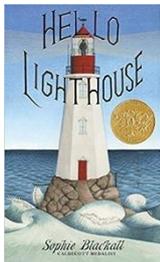


A holiday guide to literary gift giving!

There's a book that speaks to every one of us, and many of them have been gifts from someone special. If you want to spread joy this holiday season, here's a selection of reads that will delight, inspire, spark conversations and just plain entertain over the next few wintery weeks.

For more inspiration, check out the reading lists on our website organised by year group.

Picture Books:



Hello Lighthouse

Sophie Blackall

-About hope, change and the passing of time. Winner of the Caldecott Medal 2019.

Little Mouse and the Red Wall

Britta Teckentrup

-A story of courage and persistence.



Small in the City

Sydney Smith

-Being small can be overwhelming.

Wolf in the Snow

Matthew Cordell

-A girl and a wolf, both lost in the snow.

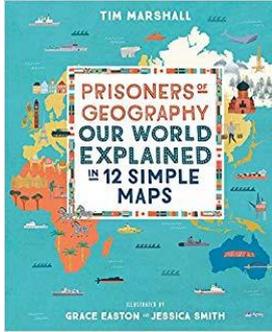


Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Mo Willems

-Sneaky pigeon tries to wheedle his way into the driver's seat. A classic.

For Primary Readers:



Prisoners of Geography: Our World Explained in 12 Simple Maps
 Tim Marshall, Grace Easton, Jessica Smith
 - A stunning abridged and illustrated edition of the international bestseller.

The Lost Words (all ages)

-The Oxford Junior Dictionary dropped 50 'nature words'—here's an illustrated celebration in verse of each of them.

A Planet Full of Plastic-And How you Can Help!

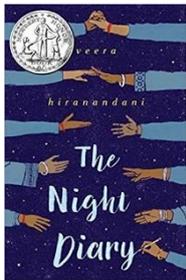
Neal Layton

-A guide for young ecologists.

The Restless Girls (8+)

Jessie Burton

-Beautifully illustrated retelling of the Twelve Dancing Princesses by the author of *The Miniaturist*



The Night Diary (10+)

Veera Hiranandani

-Sensitive Newbery-Honour diary set during the partition of India.

A Tale of Magic (11+)

Chris Colfer

-Plucky heroine is destined for great things by the author of *The Land of Stories* series.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

J.K. Rowling and Jim Kay

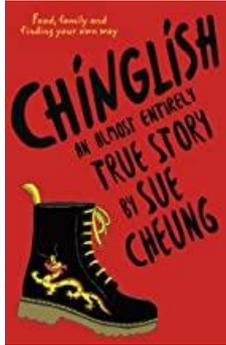
-The fourth book in the series out now in a lavishly illustrated edition.

For Secondary Readers:

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference

Greta Thunberg

-Get inspired by the young activist's collected speeches!



Chinglish

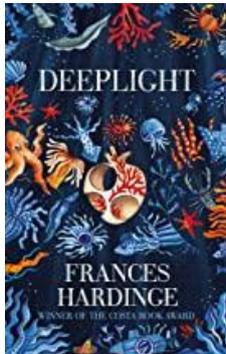
Sue Cheung

-Laugh-out-loud semi-autobiographical tale of growing up in 1980s Coventry behind the counter of a Chinese takeaway-Adrian Mole meets Diary of A Wimpy Kid!

The Red Scrolls of Magic

Cassandra Clare

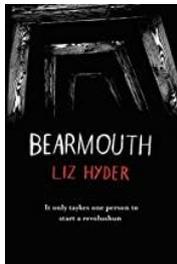
-The first in an exciting new Shadowhunters-spinoff series.



Deeplight (12+)

Frances Hardinge

- The story of a friendship as dangerous as the ocean by the Costa Award-winning author of The Lie Tree.



Bearthmouth (14+)

Liz Hyder

-Newt is awakened to the possibility of revolution in this dystopian debut novel about enslaved child miners.

Catching Teller Crow

Ambelin and Ezekiel Kwaymullina

-A dark and terrible secret is revealed in this supernatural Australian thriller.



With the Fire on High

Elizabeth Acevedo

-Teen mum and food for thought by the author of The Poet X.

The Orchid Hunter

Leif Bersweden

-Inspiring memoir for young scientists

Graphic Novels and Comics:

Strange Planet: The Viral Sensation of the Year

Nathan Pyle

-Based on the hilarious Instagram comic which views our world through a different lens.

Middlewest

Skottie Young

-Talking fox and a runaway in an alternate America.



The Life-Changing Manga of

Tidying Up

Marie Kondo

-Whimsical adaptation from the popular lifestyle guru.

Amazons, Abolitionists and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights

Mikki Kendall

-Compelling and vibrant history for kids and adults.

For the adult in your life:

Nonfiction:



Angst of Adolescence

Sara Villanueva

-Like sitting down with a friend who just happens to be an expert on teens.

The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read

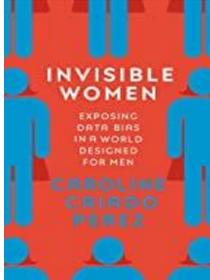
Philippa Perry

-If you want them to read it!

How to Talk so Teens will Listen and Listen so Teens Will Talk

Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

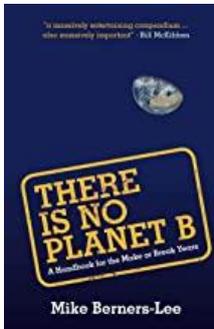
-The classic parental resource.



Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men
Caroline Criado Perez
-Entertaining, scholarly and so very important.

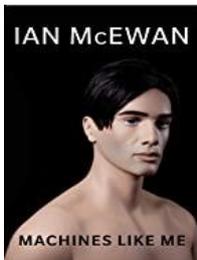
Twas the Nightshift Before Christmas
Adam Kay

-From the author of This is Going to Hurt, squicky, hilarious medical stories—only festive!



There is No Planet B
Mike Berners Lee
- A far-ranging and truth-telling handbook on the climate crisis.

Fiction:

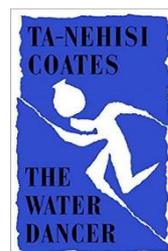


Machines Like Me
Ian McEwan
-Synthetic humans? Why not?

Circe
Madeline Miller

-Wicked and wonderful character study of the witch of Homer's Odyssey.

The Water Dancer
Ta-Nehisi Coates
-In the American South at the height of slavery, Hiram Walker discovers he can escape via magical means.

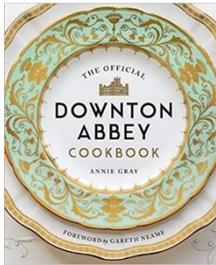




The Institute
Stephen King
-Who doesn't love a bit of horror in the holidays?

The Testaments
Margaret Atwood
-Find out what happened next!

For the person doing the cooking:



The Official Downton Abbey Cookbook
Annie Gray
-Recipes for the diehard fan.

Pasta Grannies
Vicky Bennison
-Inspired by the YouTube Channel—rescued authentic Italian recipes.



The Green Roasting Tin
Rukminui Iyer
-Veggie delights in one easy dish.