



## Crompton House School Library - Newsletter No2

Encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every day. It can be a book, magazine, comic, newspaper, or blog. Reading for 10 minutes every day is proven to help improve literacy levels, relax and unwind, improve memory and concentration and importantly help with our mental health and wellbeing!

### BOOK REVIEW



**World Autism Awareness Day is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and so I thought this book is a great recommendation and suitable for any young reader.**

#### Can You See Me - By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

From age 9 – 12 onwards

Friendship/School/Autistic Spectrum

Starting secondary school is a daunting time for any 11-year-old – and Natalia (known as Tally) is no exception. Acclimatising to new surroundings and learning the ways of different teachers is proving tough. Plus, there's the boy who calls her names, and her friends from primary school upon whom she's always been able to depend but who have started talking about things that just don't interest her (like boys) and cautioning her when her behaviour is embarrassing.

In addition to the universal challenges of being 11, Tally is also autistic. She often struggles to make sense of other people's actions and language. And now, as she enters this new stage in her life, aware of the way she is perceived, feeling an almost unbearable pressure to try to conform.

This is a powerful and very readable story about trying to fit in, to which almost any young reader will relate. Along the way, a host of common assumptions and stereotypes about autism are smashed, as we observe Tally's potent sense of humour, her empathy and her ability to learn. Most powerful of all is witnessing Tally's ultimate realisation that autism is not something that needs to be hidden.

### Free E Books and Audio Books – links to free resources

- Audible UK - <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> 100's of free books for all ages that can also come in 4 different languages. I am now listening to Mary Shelly's Frankenstein.
- SCRIBD free books for 30 days with no initial subscription or prepayment, after that its £8.99 pm - <https://www.scribd.com/books>
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## This Week's Activity

Why not get creative by designing a National Book Token! One lucky design will be on real tokens in bookshops in time for Christmas. You could also win lots of prizes for school, yourself and your teacher. Follow the link and using the template provided make your mark using the theme '**Share a Story**'. Closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> April so hurry! <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/02/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2020/>



## Toppsta.com

Check out Toppsta on <https://toppsta.com/blog/view/bookish-ideas-if-you're-self-isolating-with-the-kids>  
This is a fabulous website full of hourly resources, activities, author and illustrator live chats etc. to help you with enriching younger children in the world of literacy and it is updated every day!



## Share Your Creations with Mrs. Cullen!

This newsletter is not homework it is simply to give you guidance, ideas and fun activities to share with your children and for yourselves during this difficult time. If, however you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. I would like to create a '**When We Stayed at Home**' display in the school library so that soon, we can all look back on this period with a smile for all the positive things our students and children are doing.

You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below.

Happy reading and take care.

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