

BWJPS READING NEWSLETTER



**HOLIDAY SPECIAL
AUGUST 2023**

GUARDIANS OF THE WILD UNICORNS

On a cold, wet, miserable school trip to the Scottish Highlands, Lewis finds himself in the middle of a mythical dilemma: should he save the last of the wild unicorns? He never dreamed they were real but now he must help save their lives, alongside his best friend Rhona. The task will be difficult and possibly deadly. Can they do it?

Littleton has lots of wonderful books to choose from but I obviously had to go for the one based on unicorns. This, however, is not the magical 'shiny' book you would expect. Instead, I found myself in a gritty, modern and almost realistic tale of the dangers of poaching, friendship and a world where unicorns exist (duh!) but are dangerously magical. A great book that mixes important issues with a punchy plot.

AGES 9+



LITTLESON SAYS...

To everyone at Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School,

I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are looking forward to the new term. When I was school-age, I often felt a bit gloomy when the holidays ended and cheered myself up on my first day back by choosing a brilliant new book from the class or school library!

Libraries are Very Important Places. You can go there to escape into funny stories or travel on magical adventures whenever real-life gets sad or boring or lonely. You can visit to learn fascinating facts in the non-fiction section. Your friends might recommend books, and that's great, but remember to choose the stories that interest and excite YOU.

When I was a child I was an avid reader. It's a brilliant feeling, isn't it, when you're enjoying a story so much you don't want to put it down? Two of my childhood favourites were *Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C O'Brien and *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. What's your favourite story? If you haven't found one yet, keep looking. Somewhere, in a bookshop or on a library shelf, is a story you'll love forever.

Keep reading!
Best wishes,
Lindsay Littleton

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: LINDSAY LITTLESON



BOOKS OF THE SUMMER

ALEX LATIMER

'The Duck Never Blinks' is a silly book that will have children begging for it to be read again and adults not minding. The book begins by introducing the duck that has not blinked all day before encouraging readers to think of ideas to make it blink. What unfolds is a fun tale for both reader and listener. Will the duck blink? Read on to find out.



EYFS

A book that made me smile and laugh out loud. My baby cousin loved it! Warning: Next time you feed the ducks, warn children to not try to make them blink! :)

SARAH COYLE



Vincent's dog, Trouble, has disappeared and he needs YOUR help. Has Trouble been stolen by aliens? Or pilfered by pirates? Is she exploring the jungle? It's up to YOU to decide! Discover not one but THREE fun-filled worlds in this PICK A STORY adventure. You'll find twists and turns, hilarious characters . . . and decisions to make on every page.

It has been years since I read a decent 'choose-your-own adventure' and this one did not disappoint. Filled with fantastical characters and brilliant illustrations, this will have children hooked and going back to read again! I also loved the many discussion opportunities this book holds.

KS1

When James' dad leaves, he seems to worry about - and second guess - everything; including his hobbies. Whilst being an amazing baker - something he has always enjoyed - he feels like there's something missing. Enter...rap! Soon James is writing new raps about everything (including baking) and an exciting opportunity unfolds. Will James find the confidence to showcase his rap skills in front of famous Grime artist, Brukka?

HELENA DUGGAN

Obviously I expected the book to be funny, with the author being famous comedian, Romesh Ranganathan. What I didn't expect was the plot to be so catchy. An easy read with very important messages; this is a great debut novel.



LKS2

The second adventure in the gripping and mysterious eco-adventure series, 'The Light Thieves', from one of my favourite children's authors, Helena Duggan.

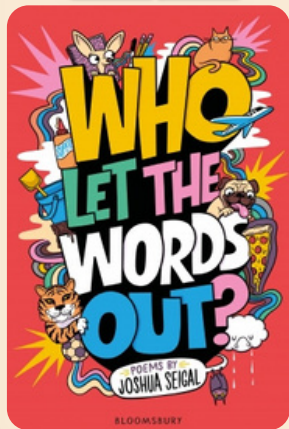
Only kids can save the world. The energy from the sun is being stolen. It's a catastrophe for the planet and every living thing on it! Friends Grian, Jeffrey and Shelli are desperately trying to work out how it's happening. They know tech genius, Howard Hansom, is behind the theft and they're determined to stop him. But they can't use any of Hansom's smart technology in their quest as it will track them wherever they go. The three young heroes need to find a strange black mirror to help them save the sun. Time is running out. Can kids really save the world?



I haven't been lucky enough to read this new instalment of 'The Light Thieves' series but I know it will be great. The first was brilliant and Helena Duggan can do no wrong in my eyes. Let me know if you read this!

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COMING SOON!

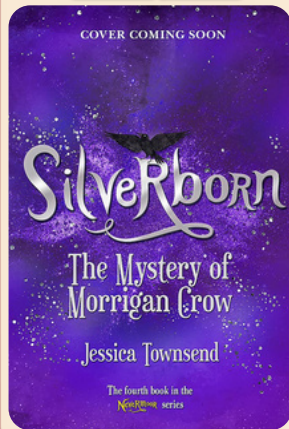


RELEASE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 14

Age: 7+

In this brand new collection of poems from award-winning poet, Joshua Seigal, words take on a whole new meaning; enter a world of creative word play with downright hilarious poems about cuddling tigers, pesky pet fleas and even what to do if your teacher is ever turned into a chicken.

It's been a while since I've been excited about a poetry collection but I'll definitely be ordering this for school.



RELEASE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 10

Age: 9+

Morrigan Crow is ready for a new adventure. In *Silverborn: The Mystery of Morrigan Crow*, we will travel to places in Nevermoor that we've never seen, we'll meet people from Morrigan's past who will be very important in untangling the mystery of who she is... as she sides with someone very dangerous to learn more of the Wondrous Arts.

I cannot wait for the newest instalment of this magical series. Each one has been great in its own right and I'm sure this one will not disappoint!



RELEASE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 26

Age: 9+

After saving the world multiple times, Percy Jackson is hoping to have a normal senior year. Unfortunately, the gods aren't quite done with him. Percy will have to fulfill three quests in order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation from Mount Olympus for college.

It's been more than a decade since Riordan released a Percy Jackson book so I'm intrigued to see where the story goes with this return to a best-selling series.



RELEASE DATE:
OCTOBER 12

Age: 9+

From exploring Stonehenge with Merlin to riding stags in the forests of Scotland, this spellbinding volume adapts *Storyland* for younger readers, is brimming with glorious myths and legends lurking in every corner of Britain. In this vivid and beautifully illustrated mythology of Britain, children will discover enchanting tales of magic and adventure, giants and demons, princesses and prophecies.

I'm looking forward to this as it fits into Y5/6 English and History lessons perfectly.

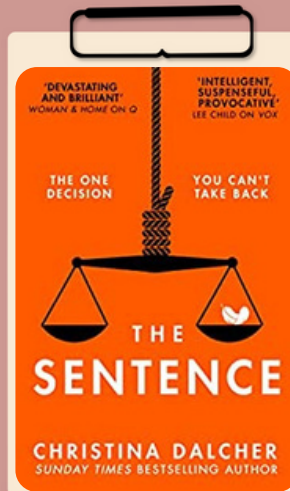


RELEASE DATE:
AUGUST 29

Age: 14+

Four brothers. Two missions. One explosive read. Jennifer Lynn Barnes returns to the world of her #1 bestselling *Inheritance Games* trilogy, and the stakes have never been higher. 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.

This is the book I'm most excited for as I LOVED this series and was disappointed when it ended! Very excited to hear more about what happens next...



RELEASE DATE:
AUGUST 17

Adults

A law intended to end capital punishment. Prosecutors who seek the death penalty put their lives on the line if the guilty are later found innocent.

A lawyer convinced beyond reasonable doubt. Justine Boucher is presented with overwhelming evidence in a brutal murder case. Her request for execution is granted. But what if she's wrong?

It's been a while since a good dystopian gripped me but this blurb has me instantly wanting to read on! Definitely one for your book clubs.

MRS W'S TOP PICKS




ONE FOR THE ADULTS



'The Guilty Couple' centres around Olivia Sutherland who, five years ago, was wrongfully imprisoned for the attempted murder of her husband. Now she's back out and she wants to clear her name to get her daughter back. To do so, she has to unearth her husband's treacherous lies and secrets - which run deeper than she could have ever believed. How far is Olivia willing to go for retribution?

In my opinion, you can't go wrong with a C.L.Taylor book. Her thrillers are always pacy, well-written and packed with twists and turns and this one did not disappoint! Every time I felt I sensed the direction it was going in, a spanner was thrown into the works. A great easy read that - for me - felt more realistic than some thrillers tend to be. A good one for the beach or plane.



ONE FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS 16+

A brilliantly written duology filled with magic, suspense, tension and romance. I read each book in a day as I was hooked from the first few chapters. I particularly loved the strong female protagonist - Brie - and how the love for her sister means more to her than anything.

'These Hollow Vows' is the first in the duology and it immediately immerses you into a land where Faerie folk are real but are dangerous and to be avoided. Brie is 16 and a skilled thief; doing what she can to keep her and her sister alive whilst belonging to their evil aunt. When her sister is sold to Mordeus, an evil faerie king, Brie must travel into the land of the Fae to fight for her sister.



All is not what she thought, however, and Brie soon finds herself in a battle of hearts while she tries to complete the mission to save her sister. For Brie, only her sister's love matters, but will that remain when she is torn between the Golden Fae Prince and head of the rebels? Will she be able to save her sister? The odds are against her but Brie is special...

The first book was a rollercoaster of emotions. Whilst romance is at the centre of the book, I like how it doesn't become soppy or 'choose me'. Instead, betrayal and danger lurk around every corner. The second book does look more into the relationships but is still very enjoyable to read.

