



Ladygrove Loves Reading

A termly newsletter for those who love reading, those who would like to know more about reading or for those who haven't really caught the reading bug...yet!

Mrs Fowkes recommends...

The Last Wild by Piers Torday



I first discovered 'The Last Wild' at Didcot Library as an audio book. My family and I loved it so much, I immediately bought the rest of the trilogy, 'The Dark Wild' and 'The Wild Beyond'.

What I particularly love is that the tone of Piers Torday's writing is so immediate and modern; you are plunged into familiar yet dystopian world without time to draw breath. All you can do is read on breathlessly to find out the fate of each of his incredible characters.

The Last Wild is about a boy called Kester Jaynes, trapped in a 'special' school and unable to communicate. That is, until a cockroach captures his attention. Cue the start of an animal filled adventure, where Kester will need to use powers he never knew he possessed if he is to navigate seemingly endless trials.

Since the trilogy, I have also read 'There May Be A Castle', and I can't wait to buy 'The Lost Magician', set in WWII and about a magic library.

These are thrilling, touching, and truly unique books, set in alternative world and ultimately based on a hero's struggle to be a saviour.



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Think you like to read? Try our book quiz..

- 📁 ① What name are given to the tiny people, such as fourteen-year-old Arriety Clock, that live in the secret places of old houses?
- 📖 ① Which series of books were written by J.K. Rowling?
- 🐛 ① In the picture book The Very Hungry Caterpillar a caterpillar eats its way through lots of foodstuffs before emerging as what?
- 🐈 ① The Cheshire Cat is a fictional cat in which book?
- 📖 ① Which famous Victorian author wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
- 📖 ① What was the name of the little boy in Jungle Book?
- 👦 ① Who created the little fictional boy called Noddy?
- 🦁 ① How does Lucy get to Narnia in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe?
- 📺 ① Which television personality has written the books The World's Worst Children, Gangsta Granny and The Midnight Gang?



Class 13 recommend... the author Lisa Thompson!

Q: Have you always wanted to be a writer?

A: Yes. Writing was the first job I remember wanting to do but it took me a very long time to actually sit down and write a proper book.

Q: Where do you write your books?

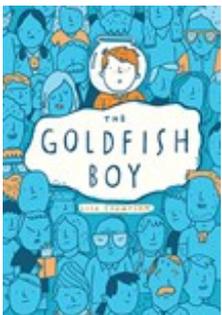
A: I do have a little desk but I tend to do most of my writing at my kitchen table as it's closer to the kettle and the biscuits.

Q: What is the best thing about writing?

A: The readers! I love being able to make people feel such strong emotions purely from my words on page - whether it's making them laugh, cry or them cheering a character on.



WHY NOT CHECK OUT THREE OF HER AWESOME BOOKS?

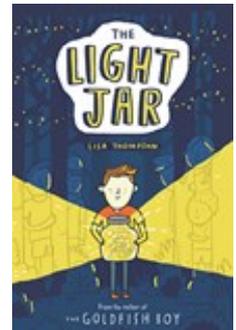


The Goldfish boy

Matthew is a 12 year old boy who suffers with severe OCD and is spending most of his time in his bedroom watching his neighbours in Chestnut Close go about their business. When the next door neighbour's grandson, Teddy, goes missing it becomes clear that Matthew was the last person to see him. What has happened to Teddy? Did Matthew see what happened? All will be revealed in this great mystery.

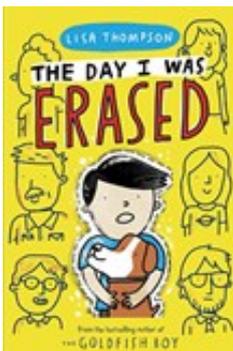
The Light Jar

Nate and his mother are running away, hiding out in a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. When Mum heads off for provisions, and then doesn't return, Nate is left alone and afraid, with the dark closing in all around him. But comfort can come from the most unexpected of places - an intriguing girl on a mission to solve a decades-old treasure hunt, and the reappearance of an old friend from his past...



The Day I Erased

Maxwell is permanently in trouble. He's a total menace to his teachers and big sister, but has a soft side too: he rescued his dog, Monster, from being run over and checks on his elderly neighbour, Reg, after school.



One day, while looking through Reg's mysterious cabinet of curiosities, Maxwell finds himself erased from his life: it's as if he'd never been born. At first, being able to walk around without being yelled at is great, but Maxwell starts to miss his old life, and, if he'd never existed, then he wouldn't have swooped Monster out of the path of that car...

Is there a way to reverse the erasure and save the day once more?

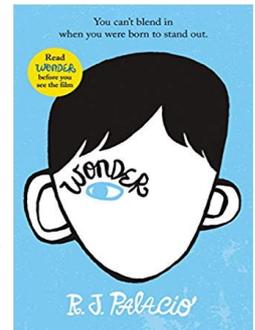
Recommendations from our children

Hannah from Class 14 would like to recommend...

Wonder by R.J.Palacio

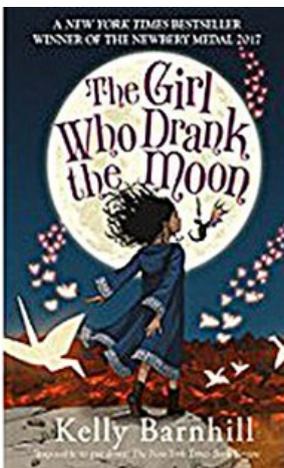
"I am Hannah and I would like to recommend Wonder by R.J. Palacio. This book has taught me the lesson that if you were born different that doesn't mean you are. You will need tissues in hand: it's an emotional wreck!

Miss Zebroski is reading this to us in class and we all love it. Lots of people recognise the difference between normal and not normal. August Pullman is not normal but he is a true wonder."



Lois from Class 12 would like to recommend...

The Girl Who Drank The Moon by Kelly Barnhill



'Yes. There is a witch in the woods. There has always been a witch.'

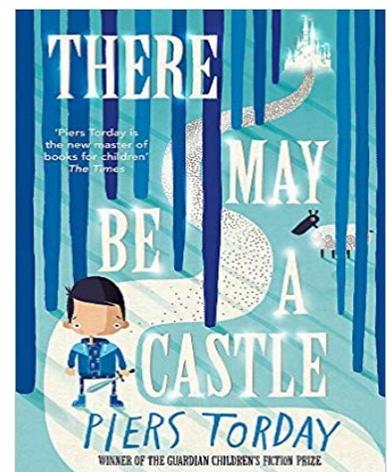
Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this will keep her from harassing them and their town. What the people don't know is she's a kind witch and she rescues all the babies that are sacrificed to her and sends them to new welcoming families feeding them magical starlight on the journey.

I was drawn to this book by the front cover. I brought it from Waterstones and the moon and the paper birds flying around made me want to read it. It reminded me of a book I had recently read called A pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison (I would really recommend this book too!).

This book is full of adventure, mystery and magic, and there is a teeny tiny dragon too! You won't be disappointed and it's impossible to put down.

Skye from Class 12 would like to recommend the following books:

1. The Wizard of Once—Cressida Cowell
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3. Maisie Hitchens and The Phantom Cat—Holly Webb
4. Fing—David Walliams
5. The 13 Storey Treehouse—Andy Griffiths
6. BFG—Roald Dahl
7. The Harry Potter series—J.K. Rowling
8. Terrys' Dumb Dot Story—Andy Griffiths
9. There May Be A Castle—Piers Torday



RECOMMENDED

If you would like to recommend a book to a fellow reader in the next issue of Ladygrove Loves Reading then please pass on your recommendations to Mrs Clarkson.