



Goldington Academy Library Newsletter

Summer Term

**382 NEW
LIBRARY
BOOKS
ADDED
SINCE
APRIL**

**3239 books have
been issued in
the summer
term
2786 FICTION
453 NON-FIC**

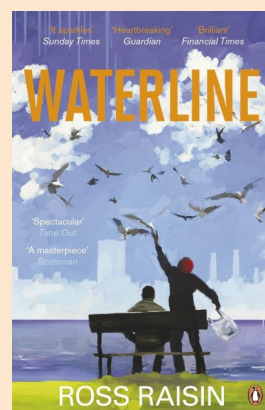
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WONDERFUL WORDS CRAZY BOOK
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WHAT ARE WE READING?

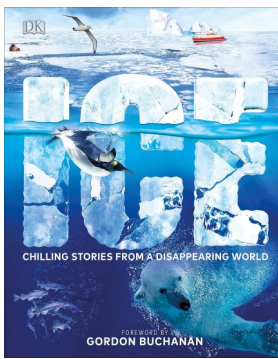
Mr Galbraith



Mr Lucas



BOOK REVIEW— ICE: CHILLING STORIES FROM A DISAPPEARING WORLD



I love this beautifully illustrated book about all things ice! From the glittering beauty of ice caves, to the barren Antarctic desert, this book will take you on a journey of discovery covering the animals and ecology of these icy realms, and the people that call them home.

Put together by the Natural History Museum, this book weaves together contributions from scientists, explorers and writers to illuminate

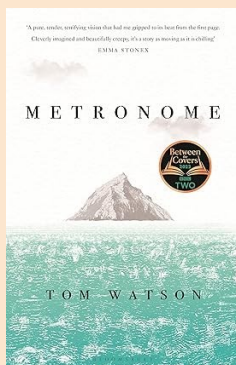
the fragile and vital role that ice plays in our world. From polar expeditions to the impact of climate change, the stories are awe inspiring. With stunning photography this book is a reminder of what we could lose as our planet warms.

A must-read for anyone interested in nature, climate, and the future of the world.

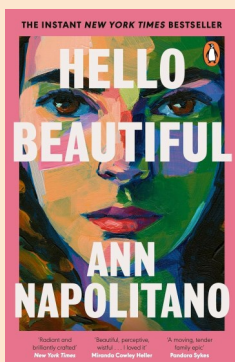
“A room without books is like a body without a soul”
Cicero

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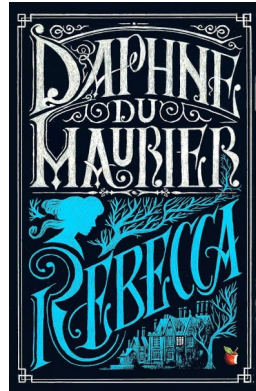
Mrs Ferguson



Mrs McCarthy-Gardner



CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM



“Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again”

Rebecca is a mysterious novel in the best Gothic tradition. It tells the story of a young woman who marries a rich older man named Maxim de Winter. She moves to his mansion, Manderley, a spooky and beautiful home. But things aren't as perfect as they seem....

Everyone at Manderley still talks about Rebecca, Maxim's first wife, and the new Mrs de Winter begins to feel like she can't escape her shadow.

As secrets begin to unfold, the new wife must figure out what really happened to Rebecca—and what kind of man she really married.

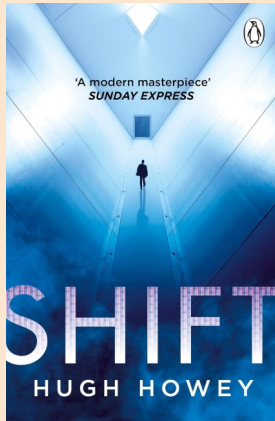
Rebecca is a strange mix of ghost story, mystery and love story. It's full of suspense, secrets and twists. As in all great Gothic novels the mood is dark and mysterious and the setting—Manderley—is almost like a character itself, and it's not necessarily friendly.

The story builds slowly at first, but if you enjoy books with mystery, drama, and a little creepiness you'll enjoy this one.

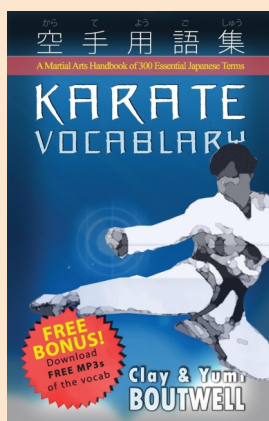
DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOK COVER

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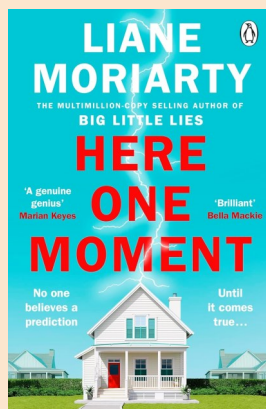
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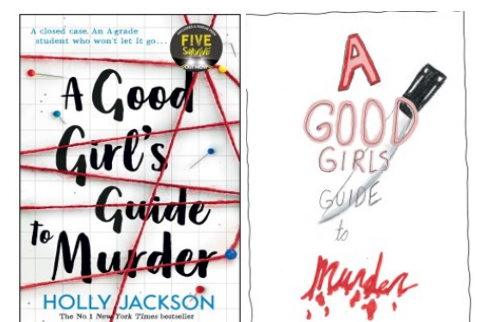
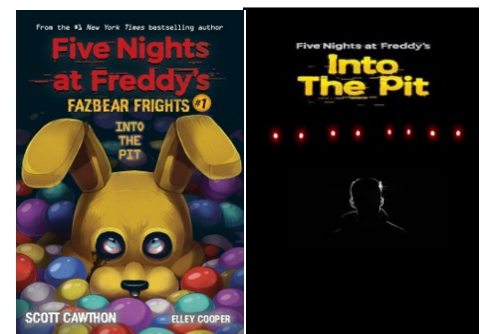
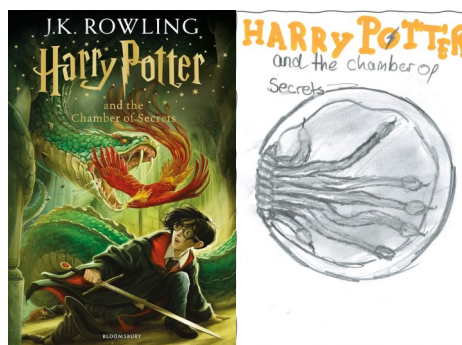
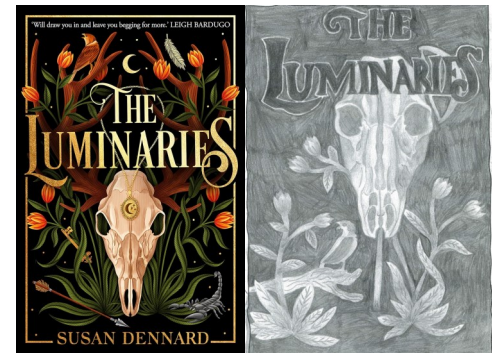
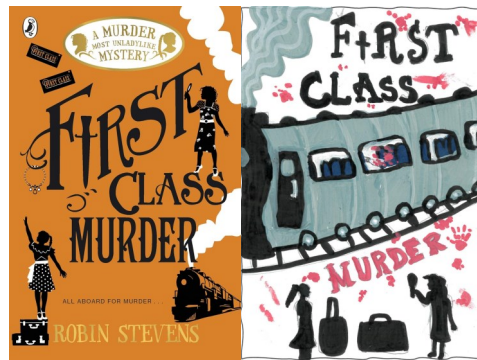
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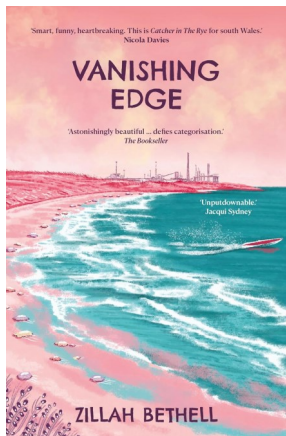
Mrs Chapman



In some of our recent Library lessons pupils have been given the chance to design their own book covers for books that they love. Here are some of the amazing designs!



NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



Vanishing Edge by Zillah Bethell

A gripping eco-thriller set in a dystopian near-future ravaged by climate change. 15-year-old Elka joins a rewilding project in the Welsh mountains after society collapses, only to find that the project's goals may not be all that they first seemed.

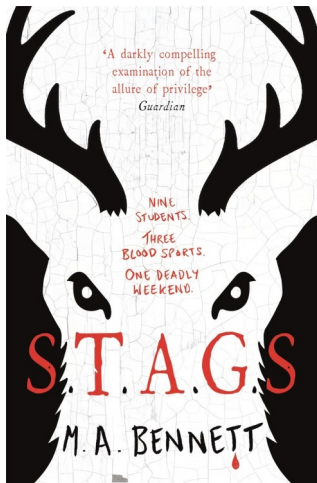
This is a haunting and beautifully written story exploring survival, trust, and humanity's relationship with nature. The dystopian future is all too realistically brought to life and Elka's journey is both thrilling and emotionally engaging. A compelling and thought-provoking novel.

"Summer" series by Jenny Han

We finally have the concluding two novels to *The Summer I Turned Pretty*! Jenny Han continues Belly's story beautifully—delivering real emotions which explore grief, memory, heartbreak and the importance of trust, loyalty and first loves. Fantastic!



NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



S.T.A.G.S. by M. A. Bennett (14+)

It's a bit of a niche genre, but I LOVE thriller books set in elite boarding schools!

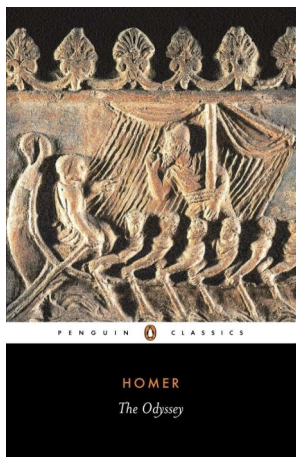
When scholarship student Greer is invited to a weekend away by the school's elite clique she expects fun. But the hunting-themed retreat quickly turns sinister. Can Greer escape the game?

A chilling and suspenseful thriller with a side helping of social commentary with a gripping pace. M.A. Bennett explores privilege, power and isolation. A smart and unsettling tale where tradition and elitism is a cover for dark and cruel intentions!

The Odyssey by Homer

There's classics—and then there's Homer's *The Odyssey*. It is the adventure that began it all as we follow hero Odysseus as he travels home from the Trojan War, with plenty of danger, adventure, and battles along the way.

Rich in myth, symbolism and heroism, Homer's masterpiece explores themes of loyalty, identity and the human spirit. There is a reason that we continue to be captivated by this story thousands of years after it was first written.

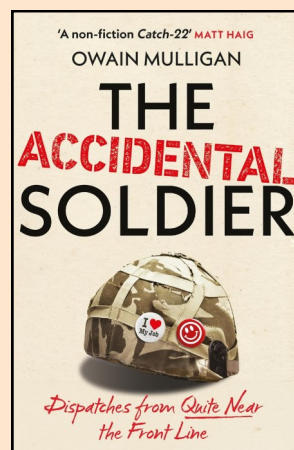


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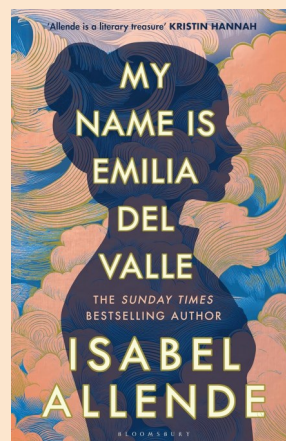
Mrs Birkett



Mr Chisnall



Miss Castagnaro



SUMMER TERM WRITING COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone from across all the school years who submitted entries to the Library Summer Writing Competition. Here is one of the winning entries...

Summer Adventures

As the gentle waves lap at the soft sand,
The children run to the ice-cream stand,
Crabs scuttle around,
As children play at the playground,
The summer holidays seem to last forever,
The fun might never end, however,
The summer holidays are always scorching,
And the weather is torching,
The summer holidays are fun,
If you don't mind the heat of the sun!

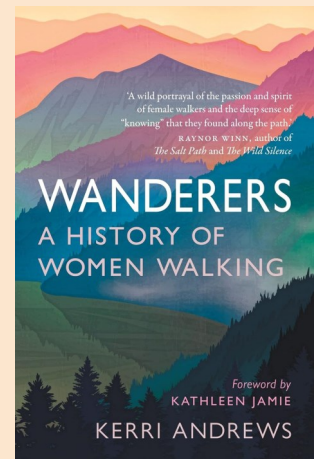


STAFF READS

Mrs Dear



Mrs Kelly



Ms Taylor



William Trevor
The Children of Dymmouth

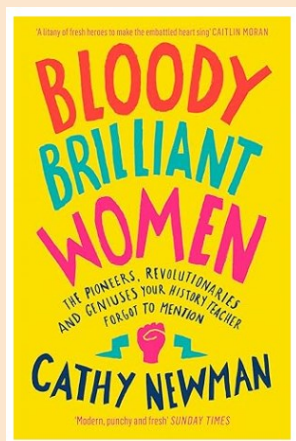
'A very fine novel . . . the work of a master craftsman. Brilliant' *The Times*



LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

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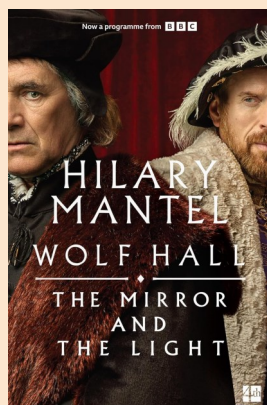
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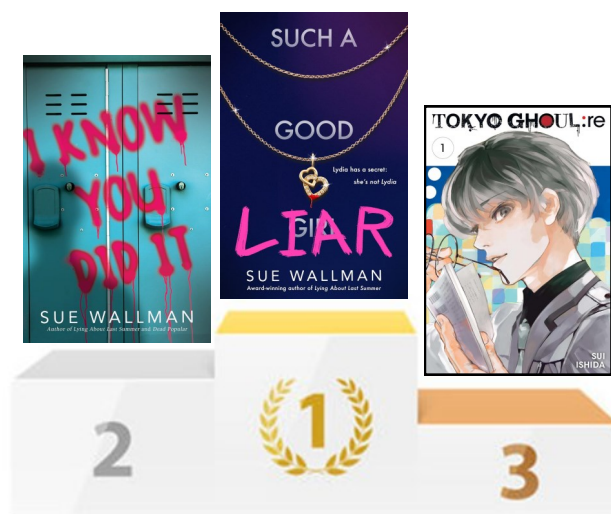
Mrs Percival



Mr Marston



MOST POPULAR BOOKS



BEST BORROWING YEAR 7 FORM GROUP

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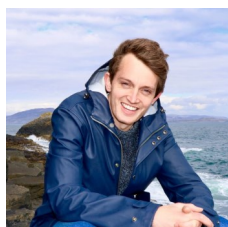
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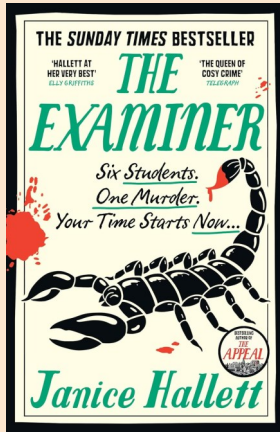
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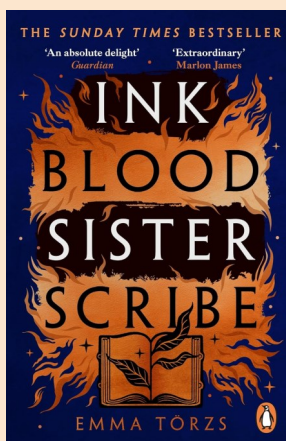
MOST POPULAR NON-MANGA AUTHORS

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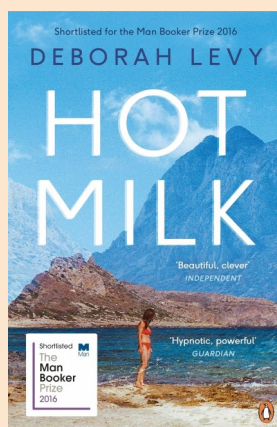
Mrs Brunning



Miss Simmons



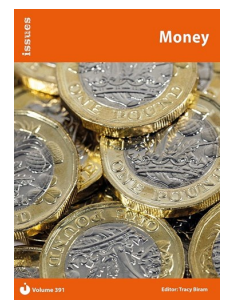
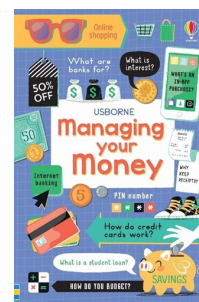
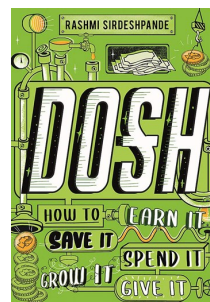
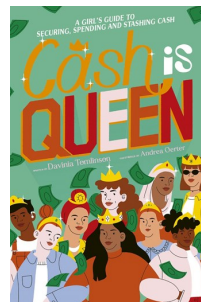
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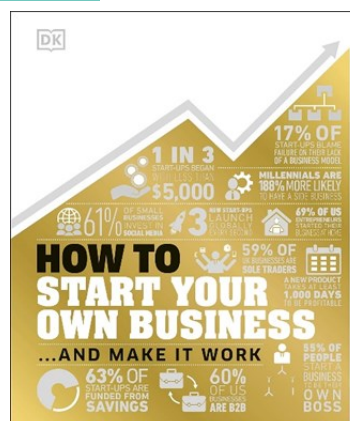
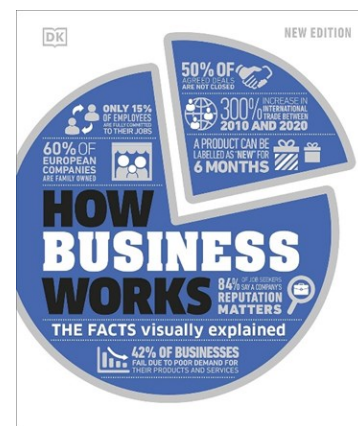
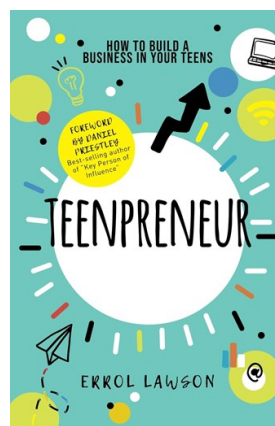
FOCUS ON MONEY AND BUSINESS

Take control of your money over summer with these great books.

The fabulous books below will give you the hints and tips to earn, manage, and spend your cash! They are packed full of advice on all the practical bits of money management, but will also encourage you to think about your views and relationship to money on a deeper level—giving you the tools you need to be successful in managing and growing your finances long term.



Not want to work for someone else all your life? These books will give you the information you need to start thinking about owning or creating your own business. Starting from scratch with how to come up with a business idea, through to attracting investors, creating an online presence, managing staff and more: these books all offer really practical skills for the budding business owner.



WONDERFUL WORDS

I love strange words, or words that have fallen out of use and there are some beautiful and strange words which exist connected with summer. Here are just a few of them.

Estival—no, it isn't that someone just forgot to put the "f" on the front to make "festival" - this word literally means "summer" or "the hot season". It originates from the Latin word "aestas".

Canicule— this word means the very hottest days of summer. It originates from the Latin "canicular" which means "little dog". The reason it's linked to summer is that the hottest days are often called the "dog days".

Summerling—this lovely word refers to someone, or something, that was born in summer, or who thrives in the sunshine.

Shimmerglisten—This poetic term literally means a "shimmering glisten". It is often used in poetry to refer to heatwaves, or water in the sunlight.

Gloaming —This noun refers to twilight or dusk, particularly during warm summer evenings.

Gloaming

Robert Burns

Gie me the hour o' gloamin' grey,
For it maks my heart sae cheery O

John Clare

I bide me I' the gloaming and down
the green path hie

And meet my bonny sweetheart at
the milking o' the kye

Keats

I saw their starved lips in the gloam
With horrid warning gaped wide.

Want to be in the next newsletter?

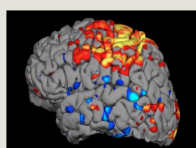
Submit your book reviews, book suggestions, short stories, or poems to me either in person or to kellyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk and you could find yourself in next term's newsletter.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT....CRAZY READING FACTS!

Books— weird facts!

Your brain lights up when you read!

When you read, your brain doesn't just process the words—it activates for sight, sound movement and TASTE! (That means if you're reading about pizza, your brain gets hungry too).



The longest word ever printed is a 189,819-letter word which is a chemical name for titin, a protein. It would take 3.5 hours to read aloud.

Readers live longer... a study has found that people who read for 30 minutes a day lived nearly two years longer than those that didn't.

The first ebook was created in 1971—it was the Declaration of Independence typed up by a student.

There's a word for loving the smell of old books...it is called

BIBLIOSMIA. Old books release compounds that smell like vanilla, coffee or grass.

Winnie-the-Pooh was banned in some countries... they thought that he was inappropriate as he doesn't wear trousers!



ICE LIBRARY OF BAIKAL



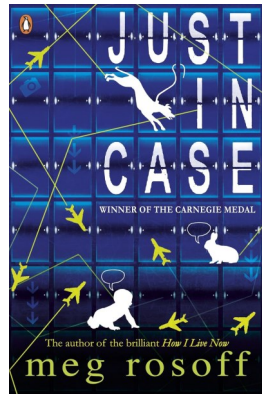
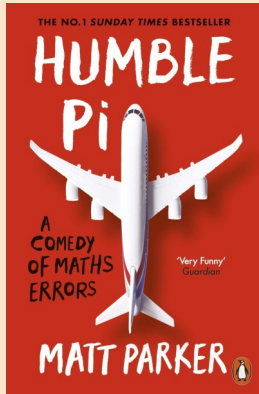
Every year in Baikal, Siberia, an "ice library" is constructed. People from all around the world are invited to send in their "hopes and dreams" which are then etched and carved onto ice blocks for others to browse and read. The ice library covers 800 sq m and is designed in a labyrinthine shape.

BEAUTIFUL BEDFORDSHIRE

Have a look at some of these great books set in or around our beautiful county—all available from the library!

STAFF READS

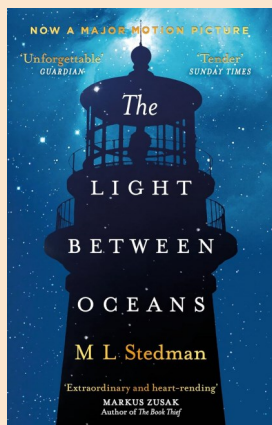
Mr Baio



After a scary accident with his baby brother, 15-year-old David becomes convinced that disaster is waiting around every corner. He changes his name to "Justin Case" and tries to outsmart fate itself. Set close to home in Luton, this clever and slightly quirky story looks at how we handle fear, growing up, and life's unexpected twists.

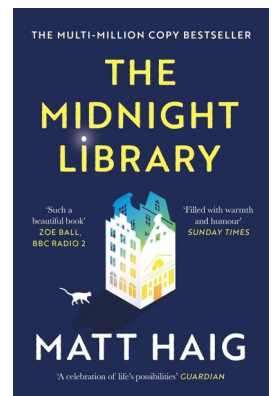
Perfect for fans of: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *A Monster Calls*, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* and *We Were Liars*.

Miss Luck

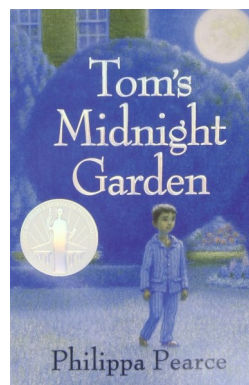
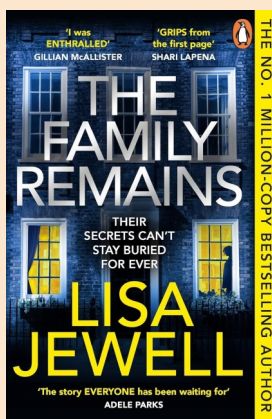


We begin the book with Nora Seed reminiscing about her time in Hazeldene School Library! From this point Nora finds herself in the Midnight Library — a place between life and death where every book contains a different version of her life. As she explores what could have been, Nora learns big lessons about regrets, choices, and what makes life worth living. A thoughtful, hopeful read that blends fantasy with real-life emotions.

Perfect for fans of: *They Both Die at the End*, *The One Memory of Flora Banks* and *Everything, Everything*.



Miss Cawood



When Tom is sent to stay with his aunt and uncle in an old house, he discovers a magical garden that only appears when the clock strikes thirteen. Each night, Tom steps into the garden and meets Hatty, a girl from the past. Set in a town inspired by Bedfordshire's rivers and countryside, this timeless classic weaves time travel, friendship, and mystery into a beautiful story about growing up and letting go.

Perfect for fans of: *Charlotte's Web*, *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, *The Secret Garden*.



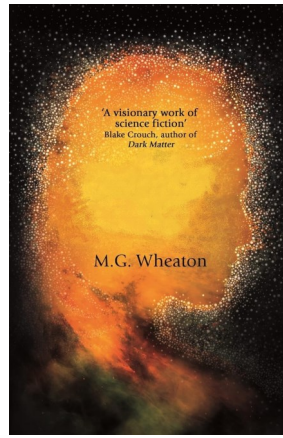
SUMMER PUZZLE

MATCH THE BOOK TITLE TO THE COVER ON THESE SUNNY-INSPIRED BOOKS!

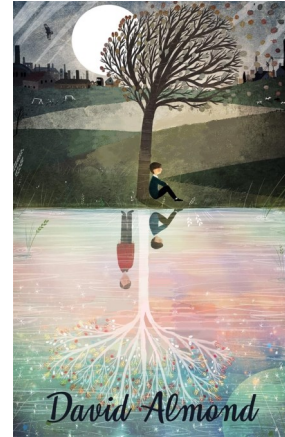
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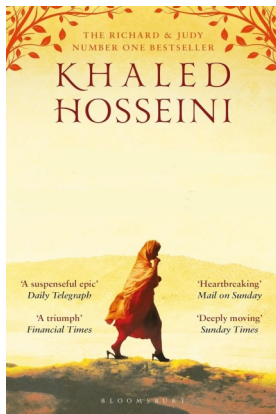


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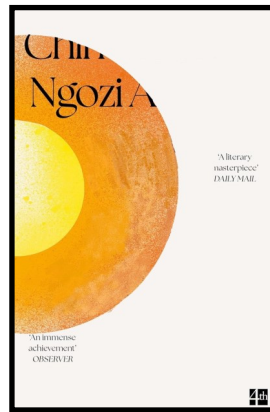


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BURNING
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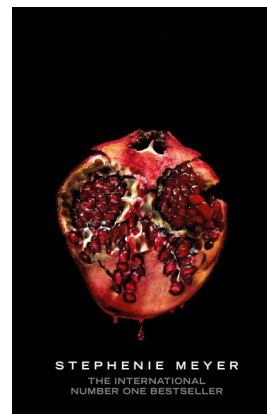


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THE
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EMILY
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*Wishing you all a lovely Summer break!
Mrs Kelly*

