



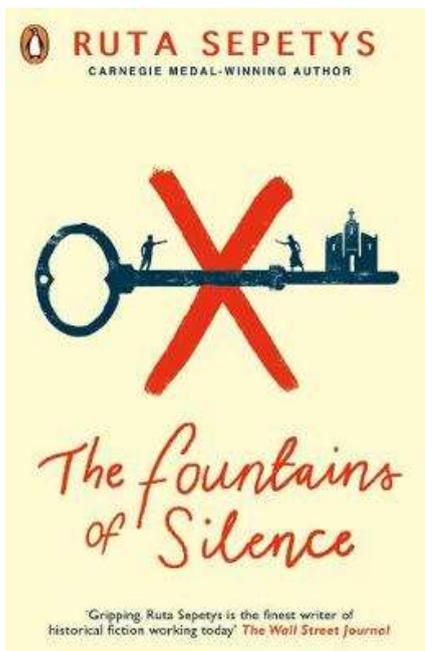
Crompton House School Library

Issue No31

Welcome to issue 31. I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break, Spring is finally here, and the weather is lovely, perfect for relaxing outdoors with a good book. This issue has lots of great book recommendations from our online E Book library Sora for you to enjoy along with a great competition and interesting websites. Please share with us your bookish experiences and remember, reading takes us on journeys to magical places, take care.

Book Review

The Fountains of Silence – Ruta Sepetys



Historical Fiction/Young Adult

Interest age – 13+

Madrid, 1957. Under the fascist dictatorship of General Francisco Franco, Spain is hiding a dark secret. Meanwhile, tourists and foreign businessmen flood into Spain under the welcoming promise of sunshine and wine. Among them is eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson, the son of an oil tycoon, who arrives in Madrid with his parents hoping to connect with the country of his mother's birth through the lens of his camera. Photography--and fate--introduce him to Ana, whose family's interweaving obstacles reveal the lingering grasp of the Spanish Civil War--as well as chilling definitions of fortune and fear. Daniel's photographs leave him with uncomfortable questions amidst shadows of danger. He is backed into a corner of difficult decisions to protect those he loves. Lives and hearts collide, revealing an incredibly dark side to the sunny Spanish city.

This book is a new addition to Sora and has been shortlisted for the Carnegie award. It is a great cross subject book Read it by logging onto Sora [here](#).

New Collection Landed on Sora!

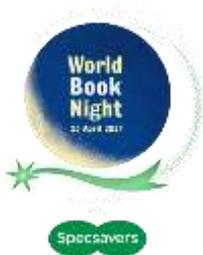
Sora specialists have curated and included a brand-new exciting collection for you to enjoy. There is something for everyone, from books nominated for the prestigious Carnegie awards to comic books, graphic novels, and Manga! Manga, graphic novels, and comics have intense visuals and focus on plot and characters, so can be just as engaging as novels and they can help people develop the reading skills required to comprehend texts with higher levels of difficulty. Log onto Sora [here](#) and enjoy.



World Book Night – Free Audio Books – 23rd April 2021

World Book Night is the annual celebration of books and reading, bringing together people from all backgrounds for one reason – to inspire others to read.

- Find out more [here](#) on how you can get involved
- Download a **free** audio book for WBN from a choice of 3 [here](#)
- Choose a book from Sora [here](#)
- Share your reading journeys with us by taking a photo reading your favorite books and tweet with the [#CHSFamilyReads](#) [@Clearingzone](#).

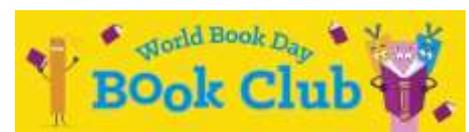
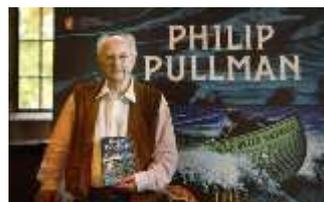


Great websites and Information

- If you are a fan of Philip Pullman or/and Michael Rosen, click [here](#) to access a free event talking about His Dark Materials trilogy and The Book of Dust trilogy on Friday 21st May at 5:30pm.
- The British Library has some fabulous bookish activities and crafts like how to make a poetry pop-up book, make your own comic book strip and design your own characters [here](#)
- The Carnegie/Greenway book award shortlist has been announced and CHS are shadowing the shortlisted books with a group of students. You can find out more about the awards [here](#).
- World Book Day have created a 'Book Club' for younger readers, April is based on The High-Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson. You can 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](#)



The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards



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Share your book reviews, activities, artistic creations, or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them.

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