



Spring Term

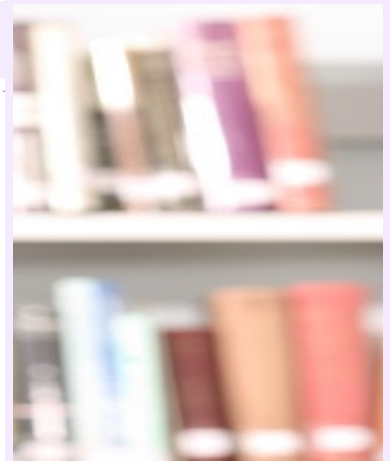
Goldington Academy Library Newsletter

**392 NEW
LIBRARY
BOOKS
ADDED
SINCE
JANUARY**

**3858 books have
been issued in
the Spring term
3298 FICTION
560 NON-FIC**

IN THIS ISSUE! IN THIS ISSUE!

**STAFF READS AUTHOR VISIT BOOK
REVIEWS CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM
WORLD BOOK DAY LIBRARY FACTS AND
FIGURES EGG-CELLENT EASTER EGGS
BOOKS ABOUT CAREERS RABBIT BOOK
COVER PUZZLE**

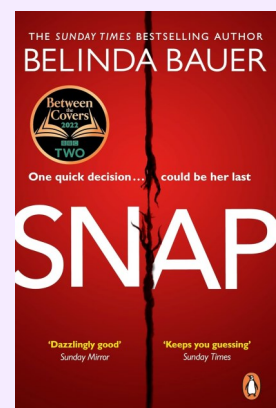


WHAT ARE WE READING?

Mr Galbraith

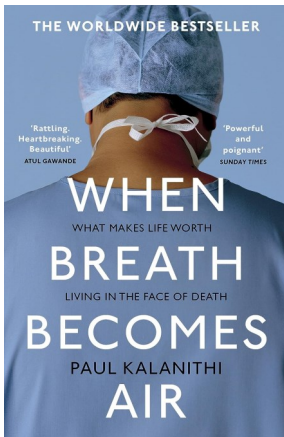


Mr Atkinson



BOOK REVIEW— WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR

PAUL KALANITHI



What makes life worth living in the face of death?

This amazing book tells the story of Paul Kalanithi. At the age of thirty-six he was close to completing his 10 year training as a neurosurgeon and achieving his dream. Then he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. In one moment he switched from being a medical student and doctor into being a patient.

While this may sound an upsetting

read this book is a beautiful and ultimately uplifting meditation on mortality, love, and the pursuit of meaning. It is insightful and incredibly profound—a book that can truly change your life.

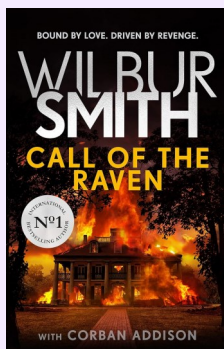
If you are in any way interested in a career in medicine or care, then this book is a must read.

“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book”
Groucho Marx

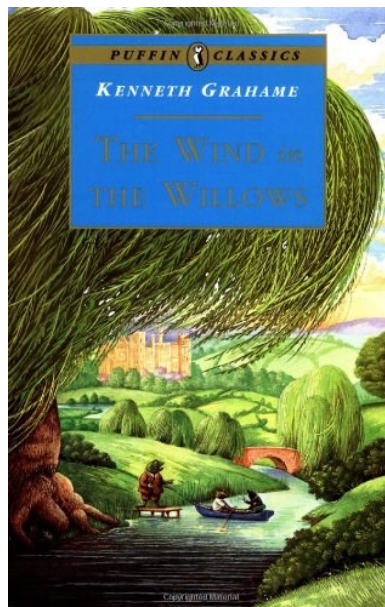
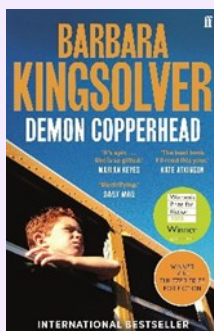
CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM

STAFF READS

Miss Luck



Miss Andrews



“Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing— absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing around in boats”.

Sometimes the simplest stories are the best! In this wistful classic we join the timid Mole as he leaves his spring-cleaning behind him and makes a new friend in Ratty, who lives by the riverbank. Together they spend the long summer days enjoying the delights of the river in Ratty’s boat.

Their peace is disturbed when they meet the reckless Mr Toad, and find themselves caught up in a series of

strange adventures in order to help Toad out of trouble, and return him to the safety of Toad Hall.

This is a gentle and humorous classic, a book to read during those long summer days. It is a book which celebrates friendship, home, and the simple pleasures in life.

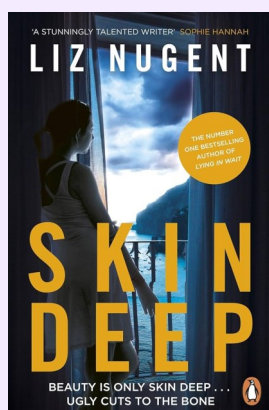


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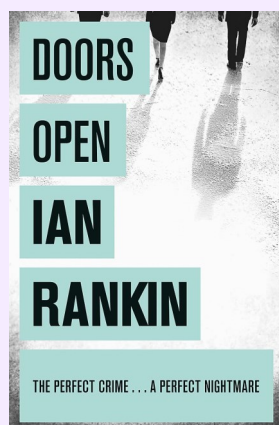
Mr Andrews



Mrs Ferguson



Mrs Morgan



AUTHOR VISIT—SUE WALLMAN!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations thriller author Sue Wallman visited the school. Sue has published 7 thriller books for young adults, her most recent being *Every Word a Lie* which is about a catfishing killer!

Sue kicked off the day with a whole year talk to Year 9. Sue spoke about how she got started in her writing career and how the publication of her books is managed. It was intriguing to hear her speak about the publication process—particularly in how little say she has in her book covers!



After the talk Sue held creative writing workshops with selected Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. During the workshops Sue spoke about the important elements of thriller writing. Pupils then collaboratively created the “main character” for a thriller book, and started putting together the outlines of a plot. Everyone finished by writing the first line of their killer thrillers!

In what turned out to be a very busy day Sue also found time to chat to pupils and to sign books. It was great to see so many pupils inspired by her talk and workshops and Sue was very impressed with both the creative ideas pupils came up with and the excellent behaviour of our pupils.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On the day itself the Library celebrated World Book Day with a range of activities.



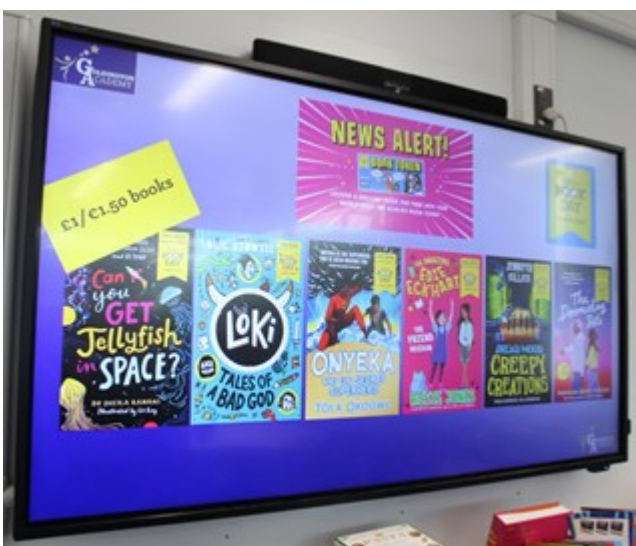
Once again we held a very successful Book Swap. In the lead up to World Book Day well over 100 books were brought in to the library for the swap which meant that there was loads of choice of great, fresh reading material to take away!



A fiendishly difficult Library scavenger hunt was also on offer—with many pupils searching around the library for hidden book characters.

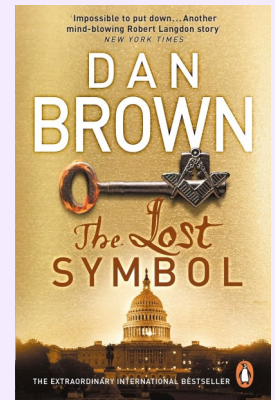
All KS3 should now have a World Book Day voucher which will allow them to choose a free World Book Day Book!

Vouchers will be available in the Library until the end of term if you need to pick one up.

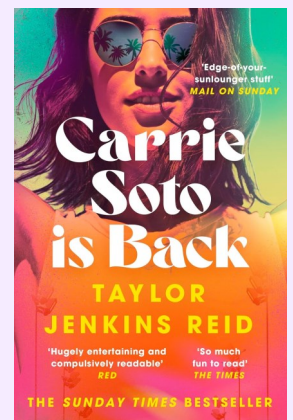


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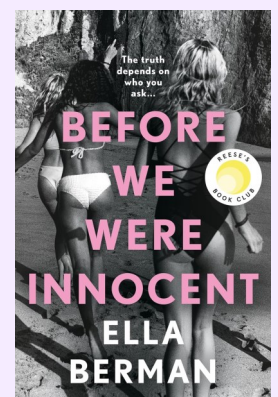
Mr Crozier



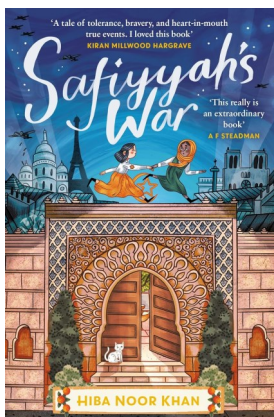
Mrs Chapman



Mrs Hulatt



NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



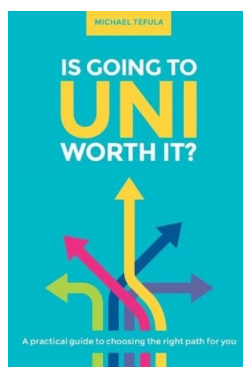
Saffiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

When war comes to the streets of Paris Saffiyah's life changes for ever. Her friends have gone and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. It's not long before hundreds of Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Saffiyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under the city and lead them to safety?

This thrilling adventure is based on true events that took place in Paris during WWII, where a community of heroic and compassionate North African-heritage Muslims selflessly risked their lives to hide Jews (and British soldiers) from the Nazis.

Is Going to Uni Worth It by Michael Tefula

Going to Uni isn't cheap, so it's best to consider very carefully whether it is the best choice for you. This practical guide will help you consider your options. It includes practical exercises to clarify your thoughts and stories of students who have chosen a range of paths. There is advice for those who really don't know what career they want to do, and also advice on managing the expectations of those around you.



NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



Wise Creatures by Deirdre Sullivan (14+)

"I always thought that hauntings began with houses. They don't, of course. It's people, isn't it. They begin with people."

Daisy has always been haunted: by her troubled past...and by the "wise creatures", who used to whisper to her from the walls of her house.

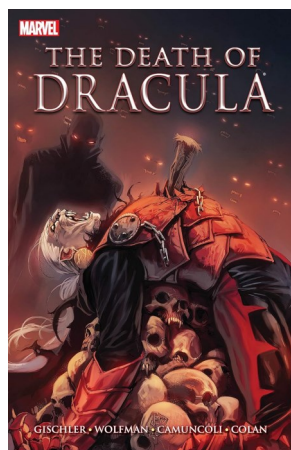
After many years the wise creatures have returned and are targeting Nina, her beloved sister. What can they want this time?

Beautifully written dark psychological horror.

The Death of Dracula (14+)

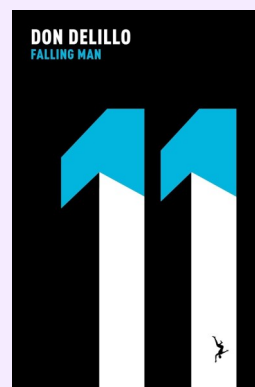
If you have a love of Marvel comics and films then this great comic collection is for you.

Dracula is a familiar figure of course, the legendary Lord of the Vampires. So who would dare to attempt to overthrow him? Xarus, Dracula's son, that's who! A ruthless and clever upstart with the bold ambition to unite all the world's vampire sects under one flag. Xarus only has one problem—his brother Janus! He doesn't like his brother's plan at all. As the ultimate battle for control of Earth's creatures of the night unfolds the future of the vampire race—and possibly of the Marvel Universe—is at stake!

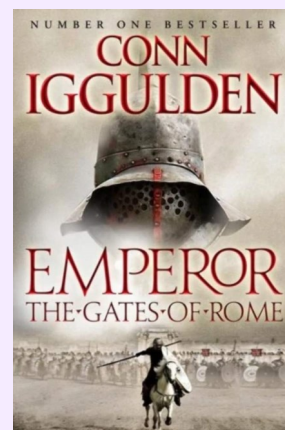


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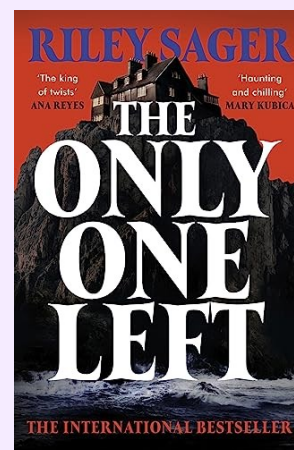
Miss Indge



Mr Kite



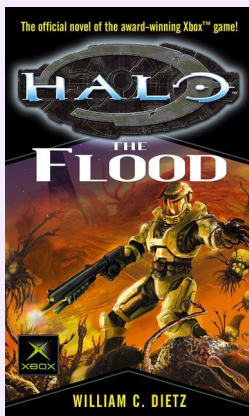
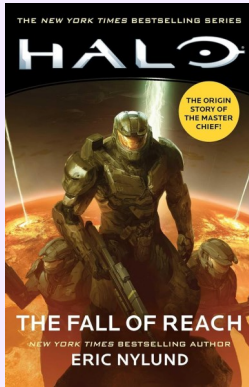
Miss Embling



LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES SPRING TERM 2024

STAFF READS

Mr Smith



Mr Lucas



MOST POPULAR BOOKS



MOST POPULAR BOOKS BY YEAR

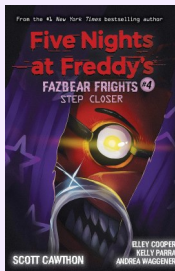
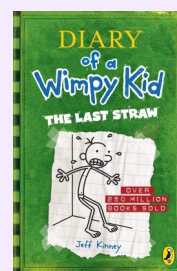
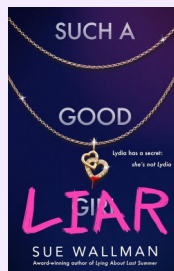
YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11



Yusei Matsui
(Assassination
Classroom)

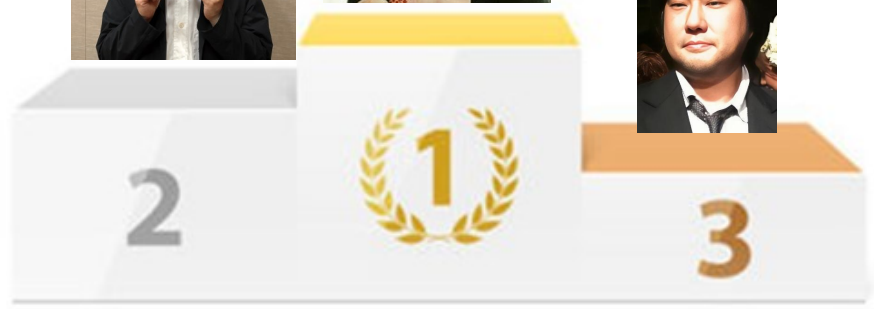
Koyoharu
Gotouge (Demon
Slayer)



Eiichiro Oda (One
Piece)



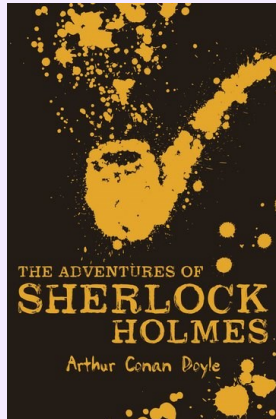
MOST POPULAR AUTHORS



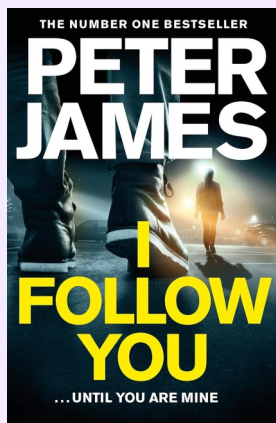
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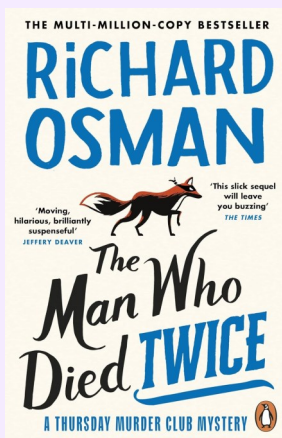
Miss Batten



Miss Cawood



Mrs Chisnall



BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS YEAR 7

MR ANDREWS



BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS YEAR 8

MISS HERN



BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS YEAR 9

MRS DEAR



BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS YEAR 10

MR ANDREWS

BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS YEAR 11

MRS BENNETT-FOWLDS

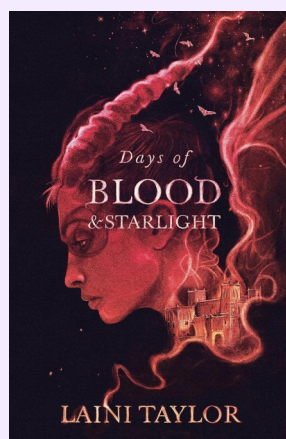


TOP BORROWING YEAR

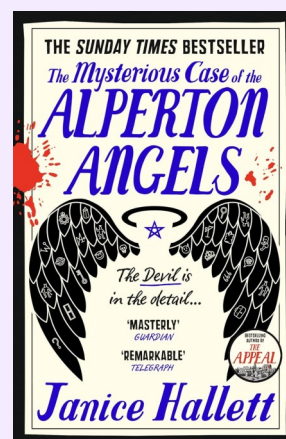
YEAR 7!

2095 LOANS SINCE JANUARY

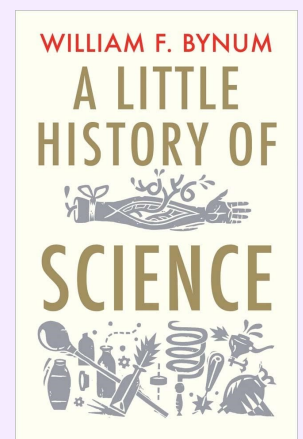
Miss Simmons



Mrs Orr



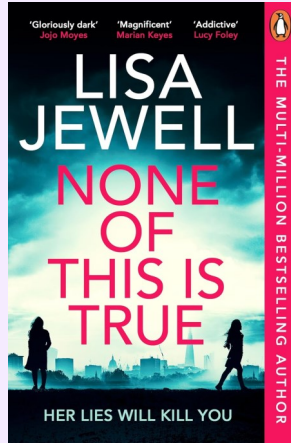
Miss Gilbert



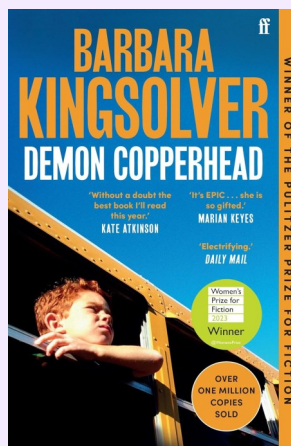
FOCUS ON: CAREERS & FUTURES

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Miss Castagnaro

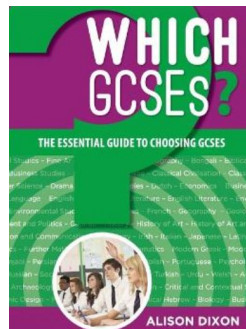


Mrs Kelly

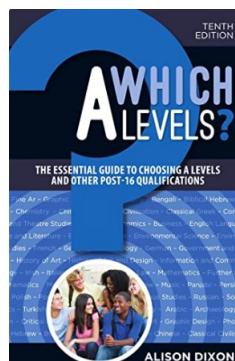
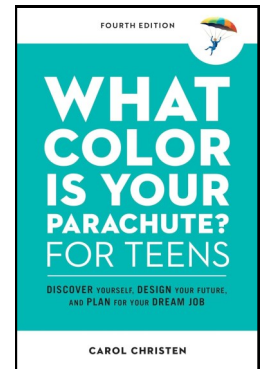


Before embarking on a career path it is important to think very carefully about what will make you happy and fulfilled. This book is designed to help you do just that!

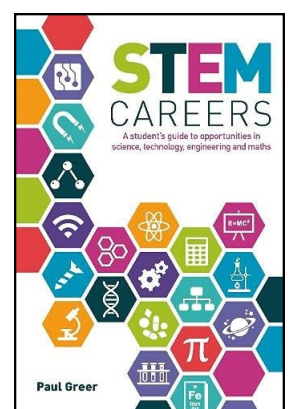
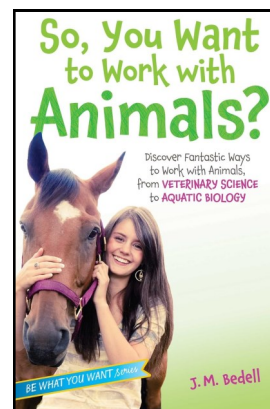
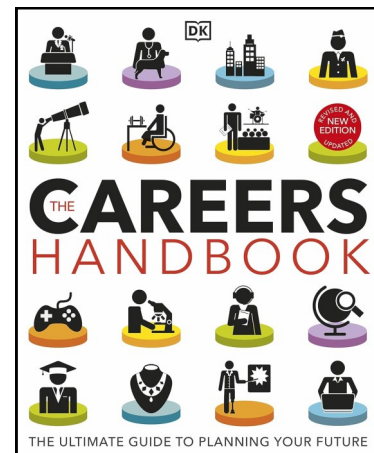
It will help uncover what matters most to you, what you love to do, the kinds of people you work best with, and how to use the skills and interests you already have to choose a career path that is particularly suited to your passions, strengths and goals.



Making choices for GCSE and A-Levels can feel overwhelming. If you are struggling to make a decision then these books could help. They provide a straightforward guide to each subject including: what is studied, how it is assessed, useful information on the skills that you gain and relevant careers that each subject could lead to.



This really is a great book for checking out potential future careers. After an introduction covering the steps to take to understand your interests, gaining experience, and applying for jobs, we plunge into descriptions of a huge number of occupations. From film producer to Royal Marine commando. On top of job descriptions you will also learn about potential salary, skills required, entry qualifications, and lifestyle. The book is very well laid out and clear, with colourful and engaging graphics. A must read.

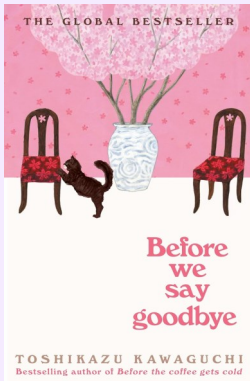


LITERARY EGG ART

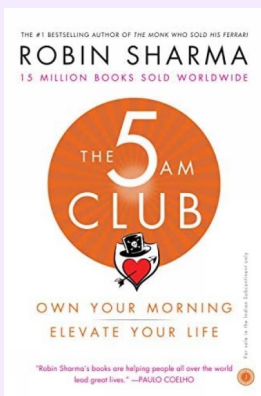
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THESE CUTE BOOK INSPIRED EGG DESIGNS

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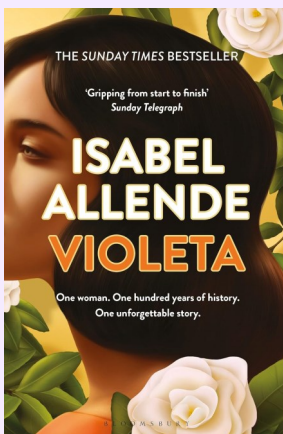
Mrs Percival



Miss Bennett-Fowlds



Mrs White



CHOCOLATE BOOK CHARACTERS ANYONE? YES PLEASE!



THIS AMAZING LIFE-SIZED CHOCOLATE SCULPTURE OF HARRY POTTER WAS MADE BY ARTIST ANNA AUSTIN FOR A CAKE SHOW IN INDIA.

CHOCOLATE CARVING OF
TIMOTHEE CHALAMET'S
VERSION OF WILLY WONKA



THIS SCRUMPTIOUS
HEDWIG EASTER EGG
WAS AVAILABLE TO BUY
IN 2021



I WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE A BITE OUT
OF THIS AMAZING
SCULPTURE OF
DRACULA!



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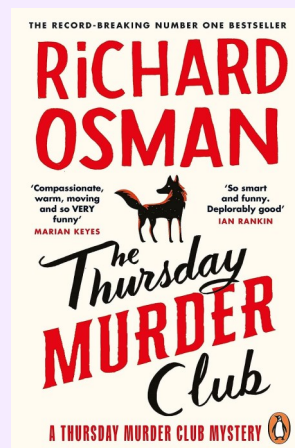
Mr Marston



Mrs Storey



Mrs Lopez



LITERARY RABBIT CHALLENGE

SPRING AND EASTER ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR IMAGES OF CUTE RABBITS—BUT HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RABBITS IN LITERATURE? CAN YOU MATCH THE RABBIT BOOK COVERS WITH THE CORRECT NAME?

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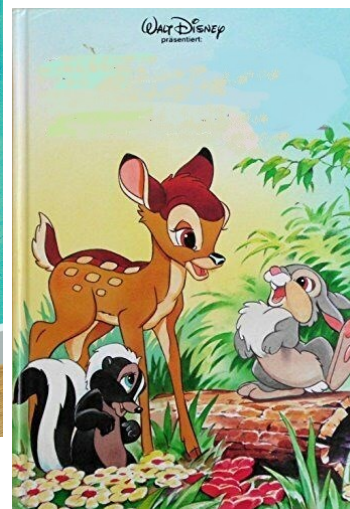
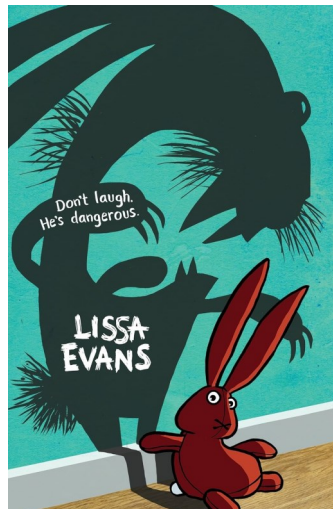
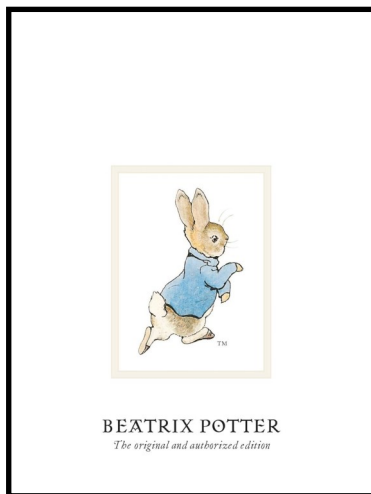
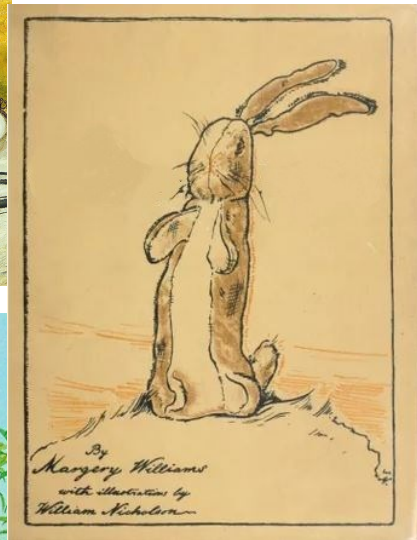
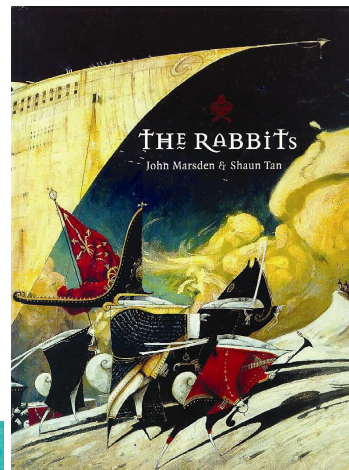
THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

WATERSHIP DOWN

WED WABBIT

THE RABBITS

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND



*Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!
Mrs Kelly*

