

READING RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMER



Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. We'll recommend some fantastic themed reads, and any new bookish news.

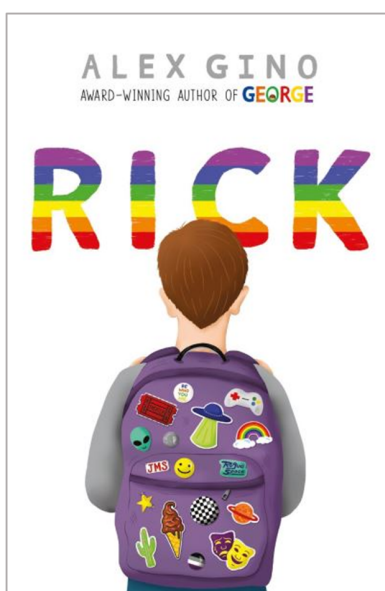
Remember to recommend and request any good reads, and make sure to check our website for specific reading lists!

The English Department



BOOKS OF THE TERM

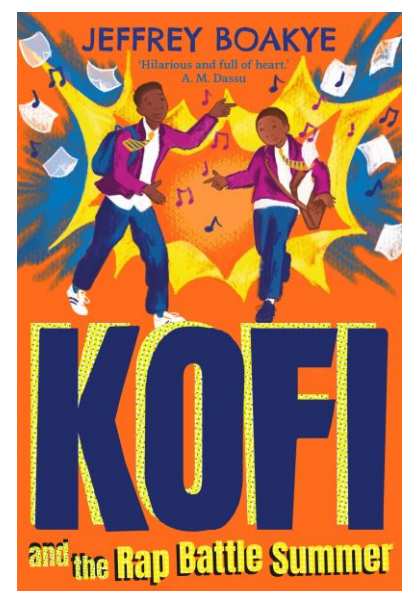
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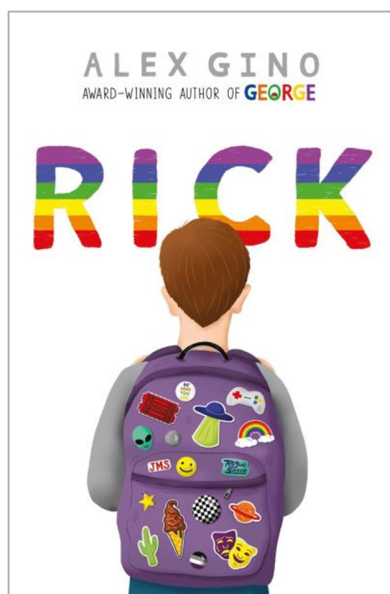
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Rick

by Alex Gino



Rick's never questioned much. He's gone along with his best friend Jeff even when Jeff's acted like a bully and a jerk. And he hasn't given his own identity much thought, because everyone else around him seemed to have figured it out. But now Rick's gotten to middle school, and new doors are opening. One of them leads to the school's Rainbow Spectrum club...

JULY

When Life Gives You Mangoes

by Kereen Getten

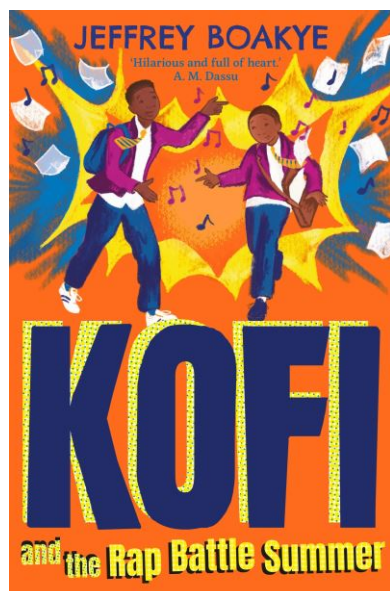


Nothing much happens in Sycamore, where Clara lives - at least, that's how it looks. She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah. There's only one problem - she can't remember anything that happened last summer...

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Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer

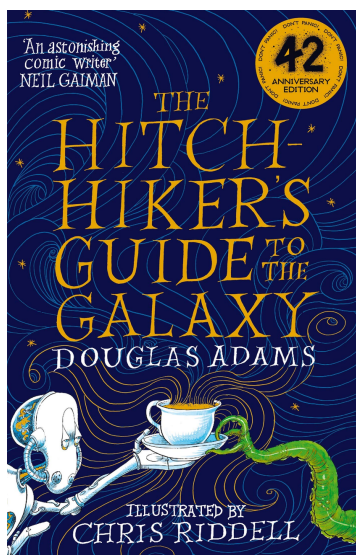
by Jeffrey Boakye



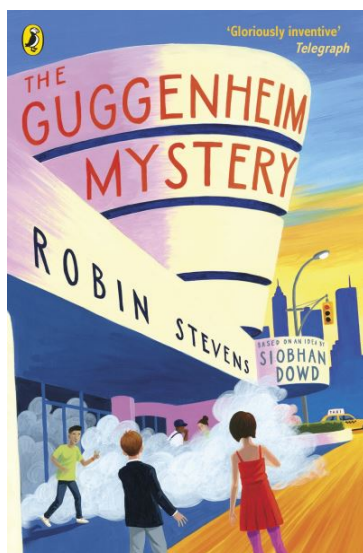
Kofi is a natural entrepreneur, but what he had overlooked is his best friend Kelvin's photographic memory and the fact that he can remember every single line of a song he's heard only once.... Follow Kofi, as he makes his way through school, trying to earn pocket money, stay out of trouble and make the most of the talents he has.

AUDIOBOOKS OF THE TERM

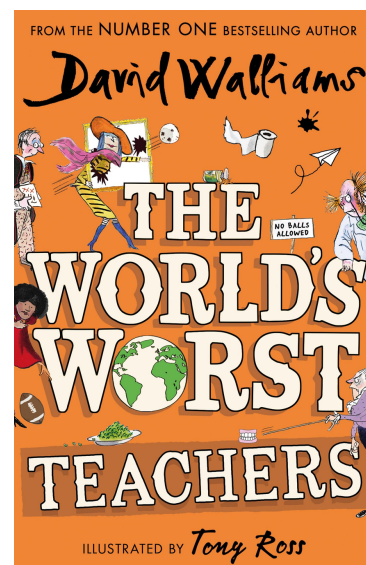
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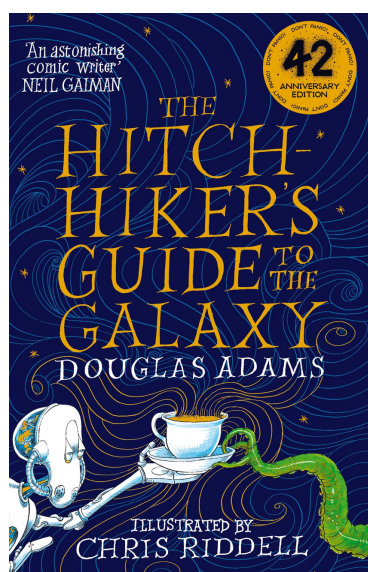
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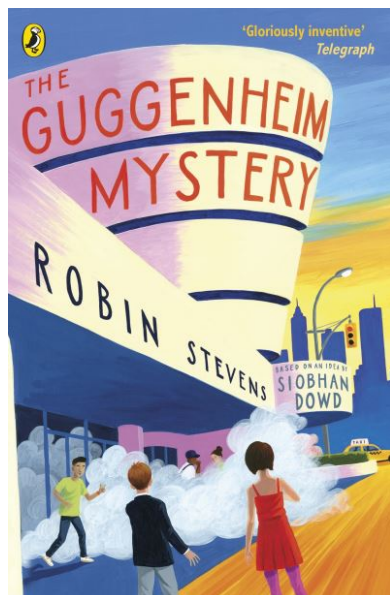


The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

A classic sci-fi tale, now available on Exhall Grange's ePlatform!

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and a book inscribed in large, friendly letters: DON'T PANIC.

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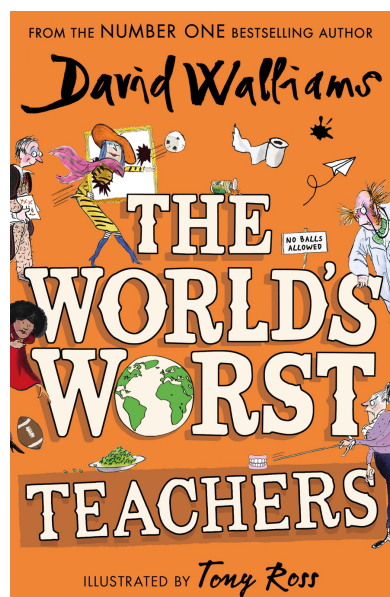
The Guggenheim Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

My name is Ted Spark. I am 12 years and 281 days old. I have seven friends. Three months ago, I solved the mystery of how my cousin Salim disappeared from a pod on the London Eye. This is the story of my second mystery.

This summer, I went on holiday to New York, to visit Aunt Gloria and Salim. While I was there, a painting was stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works.

But then Aunt Gloria was blamed for the theft - and Aunt Gloria is family...

AUGUST



The World's Worst Teachers by David Walliams

If you're worried about a new school year after summer , have a listen to this very funny reminder that your teachers aren't really that bad!

Think your teachers are bad? Wait till you meet this lot. These 10 tales of the world's most splendidly sinister teachers will have you running for the school gates. Dr Dread teaches science and is half man, half monster. Watch out for the ghastly Miss Seethe. She is always furious and she's on a detention rampage. And as for Pent, he's a teacher with a real difference. He is bone-shakingly terrified of children!

AWESOME AUTHOR OF THE TERM



Sharna Jackson

"I'm trying to help kids thrive – especially those who are disengaged, disadvantaged and generally don't think arts, culture, reading and writing is for them. It is. I'll make it so."

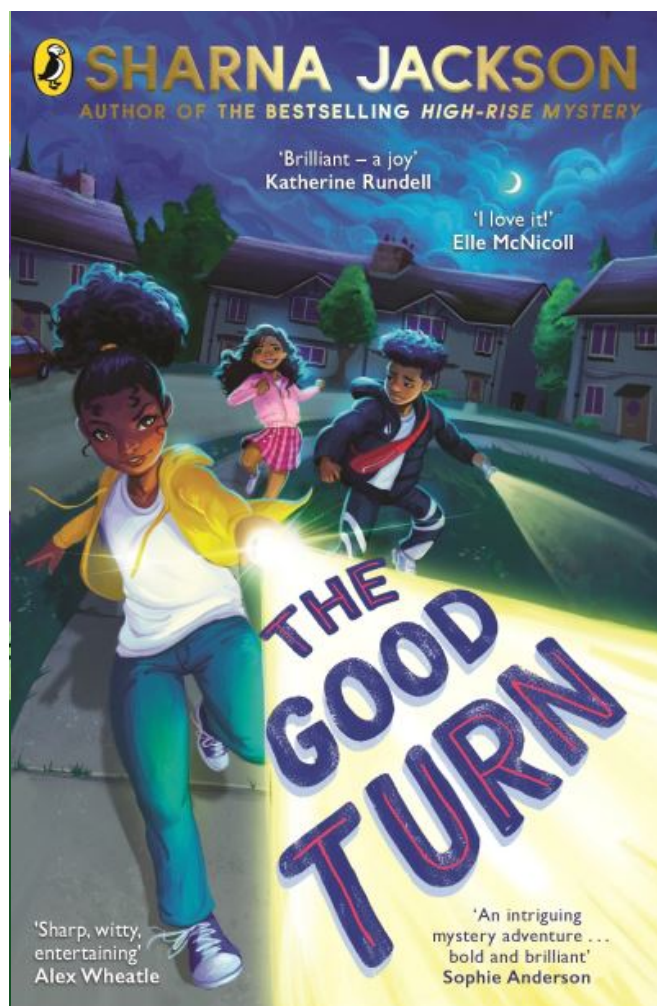
Sharna Jackson is an award-winning, bestselling author and Artistic Director. Born and raised in Luton, she now writes on an old sailing ship in Rotterdam.

Latest Book: The Good Turn

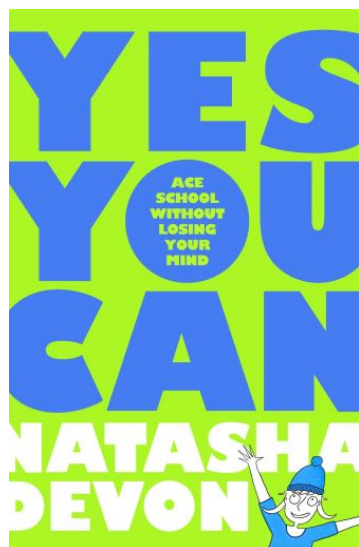
Josephine Williams is desperate to explore the world beyond her cul-de-sac.

When she learns about Josephine Holloway - a woman who started the first Girl Scout Troop for Black girls in America - she's certain she must start her own.

Enlisting her friends Margot Anderson and Wesley Evans, the trio begin their quest for their Camping Badge. Drawn to an abandoned factory nearby, they stumble across something strange...



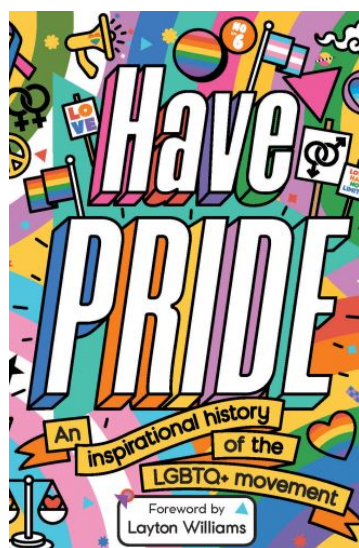
OTHER BRILLIANT BOOKS!



Yes You Can by Natasha Devon

An empowering guide to succeeding at school while still looking after your mental health.

- Learn how your brain works - understand the point of stress and sort and tackle your anxieties
- Take a quiz to find out what kind of learner you are and tailor make your own revision schedule
- It's not all about work. Plan your study breaks with tips on baking, doodling, dancing and relaxation techniques

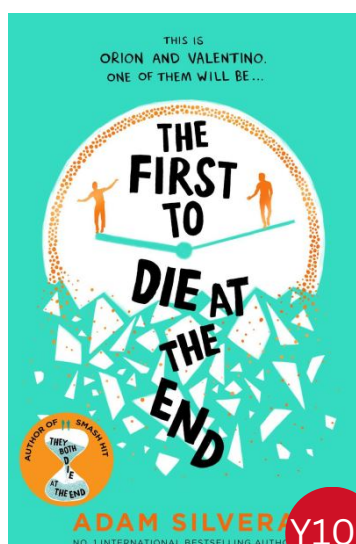


Have Pride by Stella Caldwell

A history of the LGBTQ+ rights movement across the world, from ancient times to the present day.

This inspirational history of the international LGBTQ+ movement will teach readers to accept and have pride in themselves and others, whatever their sexuality. It details the struggles and successes of LGBTQ+ movements around the world.

It also includes profiles of significant LGBTQ+ figures from history and messages from young, modern-day members of the LGBTQ+ community, explaining why they have pride in themselves - and why you should, too.



The First to Die at the End by Adam Silvera

It's the night before Death-Cast goes live, and there's one question on everyone's mind: Can Death-Cast actually predict death, or is it an elaborate hoax? Orion Pagan has waited years for someone to tell him that he's going to die, given his serious heart condition. Valentino Prince has a long and promising future ahead of him and only registered for Death-Cast after his twin sister nearly died in a car accident.

Orion and Valentino cross paths in Times Square and immediately feel a deep connection. But when the first End Day calls go out, their lives are changed for ever ...

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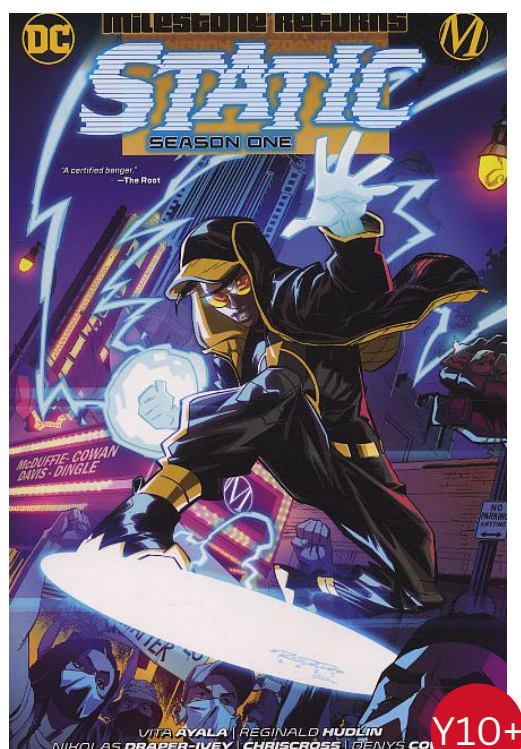
Galaxy: The Prettiest Star by Jadzia Axelrod

Taylor Barzelay has the perfect life. Good looks, good grades, a starting position on the basketball team, a loving family, even an adorable corgi.

Every day in Taylor's life is perfect. And every day is torture.

Taylor is actually the Galaxy Crowned, an alien princess from the planet Cyandii, and one of the few survivors of an intergalactic war. For six long, painful years, Taylor has accepted her duty to remain in hiding as a boy on Earth.

That all changes when Taylor meets Metropolis girl Katherine "call me Kat" Silverberg, whose confidence is electrifying. Suddenly, Taylor no longer wants to hide, even if exposing her true identity could attract her greatest enemies...



Thieves by Lucie Bryon

Bullied nerd Virgil Hawkins wasn't the kind of kid you'd normally find on the streets at a protest but like everyone else in the city of Dakota, he was fed up. Unfortunately, the first time he stood up to raise his voice, the world turned upside down. The experimental tear gas released that day left some of his classmates maimed or dead but it left Virgil, and others, with stunning new abilities.

Virgil has power inside him now real power, the ability to channel and manipulate electromagnetic fields. But there's anger burning inside him, too. What is he supposed to do about all of this? And first and foremost what is he supposed to do about his bullies, now that they've got superpowers too?

LITERARY NEWS

Young Poet Laureate



Could you be Warwickshire Libraries' Young Poet Laureate 2023/24?

The competition is open to anyone aged between 13 and 17 who lives and is educated in Warwickshire and who would like to perform their own poetry to an audience. Why not apply in the holiday?

Challenge your Reading



Over the summer holiday, see if you can challenge yourself with reading! Why not try:

- A book or genre you've never read before?
- Write a book review of your favourite (or least favourite!) read
- Or even make a story of your own!

If you are proud of any challenges in reading over the summer, make sure to let the library know in September!

LITERARY NEWS

Reading Over Summer

Remember, there are lots of ways to find new and exciting reads over summer! Here are just a few ideas to help you find different books to finish over the summer holiday!



Join your local library!



Warwickshire and Coventry libraries have some fantastic events running over the summer holiday, as well as some brilliant books! Have a look on your local library website for more details!

Swap books with friends and family



Friends and family are often the best way to find amazing new reads! Why not ask someone you know to swap books with you? That way everyone gets a new read over the summer holiday!

Find books secondhand



Libraries and charity shops are treasure troves of second hand books that often look brand new! Have a look to see if you can find an interesting new book secondhand!

Use ePlatform



Remember, ePlatform is available throughout the summer holidays on the Exhall Grange School Website! Try an audiobook at home, or on a trip, this summer .

OTHER INFORMATION

Definition of the Term

relaxation

/ re / again, back, thoroughly · prefix

/ lax / loosen · stem

/ ate / make into, become; put into action; treat with · suffix

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

1. rest or recreation; being free from work or tension



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