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Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss McGarr



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"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper." — W.B. Yeats



Hacker by Malorie Blackman

When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how? There's only one way - to attempt to break into the bank's computer files. Even if Vicky is the best hacker in the world, will she find the real thief before they find her?



Classics: A Very Short Introduction by Mary Beard and John Henderson

We are all classicists—we come into touch with the classics on a daily basis: in our culture, politics, medicine, architecture, language, and literature. What are the true roots of these influences, however, and how do our interpretations of these aspects of the classics differ from their original reality? This introduction to the classics begins with a visit to the British Museum to view the frieze which once decorated the Apollo Temple at Bassae. Through these sculptures John Henderson and Mary Beard prompt us to consider the significance of the study of Classics as a means of discovery and enquiry, its value in terms of literature, philosophy, and culture, its source of imagery, and the reasons for the continuation of these images into and beyond the twentieth century. Designed for the general reader and student alike, *A Very Short Introduction to Classics* challenges readers to adopt a fresh approach to the Classics as a major cultural influence, both in the ancient world and twentieth century—emphasizing the continuing need to understand and investigate this enduring subject.



Front Desk #2: Three Keys by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic... 1. Mia's new teacher doesn't think her writing is all that great. 2. The motel is struggling, and Mia has to answer to the Calivista's many, many worried investors. 3. A new immigration law is looming and if it passes, it will threaten everything—and everyone—in Mia's life. It's a roller coaster of challenges, and Mia needs all of her determination to hang on tight. But if anyone can find the key to getting through turbulent times, it's Mia Tang!

Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world. Ana's parents died while on a scientific expedition two years ago, and the only family she's got left is her older brother, Dev, also a student at HP. Ana's freshman year culminates with the class's weekend trial at sea, the details of which have been kept secret. She only hopes she has what it'll take to succeed. All her worries are blown out of the water when, on the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that will change the trajectory of their lives. But wait, there's more. The professor accompanying them informs Ana that their rival school, Land Institute, and Harding-Pencroft have been fighting a cold war for a hundred and fifty years. Now that cold war has been turned up to a full boil, and the freshmen are in danger of becoming fish food. In a race against deadly enemies, Ana will make amazing friends and astounding discoveries about her heritage as she puts her leadership skills to the test for the first time.



The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis (Recommended for Older Readers)

When she is sent to an orphanage at the age of eight, Beth Harmon soon discovers two ways to escape her surroundings, albeit fleetingly: playing chess and taking the little green pills given to her and the other children to keep them subdued. Before long, it becomes apparent that hers is a prodigious talent, and as she progresses to the top of the US chess rankings, she is able to forge a new life for herself. But she can never quite overcome her urge to self-destruct. For Beth, there's more at stake than merely winning and losing.

You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight by Kalynn Bayron

Charity Curtis has the summer job of her dreams, playing the "final girl" at Camp Mirror Lake. Guests pay to be scared in this full-contact terror game, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, *Curse of Camp Mirror Lake*. The more realistic the fear, the better for business. But the last weekend of the season, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing. And when one ends up dead, Charity's role as the final girl suddenly becomes all too real. If Charity and her girlfriend Bezi hope to survive the night, they'll need figure out what this killer is after. Is there more to the story of Mirror Lake and its dangerous past than Charity ever suspected?

The Fishermen by Chigozie Obioma (Recommended for Older Readers)

In a small town in western Nigeria, four young brothers take advantage of their strict father's absence from home to go fishing at a forbidden local river. They encounter a dangerous local madman who predicts that the oldest boy will be killed by one of his brothers. This prophecy unleashes a tragic chain of events of almost mythic proportions.

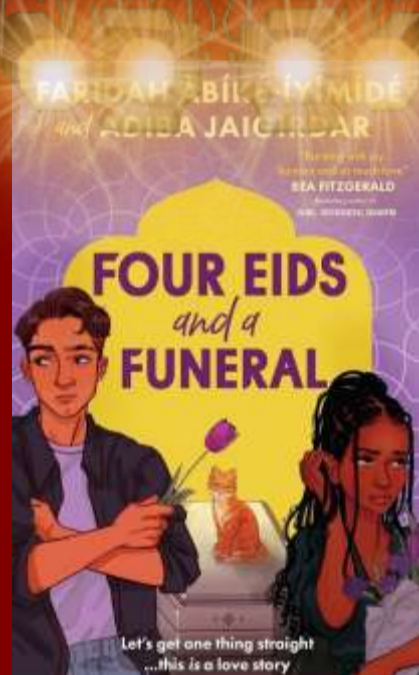
Wish List Spotlight:

Four Eids and a Funeral by Faridah Abiké-lyimidé and Adiba Jaigirdar

Said Hossain hates Tiwa Olatunji. And Tiwa would happily never see Said again in her life. Growing up, the two were inseparable, but they have barely spoken since the incident many Eids ago and both of them would like to keep it that way. But when Said comes home for a funeral and the town's Islamic Centre burns down on the same day, they have to face each other again and sparks fly.

Both of them want to see the Islamic Centre rebuilt. For Tiwa, it represents the community that she loves and a way to keep her fractured family together. For Said, it's an opportunity to build his portfolio for his secret application to art school, where he hopes that he'll be able to pursue his dreams of becoming an artist, rather than a doctor.

Working with your sworn enemy is never easy, and this could be the hardest thing that Said and Tiwa have ever done. Can they save the Islamic Centre, Eid - and their relationship?



May's MOST POPULAR BOOKS

STAR BORROWERS OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight star borrowers- those that have borrowed 5 or more books.

Year 7

Neevh 7N
Ananya 7W
Iris 7W
Simran 7W
Nidhi 7W
Shapthana 7W
Angel 7S
Amy 7S
Xinyan 7S
April 7F
Tripti 7F

Dia 7F
Jasmine 7F
Mehr 7G
Rebecca 7P
Sophie 7P
Elizabeth 7P
Aahana 7P
Naomi 7P
Mia 7P
Livia 7P
Angelina 7P

Year 8

Michaela 8N
Anwitha 8W
Priyanka 8W
Diyansa 8S
Charlotte 8S
Angel 8S
Yasmin 8S
Tia 8S
Senumi 8S
Avni 8F
Aisha 8F

Dhiviyaa 8G
Leony 8P
Aksha 8P
Adita 8P
Vyshali 8P
Saarvi 8P

Year 9

Vanessa 9N
Eunice 9S
Precious 9S
Arielle 9S
Eniola 9F
Beth 9F
Aashvi 9G
Christina 9G
Wenxuan 9P

Year 10

Oluwatoni 10W
Anika 10W
Vyshali 10W
Fran 12W
Joanna 10G
Anthiya 10P
Defne 10P
Lucy 10P
Lizzy 10P

Year 12

Lauren 12N
Naomi 12N
Frances 12N
Vivia 12W
Guneet 12W
Julia 12S
Phoebe 12G
Lucy 12P



2022-23 'What Kids Are Reading Report' Shows Decline in Number of Books Read

The newly released 2022-23 'What Kids Are Reading Report' has shown a year-on-year decrease of 4.4% in the number of books being read by children from Year 1 to Year 11, compared to 2021-22. The report has been carried out for the last 16 years, tracking the book-reading habits of the nation's pupils. 2022-23 is the first academic year, outside of the pandemic, that there has been a decline in the number of books read since research began in 2008. In the 2022-23 academic year 26,114,262 books were read by 1,273,795 pupils, compared to the 27,265,657 books read by 1,282,647 pupils the previous year. The study is carried out over 1.23 million pupils across the UK and Ireland. This reading decline has been found to be particularly acute in secondary schools – particularly from year 9 upwards. This year's What Kids Are Reading Report has also shown a 26% decrease in the number of children reading daily in their free time since 2005, and students' enjoyment of reading in their free time is at the lowest level since the same year. You can find the report [here](#).

Reading Tips:

- Forcing yourself to finish a book you're not enjoying can put you off reading other books. Don't feel pressured to spend your time finishing a book just because you've started it.
- Read stories in the right format for you – listening to audio books, reading physical books, reading e-books, and reading graphic novels/ manga are all perfectly valid ways to read. Find the format/s that work best for you.
- Make reading a part of your routine – making time for reading daily means that it becomes second nature. Reading before bed instead of looking at a phone screen has also been linked to having a better night's sleep.
- Set reading goals – if it works for you, it might be beneficial to set yourself a reading goal for the year. This can be as large or as small as you feel comfortable with and may motivate you to read more to reach your goal.



1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die by Peter Boxall

For discerning bibliophiles and readers who enjoy unforgettable classic literature, *1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die* is a trove of reviews covering a century of memorable writing. Each work of literature featured here is a seminal work key to understanding and appreciating the written word. The featured works have been handpicked by a team of international critics and literary luminaries, including Derek Attridge (world expert on James Joyce), Cedric Watts (renowned authority on Joseph Conrad and Graham Greene), Laura Marcus (noted Virginia Woolf expert), and David Mariott (poet and expert on African American literature), among some twenty others.

Real Voices: On Reading edited by Phillip Davis

Poets, novelists and critics committed to creative thinking join together in this collection of essays to say what serious reading really means to them as individuals. The collection is divided into four sections: George Steiner and George Craig on the act of reading in general; Joseph Brodsky, Les Murray, Douglas Oliver and Hester Jones on reading, poetry and vision; John Bayley, Philip Davis and Gabriel Josipovici on reading and teaching in the universities; Raymond Tallis, Michael Irwin, Josie Billington and Doris Lessing on reading and the novel.



Reading Matters: Five Centuries of Discovering Books by Margaret Willes

An entertaining journey through five centuries of acquiring, reading, and enjoying books in Britain and America it is easy to forget in our own day of cheap paperbacks and mega-bookstores that, until very recently, books were luxury items. Those who could not afford to buy had to borrow, share, obtain second-hand, inherit, or listen to others reading. This book examines how people acquired and read books from the sixteenth century to the present, focusing on the personal relationships between readers and the volumes they owned. Margaret Willes considers a selection of private and public libraries across the period – most of which have survived – showing the diversity of book owners and borrowers, from country-house aristocrats to modest farmers, from Regency ladies of leisure to working men and women. Exploring the collections of avid readers such as Samuel Pepys, Thomas Jefferson, Sir John Soane, Thomas Bewick, and Denis and Edna Healey, Margaret Willes also investigates the means by which books were sold, lending fascinating insights into the ways booksellers and publishers marketed their wares. For those who are interested in books and reading, and especially those who treasure books, this book and its bounty of illustrations will inform, entertain, and inspire.



Sculptor Makes Tree Using Year's Worth of Plastic

Sculptor Robert Marshall from Dorset has created a tree out of a year's worth of plastic bottles with a view to encouraging 'an adult conversation' about environmental issues. Marshall collected around 700 plastic bottles – the amount of plastic bottles his family used in one year – to create the sculpture. The plastic tree is over 26 feet (8 metres) tall and was created for Purbeck Art Weeks Festival, though Marshall has since taken it to different locations around the country.

The plastic bottles used that were used in Marshall's household across a year. Marshall lives with his wife and three sons and explained that his sons' girlfriends also contributed to the large amount of plastic bottles on show. He said about the piece, "I want to encourage an adult conversation about not only plastic usage but all environmental issues... I know there are people out there that really care and are doing their best, but I question how good is our best?" He went on to say, "If this 'tree' is from one household, imagine the size of a forest made from the 28 million households in the UK." According to recyclingbins.org, nationwide, we currently use 7.7 billion plastic bottles per year.



Original BBC article [here](#)

Turning the Tide on Plastic by Lucy Siegle

Plastic flows into our lives from every direction and most of it is not recycled. Instead, it is incinerated or ends up in landfill, where it will sit for hundreds of years, or enters the world's seas where it fragments into tiny pieces to become microplastics – the environmental scourge of our times. Many of us had assumed that governments, brands and waste authorities were dealing with plastic on our behalf. But the impact of shows such as *Blue Planet* along with national beach cleans and high-profile campaigns have resulted in a collective wake-up call. If there were plans and strategies, they have not worked as we imagined. It would be easy to feel despondent but instead we need to turn our anger and emotion into action, starting by making a big dent in our own enormous consumption. *Turning the Tide on Plastic* is here just in time. Journalist, broadcaster and eco lifestyle expert Lucy Siegle provides a powerful call to arms to end the plastic pandemic along with the tools we need to make decisive change. It is a clear-eyed, authoritative and accessible guide to help us to take decisive and effective personal action.



On This Day in History... The First Human Blood Transfusion is Administered, 15th June 1667

The first blood transfusion involving a human being is generally attributed to Jean-Baptiste Denys, personal physician to King of France, Louis XIV. The patient was a 15-year-old boy who had been bled so much by his doctor that he required an infusion of blood. The doctor extracted the blood of a sheep and transfused it into the patient, who survived the procedure. The blood was transfused in small amounts (approximately 12 ounces), and it is assumed that this is the reason the patient was able to withstand the allergic reaction that should result from infusing a person with incompatible blood. Shortly after this success, Denys performed another successful transfusion on a different patient. However, the third and fourth patients to undergo Denys' animal-to-human blood transfusions did not fare well: the third died shortly after the transfusion, and the fourth died while the transfusion was in process, causing the deceased patients' wife to accuse Denys of murder. Denys was brought before the French court and cleared of wrongdoing, but the court also ruled to ban blood transfusions due to the risk. Shortly afterwards, the English Royal Society passed their own bans, and blood transfusions ceased to be mainstream procedures until biologist and physician Karl Landsteiner's discovery of blood types in 1900. Landsteiner discovered that mixing blood from two non-compatible blood types causes an immune response that can be fatal, hence Denys' later failures.

Blood and Guts: A Short History of Medicine by Roy Porter

Mankind's battle to stay alive is the greatest of all subjects. This brief, witty and unusual book by Britain's greatest medical historian compresses into a tiny span a lifetime spent thinking about millennia of human ingenuity in the quest to cheat death. Each chapter sums up one of these battlefields (surgery, doctors, disease, hospitals, laboratories and the human body) in a way that is both frightening and elating. Startlingly illustrated, "A Short History of Medicine" is the ideal present for anyone who is keenly aware of their own mortality and wants to do something about it. It is also a wonderful memorial to one of Penguin's greatest historians.



The Greatest Benefit to Mankind: A Medical History of Humanity from Antiquity to the Present by Roy Porter

Medicine advances ever faster, and with it not just a capacity to overcome sickness, but to transform the very nature of life. Starting in ancient antiquity, this text charts how this health revolution came about and how life for human beings in the West has ceased, in Hobbes' memorable phrase, to be "nasty, brutish and short." Porter plots the growth of medical specialisms - pharmacology, physiology, anatomy, neurology, bacteriology - and the institutions of medicine - the hospital and asylum - to show how medical advances have often created as many problems as they have solved. The book also shows how the ancient Egyptians treated incipient baldness with a mixture of hippopotamus, lion, crocodile, goose, snake and ibex fat; how a mystery epidemic devastated ancient Athens and brought to an end the domination of that great city; and how lemons did as much as Nelson to defeat Napoleon.