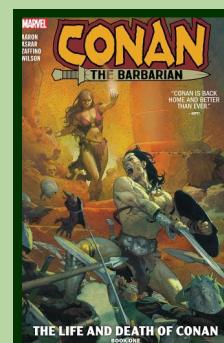
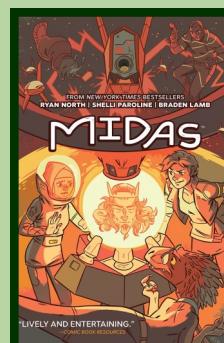
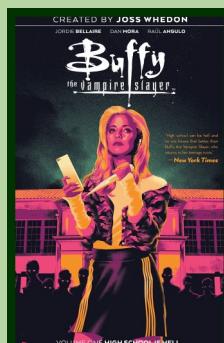
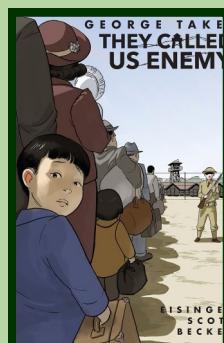
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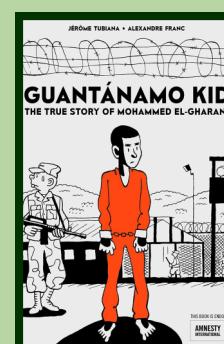
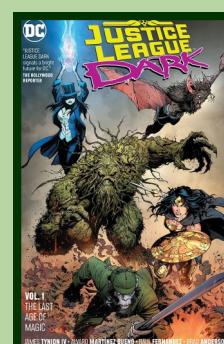
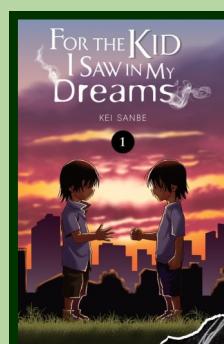
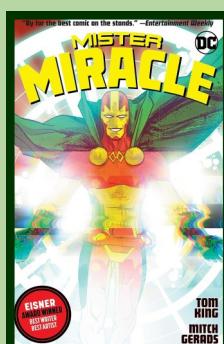
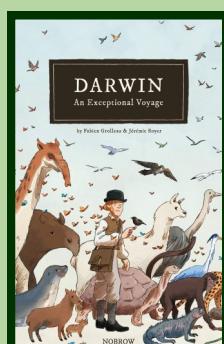
Excelsior Award Ages 11+



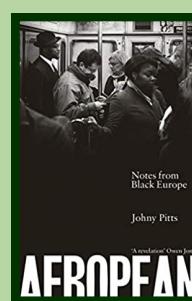
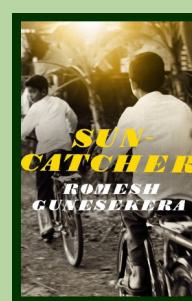
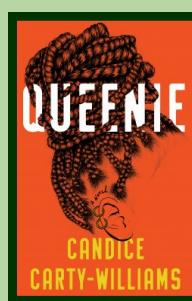
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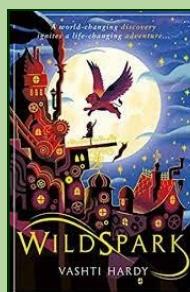
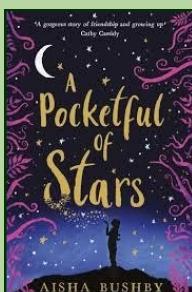
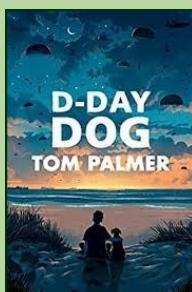
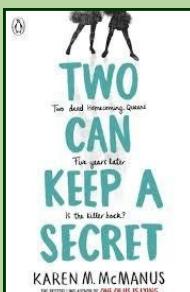
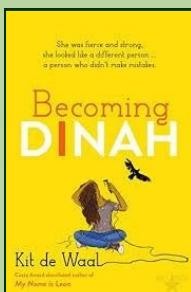
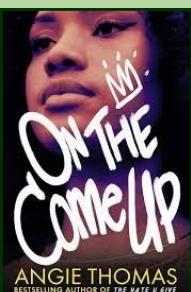
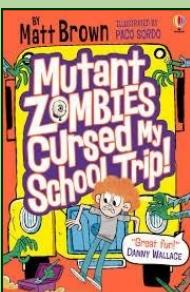
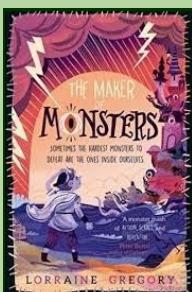
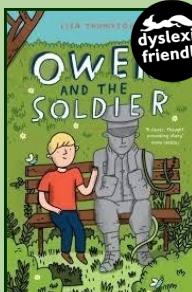
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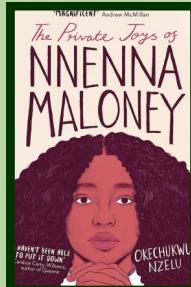
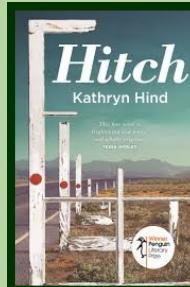
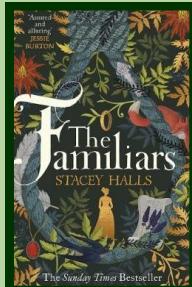
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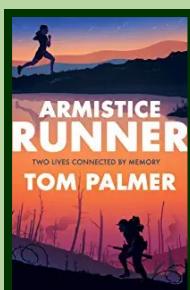
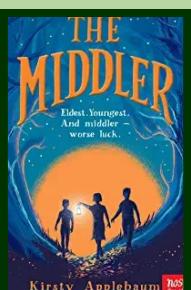
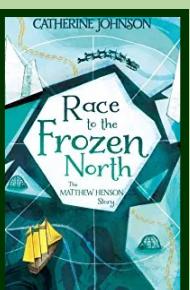
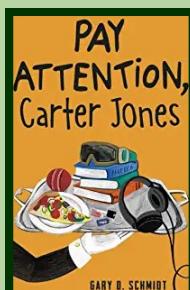
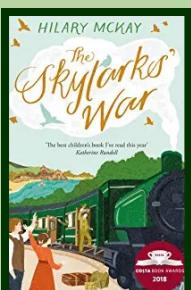
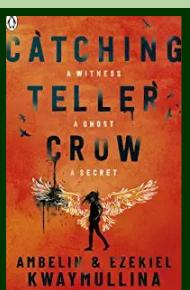
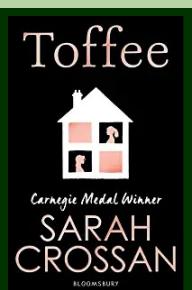
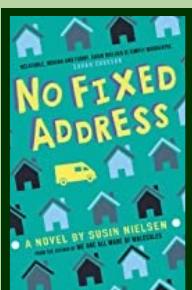
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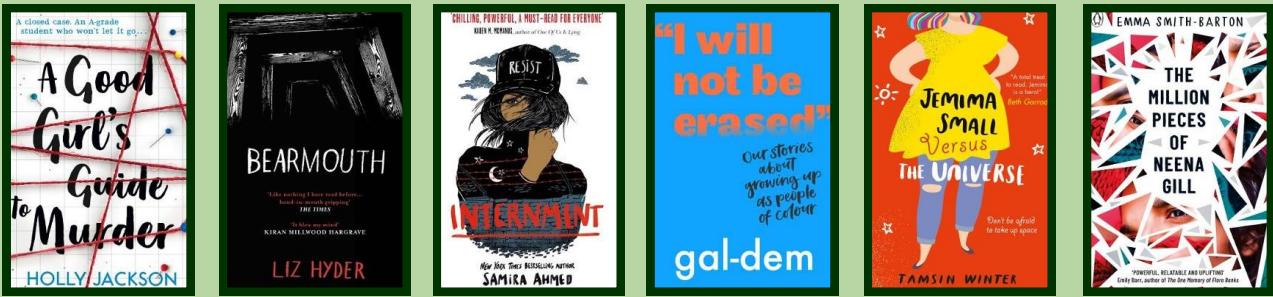
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