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#### THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

# Do you enjoy reading? Enjoy talking about books?



## Would you like to join the Younger Teens Reading **Group at Orpington Library?**

If you would like to join, please contact us by email: orpington.library@gll.org

Meetings are once a month on a Monday from 5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-14 years

We look forward to seeing you! BETTER

# On This Day... John Milton was Born 9th December, 1608

"Lycidas" and "Il Penseroso," but he was also heavily involved in politics, supporting the Puritan cause during the English Civil War and even working as a government official under Oliver Cromwell. Milton wrote many essays and pamphlets defending freedom of speech, the right to divorce, and other bold ideas that were controversial at the time. Later in life, after losing his eyesight, he dictated Paradise Lost, which retells the story of the Fall of Man and explores huge themes like free will, obedience, and the nature of

John Milton was born on December 9th, 1608, in London, and he grew up to become one

of the most important poets and thinkers in English history, best known for his epic poem

Paradise Lost. From a young age, Milton was highly educated, studying at St. Paul's School

languages, religion, and literature. During his lifetime, he wrote powerful poetry such as

and later at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he developed his deep knowledge of

struggle for meaning.

# Paradise Lost by John Milton

obedience, and the nature of good and evil. He followed it with Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes, further

proving his genius despite his blindness. Milton died on November 8, 1674, but his legacy has lived on for centuries; his

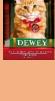
works continue to shape literature, religious thought, and the way we understand heroism, rebellion, and the human

John Milton's Paradise Lost is one of the greatest epic poems in the English language. It tells the story of the Fall of Man, a tale of immense drama and excitement, of rebellion and treachery, of innocence pitted against corruption, in which God and Satan fight a bitter battle for control of mankind's destiny. The struggle rages across three worlds - heaven, hell, and earth - as Satan and his band of rebel angels plot their revenge against God. At the centre of the conflict are Adam and Eve, who are motivated by all too human temptations but whose ultimate downfall is unyielding love.

## The Prose Writing of John Milton by F.M. Burton

It is the aim of this volume to present a selection from Milton's Prose Writings, comprising some of the author's best thoughts, and setting forth as clearly as possible Milton himself, showing impartially his merits and faults as a writer and as a man. It will not have been prepared in vain, if it shall serve to make more widely known the Treasures of truth and beauty in these Prose Writings, and the true greatness of soul in their much abused author. And may the principles of civil and religious freedom, here so eloquently defended, triumph everywhere.





Dewey: The Small-Town Library-Cat who Touched the World by Vicki Myron When he was just a few weeks old, Dewey Readmore Books was shoved through the book returns slot of his local library in a sleepy town. Starving, terrified and bruised after being battered by falling books, Dewey curled up into the arms of the library director Vicky. Vicky was a single mother who had escaped a violent husband and was struggling to bring up her little girl Jodi alone. Vicky fell in love with the little bundle of fur in her arms and campaigned to allow Dewey to stay and become the library cat.

Information Skills: Finding and Using the Right Resources by Jonathan Grix Written by an academic and a librarian, this book is dedicated to helping students find and use a variety of resources, both print and online. It includes guidance on how to carry out a literature review as well as the skills needed for finding and evaluating information, with advice on referencing correctly and avoiding plagiarism.

# "Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind." – Mary Ellen Chase

#### Noble Conflict by Malorie Blackman

Years after a violent war destroyed much of the world, Kaspar has grown up in a society based on peace and harmony. But beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels are plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians – an elite peacekeeping force – to protect the city, without ever resorting to the brutal methods of their enemy.





#### Crown and Country by David Starkey

An outstanding exploration of the British monarchy from the retreat of the Romans up until the modern day. David Starkey looks at the monarchy as a whole, charting its history from Roman times, to the Wars of the Roses, the chaos of the Civil War, the fall of Charles I and Cromwell's emergence as Lord Protector -- all the way up until the Victorian era when Britain's monarchs came face-to-face with modernity.

#### The Bullet That Missed by Richard Oseman

It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club is concerned. A decade-old cold case leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers. Then a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill...or be killed. As the cold case turns white hot. Elizabeth wrestles with her conscience (and a aun), while Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim chase down clues with help from old friends and new. But can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again?





#### I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

In I, Robot, Asimov chronicles the development of the robot through a series of interlinked stories: from its primitive origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-sodistant future--a future in which humanity itself may be rendered obsolete. Here are stories of robots gone mad, of mind-read robots, and robots with a sense of humour. Of robot politicians, and robots who secretly run the world--all told with the dramatic blend of science fact and science fiction that has become Asimov's trademark.

#### The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood

Penelope. Immortalised in legend and myth as the devoted wife of the glorious Odysseus, silently weaving and unpicking and weaving again as she waits for her husband's return. Now Penelope wanders the underworld, spinning a different kind of thread: her own side of the story - a tale of lust, greed and murder.





#### Ocean by David Attenborough and Colin Butfield

From the icy seas of our poles to remote coral islands, David Attenborough has filmed in every ocean habitat on planet earth. Now, with long-term collaborator Colin Butfield, he shares the story of our last great wilderness - the one which shapes the land we live on, regulates our climate and creates the air we breathe.

#### Alperton Angels by Janice Hallett

Everyone knows the story of the Alperton Angels: the cult-like group who were convinced one of their member's babies was the anti-Christ, and they had a divine mission to kill it until the baby's mother, Holly, came to her senses and called the police. The Angels committed suicide rather than go to prison, and Holly - and the baby - disappeared into the care system. Nearly two decades later, true-crime author Amanda Bailey is writing a book on the Angels. The Alperton baby has turned eighteen and can finally be interviewed - if Amanda can find them, it will be the true-crime scoop of the year, and will save her flagging career. But rival author Oliver Menzies is just as smart, better connected, and is also on the baby's trail.





#### Orbital by Samantha Harvey

Six astronauts rotate in their spacecraft above the earth. They are there to collect meteorological data and conduct scientific experiments. But mostly they observe. Together they watch our silent blue planet: endless shows of spectacular beauty witnessed in a single day. Yet although separated from the world they cannot escape its constant pull. News reaches them of the death of a mother, and with it comes thoughts of returning home. The fragility of human life fills their conversations, their fears, their dreams.

On This Day... Shirley Jackson was Born 14th December, 1916

Jackson's writing often explored themes like fear, alienation, superstition, and the darker parts of human

she died relatively young in 1965, her influence on modern horror, psychological fiction, and feminist

nature, and her ability to mix ordinary settings with unsettling tension made her work timeless. Even though

Shirley Jackson was born on December 14th, 1916, in San Francisco, and

psychological horror and dark social commentary. From a young age, she

loved reading and writing, and she later studied at Syracuse University,

where she met her husband and began publishing her early work. Jackson

gained national attention in 1948 with her famous short story "The Lottery,"

a chilling tale about conformity and cruelty that shocked readers and made

her a major literary figure. Throughout her life, she wrote many novels and

stories that blended everyday life with eerie twists, including The Haunting

written, and We Have Always Lived in the Castle, a haunting and poetic story

about isolation and family secrets. She also wrote humorous memoir- style

books about raising her children, showing a lighter side to her personality.

literature continues to inspire writers and readers around the world.

of Hill House, considered one of the greatest haunted house novels ever

grew up to become one of America's most influential writers of

## **Have you Made Your Christmas Cards Yet?**

Christmas Card Day is celebrated on the 9th December which shows the history of a holiday tradition that most people now take for granted, but it began as a creative solution to a 19th-century problem. In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a British civil servant, teamed up with his artist friend John Horsley to design the first modern Christmas card to encourage people to use the brandnew postal system in Britain. Their card cost one shilling—about 24 pence in today's U.K.'s money—and thanks to new printing technology, the idea spread quickly across Britain by the 1860s. Christmas cards

arrived in the United States around the same time, but

Dewey Decimal System Day celebrates Melvil

invented the famous system used to organise

non-fiction books in libraries. Dewey came up

with his idea when he was just 21 and working

at Amherst College, and he published the first

version of the Dewey Decimal System in 1876.

Today, it's the most widely used library

more than 200,000 libraries across 135

decades to keep everything in order.

classification method in the world, used in

countries. The system sorts books into ten

main number groups, from 000 for general

Dewey, born on December 10, 1851, who



**<b>\*DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM** 

producing them and lowering the cost. The tradition became truly widespread in the U.S. in the early 1900s after the Hall brothers founded Hallmark and turned card-sending into a national habit. Today, whether people order polished family photo cards or hand-make them with craft supplies, Christmas cards remain a cheerful way to reconnect, share updates, and spread a little holiday joy.

## Get Creative with Paper by Paul Jackson

Why not decorate paper for brilliant personal stationery, make beautiful gift wraps, labels and tags, and create fabulous paper decorations for Christmas and other celebrations. Best Ever Craft Project Book by Lucy Painter

300 creative, colourful and stylish projects for the home, designed by contemporary craft

artists Includes papercrafts, stencilling, embroidery, patchwork, salt dough, wirework,

decorating glass, cross stitch, printing, papier-mache and much much more Practical, easy-to-

follow step-by-step instructions for effective results every time.

Let's Celebrate Dewey Decimal Day!

works to 900 for history and geography, and each of those groups is broken down into smaller sections

topics belong, almost like a built-in map of the library. Even though more than 100 years have passed

since its creation—and even though digital catalogues have replaced old card catalogues—the system is still essential, especially since people check out millions of items every year. Fun fact: Dewey didn't

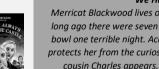
to make finding books even easier. The repeating number patterns help people remember where

just organise books; he also helped create the index cards and filing cabinets that libraries used for





The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson Alone in the world, Eleanor is delighted to take up Dr Montague's invitation to spend a summer in the mysterious Hill House. Joining them are Theodora, an artistic 'sensitive', and Luke, heir to the house. But what begins as a light-hearted experiment is swiftly proven to be a trip into their darkest nightmares, and an investigation that one of their number may not survive.



We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson Merricat Blackwood lives on the family estate with her sister Constance and her Uncle Julian. Not long ago there were seven Blackwoods—until a fatal dose of arsenic found its way into the sugar bowl one terrible night. Acquitted of the murders, Constance has returned home, where Merricat protects her from the curiosity and hostility of the villagers. Their days pass in happy isolation until

#### cousin Charles appears. Only Merricat can see the danger, and she must act swiftly to keep Constance from his grasp.

## **UNICEF** Day of Change

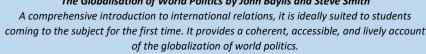


Suffering has always been a part of human history, with wars, famines, and conflicts harming ordinary people the most, especially children, and even though today's world is more peaceful than the past, the damage left behind still needs healing. After World War II, the United Nations created UNICEF on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1946, to give emergency help to children affected by the war, no matter what country they were from. At first, UNICEF shared the UN's logo, but when the UN decided in 1953 to make UNICEF's mission permanent, the organisation expanded its goals and updated its identity to reflect its growing work. Over the decades, UNICEF has grown into a global organisation operating in more than 190 countries, working to improve children's lives through better healthcare, education, nutrition, and access to clean water.

Their efforts have helped lower infant mortality and supported millions of safe births, along with providing schooling and necessities to kids living in dangerous or remote areas. Today, UNICEF remains a major force

## Farming, Food and Famine by M.E. Witherick

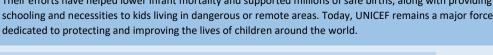
Valuable study for students with exam practice, as well as practice with the decisionmaking/enquiry approaches in the context of real places. Question banks focus on the development of core skills and will help students construct quality extended essays. Interest and motivation will be increased by the variety of approaches adopted by the various authors, all of whom are experienced educationalists.

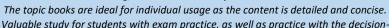


This Very Short Introduction explains what international law is, what its role in international society is, and how it operates. Dispelling many of the myths surrounding the topic, Vaughan Lowe clearly outlines what international law can and cannot do and what it is and what it isn't doing to make the world a better place.









The Globalisation of World Politics by John Baylis and Steve Smith

