

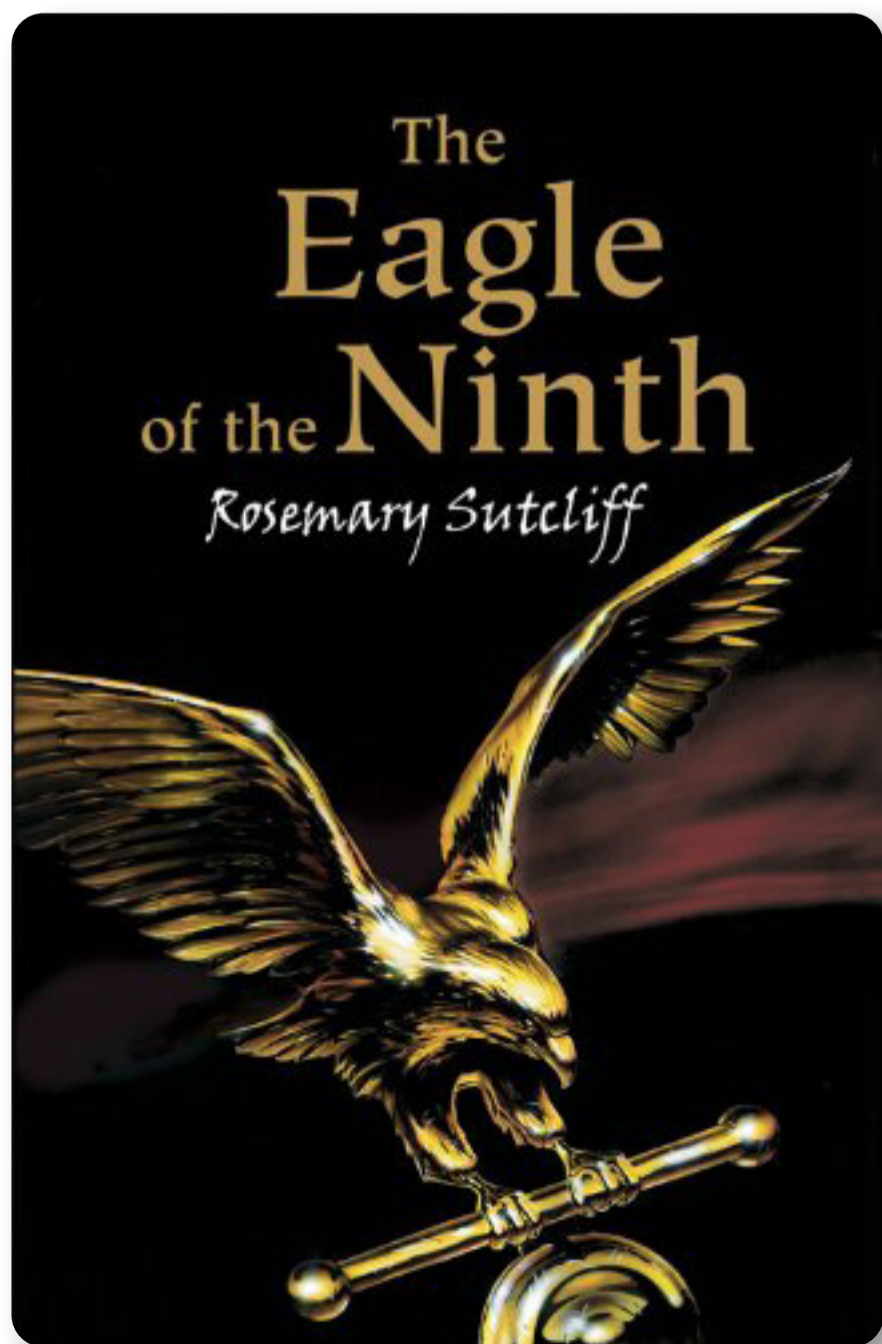


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Mr Waller's is...

The Eagle of the Ninth

by Rosemary Sutcliff

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The adventures of the characters as they journeyed through Roman Britain in search of a lost Eagle standard of the Ninth Legion which mysteriously vanished were so exciting and captured my imagination. I think I must have read it at least 5 times before I went to secondary school.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone with a love of the Ancient world, or who likes films like *Gladiator* or TV shows like *Game of Thrones*... the journey of two heroes into the north, away from civilisation, beyond the wall...



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Mrs Saxby-Street's is...

Frankenstein

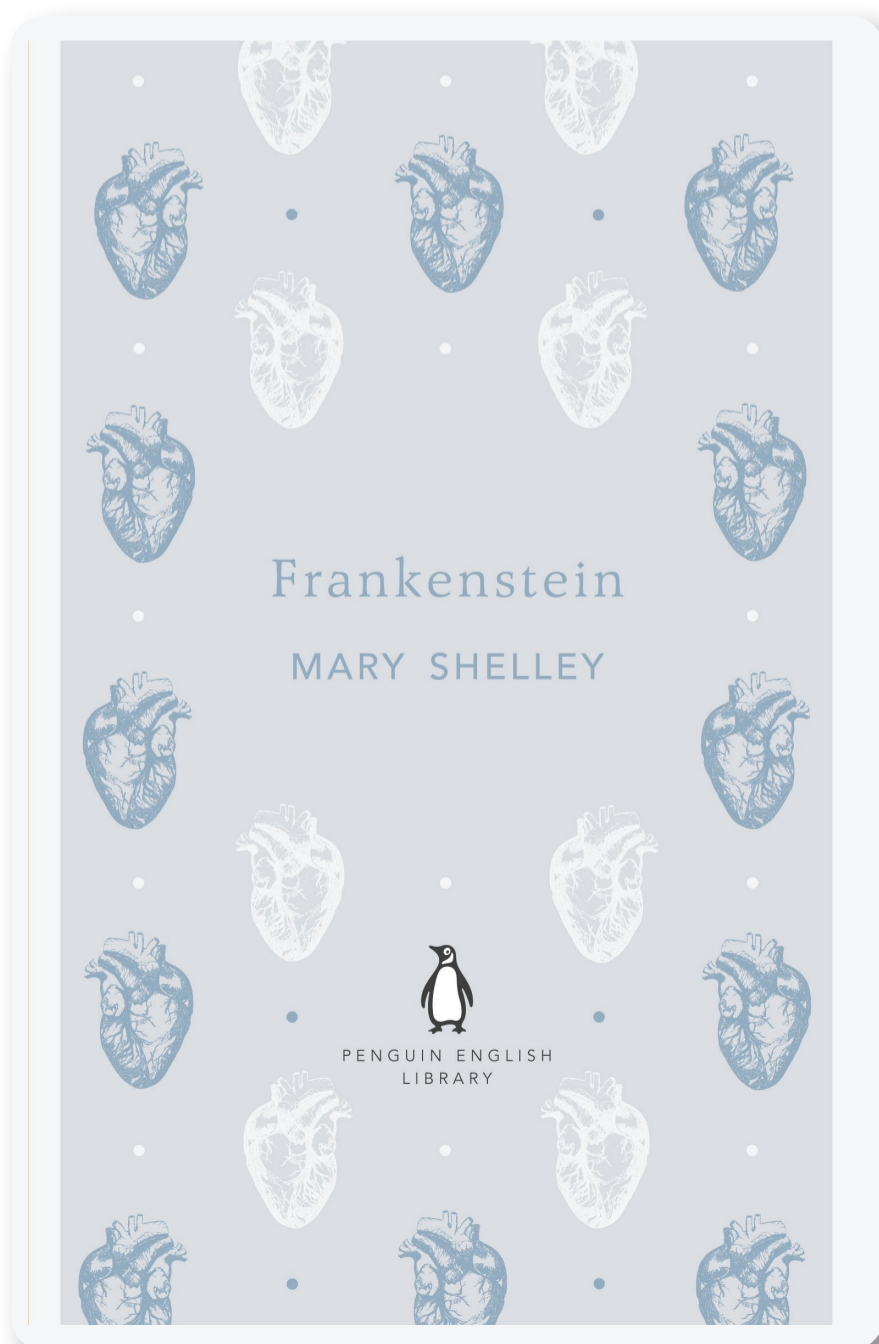
by Mary Shelley

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ It was challenging but thrilling!

Who would enjoy it?

“ Anyone who enjoys realistic fantasy,
science fiction or thrillers.



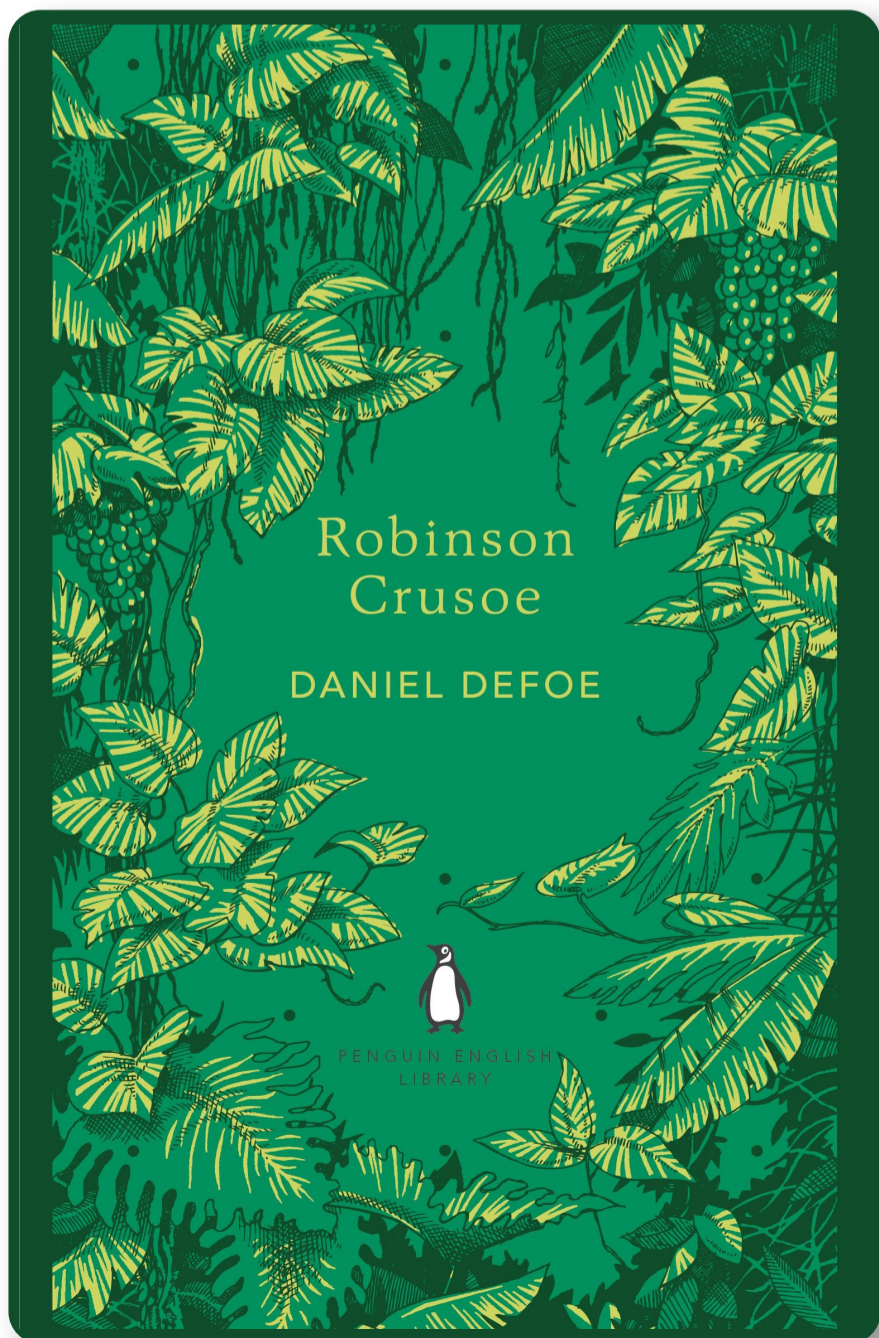


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Mr Price's is...

Robinson Crusoe

by Daniel Defoe

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I loved the sense of freedom and adventure, the account of how he builds his various houses and then organises his inventory, and how the circumstances he finds himself in lead him back to God.

Who would enjoy it?

Anyone who has a longing for adventure, is interested in surviving in the wilderness or exploring uncharted territory.



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Mr Smith's is...

The Silver Sword

by Ian Serraillier

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Amazing and daring story about escape from
Nazi prison camp during WW2. Very emotional
reading

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who likes history and how people
survived in difficult conditions. I read it at
Primary school and I still remember it to this
day!

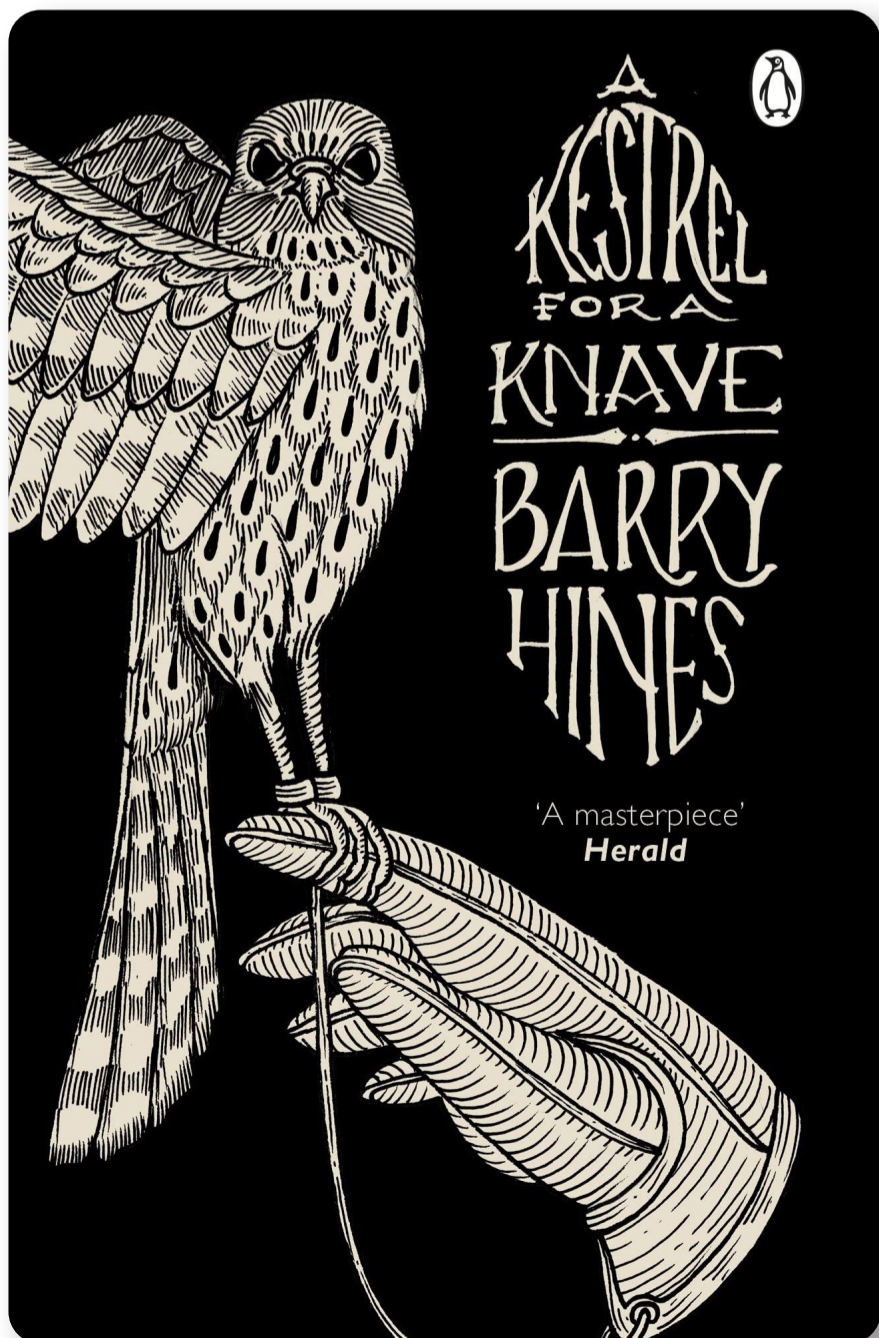


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Mrs Walton's is...

A Kestrel for a Knave

by Barry Hines

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I enjoyed reading *A Kestrel for a Knave* because the book is told from the point of view of a northern, working class teenager who encounters difficulties both at home and at school. He finds himself a hobby training a kestrel which helps him to escape his troubles and find a hobby he enjoys.

Who would enjoy it?

I think that although the story is set in the 1960's, there are issues and situations that young people at secondary school could certainly relate to now. Billy Casper, who is the main character is sometimes picked on by his older brother and struggles in certain subjects, like PE.



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Mr Young's is...

The Wind in the Willows

by Kenneth Grahame

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“It is an entertaining and comforting story, but it also contains important lessons about the world and human relationships.

Who would enjoy it?

“It's a classic. It could be read and enjoyed by anyone who enjoys interesting characters and entertaining plots, but also likes their reading to be thought-provoking.

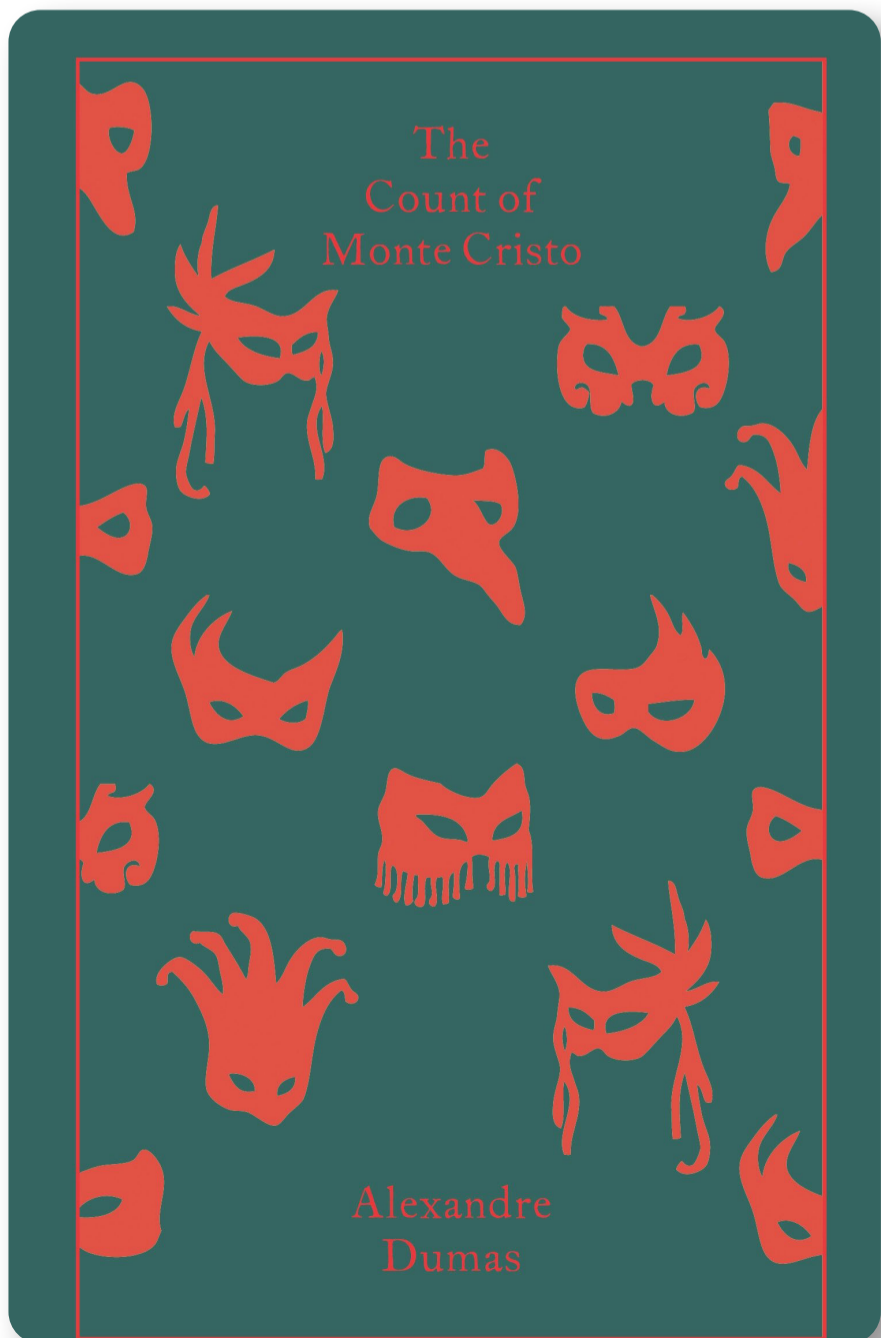


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Mr Pellet's is...

The Count of Monte Cristo

by Alexandre Dumas

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The themes of revenge, justice and redemption struck a chord with me in my teenage years.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone and everyone!

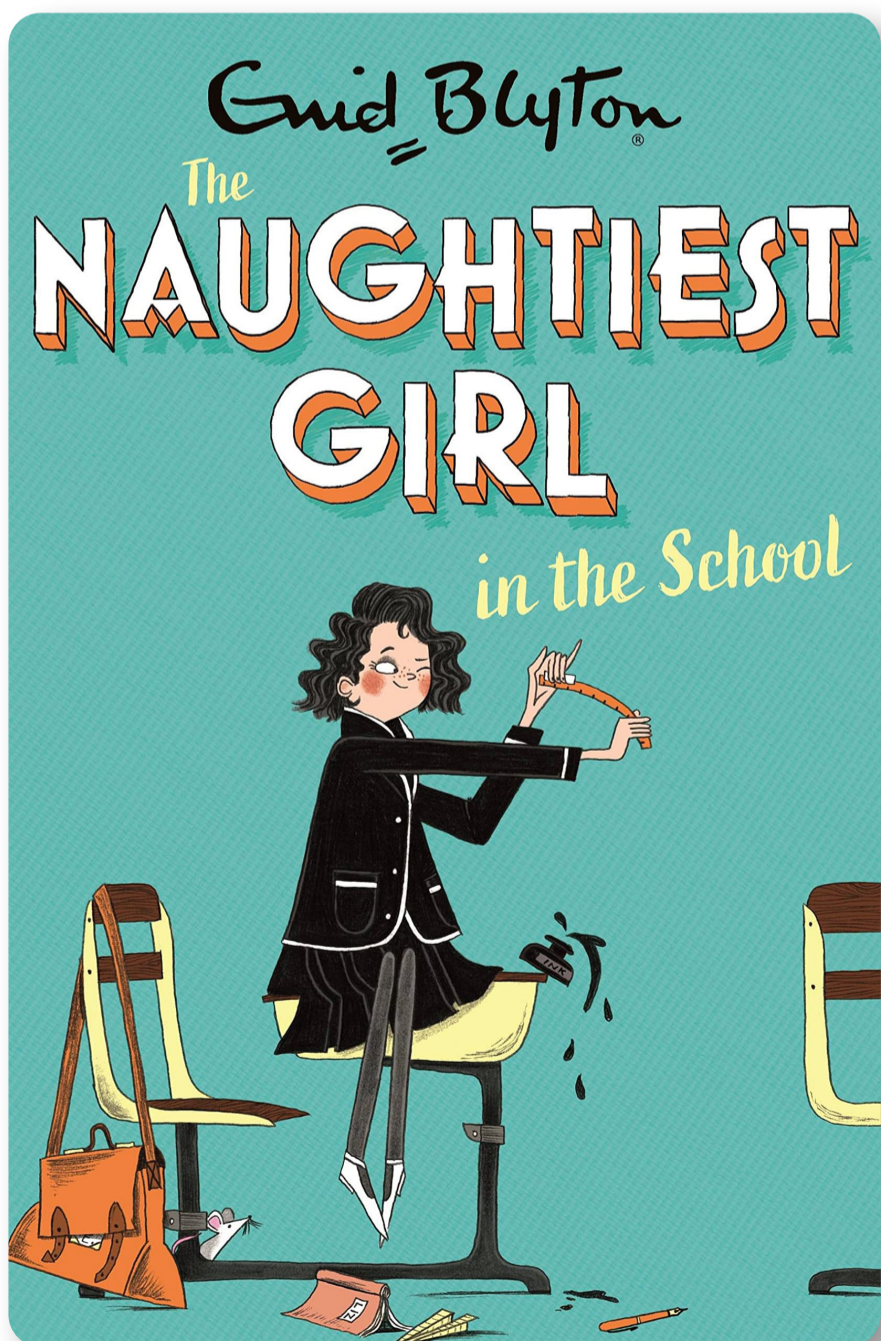


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Mrs Musso's is...

The Naughtiest Girl in the School

by Enid Blyton

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ I would like to think I was well-behaved at school, so I found it exciting to read about a girl who was mischievous.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Any pupils aged around 10-12.

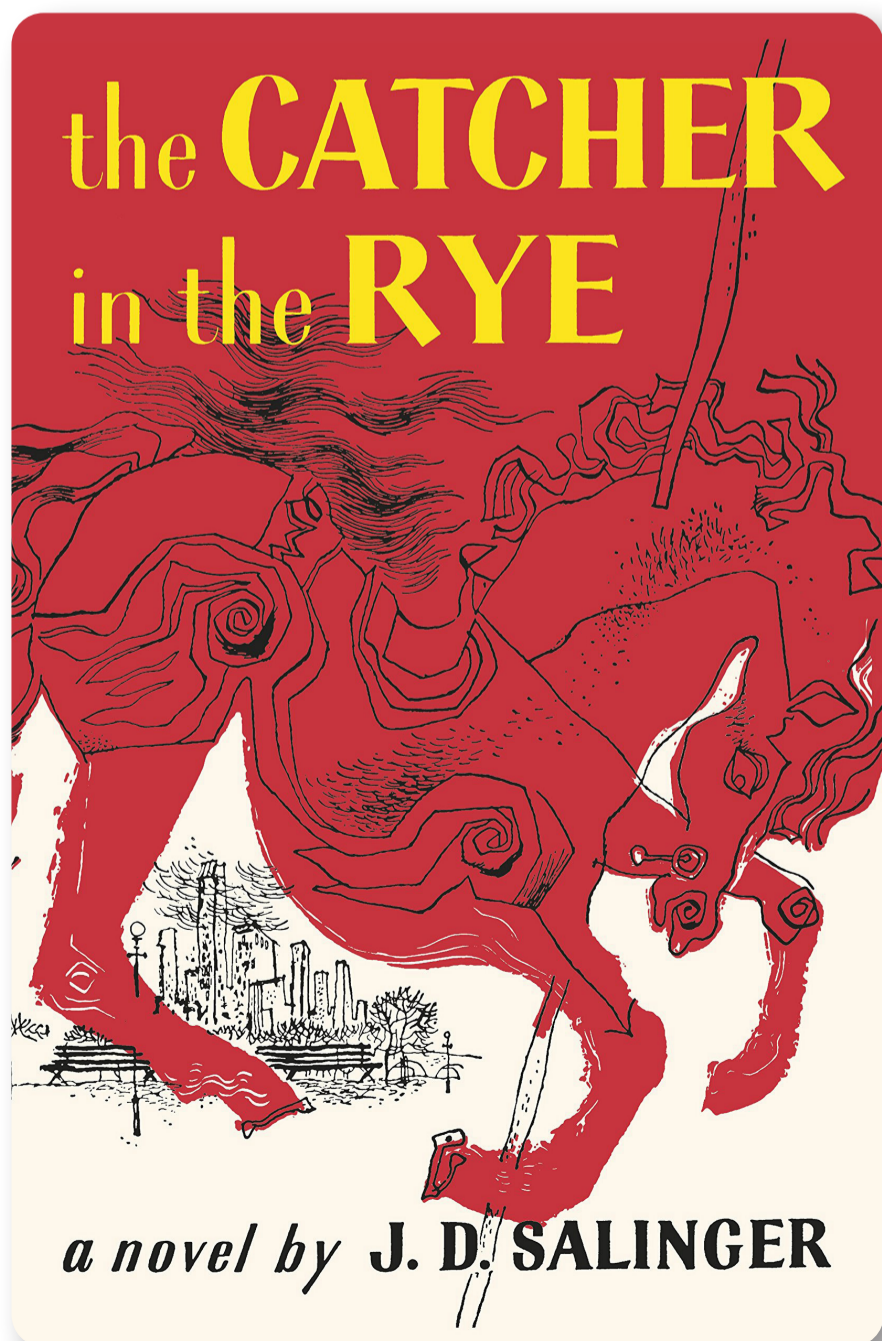


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Mr Surgeon's is...

The Catcher in the Rye
by J.D. Salinger

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ It is a story of rebellion and growing up. As a 16 year old, these were two themes that felt very relevant to me!

Who would enjoy it?

“ This coming of age novel would be well received by anybody who wanted to question the status quo and is interested in the broader aspects of youth culture.

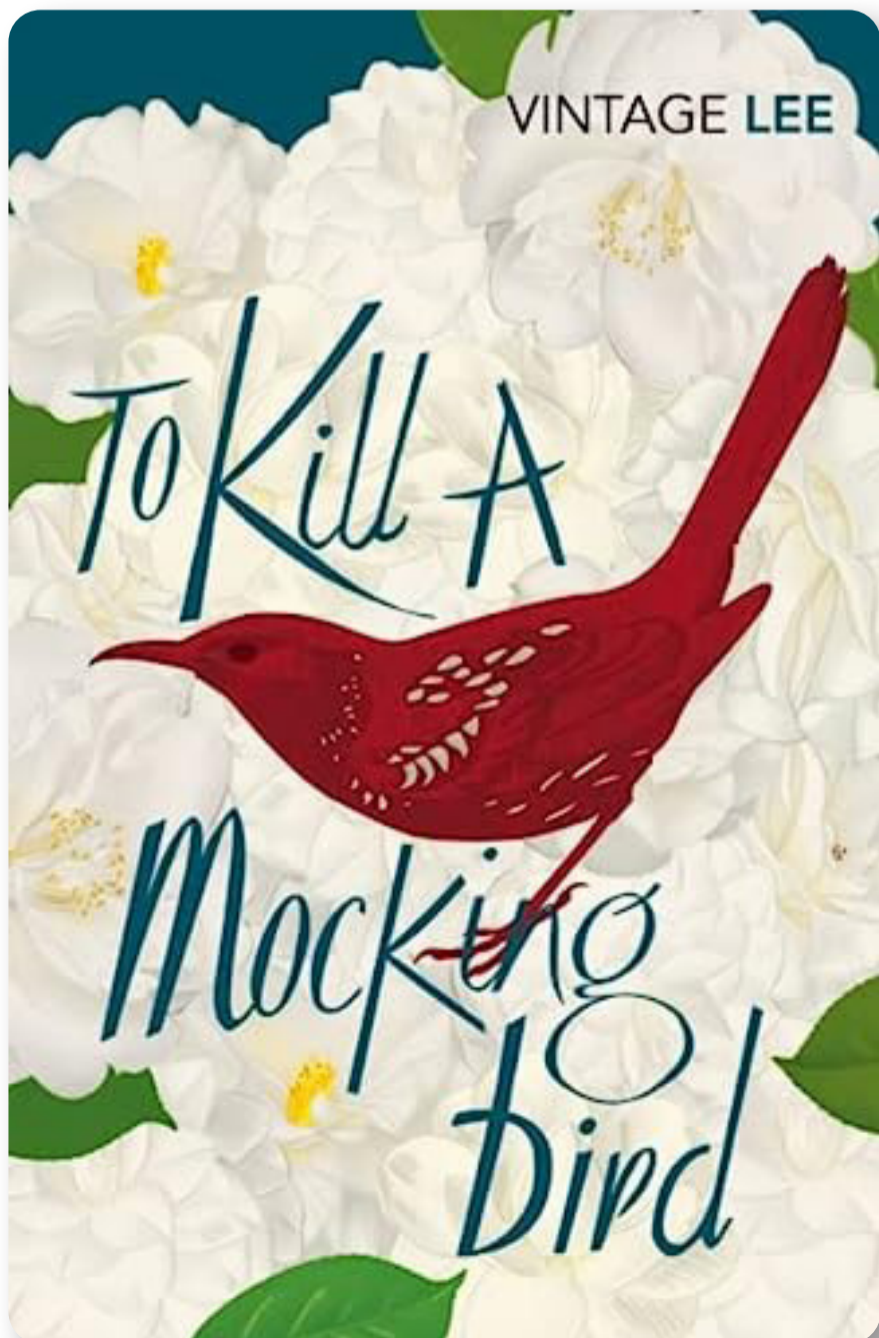


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Mrs Powell's is...

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I enjoyed reading this book mainly because of the characters and plethora of themes that the book explores. The relationship between Atticus and Scout, the political and racial tensions of the times proved for an interesting read. Suspension throughout and an all time favourite!

Who would enjoy it?

Anyone and everyone would enjoy reading this book - it's a timeless classic that would suit anyone 11+.



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Ms Holmes' is...

The Outsiders

by S. E. Hinton

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Ponyboy was a cute, misunderstood bad boy from a broken home, living a bit wildly with his brothers and friends. What's not to love when you're a teenage girl!

Who would enjoy it?

“Teens.

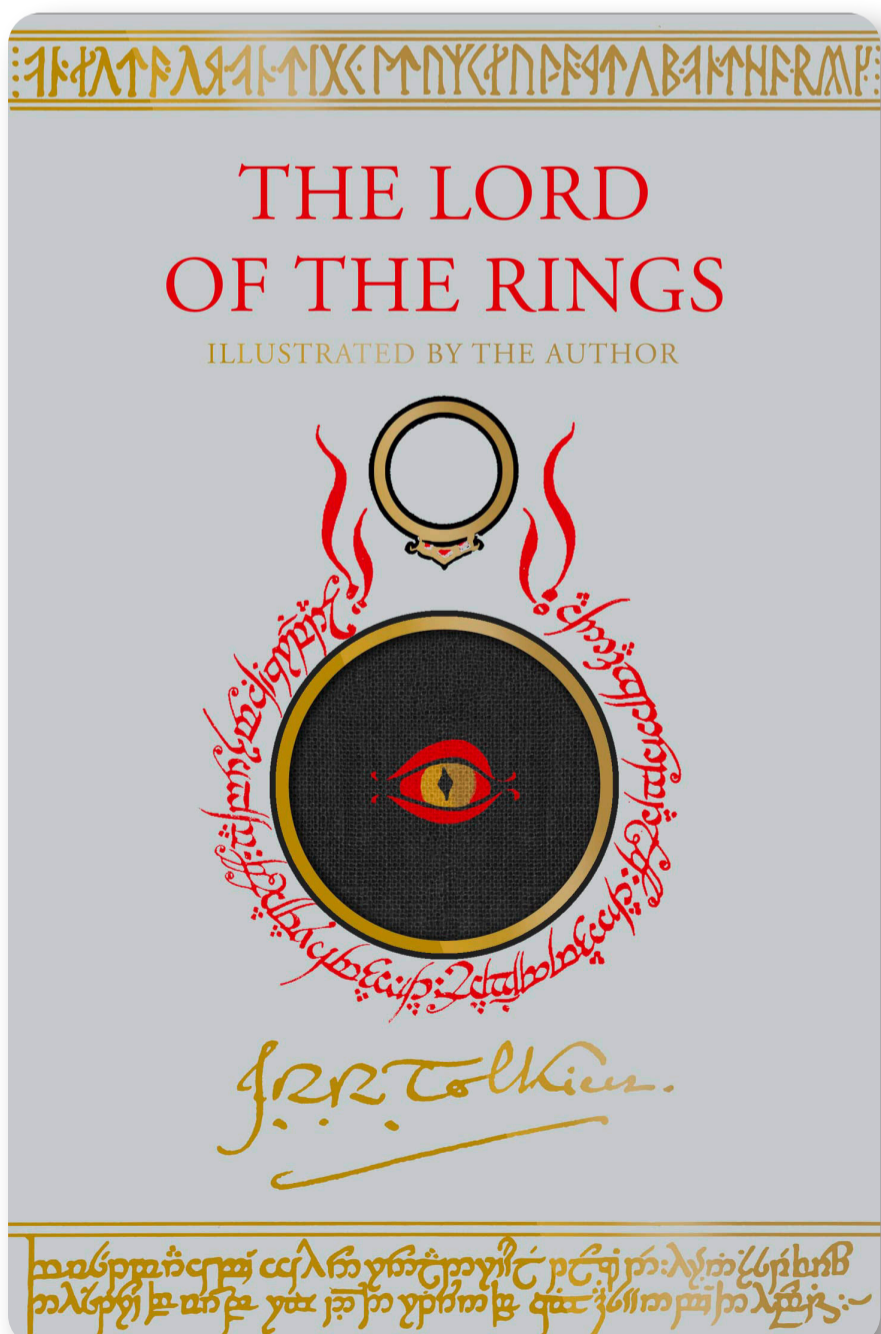


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Mr Howe's is...

The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Escape into a world that was fantastical and had everything from true love to true evil. Great battles, deaths, rising from the dead. You name it, these three books have it all.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who loves a great story and wants to escape to such a detailed world you could imagine it as if it was real.

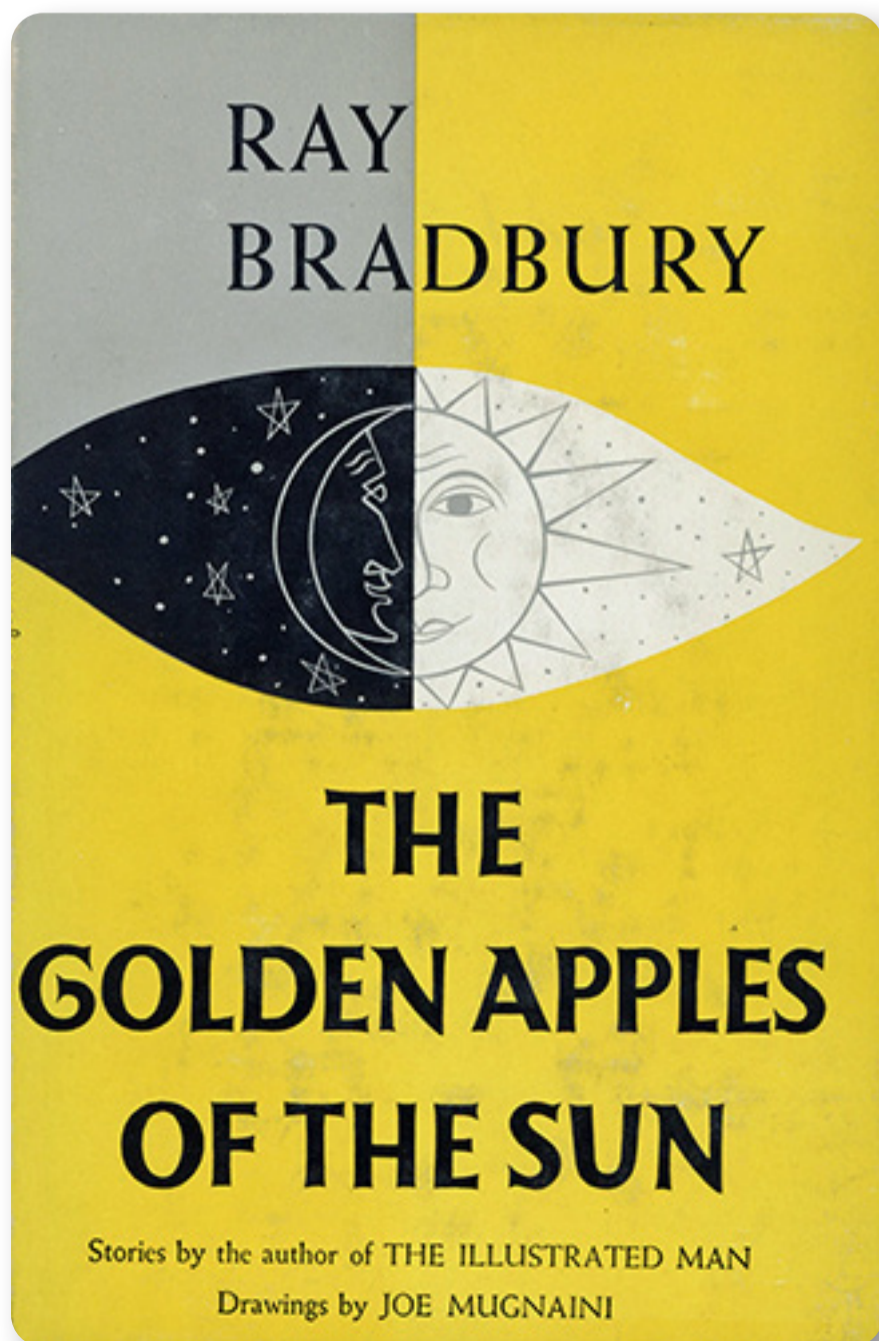


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Mr Patterson's is...

Golden Apples of the Sun

by Ray Bradbury

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Thought provoking and memorable stories that were easy to relate to.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anybody from the ages of 13 years and older who finds themselves asking questions about the world in which they live.

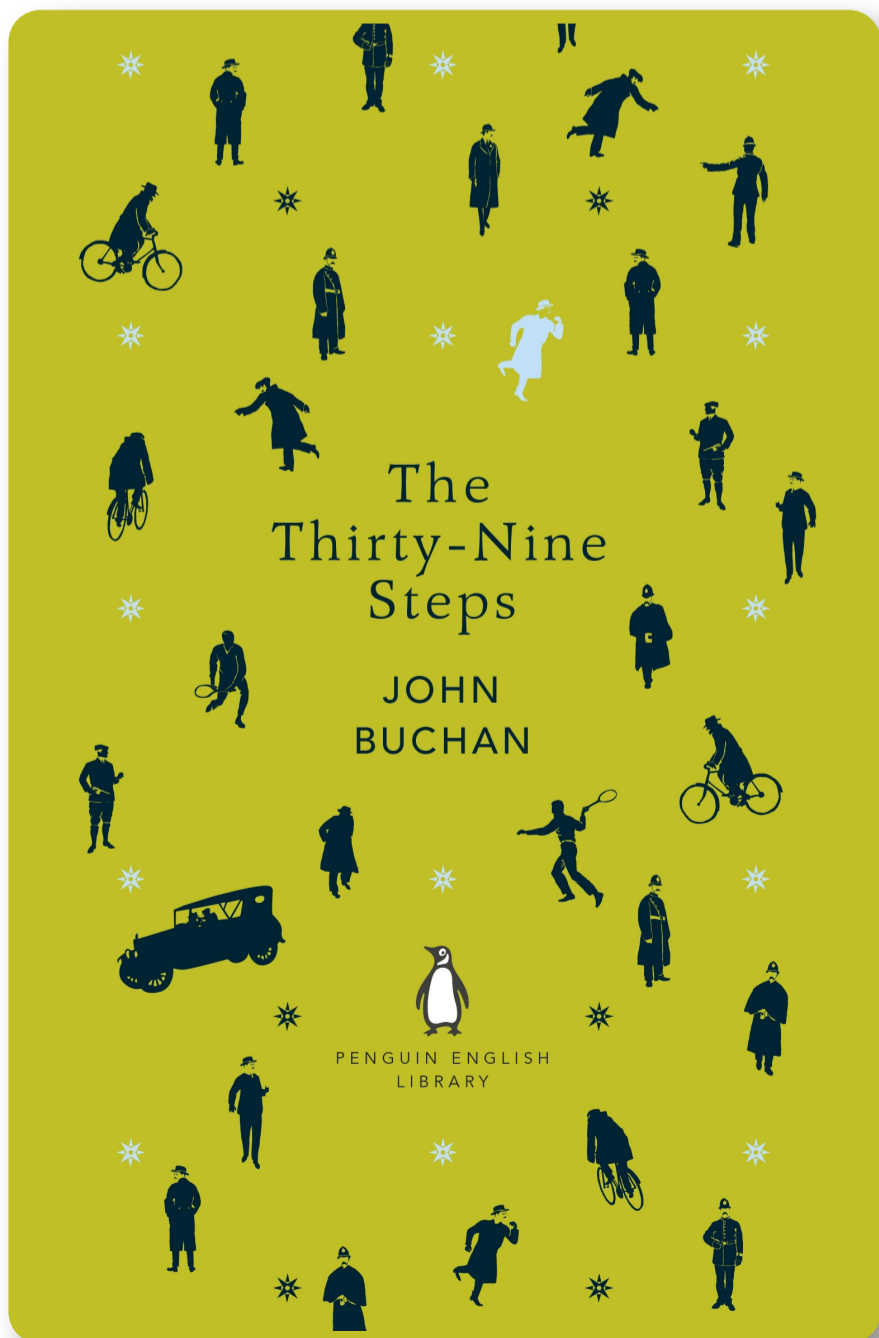


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Mr Jones' is...

The 39 Steps

by John Buchan

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“This was my gateway book into adult fiction. Written during the First World War, this is the original and best of pager-turners. A murder in London leads to manhunt for our hero Richard Hannay. Who will get to him first, the police or the dreaded ‘Black Hand’?”

Who would enjoy it?

“Everyone! A gripping read that some may say is dated but I think is a timeless classic.”

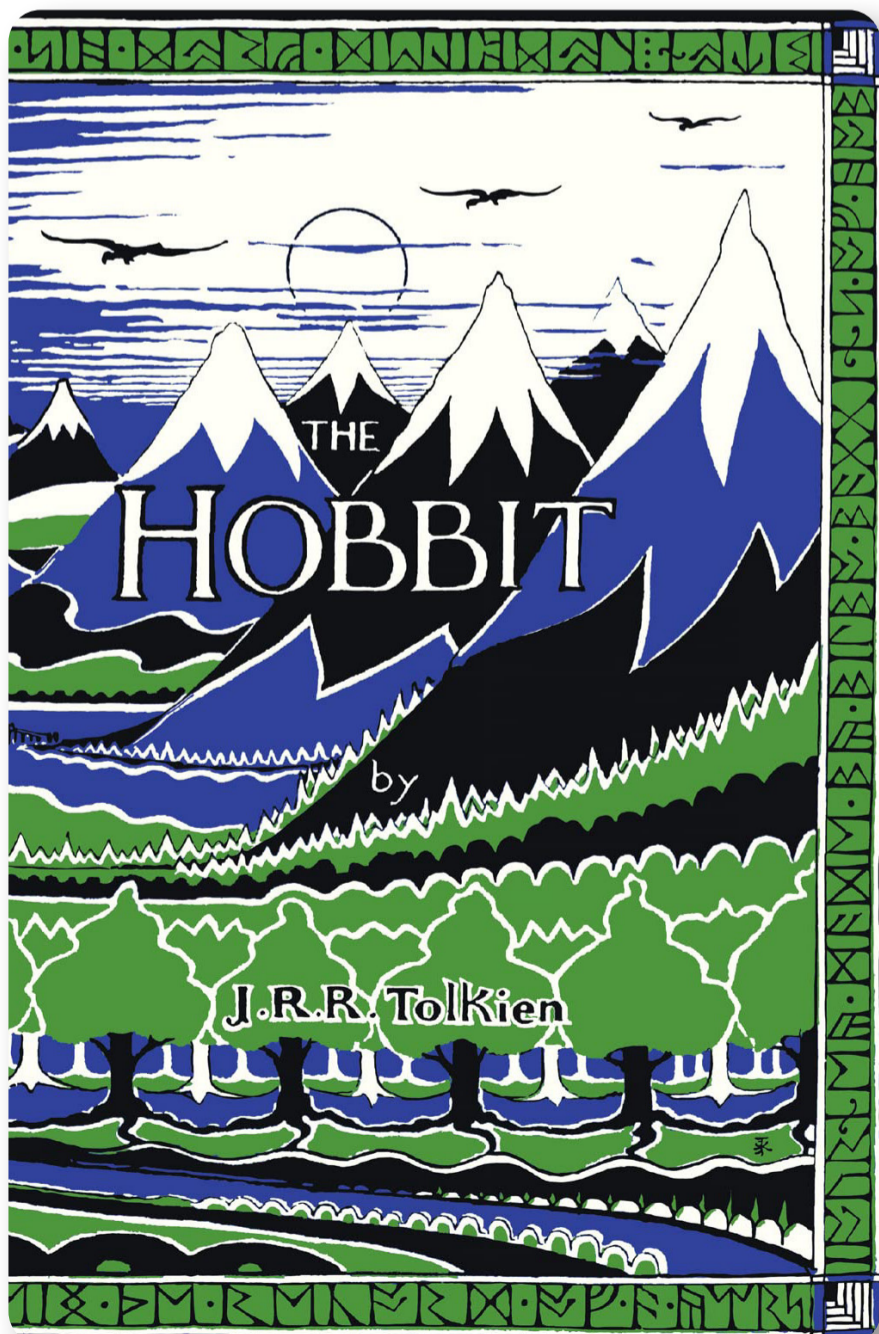


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Mrs Heward's is...

The Hobbit

by JRR Tolkien

Why did you enjoy reading it?

It is well written and the story takes you on an eventful journey through middle earth.

Who would enjoy it?

Children and adults.

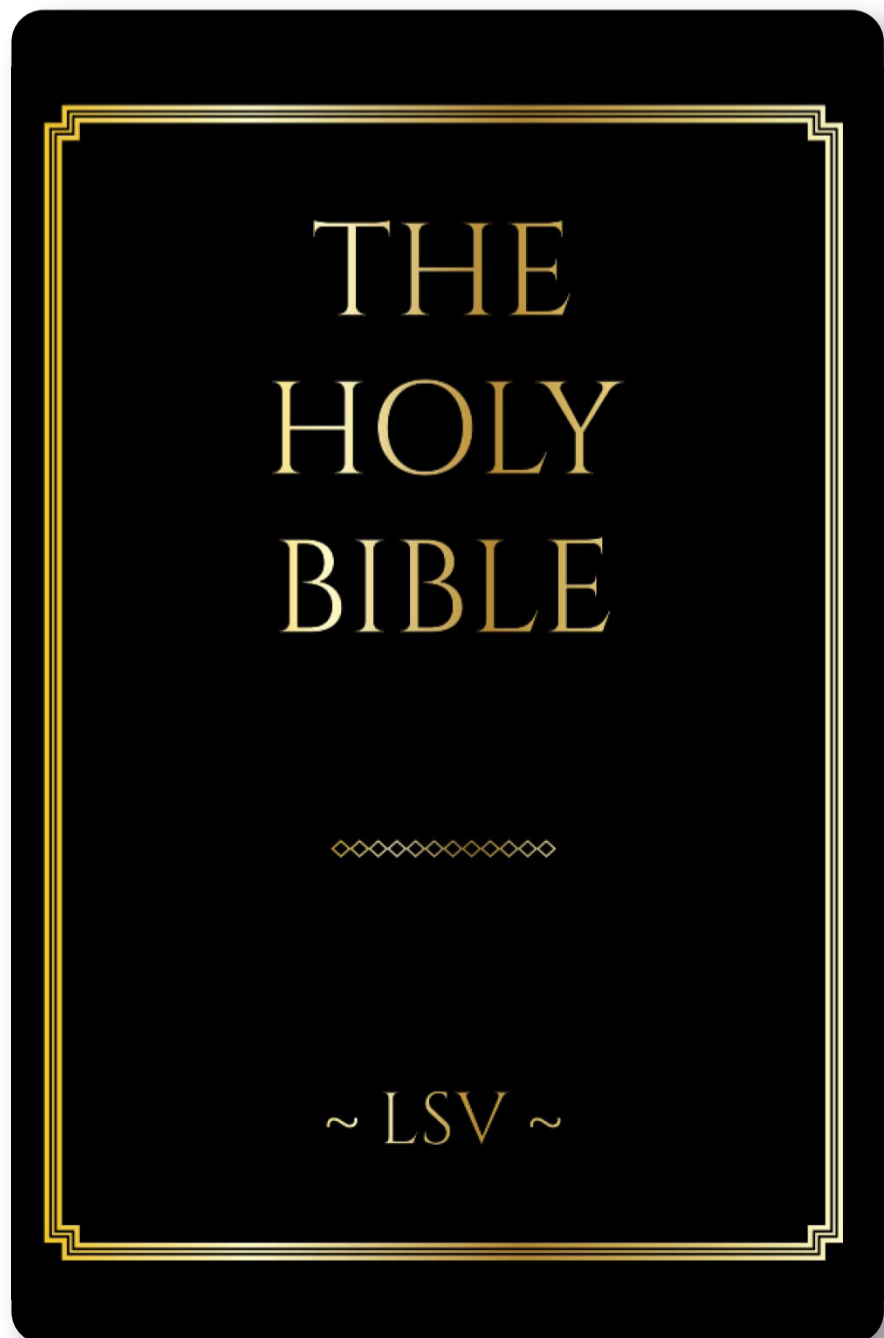


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Mr Pountain's is...

The Holy Bible

by Various

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“When I gave my life to Jesus in year 7, my RE teacher told me that I would find that I would start to WANT to read the Bible because it is God's Word. He was right.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anybody who is interested in the truth!



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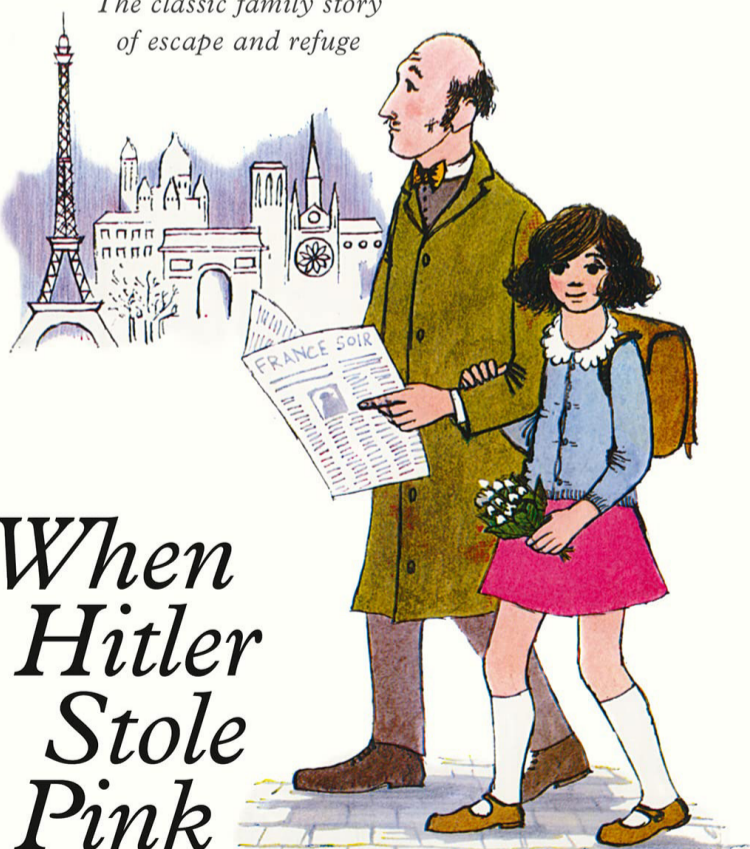


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Judith Kerr

*The classic family story
of escape and refuge*



*When
Hitler
Stole
Pink
Rabbit*

Mrs Morrison's is...

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

by Judith Kerr

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I was interested in WW2, I must have been
studying it in History lessons.

Who would enjoy it?

Ages 11+

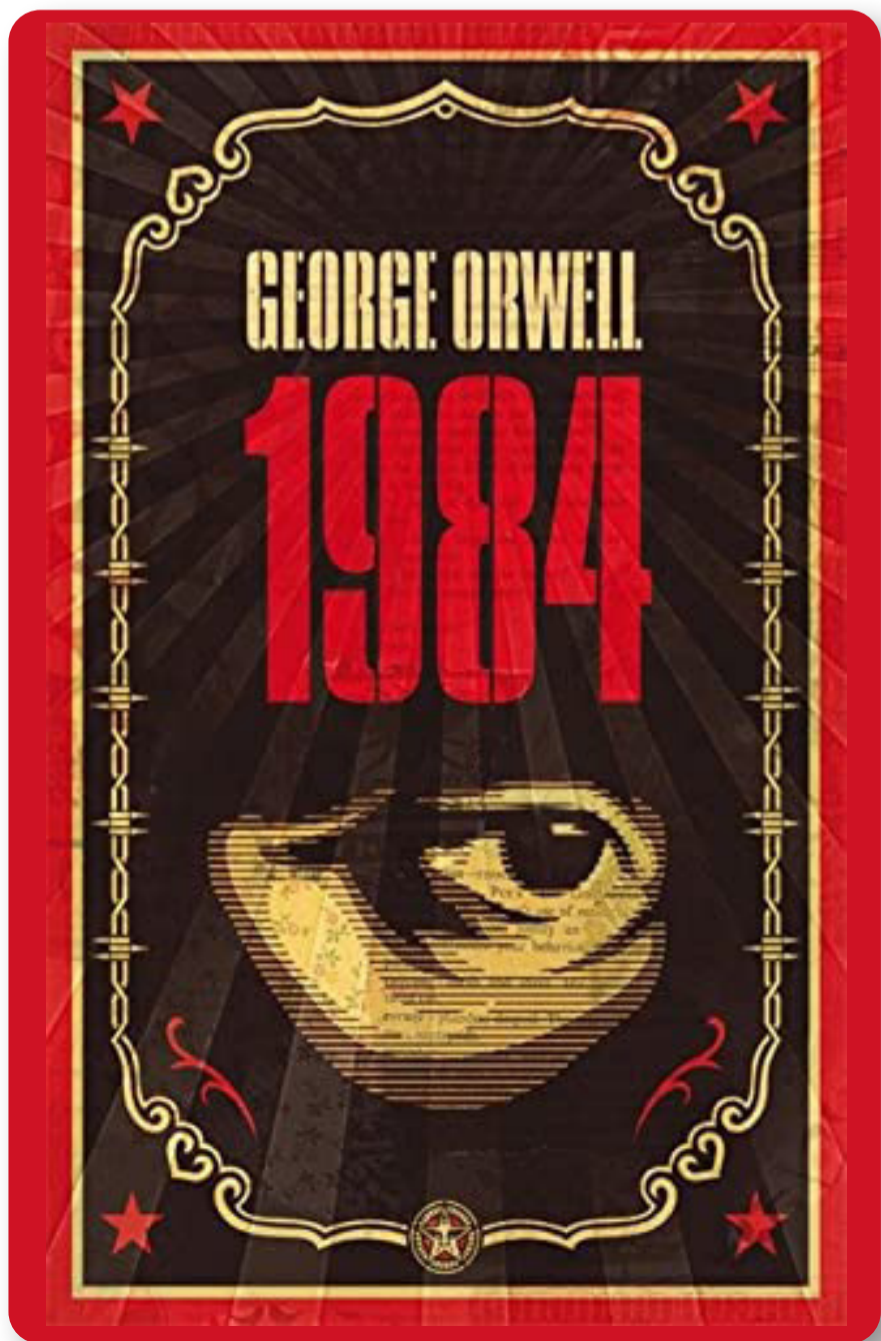


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Mr Nunns' is...

1984

by George Orwell

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“It's a 'wake up and smell the coffee' moment for young people becoming aware of the power of the state versus the individual.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone even vaguely interested in human rights, politics or the nature of power and humanity in the modern world.

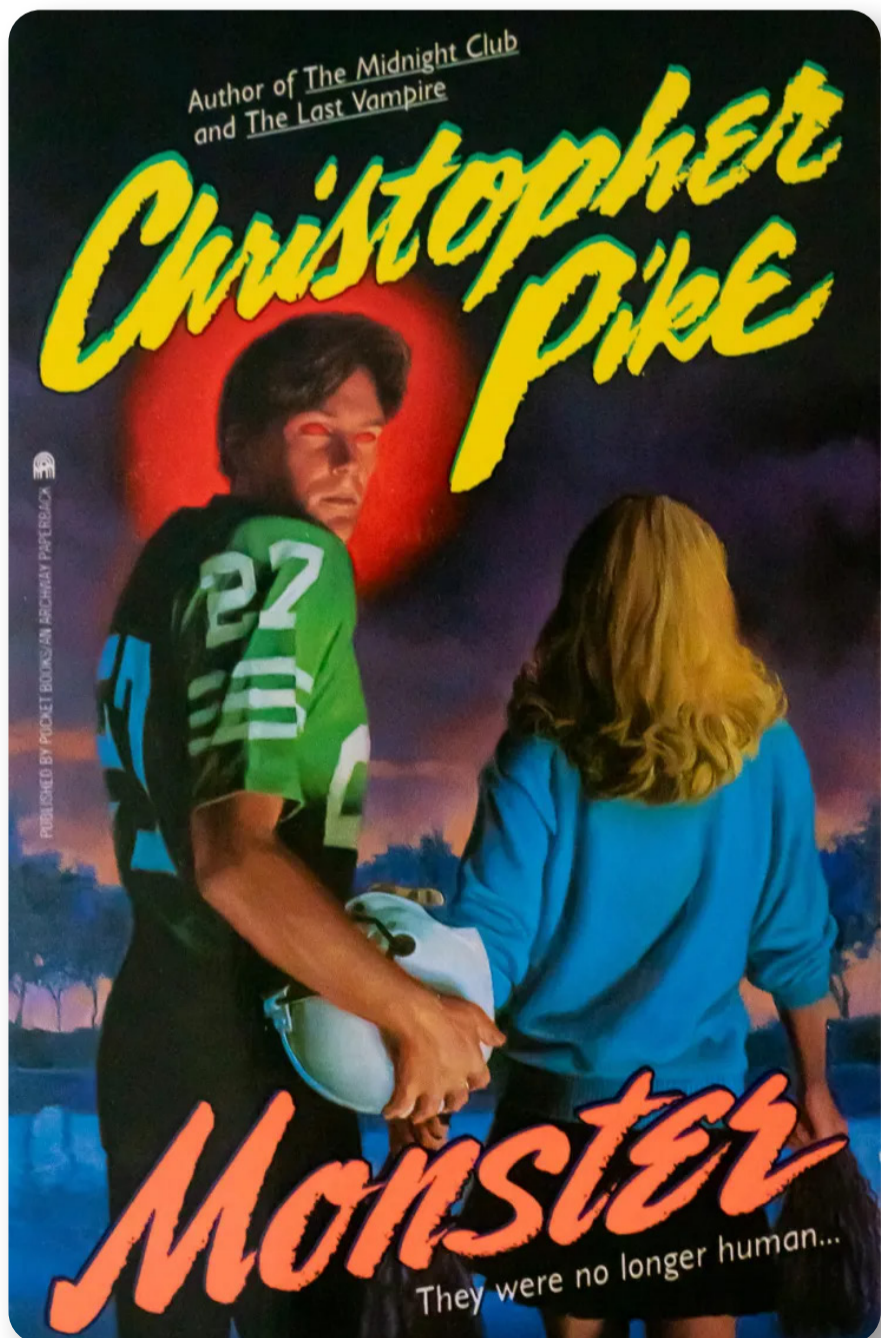


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Miss Smith's is...

Monster

by Christopher Pike

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“A supernatural thriller which chilled me to my bone but was also set in an American High School - perfect for this Buffy the Vampire Slayer obsessive!

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who likes a page turning thriller that makes you slightly queasy and with a need to keep the lights on when you sleep.



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Miss Kelly's is...

The Alex Rider Series

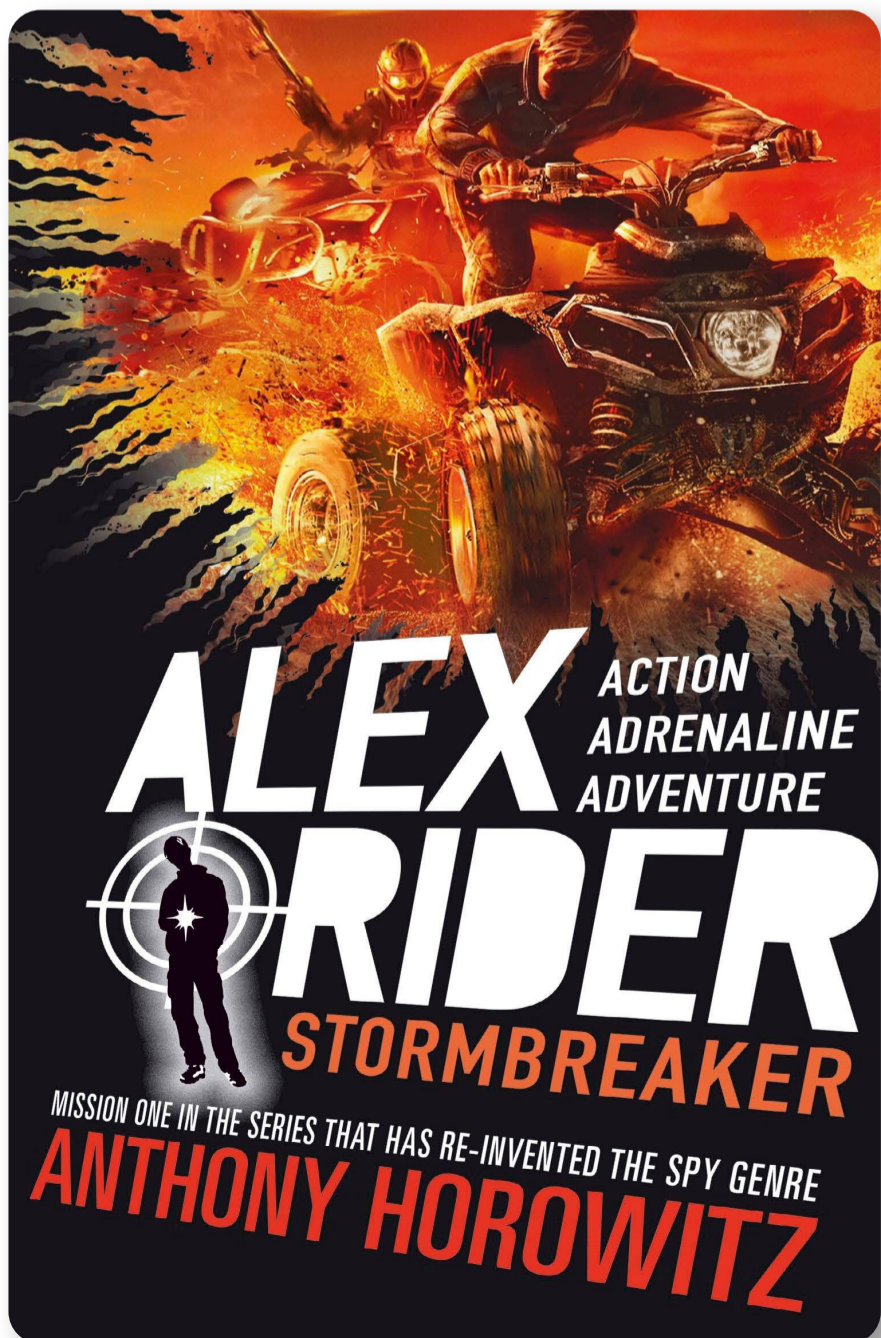
by Anthony Horowitz

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ My dad and I enjoyed watching the James Bond films together when I was younger and this series was about a young spy and were full of action and suspense.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Anyone! Those who love a good action/suspense novel.



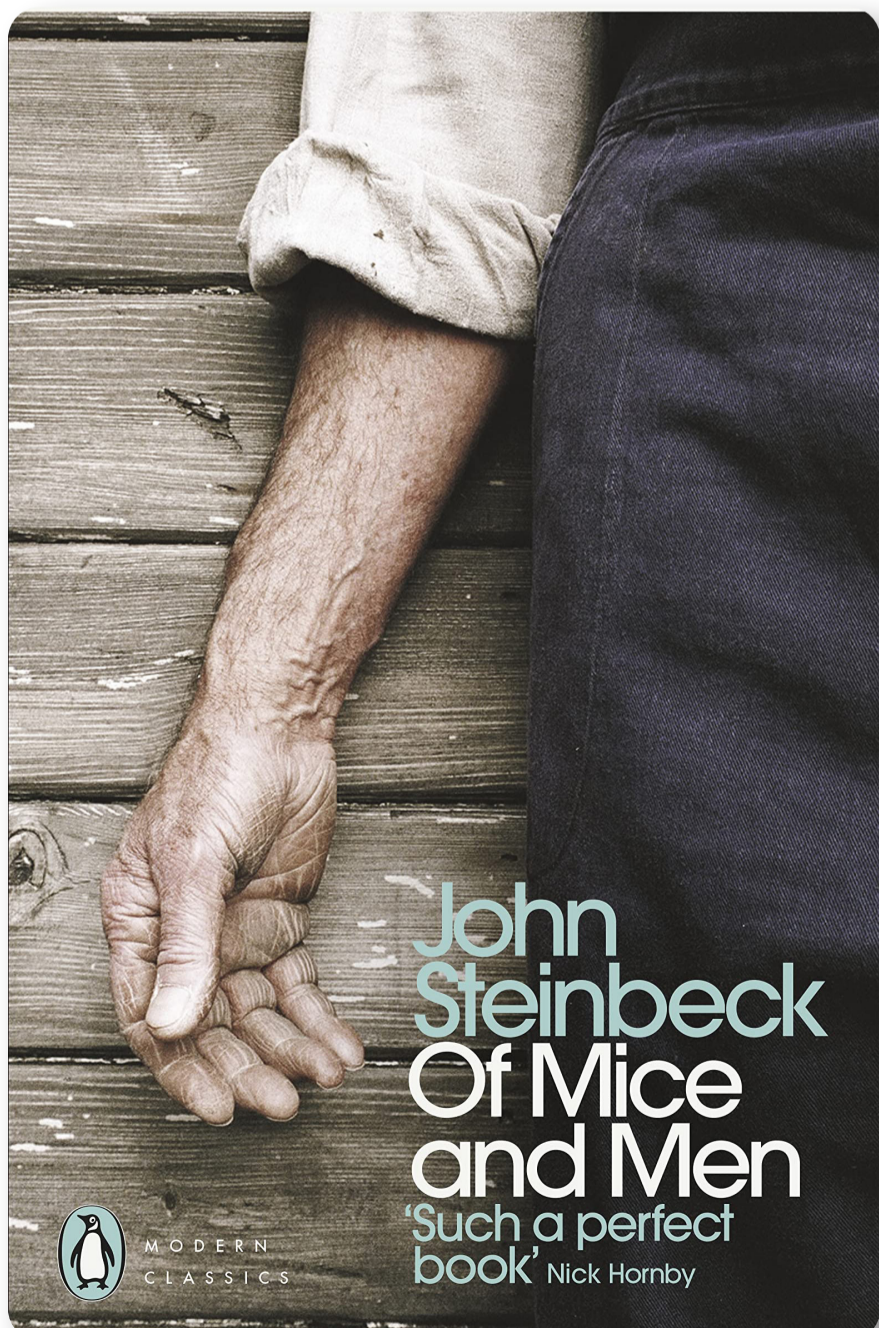


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Mr Allen's is...

Of Mice and Men

by John Steinbeck

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“It had a link to a period in History that interested me and the sense of nostalgia harking back to a time when life was truly desperate and challenging, financially, socially and politically; shining a spotlight on the human soul under such conditions.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anybody with an interest in US History, relationships (platonic) and those with a desire to emphasis with people - regardless of social context or personal challenge.

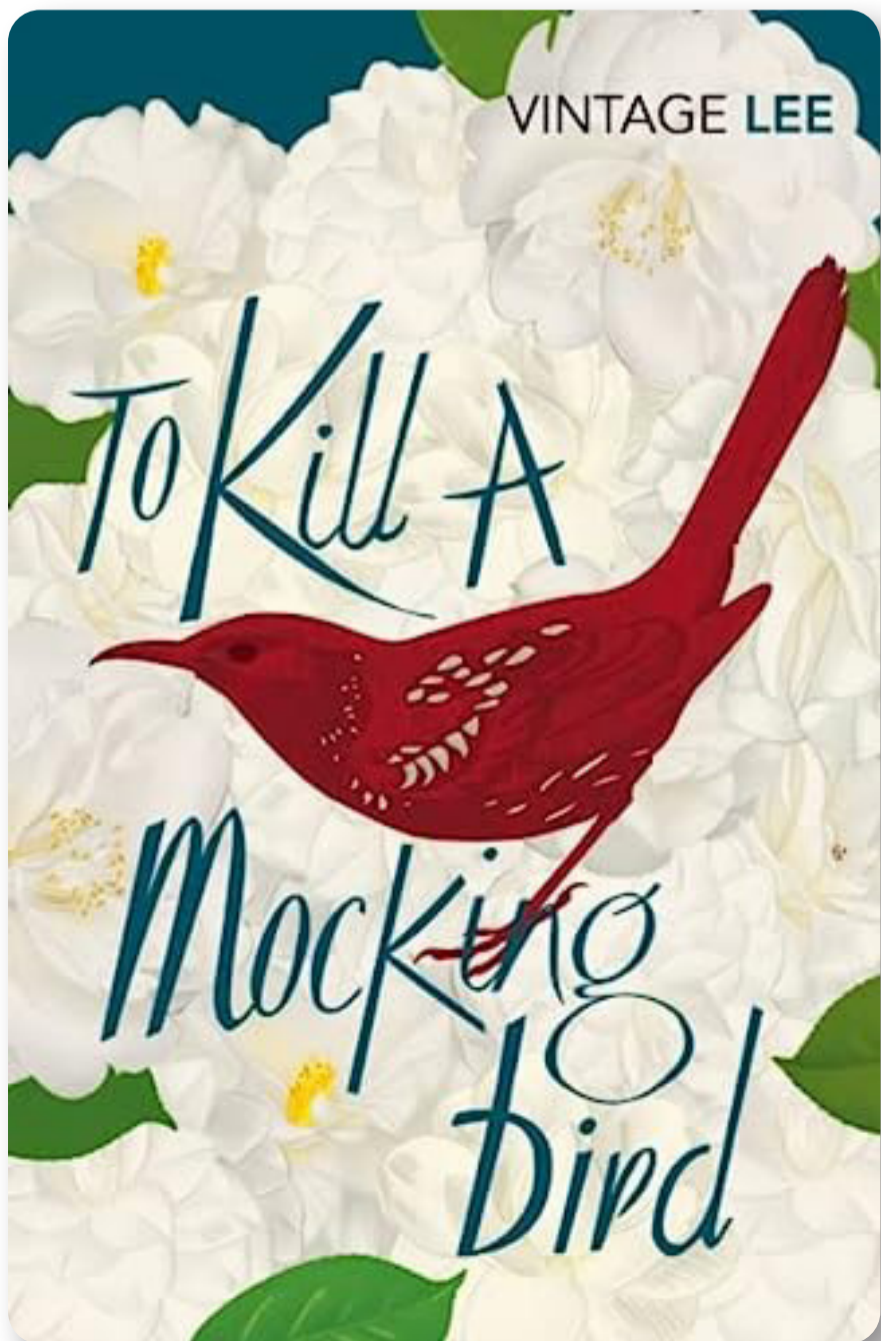


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Mrs Lillie's is...

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“A plot which is a powerful coming of age story, combining learning about American history with a truly wonderful story.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who is interested in a novel which teaches you about the past, but also about the present, helping us live our lives today.

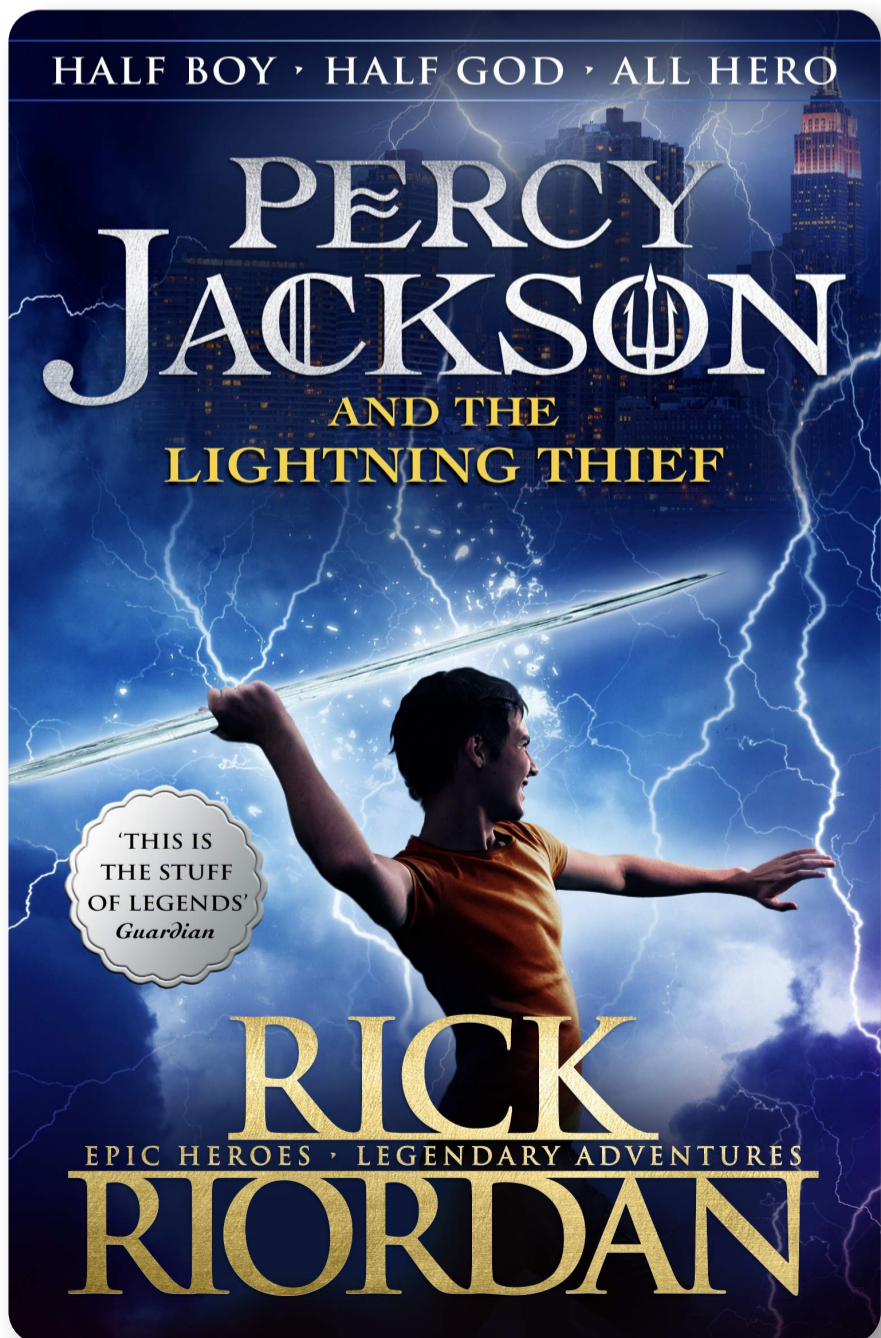


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Miss Newborough's is...

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I'm hugely into Greek Mythology, and this inspired a life-long love for Greek retellings like *The Song of Achilles*, *Circe*, and *The Penelopiad*.

Who would enjoy it?

People who like history and myths, action-packed stories, and books with amazing friendships and plots.

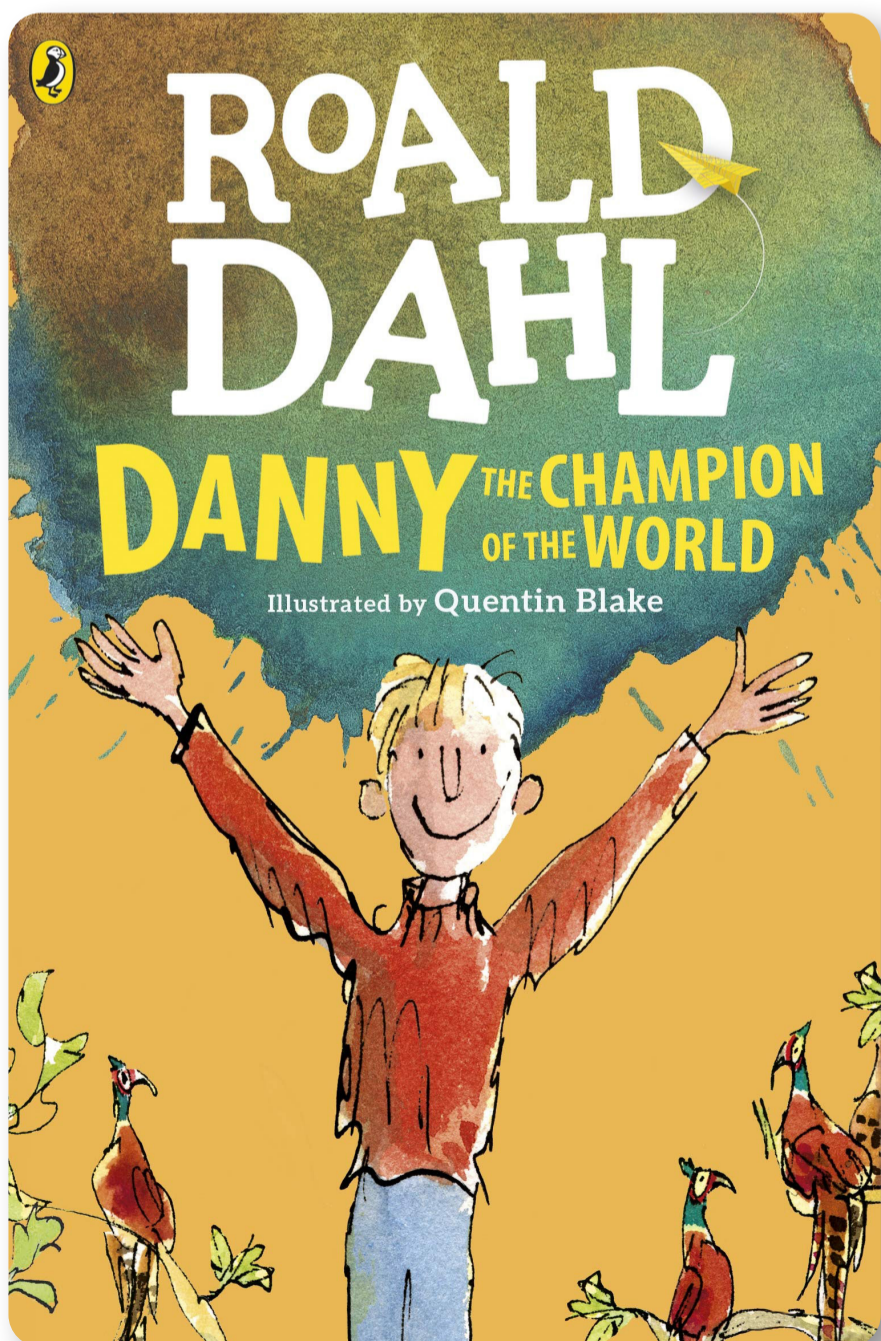


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Mr Redfearn's is...

Danny the Champion of the World

by Roald Dahl

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ It was different to other Dahl books - a
warming tale of a Father-Son relationship.

Who would enjoy it?

“ I think most boys, certainly.

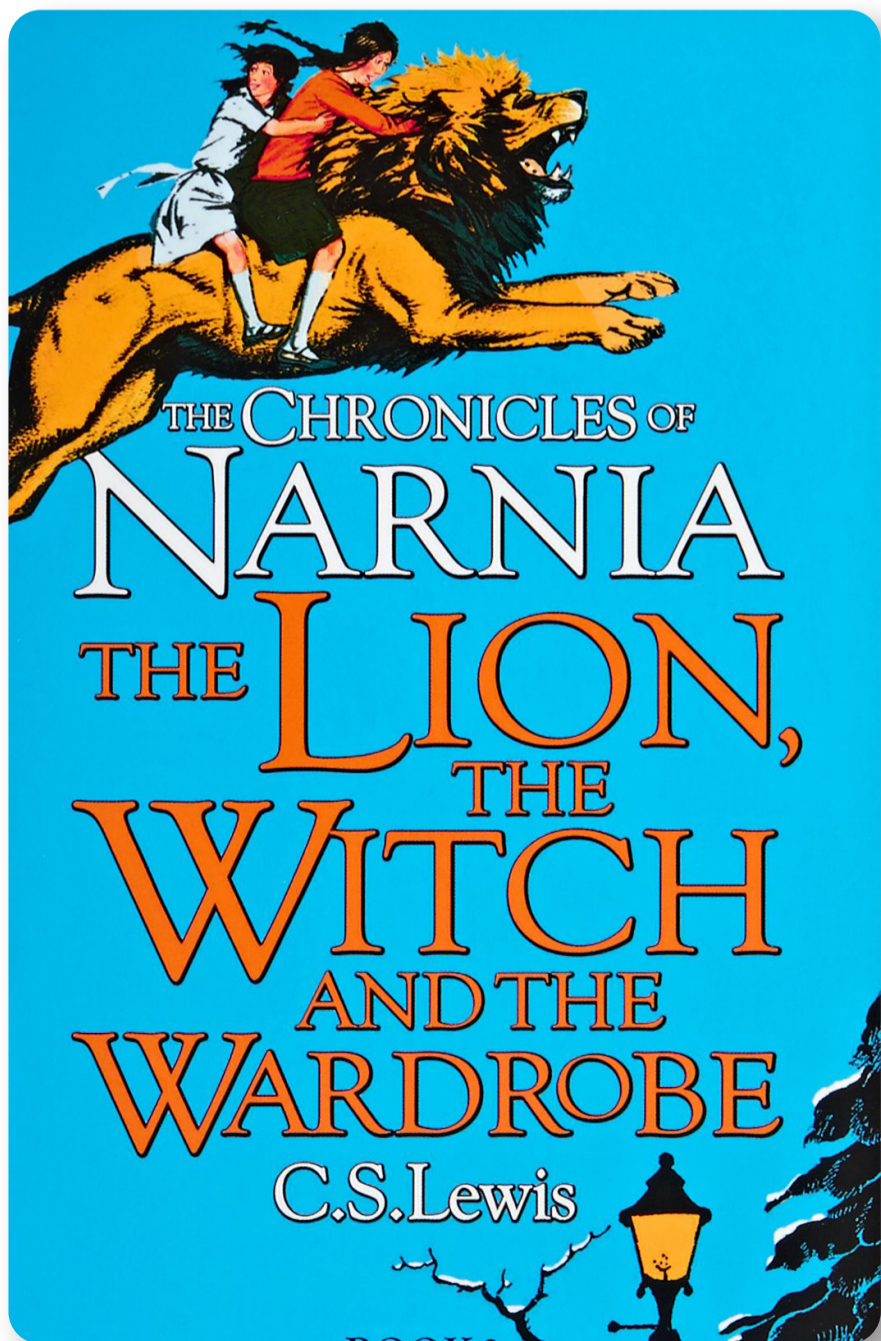


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Mrs Parkinson's is...

The Chronicles of Narnia

by CS Lewis

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I enjoyed reading Narnia because it gave me
escapism; and it helped me to get to sleep!
I loved the idea of a secret parallel world,
accessed so simply through a wardrobe.

Who would enjoy it?

Narnia is a good choice for anyone open to
fantasy lands, as it can be enjoyed by both boys
and girls, of all different ages.

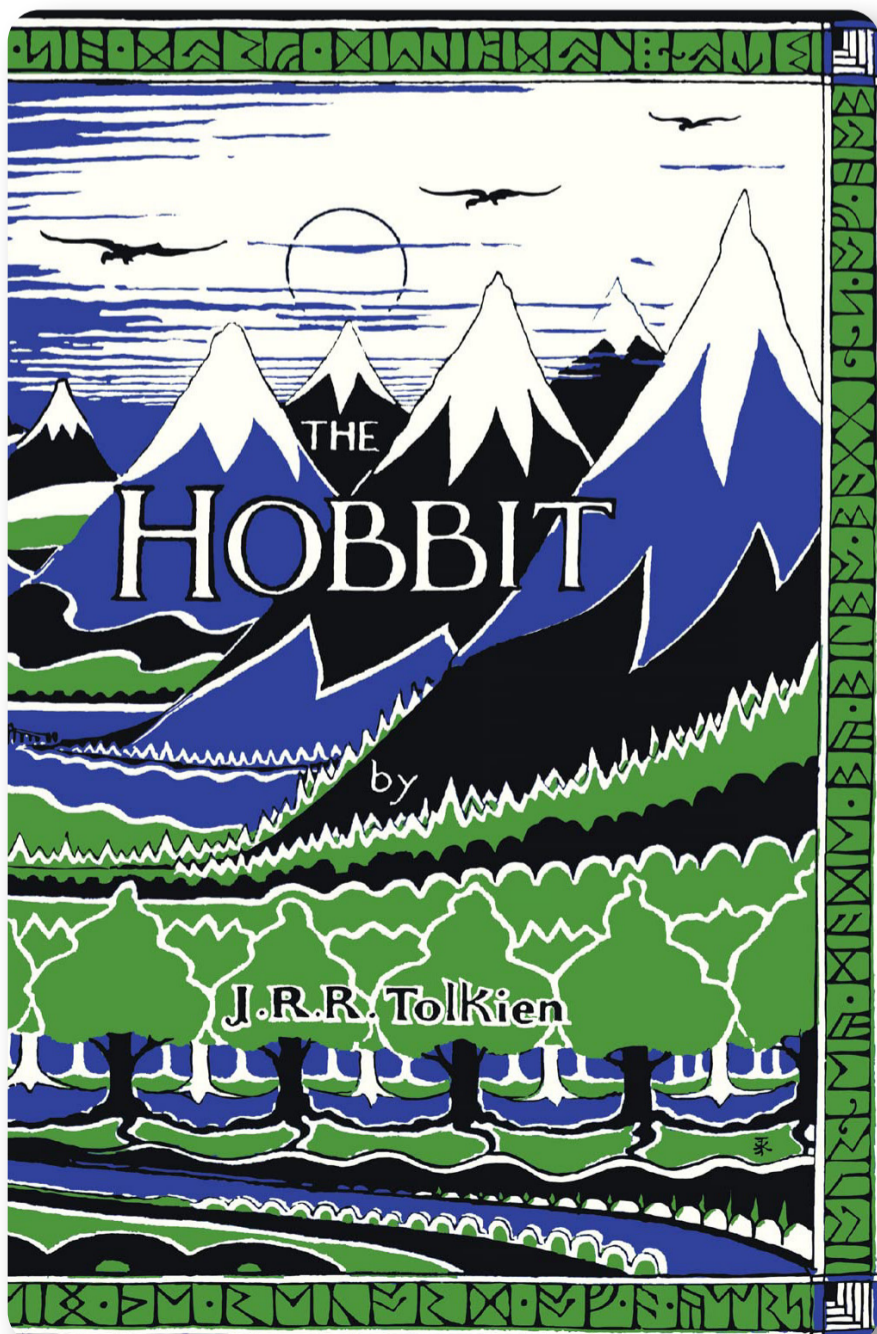


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Miss Ince's is...

The Hobbit

by JRR Tolkien

Why did you enjoy reading it?

Every second I was reading I felt like I was right there with Bilbo - befriending dwarves, fighting goblins, and stealing treasure.

Who would enjoy it?

Anyone who enjoyed The Magic Faraway Tree in primary school. It's a book full of adventure and fantasy with a step up in complexity.

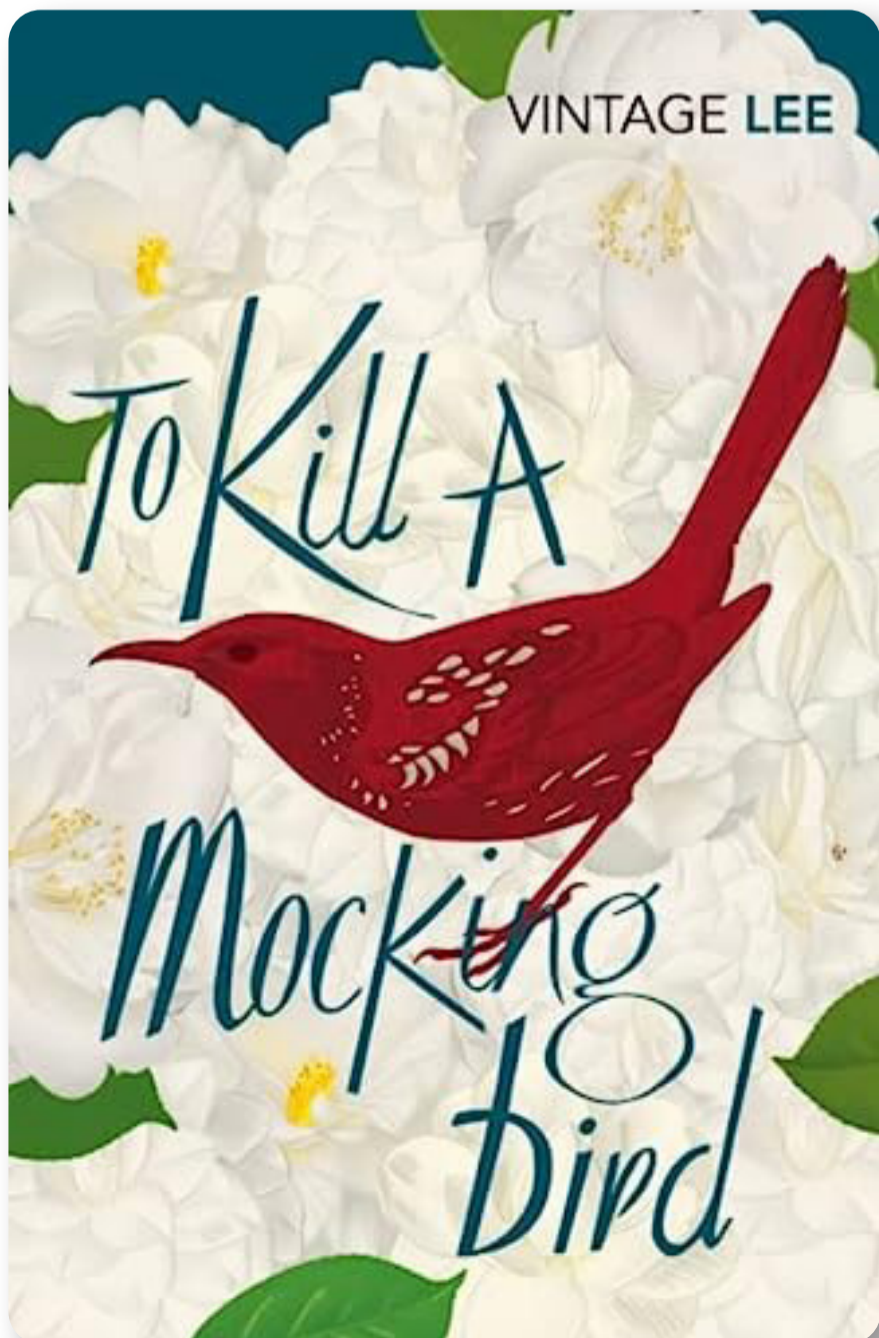


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Mrs Williamson's is...

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“This is a beautiful, award winning story about two young children learning to live alongside others in their home town of Alabama, USA. It is historically important, focussing on segregation and prejudice in the southern states of America in the 1930s and explores difficult issues such as racism and injustice. The life-lessons that the main characters learn are priceless; “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.” Most of all, it is a story about kindness, compassion and learning to be a decent human being.

Who would enjoy it?

“Everybody! To Kill a Mockingbird is an important book that should be read widely. Despite being written in 1960, the issues it explores are still very relevant today. If you read this book, its message will stay with you forever.

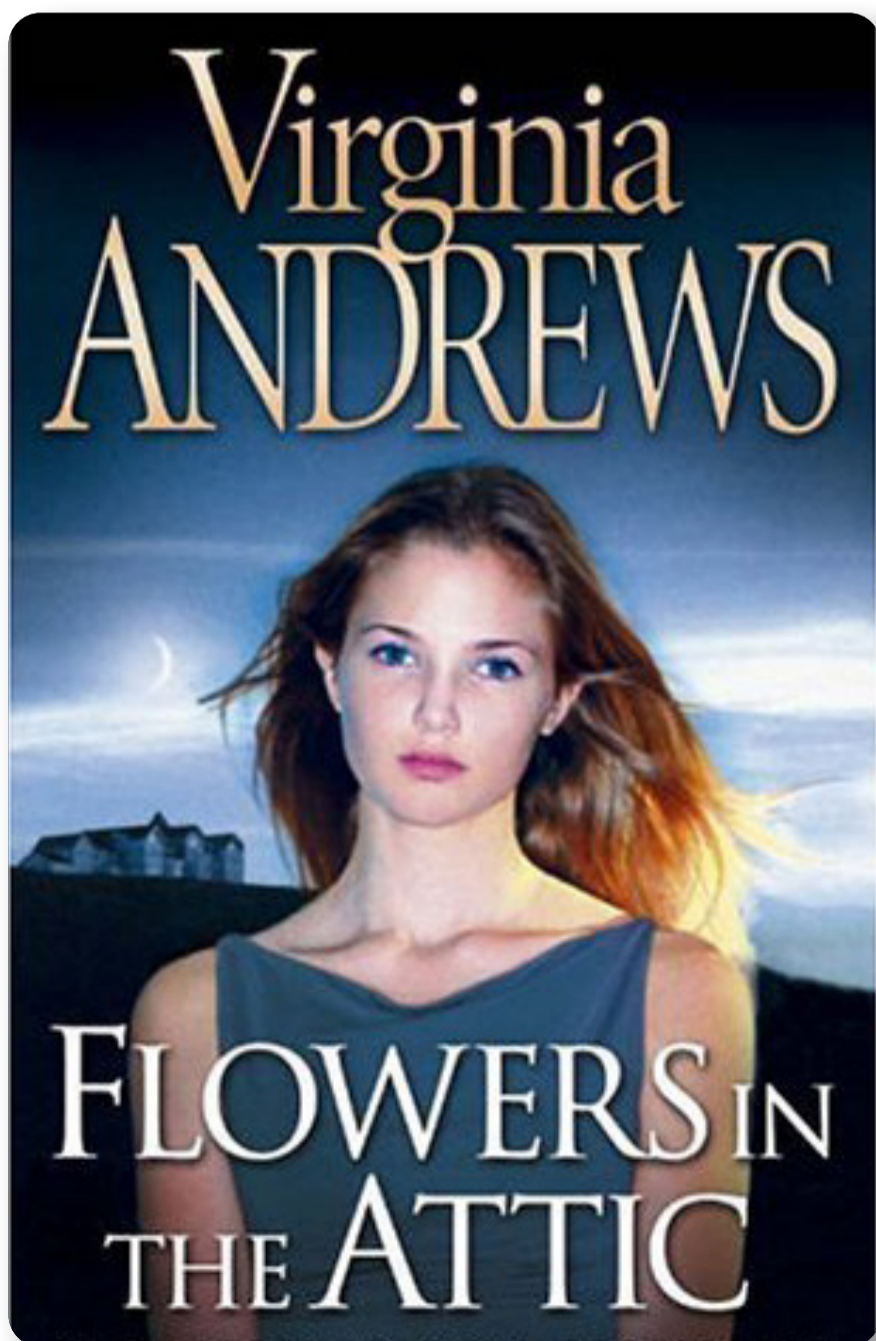


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Mrs McCool's is...

Flowers in the Attic

by Virginia Andrews

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ A tragic story where love gets you through.

Who would enjoy it?

“ 15-18 year olds. Anyone really.

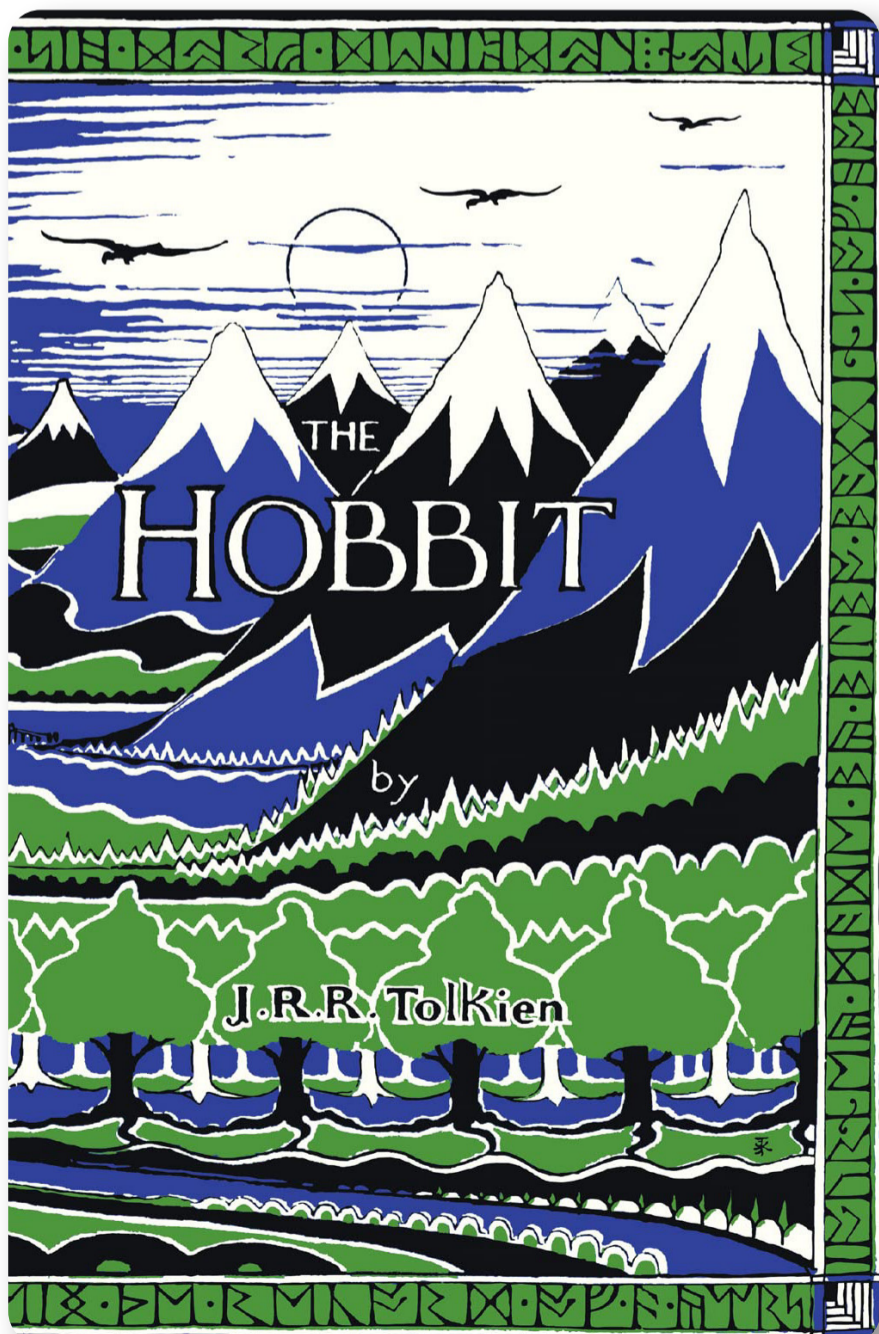


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Dr Maryon's is...

The Hobbit

by JRR Tolkien

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I love books for escapism and it was a amazing
to live in that world. At the time I was going
through some difficulty and so some time away
from that was important.

Who would enjoy it?

Anybody. Particularly those who love fantasy
and adventure, those who want to get lost in a
story and forget about the real world for a bit.



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Mrs Smith's is...

The Secret Garden

by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ Descriptive passages of text made you feel like you were there in the garden. It was fascinating to see how the characters developed over time, particularly the main character Mary.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Anyone, but particularly those people who enjoy nature.

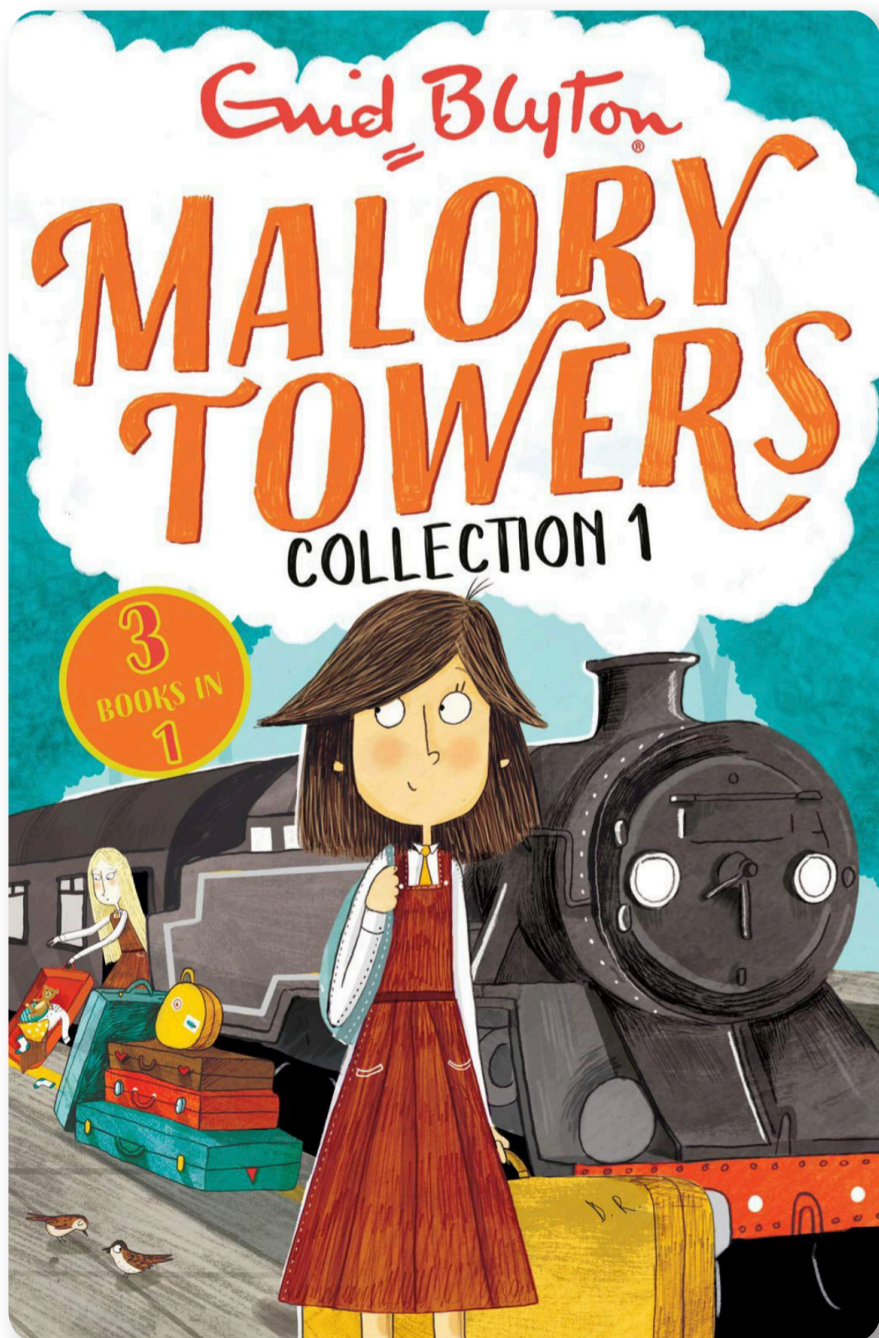


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Mrs Pollock's is...

The Malory Towers Series

by Enid Blyton

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I loved the adventures the pupils had in their boarding school. Midnight feasts, picnics in the woods and tales of friendship. It was exciting and a world away from my own school at the time!

Who would enjoy it?

I would say younger girls in particular in KS3 classes. I believe it has now been made into a TV series which I refuse to watch as I feel it will spoil my memories of this book series!

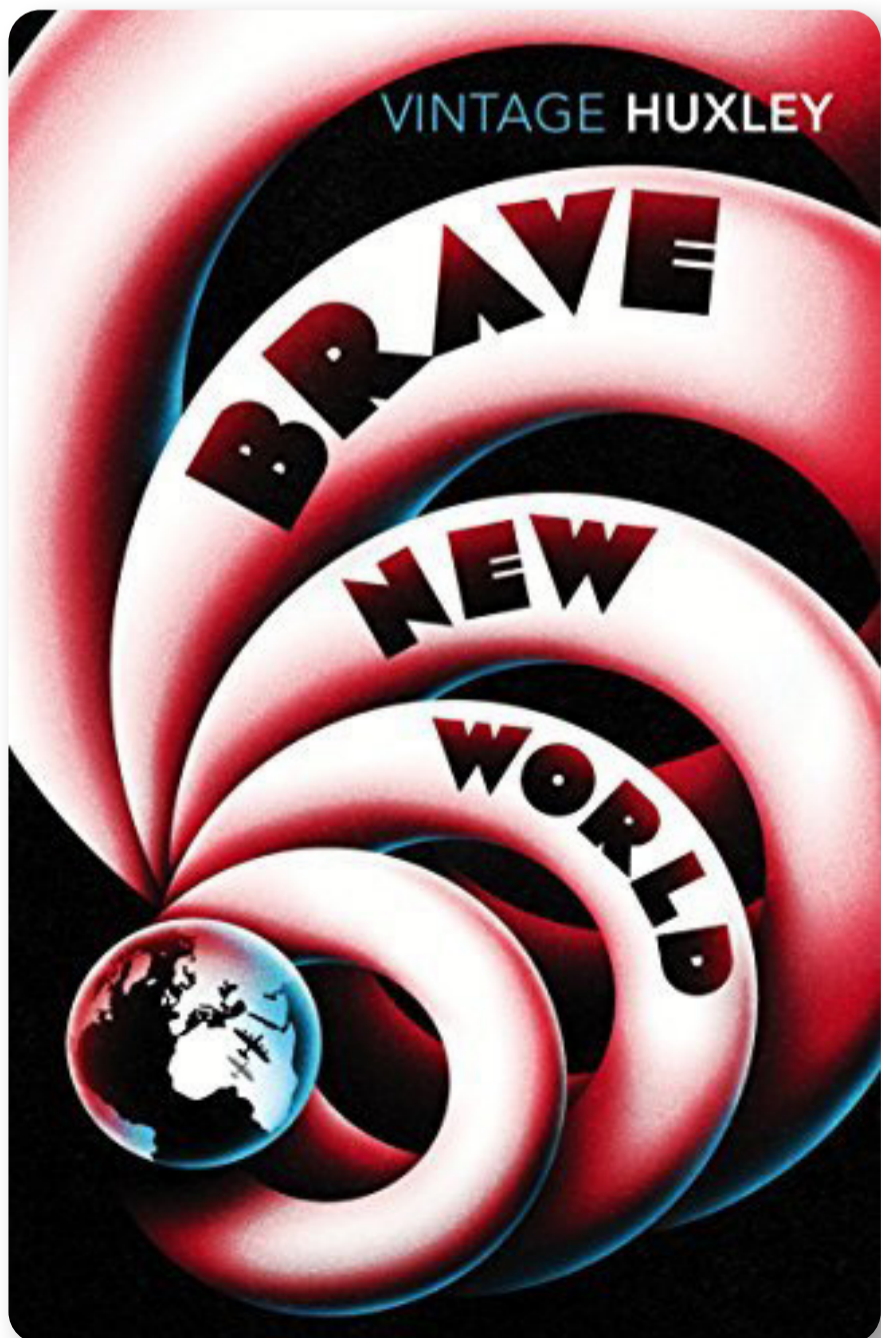


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Mr Dickinson's is...

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ It made me think.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Older students.

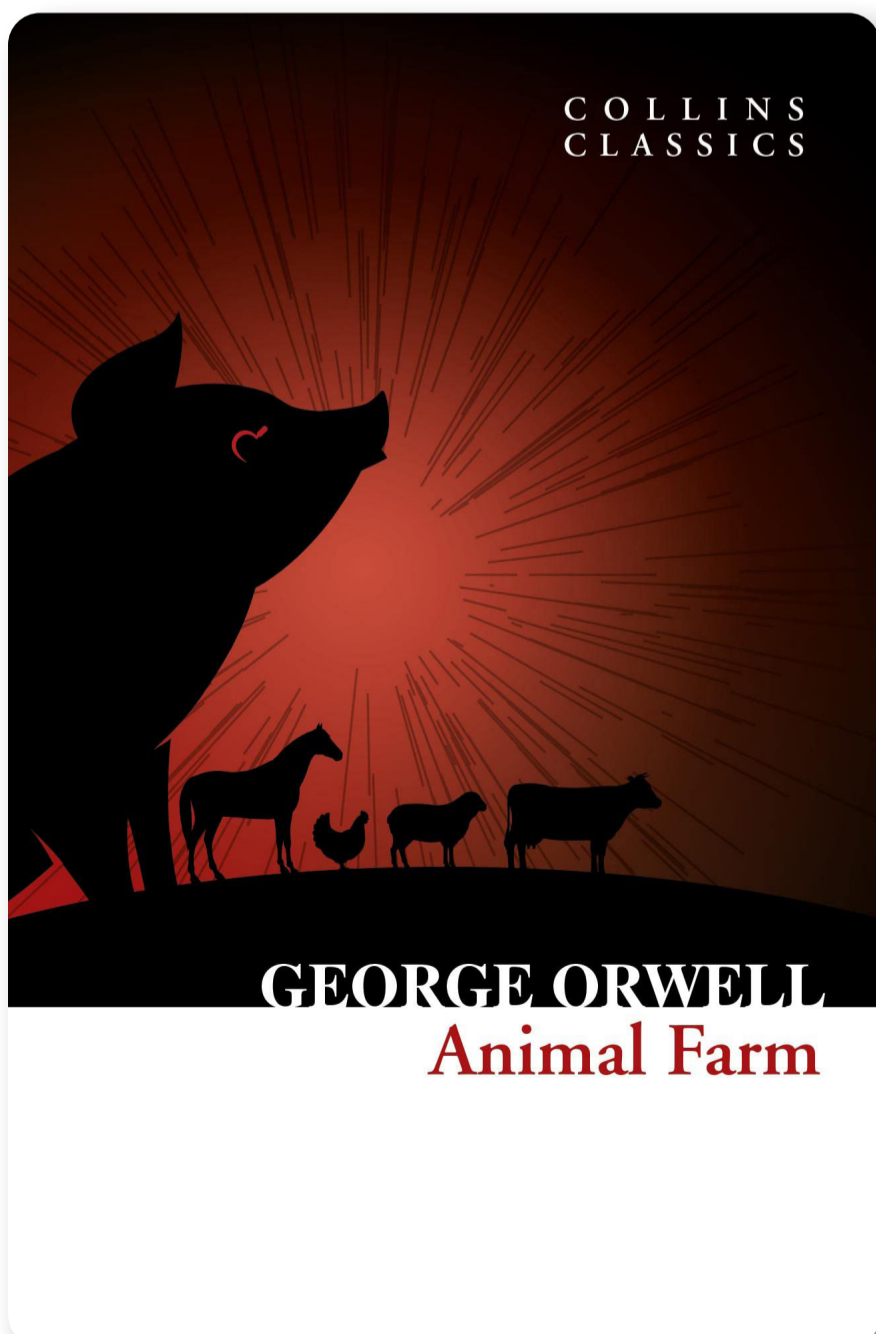


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Mr Hancock's is...

Animal Farm

by George Orwell

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Have an insight into politics and was useful for my history GCSE.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone with an interest in politics or history, very easy to read and understand the messages involved.

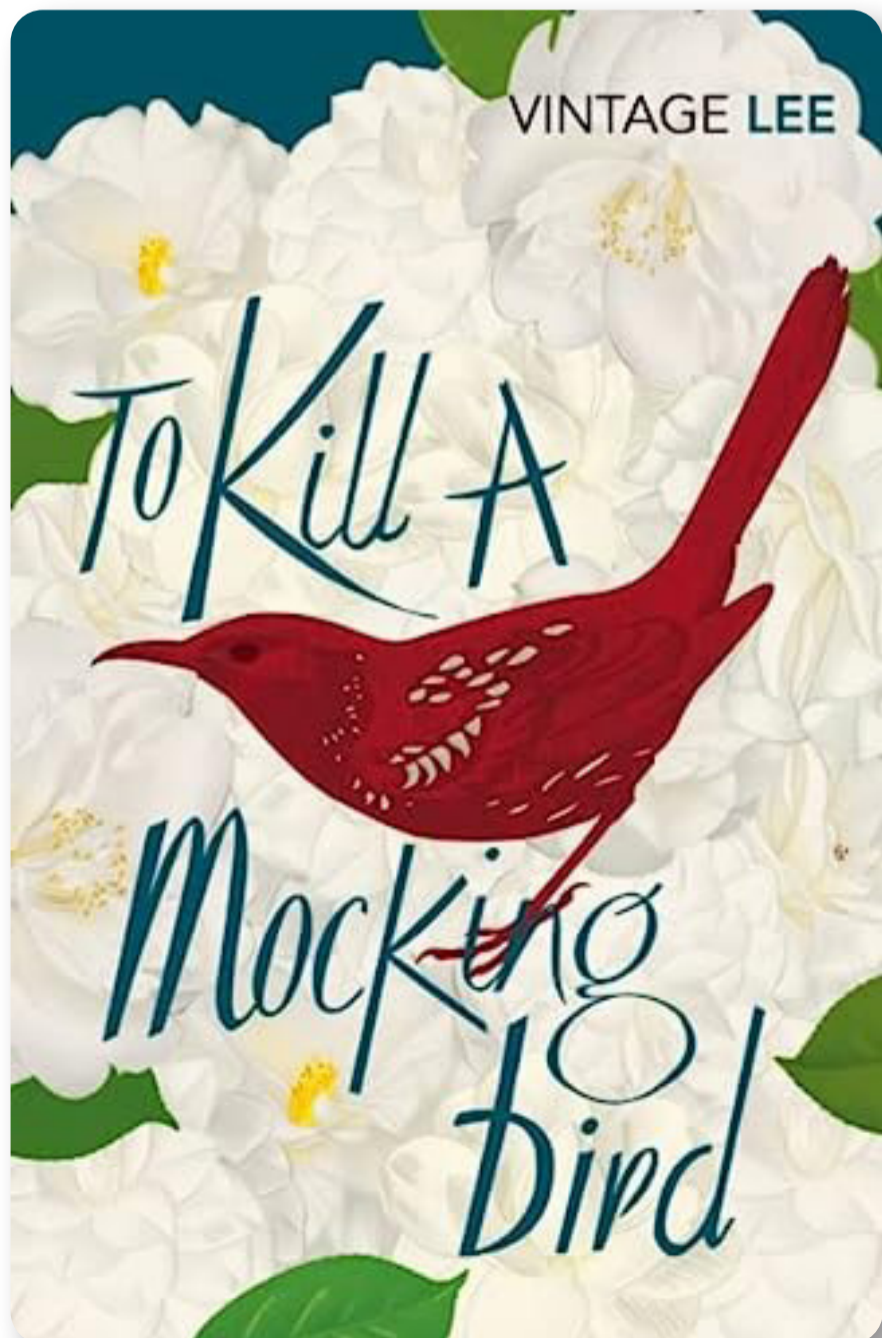


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Mr Costigan's is...

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Why did you enjoy reading it?

I loved the brilliant descriptions of life in that part of America and learning about the different terms used in the language which were new to me as a young lad from Yorkshire. It felt like another planet to me which made it incredible interesting. Scout Finch is the protagonist, she sees the world through her innocent eyes as the world should really be seen. Fantastic read.

Who would enjoy it?

Anyone really.



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Mr Dickinson's is...

Catch-22

by Joseph Heller

Why did you enjoy reading it?

As a 6th former with talk of conscription being reintroduced due to the Gulf war, I found the battle of wits between the hero and his superior officers, set against a backdrop of the savagery and futility of World War 2, amusing and inspiring. Highlighting the way people were manipulated and used by unscrupulous leaders, whose only concern was for their own advancement provided a powerful anti-war message, as well as a cathartic read when dealing with the challenges of everyday life.

Who would enjoy it?

Older children and adults with an interest in politics, current affairs and history.



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Mrs Litherland's is...

Animal Farm

by George Orwell

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The idea of improving life for the animals, through the rebellion, but most interesting part was the books has meaning on many levels that you, the reader can understand often in everyday life. I've reread the book recently.

Who would enjoy it?

“If you want a book that has 'hidden' meaning and inspires you interpret life and situations or inspires you to ask questions, this is for you!

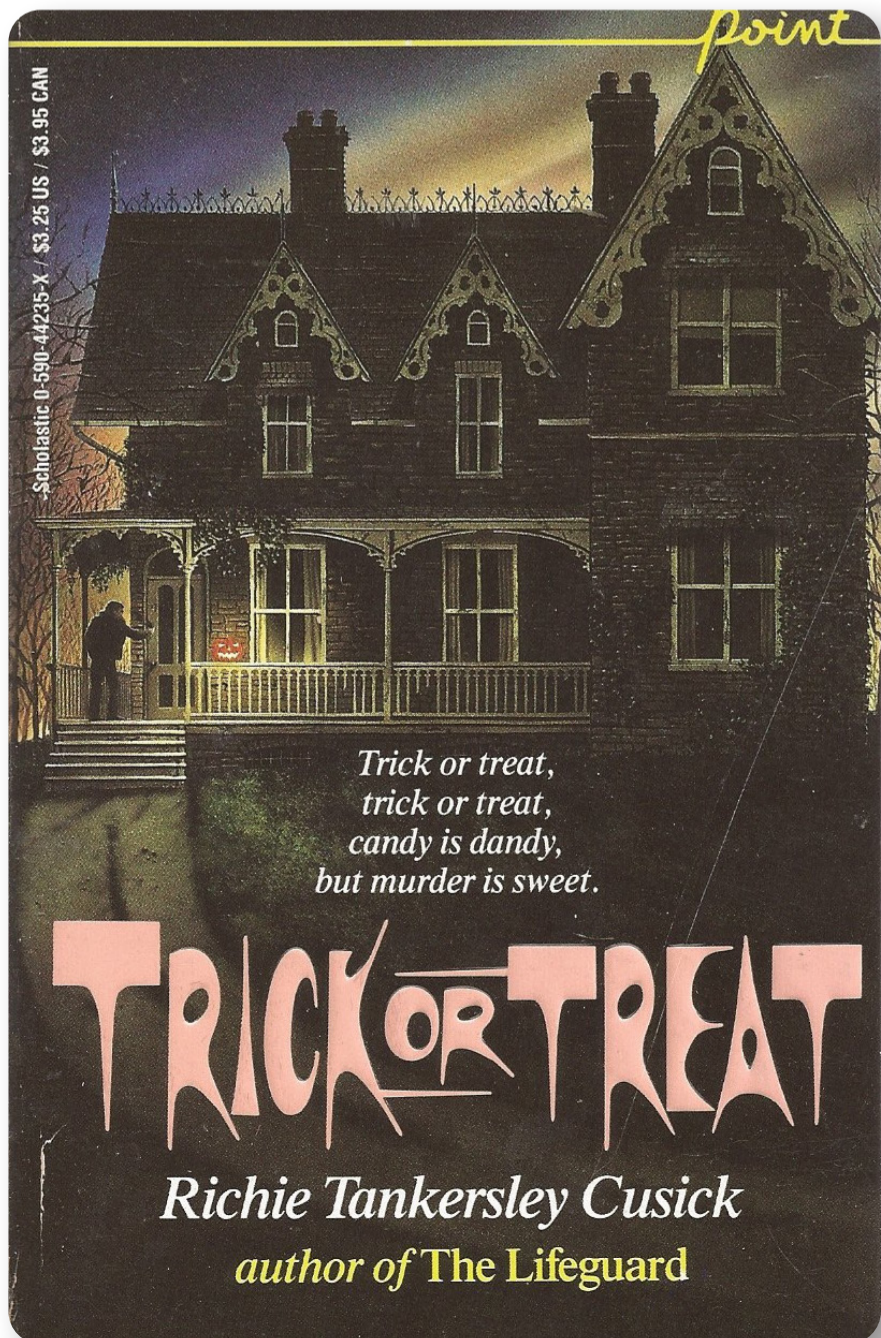


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Mrs Ashton's is...

The Point Horror Series (Trick or Treat is a favourite)

by various authors

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The stories have lots of twists and turns
and kept you intrigued.”

Who would enjoy it?

“Pupils who like thrillers.”



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Mr Smith's is...

The Alex Rider Series

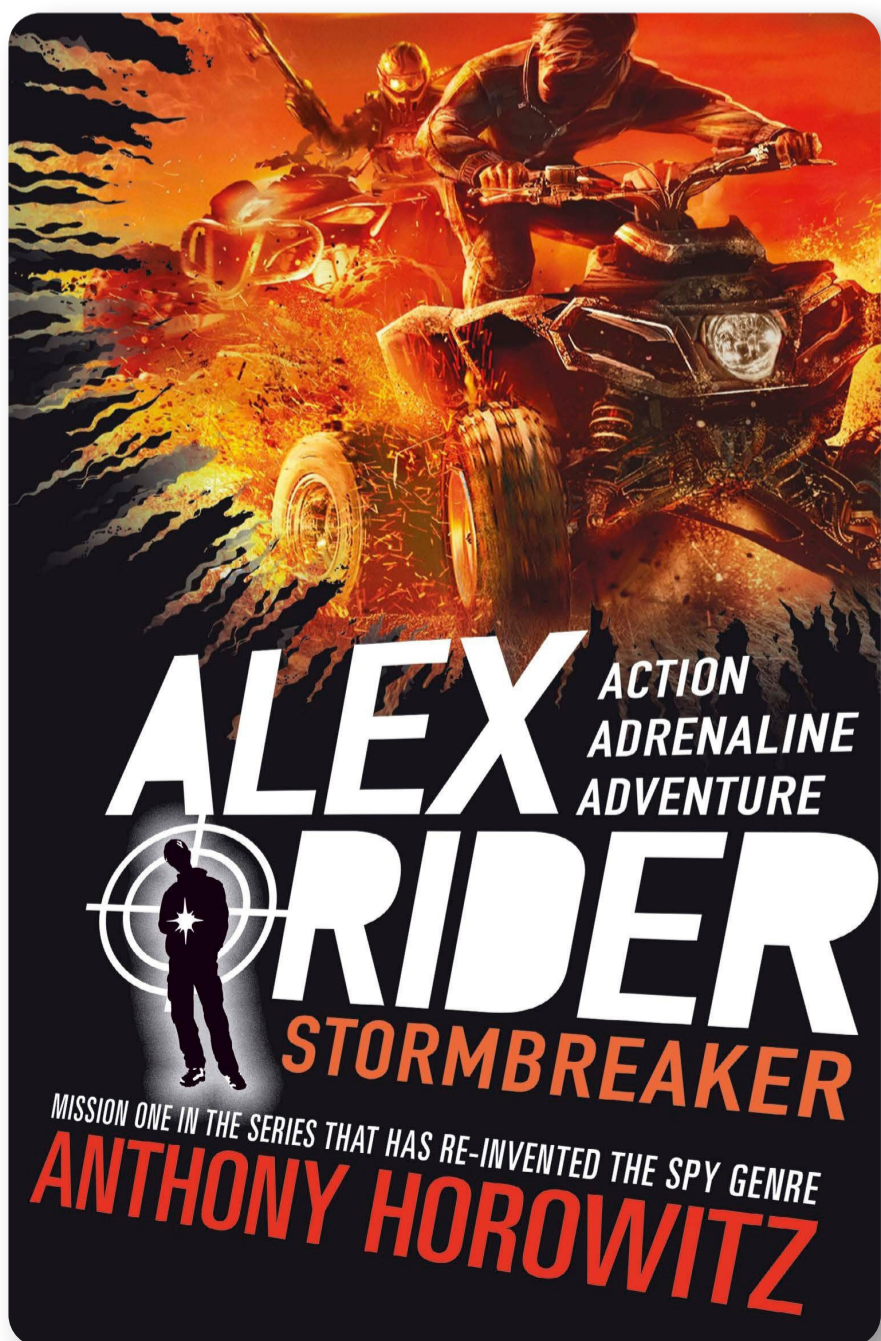
by Anthony Horowitz

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ Books about a schoolboy who become a spy for MI6 - a bit of a escapism for an 11 year old who liked the idea of travelling the world.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Year 7s - Year 9s would enjoy this, especially if they've enjoyed films like Kingsman.



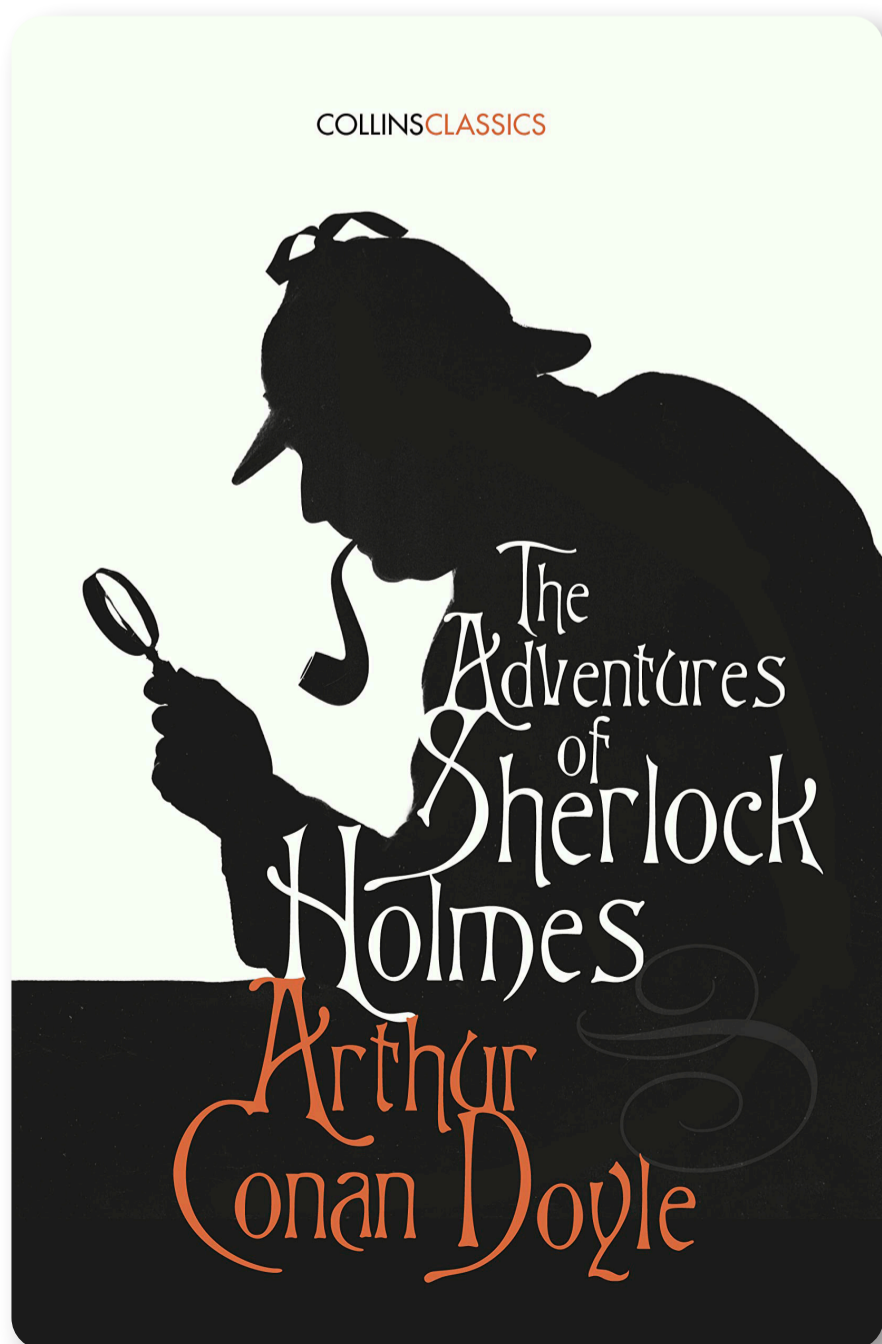


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Mr O'Doherty's is...

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

by Arthur Conan Doyle

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“I was ten years old when I received this as a birthday present. It had an inscription from my father as my “very own copy”, given that I'd taken to reading a book of short stories he owned which contained some Sherlock Holmes stories. Naturally, I was completely blown away by the intricate weaving of the storylines and used to love lying awake at night thinking about who the culprit was or how they had done it.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who loves mystery and adventure. I suppose one would need to be a keen reader as the language and complexity of the plots can be challenging for less experienced readers.

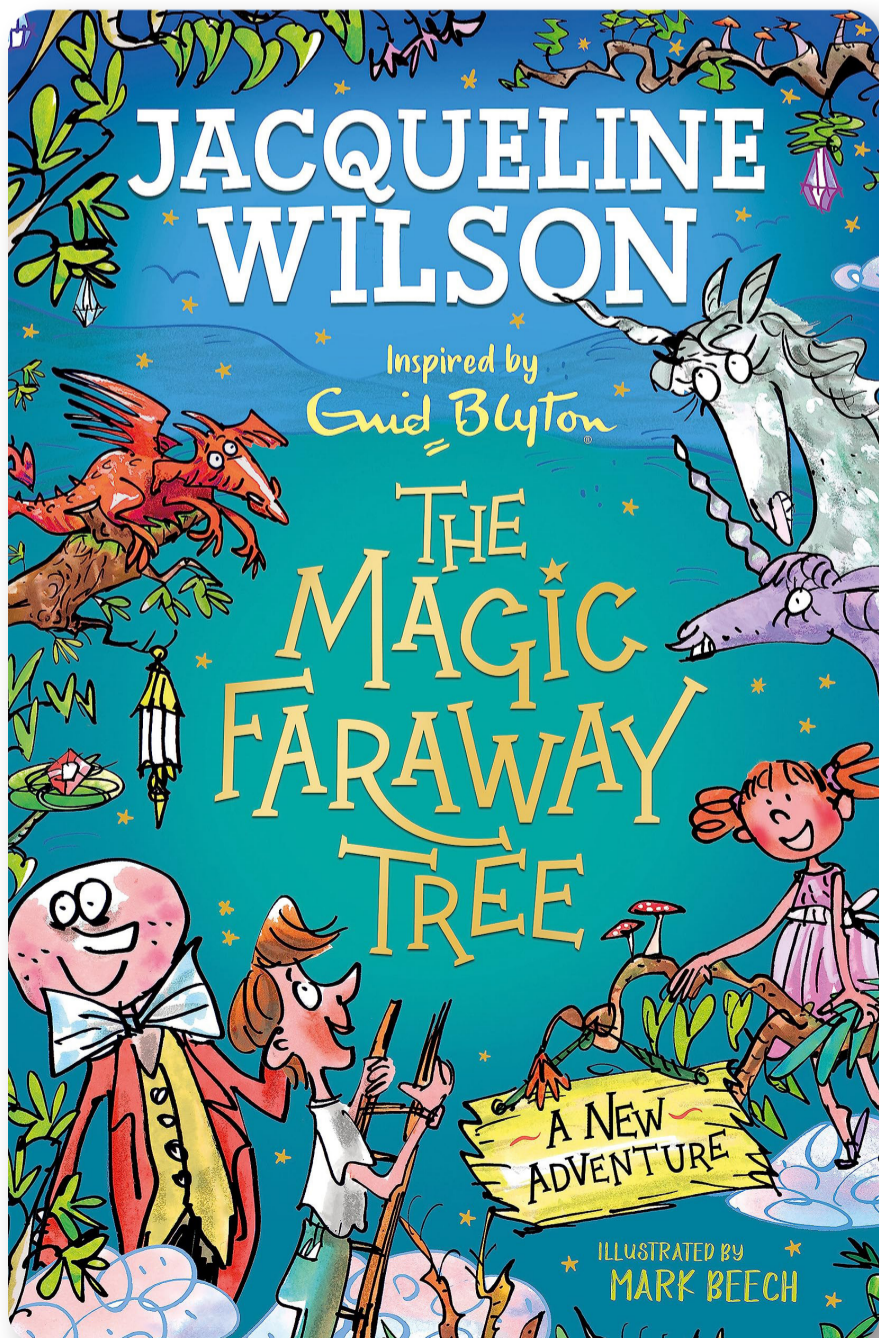


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Miss Harrison's is...

The Magic Faraway Tree

by Jacqueline Wilson

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The storyline was magical. Didn't want to
put the book down between chapters.

Who would enjoy it?

“13 year olds and upwards.




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THE NO.1 BESTSELLER 

**SUE
TOWNSEND**

*The Secret Diary of
Adrian Mole*

Aged 13 ¾



'People will want to read this book for ever.
The reason is simple: it's really, really, really funny'
David Walliams

Mr Rigby's is...

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole

by Sue Townsend

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ I was 13 or 14 at the time so I could sort of
relate to some of it. Plus it was a bit racy
in certain places which appealed to my
adolescent mind!

Who would enjoy it?

“ Teens and young adults.



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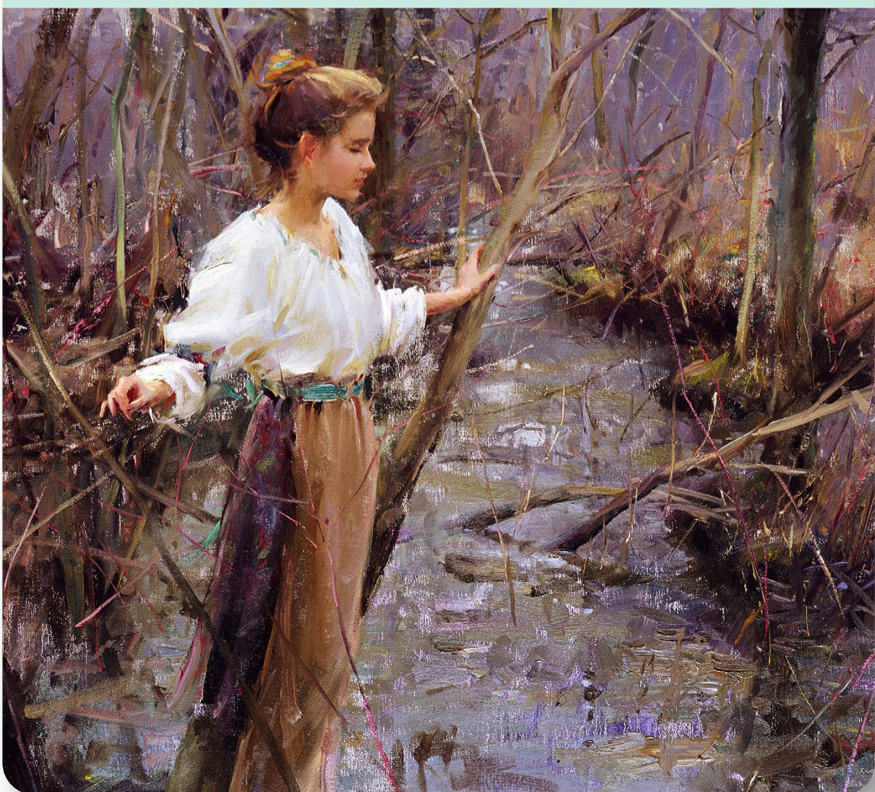


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Wuthering Heights

EMILY BRONTË



Miss Fallows' is...

Wuthering Heights

by Emily Brontë

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“ A powerful novel which draws the reader
into a dramatically different society and
emotional landscape.

Who would enjoy it?

“ Teens and young adults.



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Mr Hardwick's is...

The Once and Future King

by TH White

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Wonderful retelling of the Arthurian legend. The quartet of books was funny to begin with and then became increasingly tragic.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone in Year 10 or above.

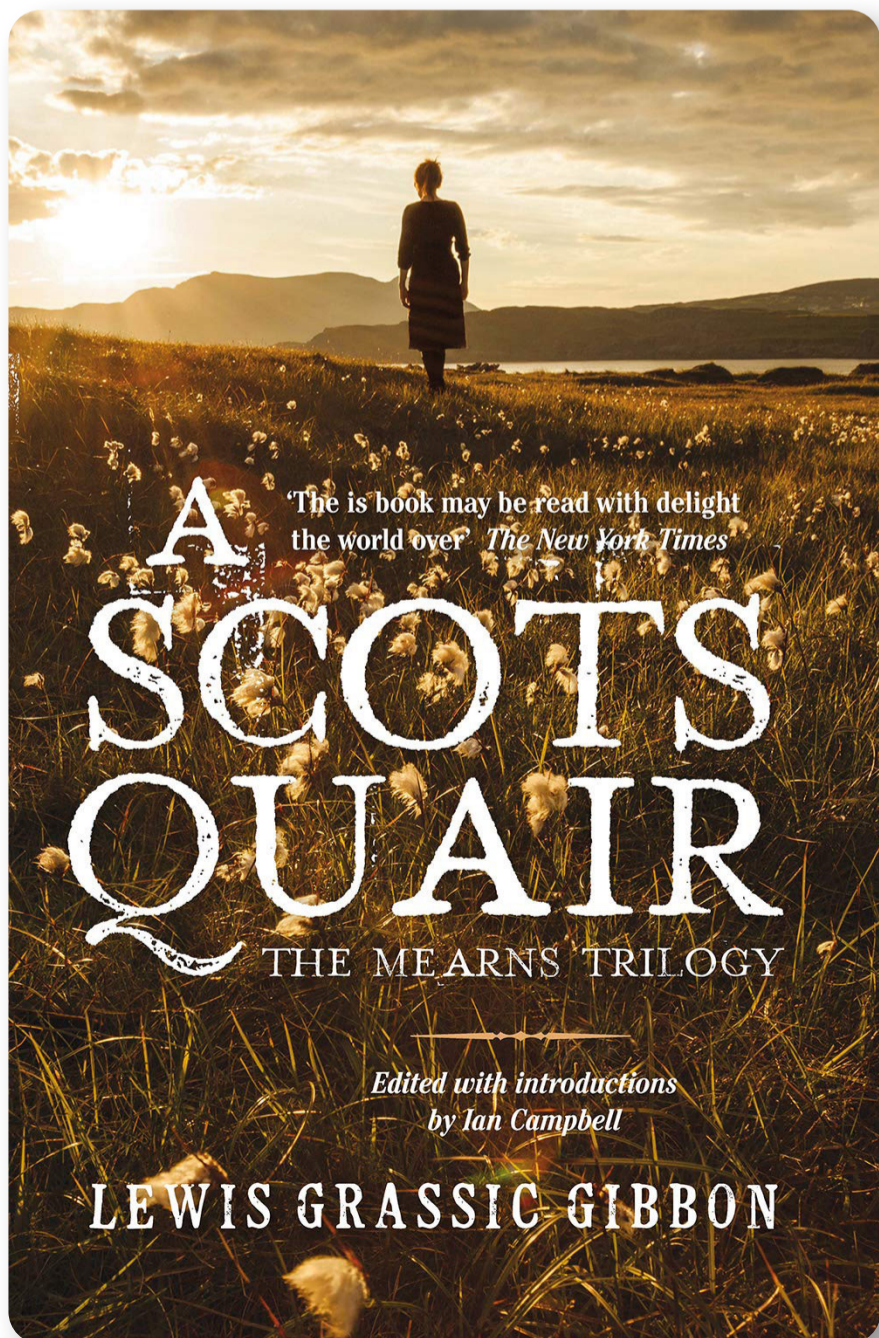


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Miss Davies' is...

A Scot's Quair **(The Mearns Trilogy)**

by Lewis Grassic Gibbon

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“The trilogy (Sunset Song, Cloud Howe and Grey Granite) provide a vivid account of life in the North of Scotland in a farming community in the early 1900s. The trilogy plots the life of Chris Guthrie, a young Scottish woman, through several decades and hardships.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who like historical novels with vivid and realistic characters. You may even learn some Scottish words as you go along!

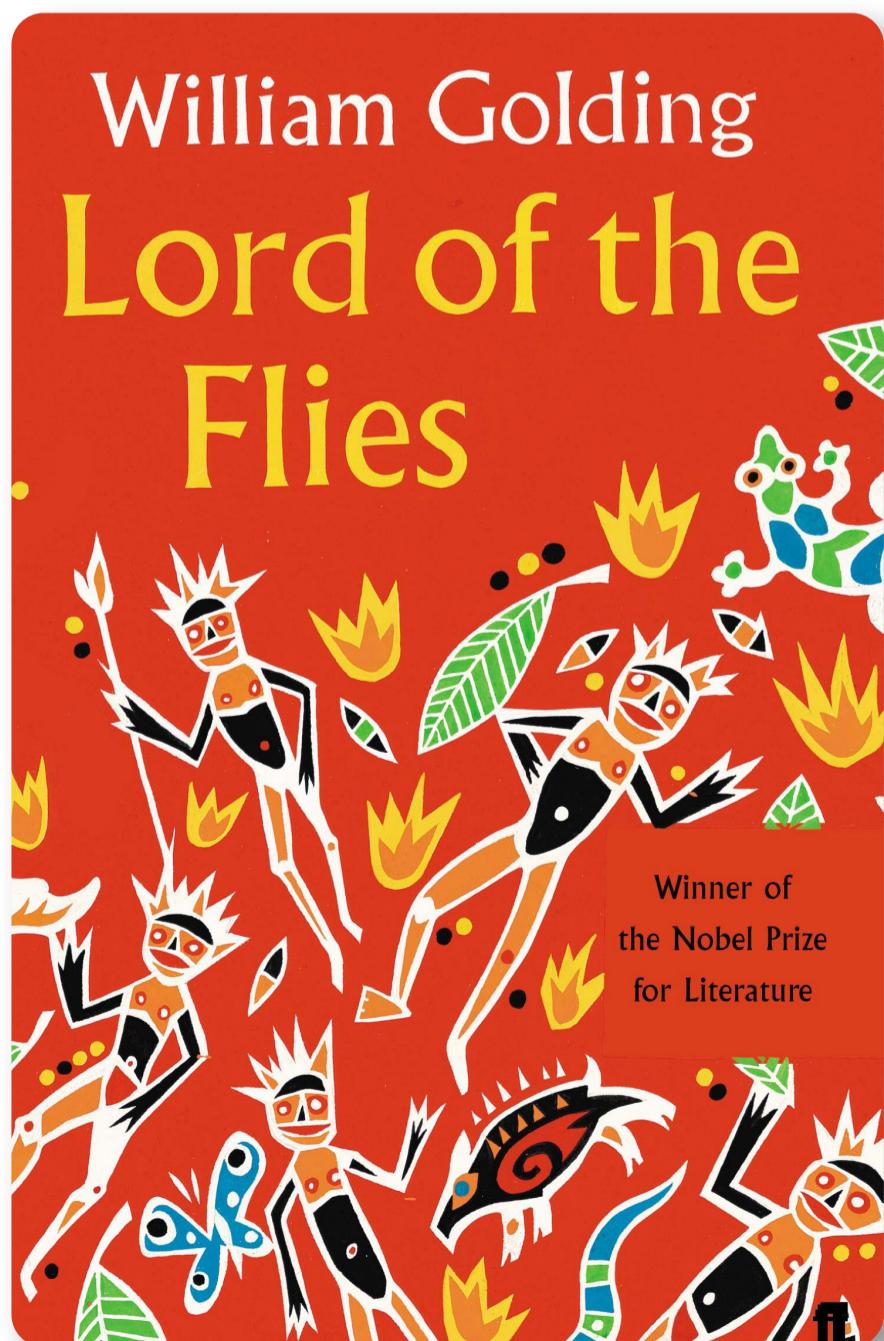


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Mr Muir's is...

Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

Why did you enjoy reading it?

“Detailed descriptions and a plot I could follow. I felt I learned something from it. It has some very graphic descriptions that kept me engaged.

Who would enjoy it?

“Anyone who doesn't mind lots of description. Anyone who enjoys some shocking, usually bloody, segments. Anyone who understands symbols. Anyone who wonders what would happen if your class was stranded on a desert island.