

**“Books make
great gifts
because they
have whole
worlds
inside of them.”**

Neil Gaiman



The 12 Days of 'Bookmas'

Christmas
Reading Advent
Calendar

WE
READ
AT CROMPTON HOUSE

"A book is a gift
you can open
again and again."

Garrison Keillor

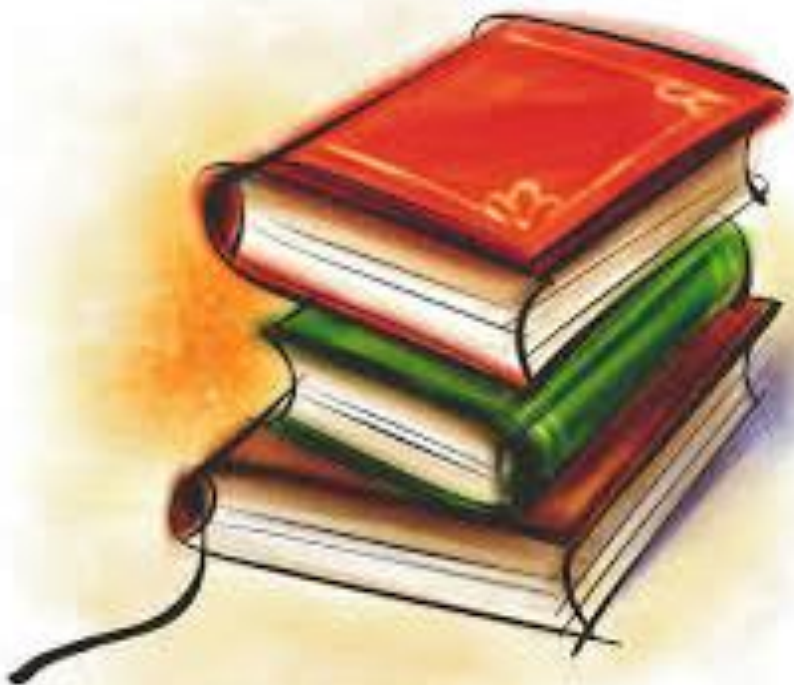




How it works....

12 students between years 7 and 11 have been randomly selected and will win a book. One winner will be revealed each morning in form.

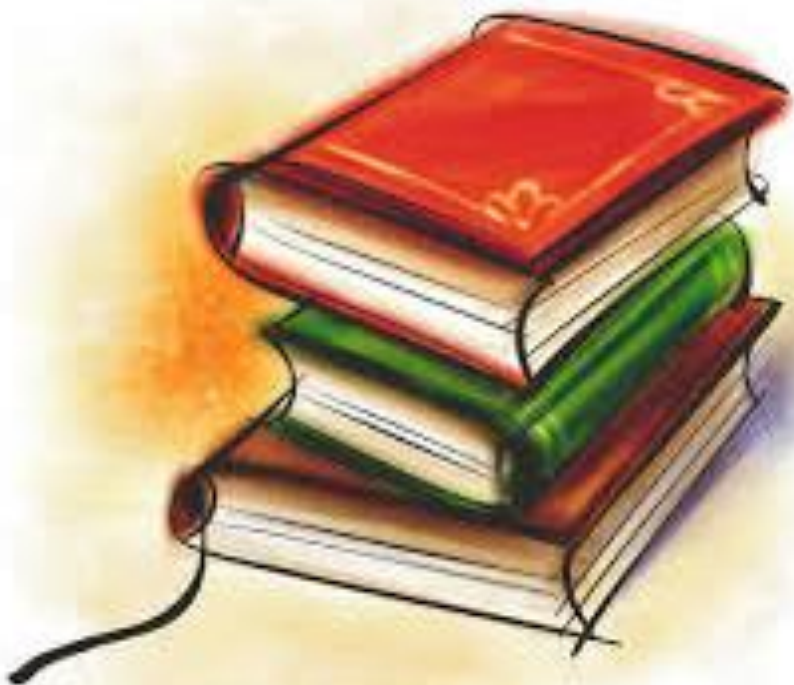
Keep your eyes peeled to see if you are the winning student!





What to do....

- 1) Each day of December, open two slides. One is the book review/blurb and the other the winning student.
- 2) Form Tutor (or pick a student) read the blurb to form
- 3) One student will win a copy of the book each day
- 4) Winners collect your books from the Library!



If you like the sound of the books, they are available on Sora or in our school library

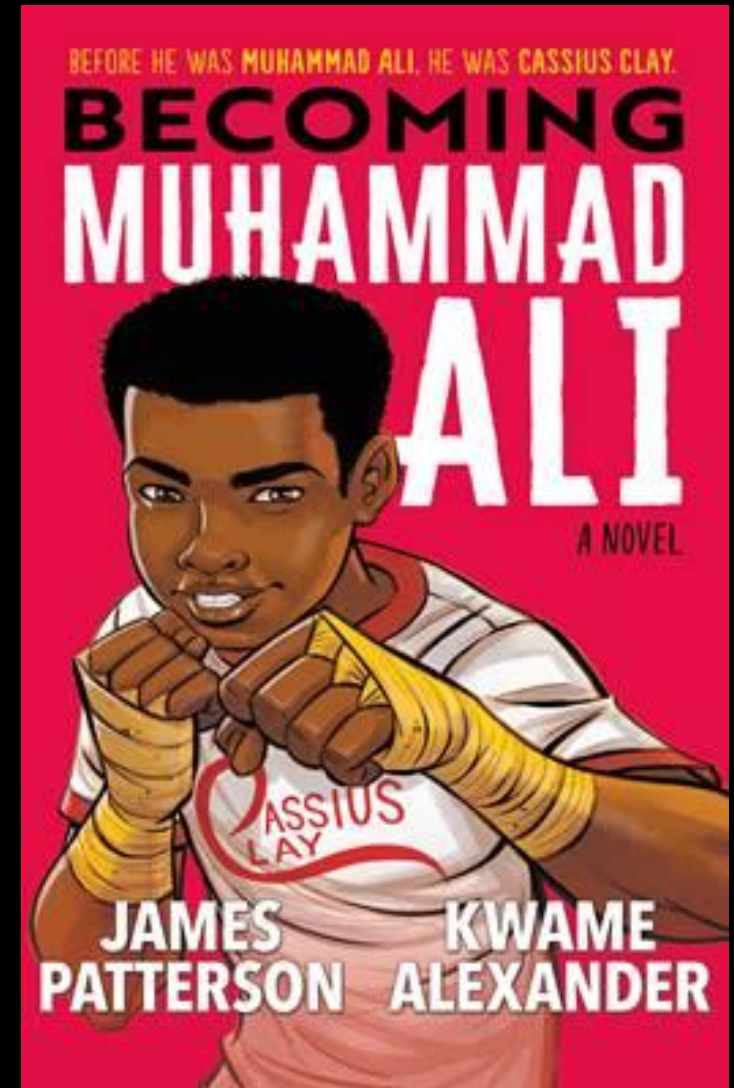
1st December - Thursday

Before he was three-time world heavyweight boxing champion and hailed as one of the greatest boxers of all time, Muhammad Ali was a kid called Cassius Clay; a fast talker with fast feet and big dreams.

Written mostly in verse, this is an insightful and inspiring retelling of Ali's teenage years.

Growing up in segregated Louisville, Kentucky, in the 1950s, Cassius's childhood was filled with friends and family. Free time was spent learning card tricks, playing sports in the local park and watching boxing fights on a neighbour's TV at weekends. But 'Whites only' signs and guards with guns prevent Cassius from going into many places around town, and he experiences racism daily. Determined to escape this world, he decides boxing is the best way out, and when, by chance at aged twelve he meets trainer Joe Martin, he begins work to make his dream a reality – though there's no doubt in his mind that he **will** become the greatest.

Age 10 – 13+ - **Find this book in the school library**



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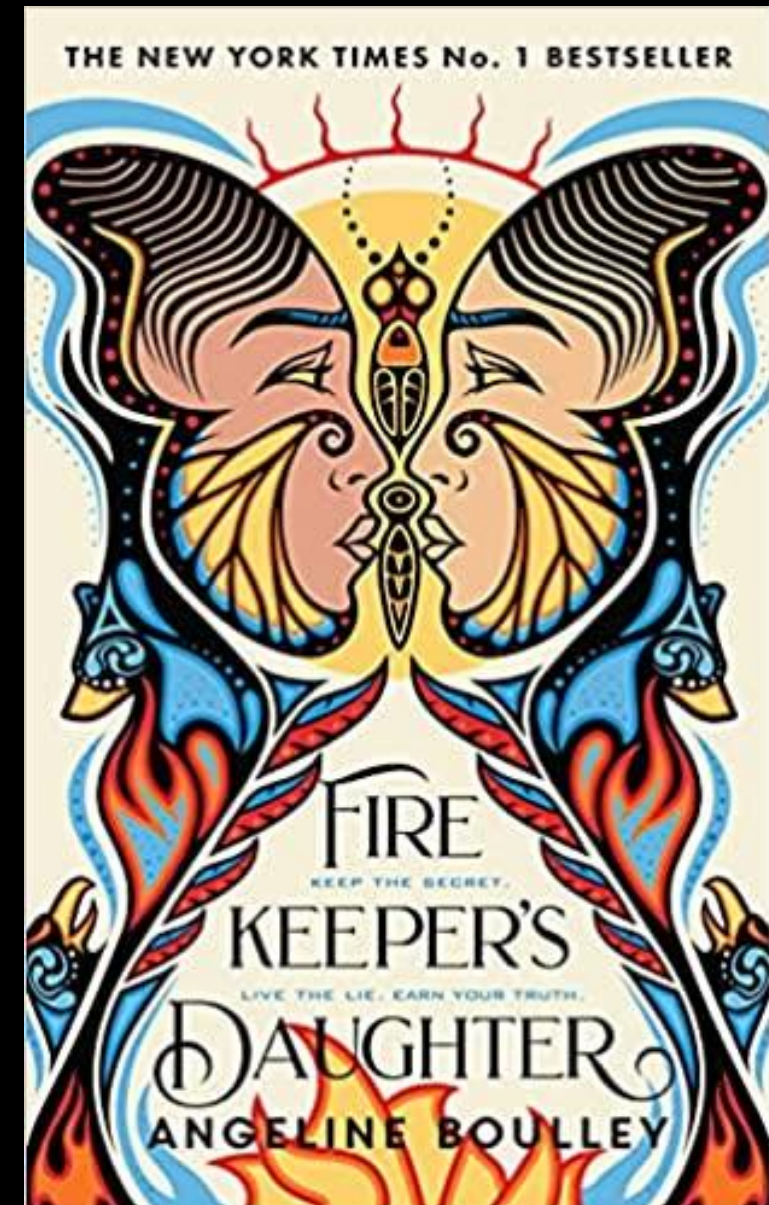


2nd December – Monday

Eighteen-year-old Daunis's mixed heritage has always made her feel like an outsider, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. When she witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to be part of a covert FBI operation into a series of drug-related deaths.

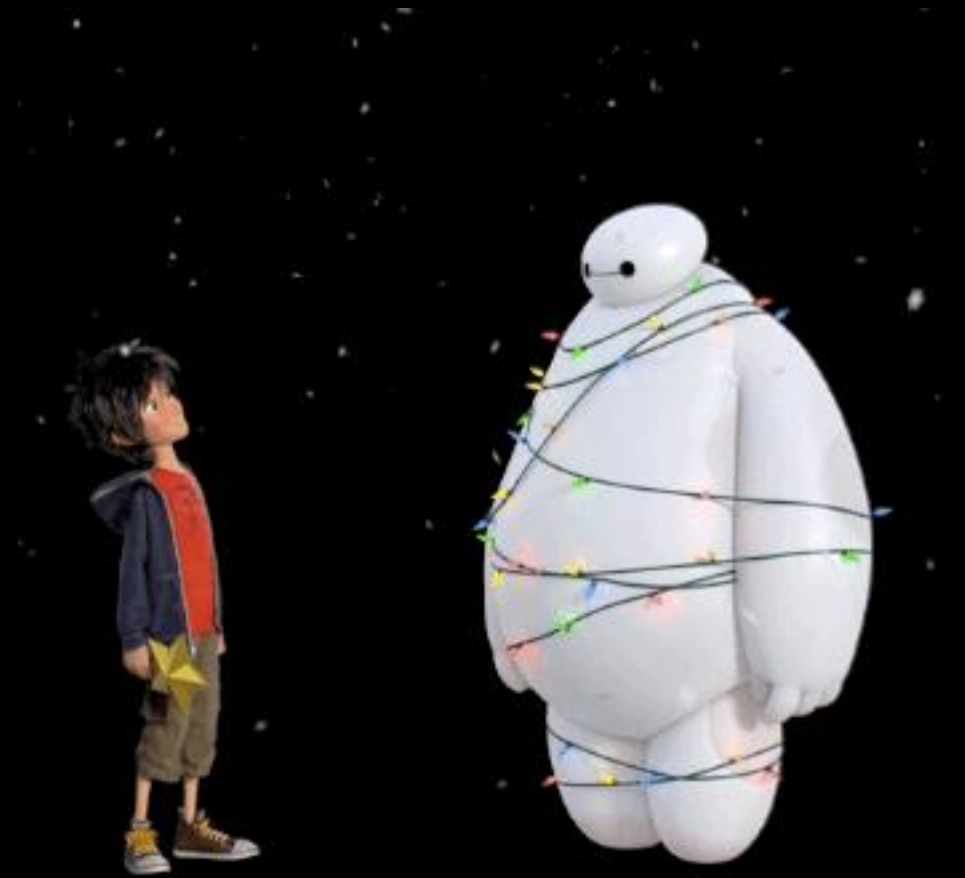
But the deceptions – and deaths – keep piling up and soon the threat strikes too close to home. Now Daunis must decide what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go to protect her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known.

12 – 14+



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#BIGHERO6

5th December - Monday

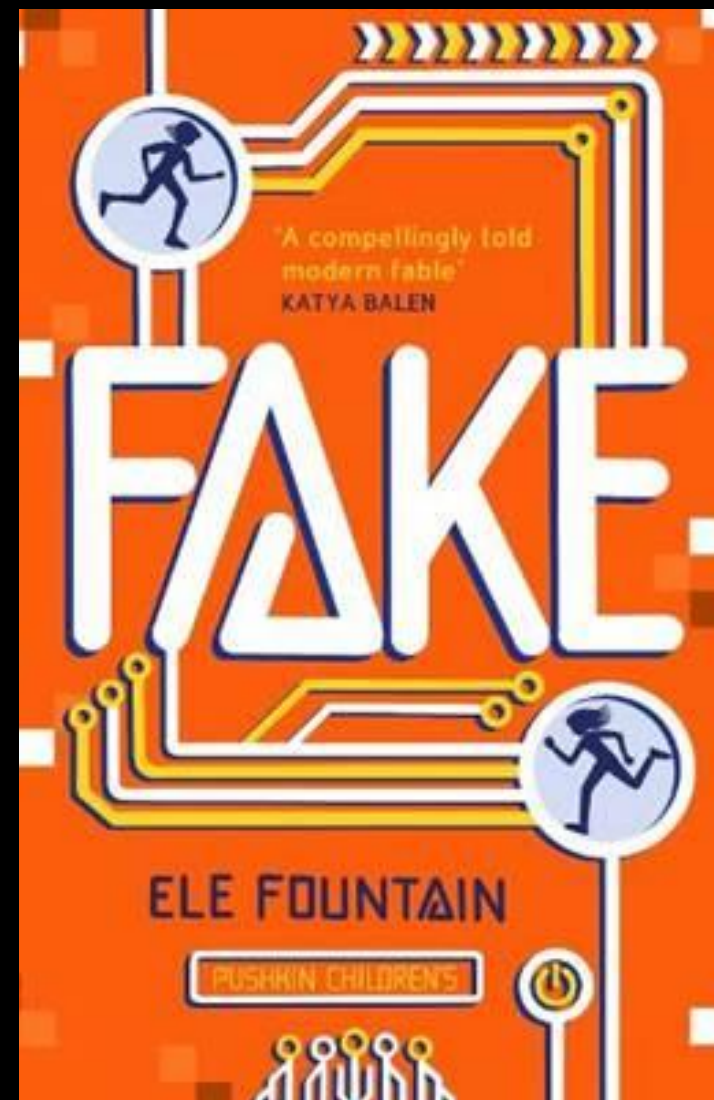
In a world where your digital identity is everything, and without it, you don't really exist, what would happen if your profile was 'deleted'?

Jess has grown up isolated from most other people, doing everything online – learning, work, shopping and socialising; just like everyone else has since the scarlet fever epidemic twenty years ago and resulting antibiotic resistance.

Now she's fourteen, Jess is excited to be heading to a real-life boarding school, but she's worried about leaving behind her unwell sister, especially as the medicine Chloe needs gets more expensive every day. As Jess settles into school, she decides to use her hacking skills to research Chloe's medicine. Not only is hacking a cybercrime of the highest order, but Jess is unprepared for what she discovers and for the shocking consequences that follow. In a world that's built around algorithms and virtual living, the tech companies have all the power and are determined to keep it that way...

This pacey dystopia cleverly examines the idea of a world where digital identity is everything. Jess and her peers learn some hard lessons about friendship, trust and standing up for what they know to be right.

Age 11-14 – **Find this book in the school library**



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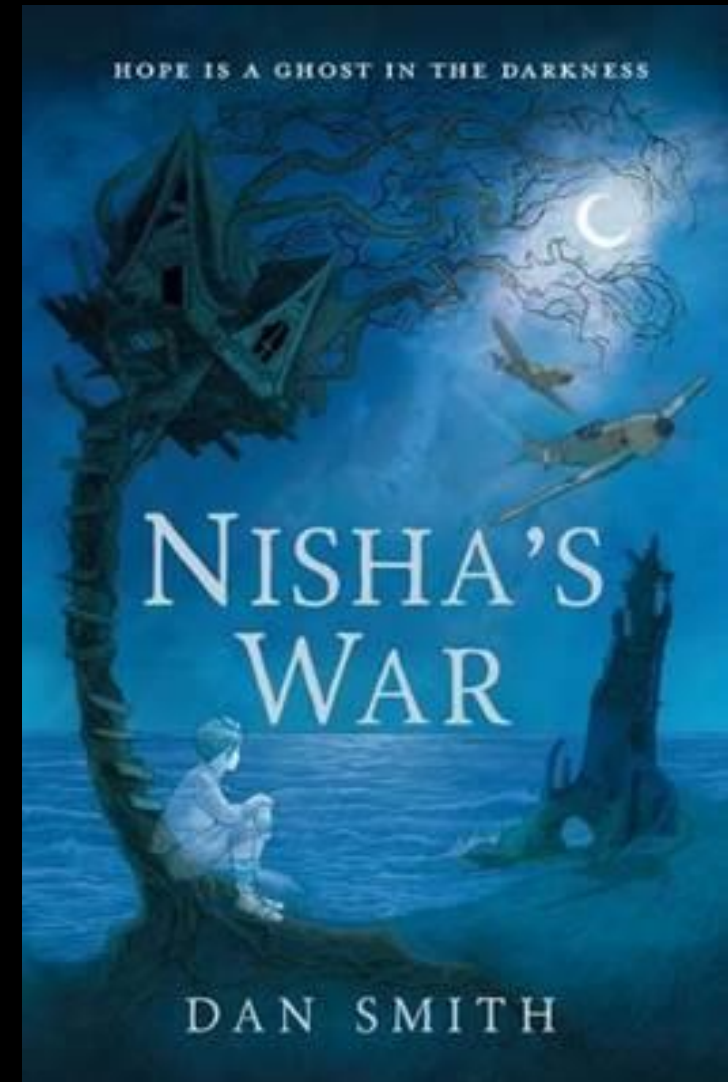
6th December – Tuesday

Malaya, 1942. Nisha's home is destroyed by war and she and her mother, Amma, flee to her father's ancestral house in England, perched on a cliff top on the cold Northern coast.

When Amma falls gravely ill, Nisha is left to face her formidable grandmother alone. Grandmother's rules are countless, and her Anglo-Indian granddaughter is even forbidden from climbing the old weeping tree.

But when a ghost child beckons Nisha to sit under its boughs, and promises her Amma's life in return for three truths, its pull proves irresistible ...

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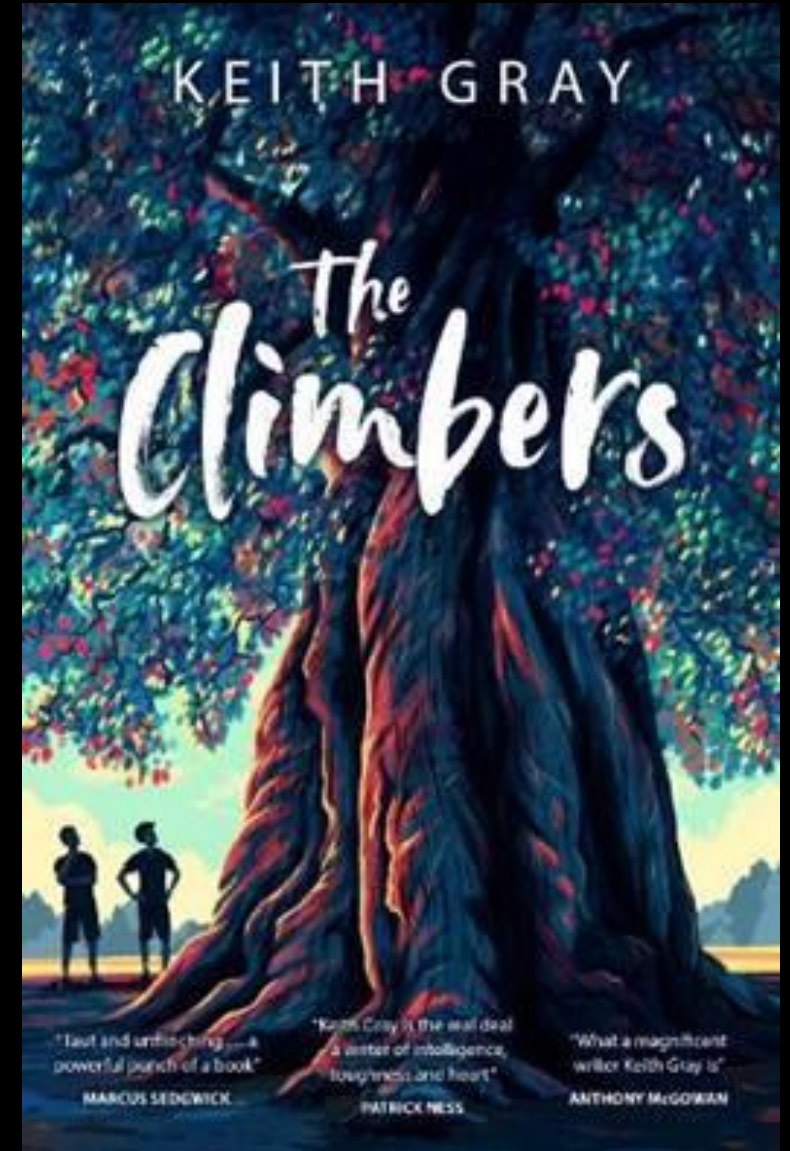


7th December – Wednesday

Tree climbing is a major rite of passage in Sully's village and Sully is proud to be the best climber. It's a title that means a lot – he doesn't have much else, after all. There are five big climbing trees, each offering a different challenge, and this summer, Sully plans to make it to the top of the one tree no one has ever managed to climb. Then no one will ever question that he's the best.

When new kid Nottingham arrives, with exotic stories of his climbing exploits in Sherwood Forest, it's immediately clear that he's strong competition for Sully. With his climbing status threatened, Sully takes an instant dislike to the newcomer. As the two boys face off against each other, their rivalry quickly spirals out of control, and the challenge that will prove who really is the best could also be deadly.

Age 12 – 15+ - **Find this book in the school library**



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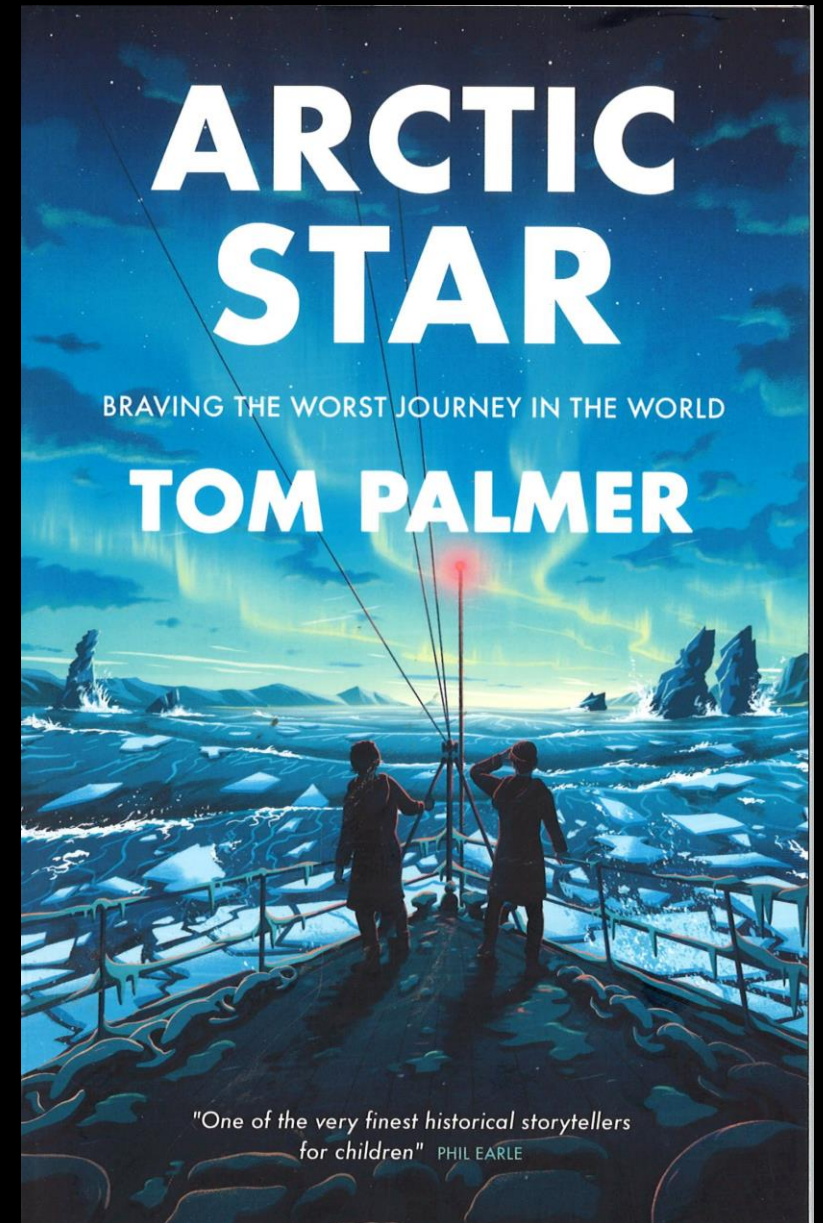
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8th December – Thursday

Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets. The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?

Age 9+ - Find this book in the school library



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9th December – Friday

Step into a future where tower blocks rise hundreds of floors up into the sky, where nobody goes outdoors except in their car, and society is run by a giant multinational corporation, 'Industry'. Meanwhile, Earth's natural habitats have shrunk to tiny fenced-off areas, the air is full of smog and the rivers and seas heavily polluted – yet no one seems to care.

When a teenaged boy's new friend Celeste falls ill with a mysterious disease that seems to be directly linked to the ailing planet, he is determined to find out what is wrong, and find a way to save her. But that will mean going against the all-powerful **Industry**, who will do anything to keep her illness hidden and maintain their stranglehold on the world.

Writing in a small, damp notebook, with just a handful of pages left and time running out, this boy tells his story, desperate to let the world know about Celeste. Because if people don't change their ways and mend Earth's ecosystems, the planet – and Celeste – will surely die.

Age 10 – 13 - **Find this book in the school library**



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12th December - Monday

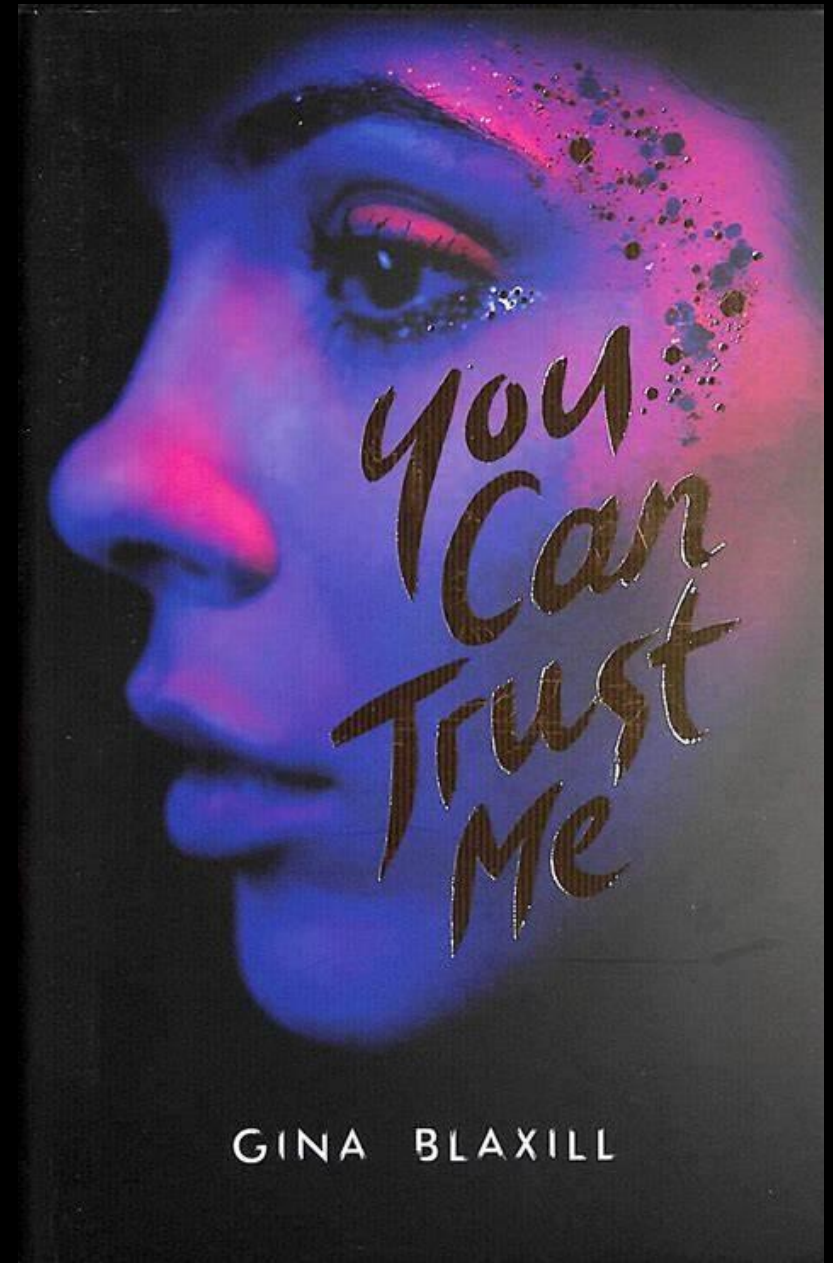
Tragedy hits a teenage New Year's party . . .

When Alana's best friend is found drowned in a pool, the forensic reports discover date-rape drug GHB in her blood. GHB from a drink Alana knows was meant for her.

Despite the swirling rumours, the suspected group of boys seem untouchable. To investigate, Alana allows herself to be pulled into their glittering orbit.

But among shifting alliances, changing alibis and buried secrets, can she pinpoint which of the boys is responsible before she becomes their next target?

- Age 13+ - **Find this book in the school library**



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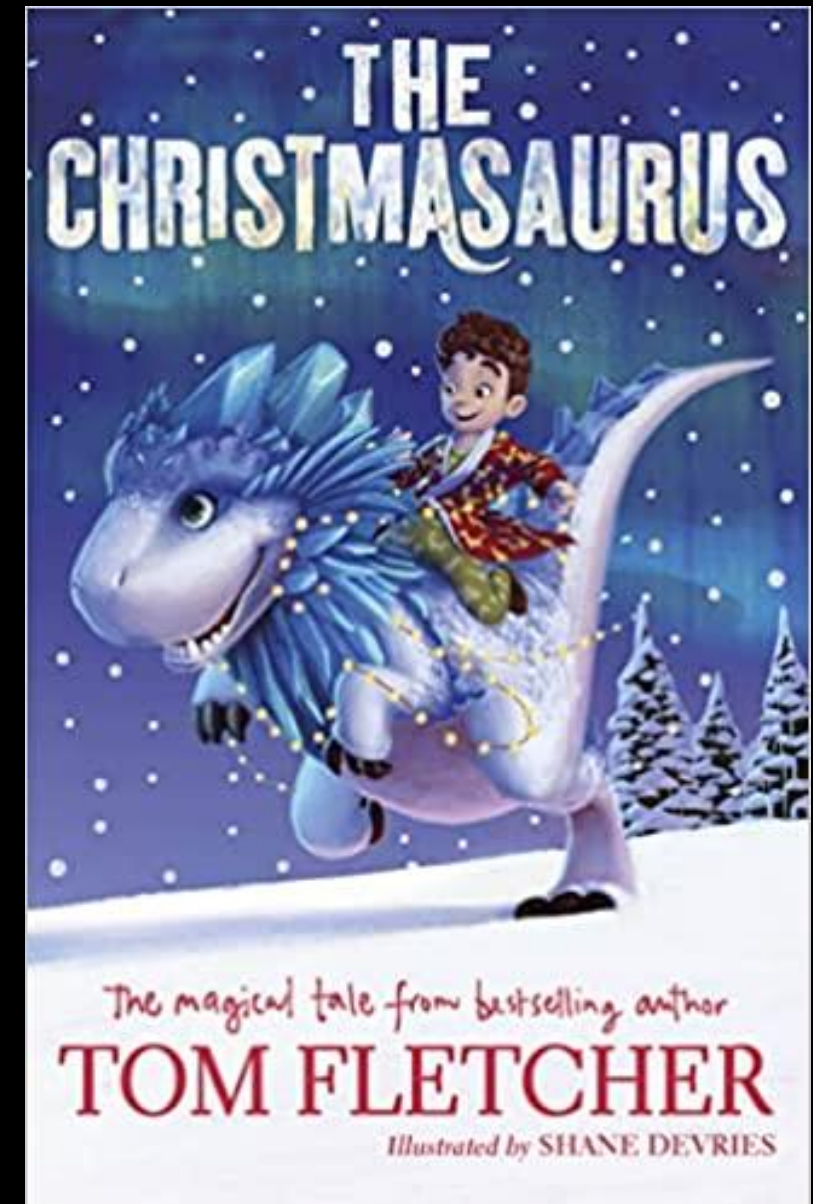


13th December - Tuesday

This is a story about a boy named **William Trundle** and a dinosaur named the **Christmasaurus**.

It's about how they meet one **Christmas Eve** and have a **magical adventure**. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer.

It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the **impossible** might just be **possible** . . .



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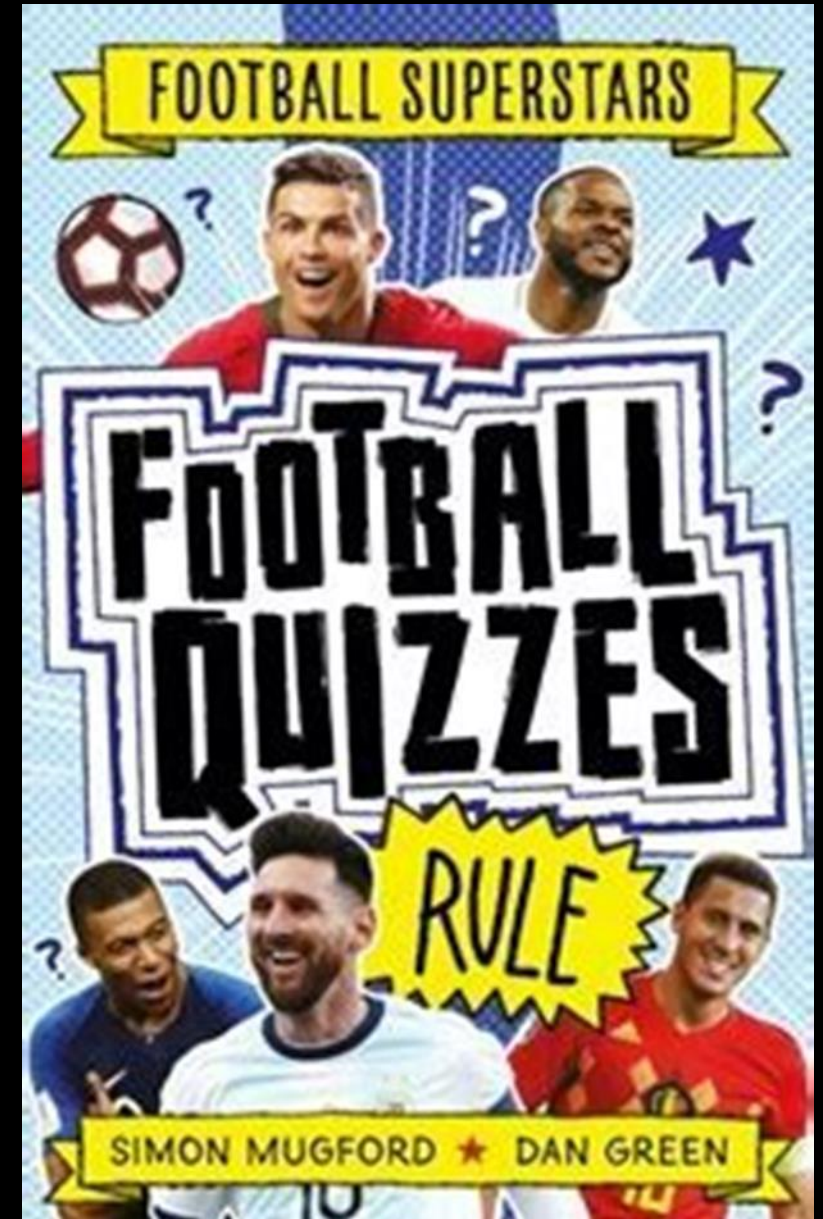


14th December - Wednesday

How much do you and your friends know about the star players, top tournaments and record breakers in the exciting world of football?

Put your knowledge to test and find out who is the No1 footie fan in 'Football Quizzes Rule'

Age 10+



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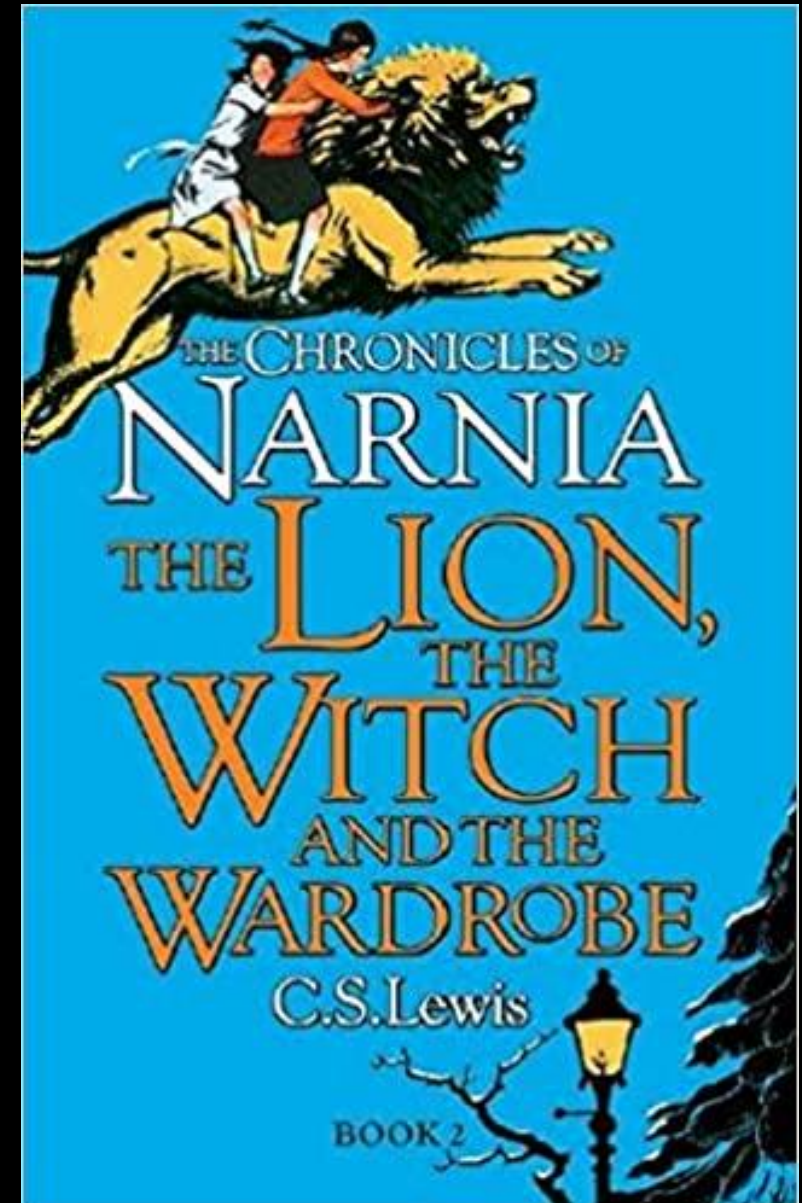
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15th December - Thursday

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

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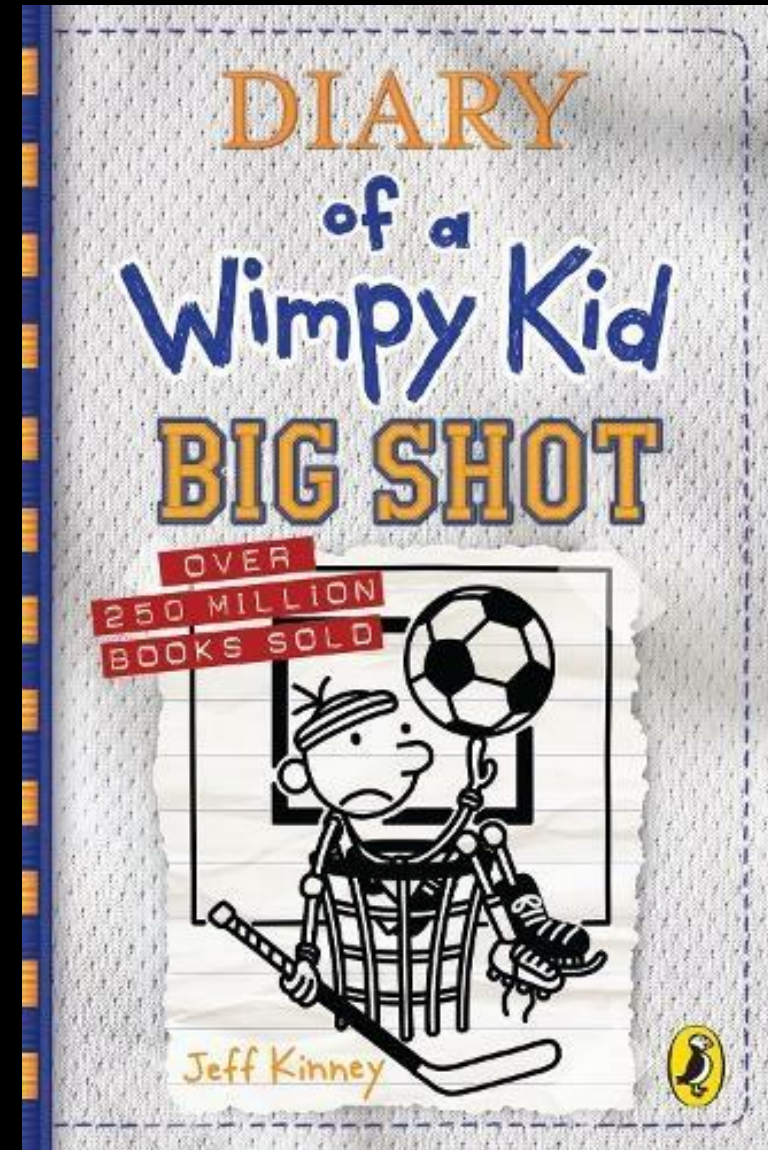
16th December – Friday

After a disastrous competition at school, **Greg** decides that he's officially retired from ANY kind of sport! That is, until his mom persuades him to give it one more go and makes Greg reluctantly agree to sign up for basketball.

Tryouts are a MESS, and Greg is sure he won't make the cut. But he unexpectedly lands a spot on the worst team.

As Greg and his new teammates start the season, their chances of winning even a single game look slim. But in sports, *anything* can happen. **When everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Or will he blow his big shot?**

Age 9 – 12 - Find this book in the school library



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Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.

Have a Peaceful and Merry Christmas!

