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

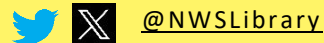
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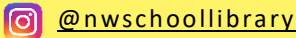
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Star Trek and Philosophy: The Wrath of Kant by Jason T Eberl and Kevin S Decker
Philosophy and space travel are characterized by the same fundamental purpose: exploration. An essential guide for both philosophers and Trekkers, *Star Trek and Philosophy* combines a philosophical spirit of inquiry with the beloved television and film series to consider questions not only about the scientific prospects of interstellar travel but also the inward journey to examine the human condition. The expansive topics range from the possibilities for communication among different cultural backgrounds to questions about the stoic temperament exhibited by Vulcans to Ferengi business practices. Specifically chosen to break new ground in exploring the philosophical dimensions of *Star Trek*, these articles boldly go where no philosopher has gone before. Philosophy and space travel are characterized by the same fundamental purpose: exploration. An essential guide for both philosophers and Trekkers, *Star Trek and Philosophy* combines a philosophical spirit of inquiry with the beloved television and film series to consider questions not only about the scientific prospects of interstellar travel but also the inward journey to examine the human condition. The expansive topics range from the possibilities for communication among different cultural backgrounds to questions about the stoic temperament exhibited by Vulcans to Ferengi business practices. Specifically chosen to break new ground in exploring the philosophical dimensions of *Star Trek*, these articles boldly go where no philosopher has gone before.

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Modern Retelling of Little Women by Bre Indigo and Rey Terciero

With their father away in the military and their mother working overtime to support the family, the March sisters have to rely on one another to make it from day to day. Whether they're arguing over the bathroom, struggling with homework, fighting off bullies, understanding their crushes, or battling leukemia, there's one thing the four sisters keep questioning—will everything turn out okay? Follow modern young women, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy as they discover themselves and follow their dreams.



Once #7: Always by Morris Gleitzman

It's fifteen years since readers were first introduced to Felix in *Once* and across six celebrated books, our brave young hero has survived many unforgettable and emotional journeys. Now comes the seventh and final part of Felix's story, bringing to a powerful climax a series that countless young readers around the world will remember - *Always*.

The Inheritance Games #4: The Brothers Hawthorne by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Grayson Hawthorne was raised as the heir apparent to his billionaire grandfather, taught from the cradle to put family first. Now the great Tobias Hawthorne is dead and his family disinherited, but some lessons linger. When Grayson's half-sisters find themselves in trouble, he swoops in to do what he does best: take care of the problem—efficiently, effectively, mercilessly. And without getting bogged down in emotional entanglements, Jameson Hawthorne is a risk-taker, a sensation-seeker, a player of games. When his mysterious father appears and asks for a favor, Jameson can't resist the challenge. Now he must infiltrate London's most exclusive underground gambling club, which caters to the rich, the powerful, and the aristocratic, and win an impossible game of greatest stakes. Luckily, Jameson Hawthorne lives for impossible. Drawn into twisted games on opposite sides of the globe, Grayson and Jameson—with the help of their brothers and the girl who inherited their grandfather's fortune—must dig deep to decide who they want to be and what each of them will sacrifice to win.

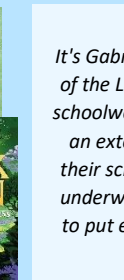


Sappho: A New Translation of the Complete Works by Sappho and Diane J Rayer

Sappho, the earliest and most famous Greek woman poet, sang her songs around 600 BCE on the island of Lesbos. Of what survives from the approximately nine papyrus scrolls collected in antiquity, all is translated substantial poems and fragments, including three poems discovered in the last two decades. The power of Sappho's poetry – her direct style, rich imagery, and passion – is apparent even in these remnants. Diane Rayer's translations of Greek poetry are graceful, modern in diction yet faithful to the originals. Sappho's voice is heard in these poems about love, friendship, rivalry, and family. In the introduction and notes, André Lardinois plausibly reconstructs Sappho's life and work, the performance of her songs, and how these fragments survived. This second edition incorporates thirty-two more fragments primarily based on Camillo Neri's 2021 Greek edition and revisions of over seventy fragments.

Jujutsu Kaisen: Volume 3 by Gege Akutami

Yuji Itadori is resolved to save the world from cursed demons, but he soon learns that the best way to do it is to slowly lose his humanity and become one himself! In a world where cursed spirits feed on unsuspecting humans, fragments of the legendary and feared demon Ryomen Sukuna were lost and scattered about. Should any demon consume Sukuna's body parts, the power they gain could destroy the world as we know it. Fortunately, there exists a mysterious school of Jujutsu Sorcerers who exist to protect the precarious existence of the living from the supernatural! Tensions are high as the Goodwill Event between the Tokyo and Kyoto campuses of Jujutsu High approaches. But before the competition can even begin, a couple of Kyoto students confront Fushiguro and Kugisaki. Meanwhile, Yuji's training gets interrupted by a mysterious crime involving grotesque bodily alterations caused by a cursed spirit...



Emily Wilde #2: Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands by Heather Fawcett

Emily Wilde is a genius scholar of faerie folklore and has catalogued many secrets of the Hidden Folk in her encyclopaedia with her infuriatingly charming fellow scholar, Wendell Bumbleby, by her side. But Bumbleby is more than just a brilliant and unbearably handsome scholar. He's an exiled faerie king on the run from his murderous mother, in search of a door back to his realm. By lucky happenstance, Emily's new project, a map of the realms of faerie, will take them on an adventure to the picturesque Austrian Alps, where Emily believes they may find the door to Bumbleby's realm, and the key to freeing him from his family's dark plans. But with new friendships for the prickly Emily to navigate and dangerous Folk lurking in every forest and hollow, Emily must unravel the mysterious workings of faerie doors, and of her own heart.



Crookhaven #4: The Impossible Fortress by J.J. Arcanjo

It's Gabriel's fourth year at Crookhaven School for Thieves. Along with mastering a new class - *Lay of the Land* - Upper Delinquents are supposed to start thinking about life after Crookhaven. Their schoolwork is beginning to have real world implications, and this year's Break-In challenge is set in an external location known to be impenetrable - the Impossible Fortress. But the world outside their school grounds can be a dark and dangerous place. And with the most powerful crew in the underworld, out to get Gabriel and his friends, the stakes have never been higher. The crew need to put everything they've learned so far to the test outside of Crookhaven's gates. But there may be something lurking within those gates that the crew should be wary of too...

Year 7 Judging Panel Submits Results to the Royal Society

For the past 8 weeks, our year 7 judging panel have been reading the books shortlisted for this year's Royal Society Young People's Book Prize. Led by chairperson Wenjun, students have reviewed and rated all six books in the shortlist, and their results have now been submitted to the Royal Society. Our panel's winning book was *Can You Get Rainbows in Space?* by Sheila Kanani. The winner of the award is chosen by the cumulative votes of student panels across the country. Our panel will meet once more to watch the awards ceremony later in March, at which the winning book will be announced. Thank you to Wenjun (7W), Avisha (7W), Hayley (7N), Anika (7N), Elana (7S), and Aanya (7S) for all your diligent hard work, enthusiasm, and brilliant literary analysis!



Click [here](#) to find out more about this year's prize.



Shakespeare Adaptation Could Inspire Youth

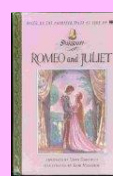


Kyle Naukuba who will play Romeo in the production. (img: Belgrade Theatre)

A 16-year-old student named Harvey Jones from Coventry Academy is helping to produce a modern version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* that will combine classic poetry with rap and R&B music. The show, which will be performed at the Belgrade Theatre, is designed to appeal to people across different generations who enjoy spoken word poetry. Harvey, who also worked on the music and direction for the production, believes that the blend of classic and modern styles will make the story more relatable. The themes of love and family conflict in *Romeo and Juliet* are universal and are still relevant today. The performance will run from the 21st of February to the 8th of March, and is a collaboration with Bristol Old Vic and Hackney Empire, directed by Corey Campbell. Original BBC article by Will Jefford and Georgia Gill [here](#).

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

The greatest love story in English, William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* is a play of star-crossed lovers who take a valiant stand against social convention, with tragic consequences. The city of Verona, torn apart by the violent feud between the families of Montague and Capulet, is a powder keg waiting to explode; the Prince of Verona, seeking to restore order, has declared any breach of the peace punishable by death. But for the young Montague Romeo, and his lover, the Capulet Juliet, the enmity of their families is immaterial. Meeting in secret, the two lovers gradually spiral towards disaster as their respective families edge closer towards open warfare.



Manga Classics: Romeo and Juliet by Crystal S Chan

A classic Shakespearean tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet* is the tale of two star-crossed young lovers who dare to defy their feuding families, put aside all obstacles, and find happiness together – but at a tremendous cost. This grimly beautiful tale, set in the Renaissance Italy, follows Romeo and Juliet from their hateful first meeting to their last. Manga Classics brings you this incredible new manga version of William Shakespeare's most popular play, featuring the unaltered original text in its entirety!



Romeo and/or Juliet by Ryan North

What if Romeo never met Juliet? What if Juliet got really buff instead of moping around the castle all day? What if they teamed up to take over Verona with robot suits? In this New York Times bestselling version of *Romeo and Juliet*, you get to choose where the story goes. Packed with exciting choices, fun puzzles, secret surprises, terrible puns and more than a billion possible storylines, *Romeo and/or Juliet* offers a new experience every time you read it. And, as an added bonus, all the different endings feature beautiful and quirky illustrations by some of the best artists working today. Whatever your adventure, you're guaranteed to find lots of romance, epic fight scenes and plenty of questionable decision-making by highly emotional teens.



February's MOST POPULAR BOOKS



- The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
- As Good as Dead** by Holly Jackson
- Komi Can't Communicate: Vol. 1** by Tomohito Oda
- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by Holly Jackson
- The Elite** by Keira Cass
- The Hawthorne Legacy** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- Toilet-Bound Hanako-Kun Volume 1** by Aidairo
- It's Not Summer Without You** by Jenny Han

STAR BORROWERS OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight star borrowers: students that have borrowed 5 or more books within that month. These students will receive an achievement point.

Year 7

- Hayley 7N
- Zaram 7N
- Zara 7N
- Rithu 7W
- Avisha 7W
- Deetya 7W
- Wenjun 7W
- Bade 7S
- Elana 7S
- Kayley 7S

Year 8

- Magathy 7F
- Yashmiga 7F
- Rosie 7G
- Letty 7G
- Saaya 7G
- Ishita 7P
- Nyra 7P
- Greta 7P
- Saatvika 7P
- Rowan 7P

Year 9

- Iris 8N
- Neev 8N
- Khushi 8N
- Ananya 8W
- Riya 8W
- Iris 8W
- Amy 8S
- April 8F
- Merisha 8F
- Tripti 8F

Year 10

- Dia 8F
- Mehr 8G
- Rebecca 8P
- Sophie 8P
- Elizabeth 8P
- Aahana 8P
- Naomi H 8P
- Angelina 8P

Year 11

- Sara 9F
- Emilie 9G
- Taara 9P

Year 12

- Ade 10S
- Eunice 10S
- Sophie 10F
- Abigail 10F
- Aashvi 10G
- Christina 10G

Year 13

- Oluwatoni 11W
- Abigail 11F
- Saahithi 11F

Year 14

- Vivia 13W



WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Day this year was held on Thursday the 6th of March (though we celebrated one day early in the library). By now, everyone should have received a World Book Day book token to spend in participating shops. You can either redeem your token for one of this year's World Book Day £1 books or exchange it for £1 off of a book of your choice.

Shops participating in World Book Day this year are: Argosy, Asda, Blackwell's (selected stores only), Easons, Lidl, Sainsbury's, Tesco, The Works, Trago Mills, Waterstones, WHSmith, and local independent booksellers. You can find your nearest participating retailer [here](#). Tokens are valid until Sunday 23rd of March.

Here's a summary of the £1 World Book Day exclusive books available this year that might be of interest to Y7 and up:

Pokemon: The Epic Pocket Guide by Farshore: Become an instant expert on awesome Pokémon and their Trainers! Discover special skills and epic Evolutions and learn about legendary battles and super stats. With this epic Pocket-sized Pokémon guide, you'll be a top Trainer in no time!

Lego: Our Amazing Universe by Jennifer Swanson and Arwen Hubbard: Explore the furthest frontiers of space and the wonders of the world – and learn to build the Universe's most incredible sights with LEGO bricks! Take a tour of planets, stars, galaxies, and black holes far away from Earth. See the most incredible places on our planet and beyond without leaving home! With amazing LEGO models to inspire you, what will you build first?

The Wolf Trials by Kiran Millwood Hargrave: Eira's always wanted to compete in the Wolf Trials. The winners become part of the Ryders, an elite group of warriors who ride gigantic sea wolves. There's only one problem: Eira can't take part, because her mother is the fearsome Wolf Queen. She won't let that stop her, though. Eira decides to disguise herself and compete...but will she succeed? Will she be recognised? And if she isn't, will she survive the Wolf Trials?

This Story is a Lie by Benjamin Dean: Harley Matthews is used to fading into the background. But all that changes when he's selected to compete in the Rising Stars programme for gifted and talented students. Harley's world is soon turned upside down as he's thrust into the school's limelight. So much for laying low. But with new-found supporters comes envious enemies. And when he finds a chalk outline of his body drawn at the bottom of the school stairs, he has to face the reality that someone wants him out of the competition – permanently. But the underdog deserves to win, right? Remember, this story is a lie.

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Take a sneak peek in our 2025 £1/£1.50 books