

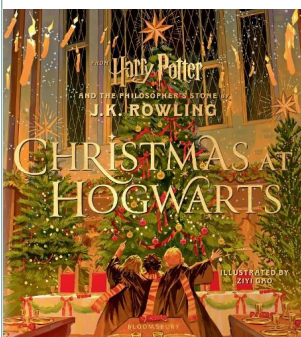
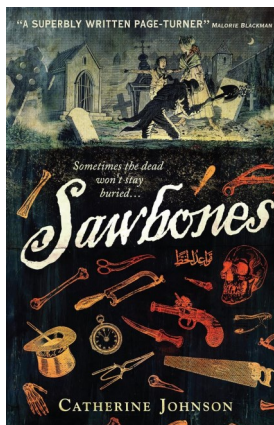


Reading Newsletter.

Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas! Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, full of great stories and festive fun! I have written my wish list to Father Christmas and asked for a couple of great books to be in my Christmas Stocking! I will have to see whether Father Christmas thinks I have been good this year!

Here are the books on my wish list...

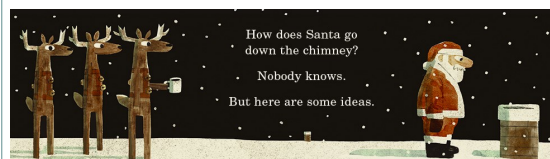
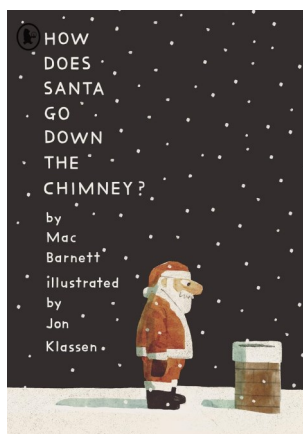
Sawbones by Catherine Johnson - I love historical fiction and this book has also a gruesome twist! Often gory and shocking, this tale is perfect for readers who love crime stories. One for older readers!



My next choice is **Christmas at Hogwarts** by JK Rowling, a beautifully illustrated version of Harry Potter's first experience of Christmas at school in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Great festive

read for all the family.

I would also love to read this wonderful picture book- **How does Santa go down the chimney?** By Mac Barnett. A question that is often asked. Be ready for some fantastic answers to that question! Does he pour in through the tap or slide under the door?



This is such a funny book which will appeal to children of all ages.

My Festive Book Choices

By Mrs Lane

My favourite book as a child was **Kensuke's Kingdom** by **Michael Morpurgo**.

During primary school we went on a trip to our local theatre to watch it live, I will never forget it!



My favourite book I received as a gift was 'The series of **Unfortunate Events**' collection by **Lemony Snicket**. As soon as I put one down I was excited to start reading the next one! They follow the dreadful misadventures of the three Baudelaire's orphans, which lands them in the hands of villainous Count Olaf who is after nothing but the family's fortunes.

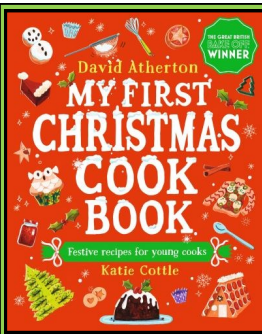
Voilet Baudelaire was my favourite character, she is an incredibly talented inventor (which shows in the book), but was also absolutely fearless! As the eldest of the three orphans she took on a huge responsibility in keeping her siblings safe. I could really relate to this because at the age of 10 I had just become a big sister and I felt for the first time ever I had a real responsibility.

A Christmas Puzzle. Complete the name of these book titles by filling in the missing word. (Clue- they are all Christmas or Winter themed words)

1. ____ Hood aged 10 3/4 by Ben Miller	2. Pugs of the ____ North by Philip Reeve
3. ____ Poppins by RL Travers	4. The Magic Faraway ____ by Enid Blyton
5. Talking ____ by Benjamin Zephaniah	6. The Girl of Ink and ____ Kiran Millwood Hargrave
7. Northern ____ by Philip Pullman	8. The ____ Spider by Jenny Nimmo
9. The Wonky ____ by Craig Smith	10. Christmas ____ by Charles Dickens



This year I've asked Santa for 'The **Creakers**' by **Tom Fletcher**. I remember Mr Parker reading Spaceband to his class and it was amazing! So the **Creakers** is next on my list as I have had lots of children recommend it to me.

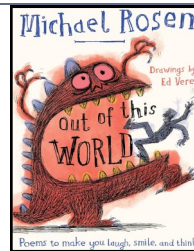
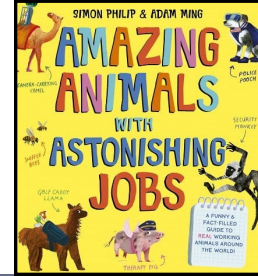


My First Christmas Cook Book by David Atherton might inspire you to help out with Christmas lunch this year! Lots of fun recipes to enjoy.

The Winter Wish by Helen Mortimer
A glorious Christmas story, full of festive sparkle. A picture book to fill your heart with the magic of Christmas.

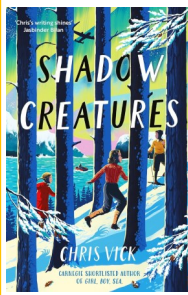


Amazing Animals with Astonishing Jobs by Simon Philip.
A funny and fascinating guide to the world of working animals -packed with astonishing facts!



Out of this World by Michael Rosen is a collection of poems that will make you laugh, make you smile, make you think, and take you out of this world.

Spooky Lakes by Geo Rutherford. Some of Earth's strangest—and creepiest—wonders lie deep below the surface. An eerie and eye-popping book.



Shadow Creatures by Chris Vick is set in occupied Norway during the Second World War. Vivid story telling, weaving together Norwegian folklore and the sheer bravery of characters Tove and Liva as they show resilience against the Nazi invaders to their homeland. Eye opening story based on true family events passed down to the author. Historical fiction at its best. Highly recommend!

Book of the Year!!

According to love4reading.co.uk these are the best books of 2024. What do you think?



- Best Fiction- Impossible Creatures - Katherine Rundell
- Best Illustrated—Bunny vs Monkey -Jamie Smart
- Best Non-Fiction -Brilliant Black British History—Atinuke



CHRISTMAS MAGIC DELIVERED!

Father Christmas needs a holiday. He isn't feeling well and someone seems determined to ruin the festivities... It's up to Christmas Elves, Tog and Hollie, to find a way to deliver the presents on time and bring the Christmas magic back for everyone.

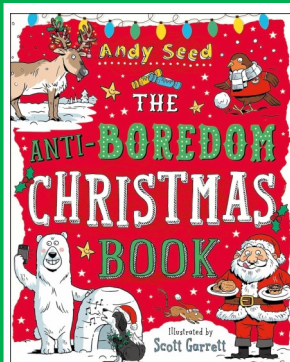
Ben Miller is the author of the Elf Collection of stories. He is an actor and comedian as well as an author. His first children's book was also Christmas themed, it was called 'The Night I Met Father Christmas'. Ben Miller clearly likes stories set at Christmas time. He says that 'The Night Before Christmas' story is popular in his home, with his children and it has inspired many of his books!

CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE
THE 12 CHALLENGES OF CHRISTMAS

Read a Christmas themed book	Have a whole family bedtime story	Create a puppet show of a book
Read a story by the Christmas tree	Read a book that is older than you	Build a den and share a story in it
Read a story about an animal	Read a book about kindness	Share a story with someone over Zoom
Draw a picture from your favourite book	Share a poem with someone	Read a book that makes you laugh

TIS THE SEASON TO GET READING!

1. Robin	2. Frozen	3. Mary	4. Tree	5. Turkeys	6. Stars	7. Lights	8. Snow	9. Donkey	10. Carol
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Just in case anyone need more festive fun ... here is a Christmas boredom buster. Full of fun activities to get you through the holiday. **The Anti-Boredom Christmas Book** by Andy Seed. Or why not try the **Where's Wally Santa Spectacular** to keep you entertained all Christmas!

