



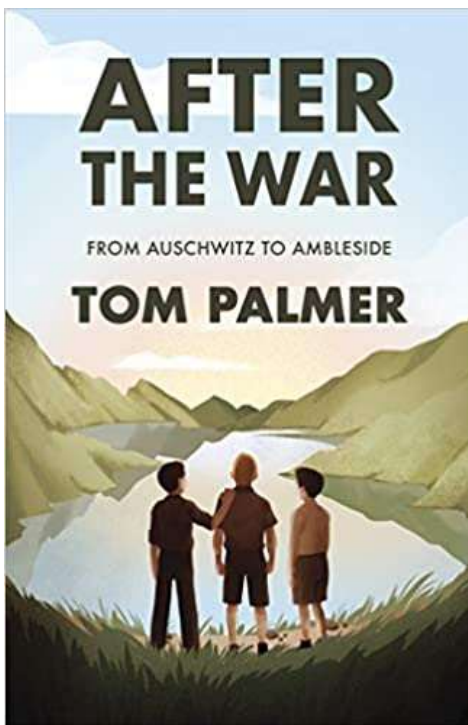
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Issue No27

Welcome to issue 27 and Happy New Year to you all! Unfortunately, we have had to start the year by staying at home, but we've got this! This issue includes great book recommendations and lots of informative websites, information, activities and advice for all ages to enjoy at home together and hopefully you will find this helpful. Remember, reading takes us on journeys to magical places and is great for our mental health and wellbeing. Take care.

BOOK REVIEW

AFTER THE WAR – Tom Palmer



Historical Fiction/World War 2/Holocaust

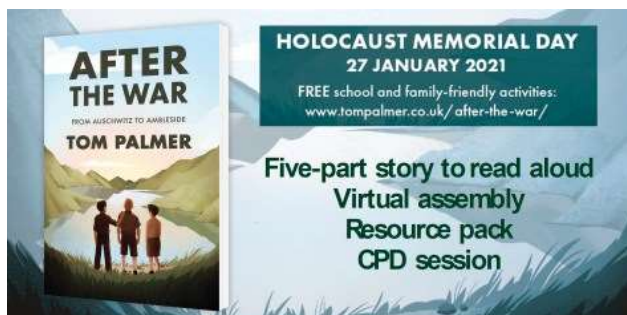
Interest age – 10+ although I believe this book should be read by any person over this age young and old.

Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Ben and Mordecai are among three hundred children who have arrived in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Ben - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful shores of Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

This book is based on the true story of the Windemere children who came to stay in the Lake District after suffering horrifically during The Second World War. It is emotional, extremely moving and beautifully written, I have read it three times. There are parts of the book some readers may find upsetting, but it is a hope filled uplifting read.

This Weeks Activity – Tom Palmer

Tom was set to visit our Year 7 and 8 students this month around Holocaust Memorial Day to talk to them about how he researches and develops his books, giving them creative story writing advice and answering questions. Unfortunately, this has had to be postponed for now. However, until he can visit Tom has sent the Crompton House community a lovely personal video which you can view below. You can also link to his website to view his fantastic online free resources [here](#).

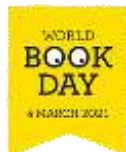


[Click here to see Tom's video to the Crompton House community talking about his book, it's background, real Holocaust survivors and how he carries out research to write his great books.](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2021

Great websites and Information

- World Book Day has a brilliant website full of great resources. They have created The Book Ideas Hub where you can find a huge range of book related resources and crafts to enjoy at home. Find out more [here](#).
- The Literacy Trust 'Words for Life' have created an audiobook club #BehindTheCover which celebrates books with women at the centre of the story directed at age 16 and over. Sign up and get a free audio book [here](#).
- The Bookwanderers book is a club hosted by children's author Anna James last year while schools closed due to COVID-19. The videos of these interviews are still available to watch. A great selection of authors Katherine Rundell, Onjali Q Rauf, Ross Welford and many more in these enjoyable interviews also providing writing hints and tips you can watch them [here](#).
- Sora – CHS online E and Audio Book has a very good fiction and nonfiction selection. There are lots of titles that are 'always available' with no holds or waiting times. Log in [here](#)



SORA AT HOME BINGO:				
READ A HARRY POTTER BOOK	FINISHED AN AUDIOBOOK	SNACK & A BOOK	EARNED THE 'CHECK IT OUT' BADGE	READ A BOOK OUT LOUD
FINISHED A READING ASSIGNMENT	HAD A ZOOM CALL WITH MY CLASS	CHECKED OUT A BOOK FROM SORA SWEET READS	BORROWED A BOOK WITH SORA	EARNED THE 'EARLY BIRD' BADGE
THANKED MY TEACHER	READ A BOOK FOR FUN		EARNED THE 'BOOKWORM' BADGE	READ A COMIC BOOK
FINISHED A SERIES	WROTE A BOOK REPORT	EARNED THE 'THAT'S A WRAP' BADGE	USED THE DEFINE FEATURE IN SORA	EARNED THE 'PASS IT ON' BADGE
READ AN EBOOK	READ A PAPERBACK BOOK	READ A PICTURE BOOK	EARNED THE 'BLAST OFF' BADGE	RECOMMENDED A BOOK TO A CLASSMATE

Sora Online Bingo Activity

Reading for pleasure is a great way to help us relax and unwind particularly now we are spending more time at home. Books can take us on magical journeys and we can learn so much from them.

Here is a great activity 'Book Bingo' to follow on Sora. Log in using your school details and follow the activity Sheet.

Sora have just added 70 new books to the collection they are always available with no need to reserve and wait for available copies.

Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

If you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them.

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

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