

Crompton House School Library

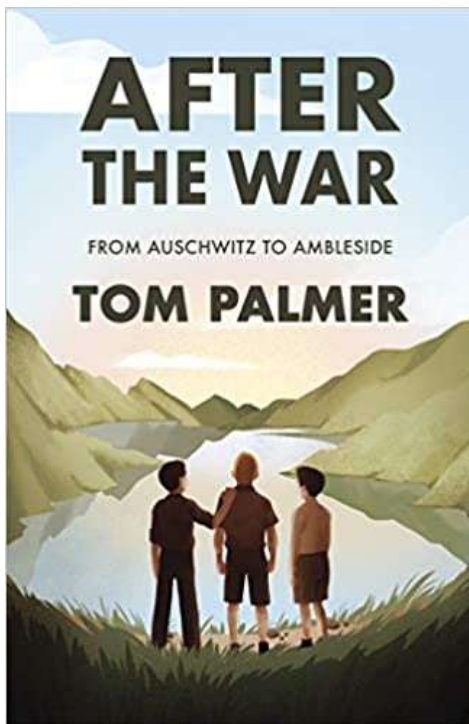
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“Loving God, Caring For Each Other and Achieving Excellence”

Welcome to issue 41 of the Crompton House Library newsletters and a Happy New Year to all! Holocaust Memorial Day is on the 27th January and so in this issue I am recommending books and activities around this subject. It also includes literacy related activities, resources, and useful websites some of which have been provided by Tom Palmer children's author of our featured book review and who I am excited to say is visiting #CHS in February. I do hope that you enjoy this issue.

Featured Book Reviews

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.

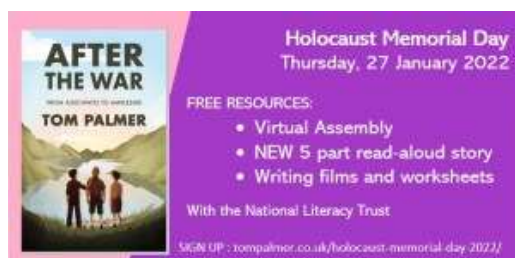
Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over, and Yossi, Ben and Mordecai are among three hundred children who have arrived in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin 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 many times. There are parts of the book some readers may find upsetting, but it is a hope filled uplifting read. I absolutely love this book!

NB You can read this on Sora for free [here](#) and we have copies in the school library

Tom Palmer – Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2022

Tom Palmer is an award-winning author of 54 children's books around sport and historical fiction. Tom works with schools, National Literacy Trust, the Holocaust Exhibition and learning Centre and the Anne Frank Trust. Tom is booked to visit our year 7 students in early February to talk to them about how he researches and develops his books, creative story writing advice, the importance of reading for pleasure and answering questions. Tom has lots of great free resources on his website and we are featuring Tom's resources created for Holocaust Memorial Day in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. You can find out more [here](#)



Holocaust Memorial Day
Thursday, 27 January 2022

FREE RESOURCES:

- Virtual Assembly
- NEW 5 part read-aloud story
- Writing films and worksheets

With the National Literacy Trust

SIGN UP: tompalmer.co.uk/holocaust-memorial-day-2022/

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

More books on Sora around the Holocaust

We are very fortunate as a school to have access to a fantastic online library 24/7 packed with over 3000 great reads. Here is a selection available to read on Sora, a reminder of how to log onto Sora can be found [here](#). I also recommend the Wonderful 'Once' series by Morris Gleitzman available to loan from our school library, any age group could and should read this series.

NB Please be aware that some readers may find the content of some of the books upsetting.



Christmas Hamper Kindness – Student Book Council

Our wonderful 'Student Book Council' recently created a Christmas hamper for a neighbor within our community. The hamper began as books but grew to include all kinds of treats in addition to books consisting of Christmas cake, fluffy socks, slippers, chocolates, wordsearch puzzles, crayons and so much more. Students Courtney, Annabel, Bella, Liv, Neve, Lola, Amna, Inayah, Niala, Ella and Holly-Marie who are in years 7 – 10, delivered the lovely hamper to Grace before we finished for the Christmas holidays. Grace who was very overwhelmed did have a little cry (happy tears) but was so very grateful to our students. I am incredibly proud of this group of students and the way they represented our school, their kindness and compassion in these unprecedented times was wonderful. Thank you to David and Grace for the lovely thankyou card and chocolates for our students!



Great websites and Information



- Every month the Book Trust team review dozens of books for children and teenagers. Here are the ones they like best in January divided into age group categories [here](#)
- Find out more about the Lake District Holocaust Project and the Windermere Children [here](#)
- Sora our online E and Audio Book free library. More information about Sora [here](#)

Share Your Literacy Activities with Me!

Share your book reviews, 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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