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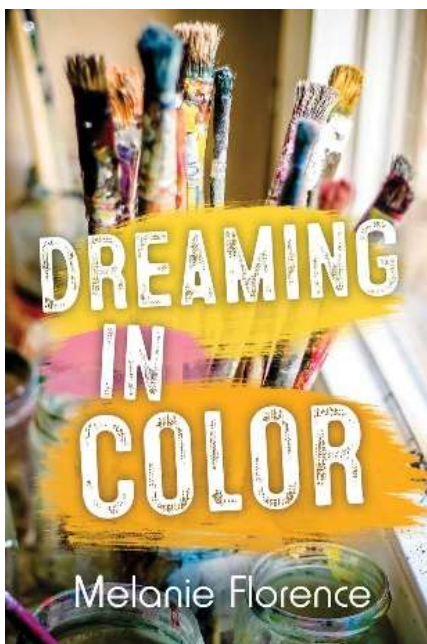
Welcome to issue 28, this week is National Story Telling and Children's Mental Health Week. Half term is fast approaching, and reading is great for relaxation and our mental health. Therefore, this issue includes some of the top book recommendations that can be located on our Sora app. There are also details of informative websites filled with wonderful bookish activities. Remember, reading takes us on journeys to magical places, take care.

BOOK REVIEW – by Alice Preen Year 8

Dreaming in Colour – Melanie Florence

Art/Diversity/BAME/school/Dyslexia friendly

Interest age – 12+



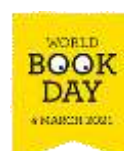
Jennifer McCaffrey has been working hard on her art for years. When she accepts an invitation for the local art school, it is the next step in her career to become an artist. However, it is not all that it seems. Whilst trying to deal with racism and unpleasant comments about her Indigenous-style art, Jen must also prepare for the big art show at school. But when her masterpiece is ruined by some kids from school, Jen must pick herself up and carry on.

I really enjoyed reading this book; it was amazing. It explains some of the hardships BAME communities face, and how it affects them, but they nearly always manage to pick themselves up, and carry on, just like Jen did. This book can be found on Sora, on the 'No-holds, no waiting!' section. There is also a sequel on there, called 'He Who Dreams', about Jen's brother John.

I would recommend this book to anyone; it is a great one to read! This book is on Sora and you can link to it [here](#).

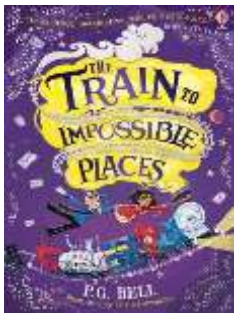
Great websites and Information

- Children's Mental Health week is 1st to 7th February and you can find lots of information and activities [here](#) 'Heads Up' Changing Minds on Mental Health the no2 top loaned book in Sora is a great go-to guide for teenagers wanting to know more about mental health and recovery. Click on the image below to loan the book in Sora.
- 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](#).
- 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](#)

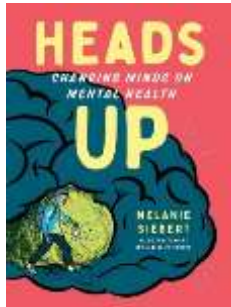


[More Book recommendations on Sora](#)

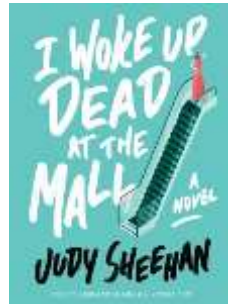
I thought I would share with you the covers and links to the top 10 loaned titles in January on Sora. Most of these books are on the always available ready to loan list. Click on the image and go straight to the book overview for more information.



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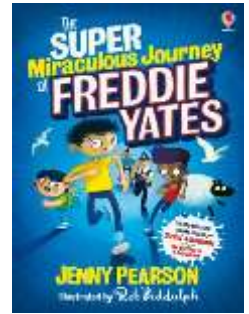
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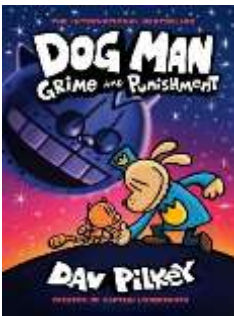
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[This week's activity – Kids of 2020 Letter Writing Project.](#)

In partnership with Literacy Trust and The Postal Museum, Usborne Children's Publishers have created 'Kids of 2020 Letter Writing Project' with P.G. Bells 'A Train to Impossible Places' detailed in our recommended reads above.

The objective is children/students today write a letter to a child in the future 2030 describing what life has been like for them during the unique year of 2020, what was it like, what was different, what did you learn?

The completed letters will be sent to Usborne Publishers and a selection will be chosen by The Postal Museum to be included within an exhibition helping future children learn about what life was like to live through the Coronavirus. You can find out more [here](#).



[Share Your Creations with me](#)

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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