



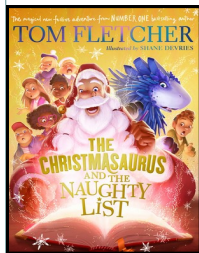
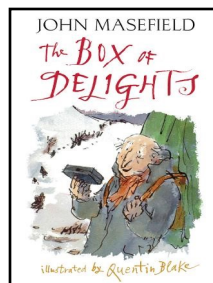
Newsletter Date: Autumn 2021
Issue 14

Reading Newsletter Christmas Special



I wonder how many of you will be writing a book on your Christmas list to Santa? I loved getting a book for Christmas and I still do today! There are so many great Christmas themed stories and books around that I hope you enjoy finding out about them in this special edition of the Reading Newsletter.

A classic Christmas story, John Masefield's **The Box of Delights**. A story involving Kay, a school boy, given a special magical box for safe keeping. The box is the property of a mysterious old man and with it Kay can travel through time. A great story in the style of the Narnia books. I loved this book as a child! I know Miss Branton is a big fan of this story too! This version has wonderful illustrations by Quentin Blake. An enchanting fantasy story for you to enjoy.



The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List by Tom Fletcher.

'We are fans of Tom Fletcher in the Moody household so we couldn't wait for 'The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List' to arrive on publication date! Favourite characters from the previous two books are back... the Christmasaurus and William Trundle! If you have read The Danger Gang you will also be familiar with some of the other characters that appear in this story and will enjoy spotting the links between the books!

The Christmasaurus is shocked at the length of the naughty list this year and is determined to ensure that children move over to the nice list in order to receive a gift from Santa at Christmas. The book takes us through the Christmasaurus' involvement with a range of characters as he finds creative ways to show them why they are naughty and helps them to correct their choices. Ella Noying is one of my favourite 'naughty listers' and of course the intrigue about why William Trundle is on the naughty list is saved for the end!

I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the Christmasaurus books and can highly recommend this latest book for children aged 7-11; you will definitely enjoy the humour and festive spirit.' **Mrs Moody**

The Christmas Pig by JK Rowling.

On Christmas Eve, the night when all toys come to life, Jack must travel into a magical land to save his beloved toy pig! The pig is called DP Smelly, he is a bit tatty and quite ugly but Jack loves him. Follow Jack on his journey to the Land of the Lost to save the Christmas Pig!

Another great story from the author of the Harry Potter books and the Ickabog.



Once upon a Christmas Eve. Just after it had snowed. The
J _____ P _____ (him again!). Came down the jolly road. And in the bag upon his
back. An interesting load.

How Winston Delivered Christmas by Alex T Smith.

A story to be read a day at a time, over 24 and a half chapters, like opening a window of your advent calendar, but as a festive fun story instead!



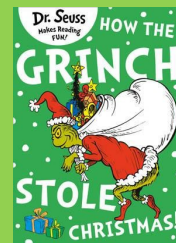
My Book Choices By Mrs Bold

What book did you like reading the most as a child?

My absolute favourite book to read as a child was 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. When I was a child, my mum would take us weekly to the library and I would choose this book time and time again. I loved the fantasy world of Narnia and I would imagine what it was like living there.

What was your favourite book you ever had as a Christmas present?

I will always remember receiving a copy of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'



Christmas' when I was about ten years old. I found the book both funny and sad, and I still feel those same emotions when I read it to my own children at Christmas.

Who is your favourite book character and why?

My favourite book character is the eccentric Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I love how Mr. Wonka is a chocolate making genius, who relishes in nonsense!

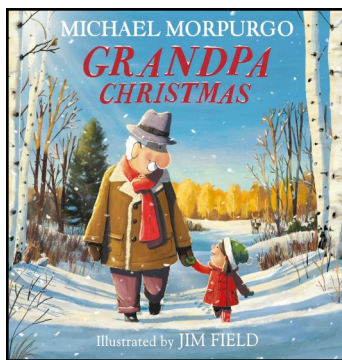
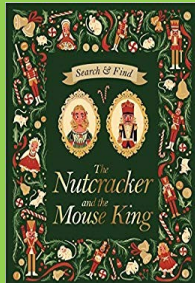
Is there a book you would like for Christmas this year?

The book that's on my Christmas list this year is 'The Dressmaker's Gift' by Fiona Valpy. Over the summer, I read another one of her books and I absolutely loved it. I will let you know if my husband picks up on my not very subtle hints and buys it for me!



This is a perfect collection of Winter poems for the season. A Poem for Every Winter Day collected by Allie Esiri for all you poetry lovers!

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by Federica Frenna, who also illustrates this beautiful version of this Christmas classic. A perfect book to share.



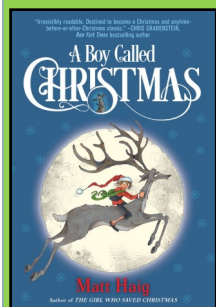
Grandpa Christmas by Michael Morpurgo. This book is really a beautiful letter from Grandpa to his granddaughter wishing a better world for her. A heart-warming story.



Santa Gets a Second Job by Michele D'Ignazio. Times are tough for poor old Santa and he has to get another job! A really funny story.

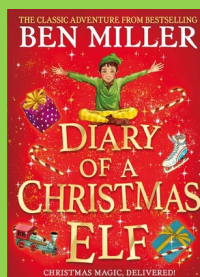


Winter Magic by Abi Ephinstone is an unmissable collection of short stories, perfect for reading on those cold winter nights!

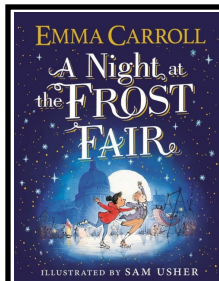


A Boy Called Christmas is a fantastic book by Matt Haig. I recommended it last Christmas, but this year you might be lucky enough to watch it as a film too. It is a wonderful story you will all enjoy and leave you feeling really festive inside!

Look out for **The Girl Who Saved Christmas** also by Matt Haig.



Diary of a Christmas Elf by Ben Miller, the same author who wrote **The Night I Met Father Christmas**, another brilliant Christmas book! This story is about Tog the Elf who has to do all he can to save Christmas from someone who has been stealing all the toys from Santa's Workshop!



A Night at the Frost Fair by Emma Carroll. In search for Christmas magic, this book will transport you back in time to a frozen River Thames. The sights and sounds and smells of a Frost Fair on the river are a real Winter Wonderland. Another great book by this popular author.

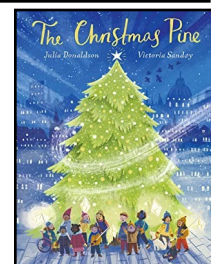
She has written some brilliant books especially

in the historical fiction genre. I loved **Letters from the Lighthouse**. Why not check out her twitter page!

https://twitter.com/emmac2603?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwtgr%5Eauthor



The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson. The new book from the author of the **Gruffalo**. Follow the magical journey of this special tree who is destined to stand proudly in Trafalgar Square in London! A perfect picture book.



Some Christmas Fun.

Think of a book to write inside each box of this grid? A different book each box!

A Harry Potter Book.	A book about dragons	A book set in the past	A book about friends.
A book by Charles Dickens	A funny book.	A book by David Walliams	A book with an animal as the main character.
A book set in a jungle.	A book by Dr Suess.	A Picture Book.	A scary book.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Christmas.
Thank you for reading! Mr Rotherham.