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Spring Term Reading Newsletter

We are fast approaching the Easter holidays!

Read on to find out about new fiction and non-fiction releases, types of book genres and recommendations, signposts to reading resources, dates of note and much more...

Reading Resources

LoveReading4Kids- www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk is the biggest and best recommendation site for children's books. Their passion for children's books ranges from toddlers to teens and ensures that whatever the age, whatever the interest, that you have a steady stream of brilliant book recommendations for your child.

8 reasons to join LoveReading4Kids:

1. We are the UK's leading book recommendation website for children and our mission is to engender that lifelong love of reading in kids
2. New users get entered into our monthly draw to win £100 to spend in your local bookshop
3. We curate the book recommendations based on your children's age, favourite genres, likes and dislikes, so you don't have to
4. You can read reviews from the best book experts around
5. You can add books to your digital bookshelf to keep track of what they want to read next, and what they have already read
6. You can enter our dozens of competitions and giveaways to win free books and bookish goodies
7. You can check prices via our live price comparison engine to ensure you get the best deal
8. Children can sign up to KidsZone, an area of the site just for them, capturing loads of content especially for children—a home where they can engage with videos, watch interviews, read book reviews and enjoy tons of activities and competitions. What are you waiting for? Sign up now... (it is free!)

Other good websites for reading recommendations-

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages>

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19 Resources/Resources for schools/7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19%20Resources/19%20Resources%20for%20schools/7%20Top%20Tips%20to%20Support%20Reading%20at%20Home.pdf)

Dates of note

March

- 1st March- World Book Day
- 8th March- International Women's Day
- 20th March- World Storytelling Day

April

- 2nd April- International Children's Book Day
- 22nd April- Earth Day

May

- National share a story month

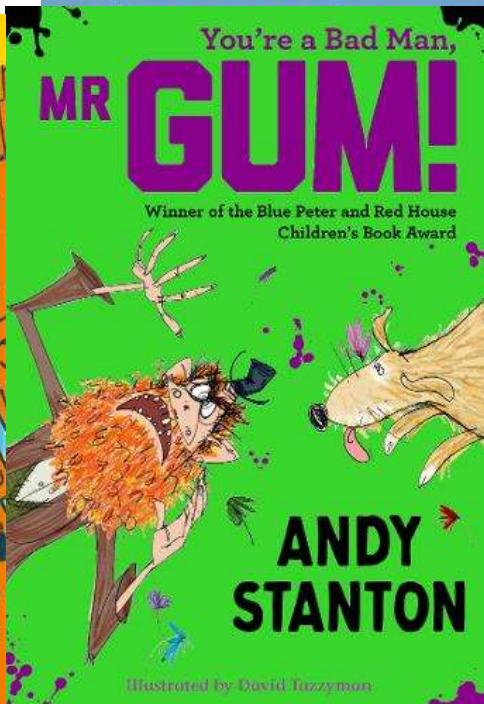
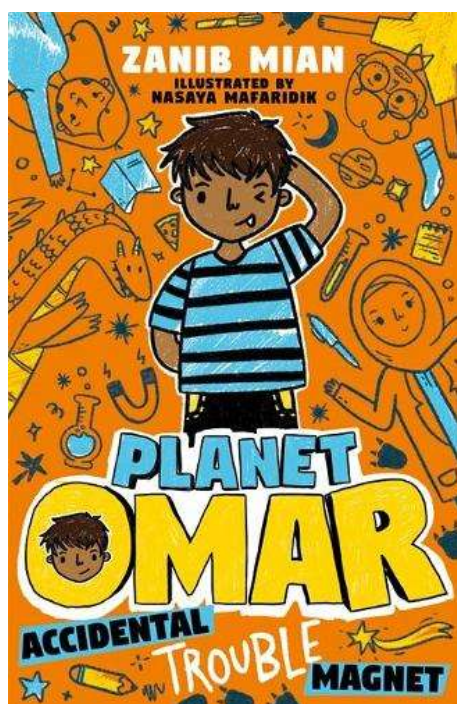
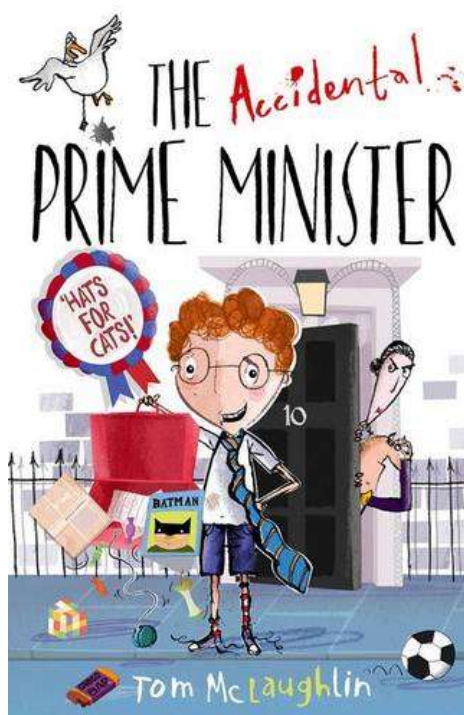
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- 8th June- World Oceans Day

Must have reads (Fiction)

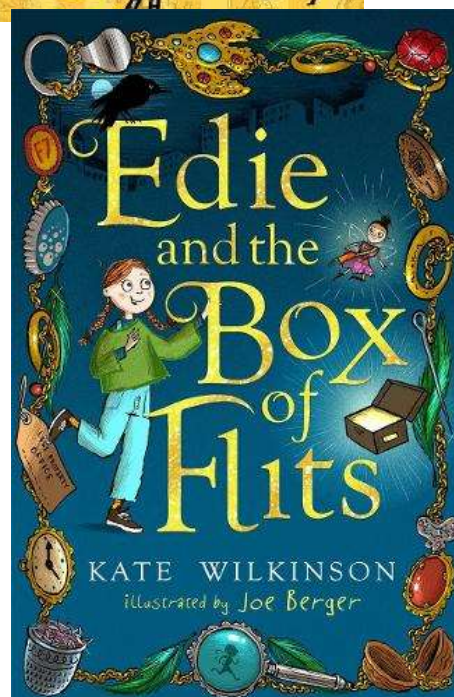
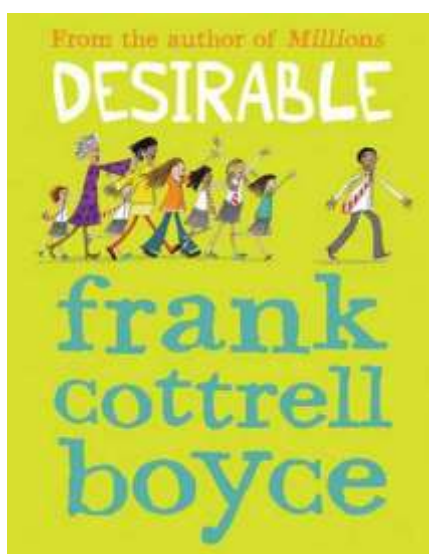
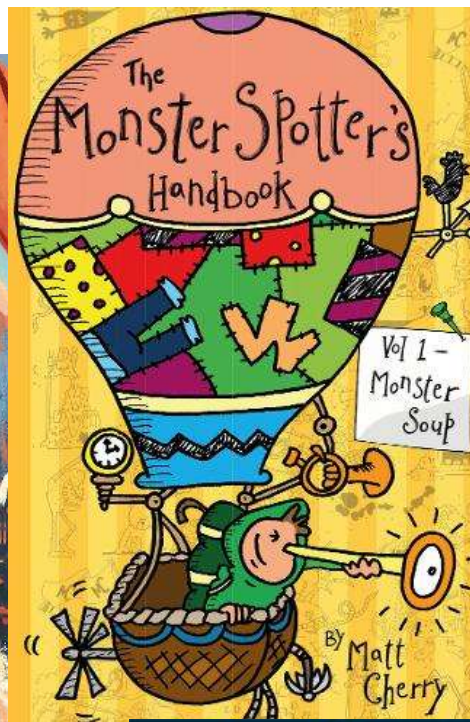
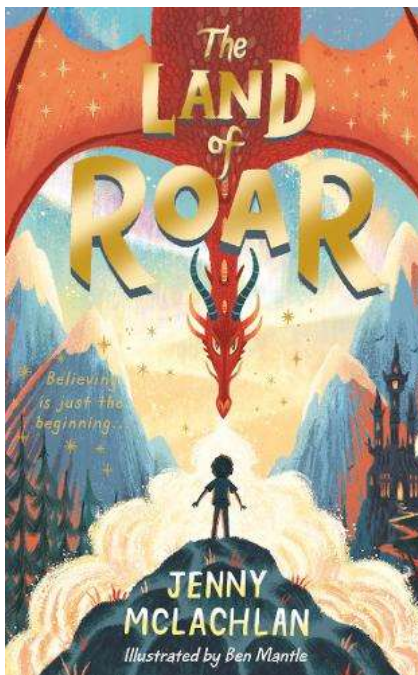
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>

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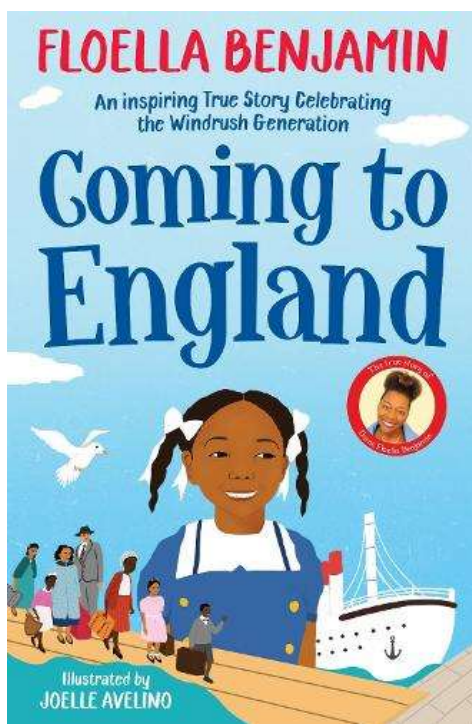
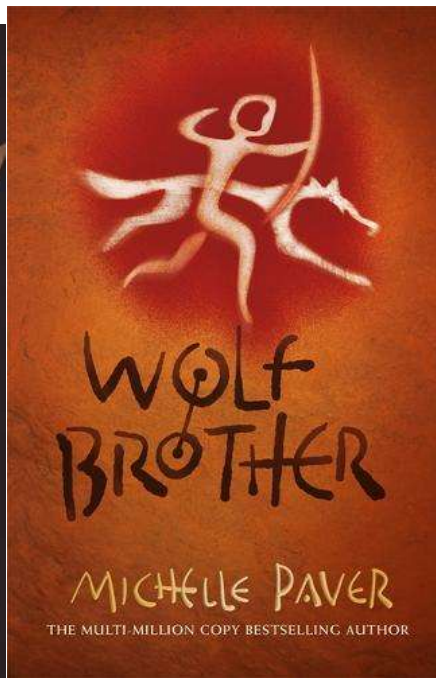
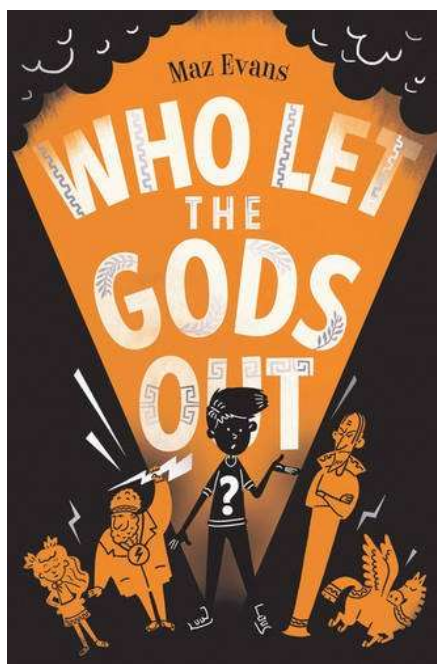
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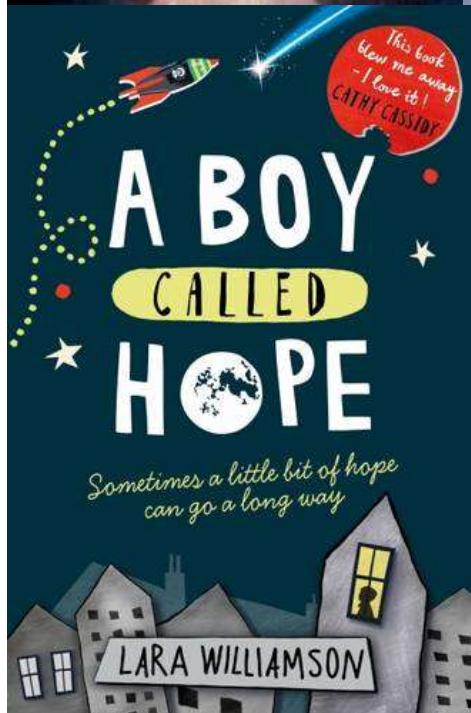
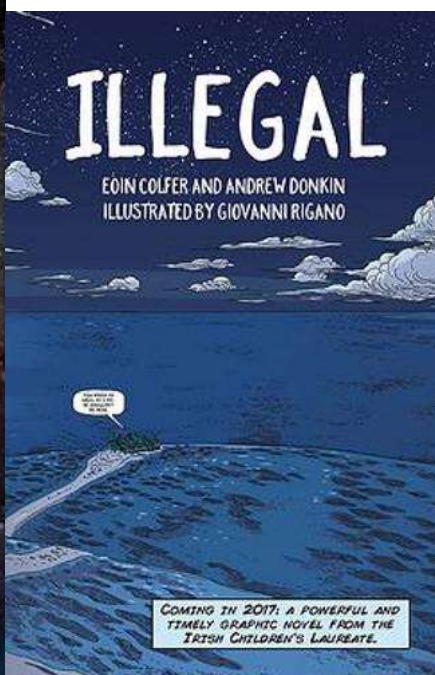
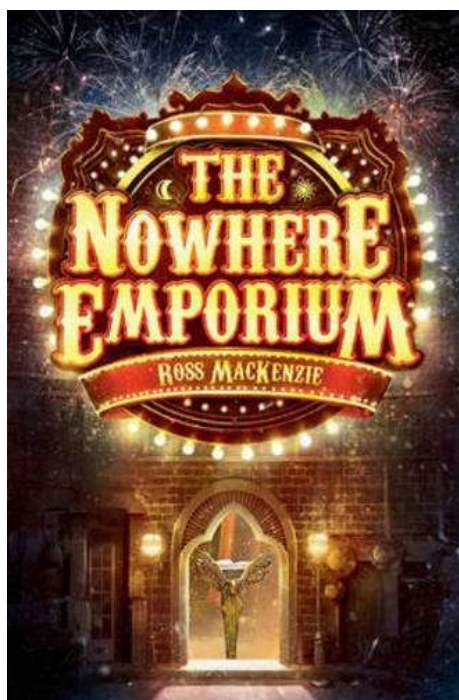
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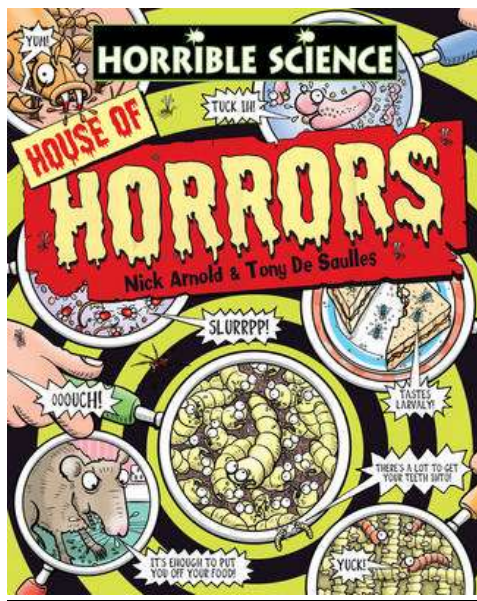
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Must have reads- Non-fiction

House of Horrors Synopsis

Winner of the Best Book with Facts in the 2013 Blue Peter Book Awards. House of Horrors lifts the roof on the disgusting details of domestic life as only Horrible Science. Who lives in a house like this? Just about everyone. This book will have the cleanest of neat freaks running for cover when they discover what they'll never be able to get out of the carpet.

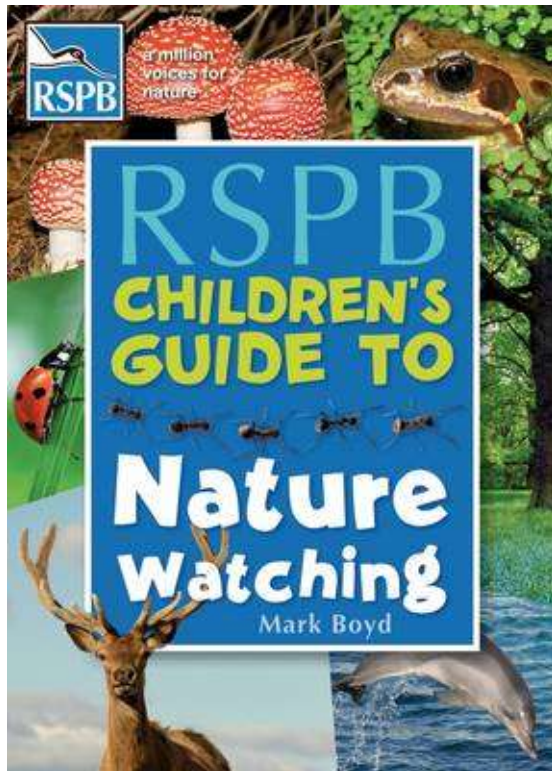


The RSPB Children's Guide to Nature Watching Synopsis

This new RSPB book is a practical, exciting and comprehensive introduction to nature watching for children....the must-have guide for all young nature enthusiasts! Full colour throughout there are also lots of tips on attracting wildlife to your garden, how to take field notes and much more. It also includes a guide to many common species of British birds, animals and plants, using clear illustrations and describing key identification points, such as behaviour, voice and habitat. Perfect for all the family to use in the garden or on weekend walks.

The full-colour photographs and illustrations guide children through the practicalities of being a wildlife watcher as well as providing a species guide so they can keep track of what they've spotted! Discover where to go and when, what equipment to take, tips for getting wildlife to visit the garden and advice on taking field notes.

- Practical advice and species guide for ages 8-12 and families
- Ideal for use in school and at home
- Beautiful full-colour photos and illustrations
- Encourages awareness of environmental and wildlife concerns



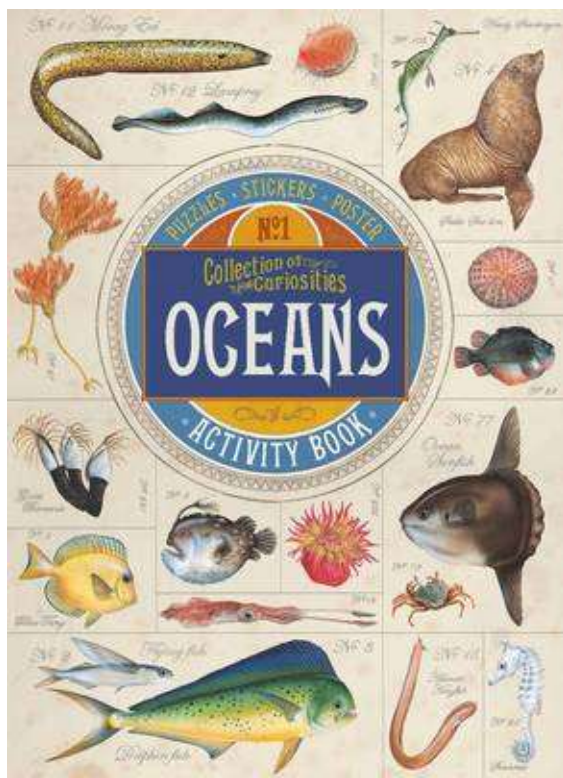
Collection of Curiosities: Oceans Synopsis

Explore the magnificent oceans, above and below the waves, in this beautifully illustrated activity book! Entertaining and educational in equal measure, this activity book is packed with fishy facts, oceanic puzzles, and aquatic activities. It also contains two sheets of stunning stickers and a pull-out poster.

The titles from the Collection of Curiosities series include:

- Dinosaurs

- Animals
- Oceans
- Bugs



Graphic novels

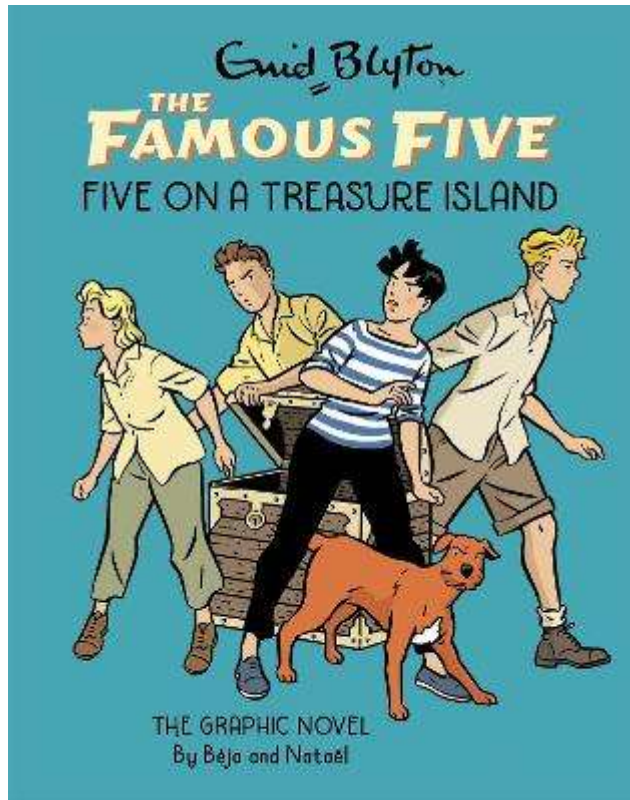
Famous Five Graphic Novel: Five on a Treasure Island Synopsis

The Famous Five told as a graphic novel for the first time ever. Ideal for anyone who loves Tintin, Asterix or Dogman.

All the fun, danger and excitement of the original books, in a fast-paced format for fans old and new. Brilliantly retold, designed and illustrated by a talented father-and-son team of graphic novel experts. This superb new edition will capture the imagination of readers of any age.

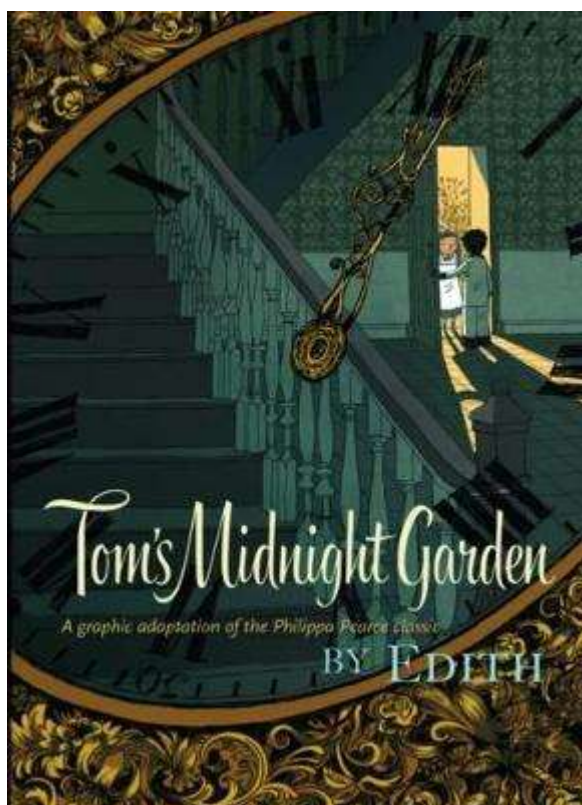
It's Julian, Dick and Anne's first visit to Kirrin to meet their cousin George - never call her Georgina! - and her loyal dog Timmy. Exploring together, they discover the location of some ancient family treasure marked on a hidden map. They must work quickly to find it as they are not the only ones searching for it . . .

Join the adventure!



Tom's Midnight Garden Graphic Novel Synopsis

Renowned graphic novel artist, Edith, has created an enchanting version of the classic Tom's Midnight Garden. This is a new and special way to read and share one of the best-loved and most enduring children's stories of all time. A story with a special place in the hearts of grandparents, parents, and children everywhere, this wonderful graphic novel adaptation is faithful, accessible, and stunningly illustrated.



Competitions

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/competitions> *click here for the latest competitions to enter.*

Book talk – Pie Corbett

See below a list of questions you could use when you are talking about books:

‘Book-talk’ is about the ability to talk about books, developing the confidence to offer ideas and then reshape them in the light of other contributions. It helps children to trust their own ideas and interpretations, to talk effectively about a book, deepening their understanding, shifting their ideas, thinking together and moving comprehension forwards. ‘Book-talk’ only works if the books have anything worth saying about them. The quality of the book determines the depth of discussion. It is important to accept all answers positively about the books that children read. Children are encouraged to raise questions as well as make points and suggestions. (Pie Corbett, 2008)

- What sorts of things did you like or dislike? Was there anything that puzzled you?

- Have you read any other books like this? How did they compare? Which parts of the book stay in your mind most vividly? How did the main character change? What surprises are there in the book?
- How long did it take the story to happen? Where did the story happen? Which character interested you most? Who was telling the story? Talk about the links between the story and the illustrations.



Happy reading,

Mrs Groves 😊