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"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life." – Janine di Giovanni, American Journalist

NEW

Amulet: The Stonekeeper's Curse #2 by Kazu Kibuishi

Emily and Navin's mother is still in a coma from the arachnoid's poison, and there's only one place to find help: Kanalis, the bustling, beautiful city of waterfalls. But when Em, her brother, and Miskit and the rest of the robotic crew aboard the walking house reach the city, they quickly realize that seeking help is looking for trouble...dangerous trouble.



Lore Olympus Vol. 2 by Rachel Smythe

Persephone was ready to start a new life when she left the mortal realm for Olympus. However, she quickly discovered the dark side of her glamorous new home — from the relatively minor gossip threatening her reputation to a realm-shattering violation of her safety by the conceited Apollo — and she's struggling to find her footing in the fast-moving realm of the gods. Hades is also off balance, fighting against his burgeoning feelings for the young goddess of spring while maintaining his lonely rule of the Underworld. As the pair are drawn ever closer, they must untangle the twisted webs of their past and present to build toward a new future.



With Fire in Their Blood #1 by Kat Delacorte

When sixteen-year-old Lilly Deluca arrives in Castello, she isn't impressed. A secluded town in the Italian mountains is not where she saw her last years of high school playing out. Divided for generations by a brutal clan-family war, the two halves of Castello are kept from destroying each other by the mysterious General, a leader determined to maintain order and 'purity'... whatever the cost. Lilly falls in with the rebellious Liza, brooding Nico and sensitive Christian, and sparks begin to fly. But in a city where love can lead to ruin, Lilly isn't sure she can trust anyone - not even herself. And then she accidentally breaks Castello's most important rule: when the General's men come to test your blood, you'd better not be anything more than human...



The Hummingbird Killer #2 by Finn Longham

Teen assassin Isabel Ryans now works for Comma, and she's good at it: the Moth is the guild's most notorious killer, infamous throughout the city of Espera. But Isabel still craves normality, and she won't find it inside the guild. She moves in with a civilian flatmate, Laura, and begins living a double life, one where she gets to pretend she's free. But when Isabel's day job tangles her up with an anti-guild abolitionist movement, it becomes harder to keep her two lives separate. Forced to choose between her loyalty to her friends and her loyalty to Comma, she finds herself with enemies on all sides, particularly those from the rival guild Hummingbird, putting herself and Laura at risk.



Better Than the Movies #1 by Lynn Painter

Perpetual daydreamer Liz Buxbaum gave her heart to Michael a long time ago. But her cool, aloof forever crush never really saw her before he moved away. Now that he's back in town, Liz will do whatever it takes to get on his radar - and maybe snag him as a prom date - even befriend Wes Bennet. The annoyingly attractive next-door neighbor might seem like a prime candidate for romantic-comedy fantasies, but Wes has only been a pain in Liz's butt since they were kids. Pranks involving frogs and decapitated lawn gnomes do not a potential boyfriend make. Yet, somehow, Wes and Michael are hitting it off, which means Wes is Liz's in. But as Liz and Wes scheme to get Liz noticed by Michael so she can have her magical prom moment, she's shocked to discover that she likes being around Wes. And as they continue to grow closer, she must reexamine everything she thought she knew about love - and rethink her own ideas of what happily ever after should look like.



Nothing Like the Movies #2 by Lynn Painter

For a few beautiful months, Wes had his dream girl: the strong-willed girl next door Liz. But right as the two were about to set off for college to start their freshman year together, tragedy struck. Wes was left dealing with the fallout, which ultimately meant losing Liz in the process. Flash forward months later, and Wes and Liz find themselves in college, together. In a healthier place now, Wes knows he broke Liz's heart when he ended things, but he is determined to make her fall back in love with him. Wes knows Liz better than anyone, and he has a foolproof plan to win her back with rom-com-worthy grand gestures she loves. Only... Liz will have none of it! Wes has to scheme like a rom-com hero to figure out how to see her. Even worse, Liz has a new friend... a guy friend. Still, Wes won't give up, adapting his clever plans and going hard to get Liz's attention and win back her affection. But after his best efforts get him nowhere, Wes is left wondering if their relationship is really over for good.



The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Best known for the 'Mowgli' stories, Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* expertly interweaves myth, morals, adventure and powerful story-telling. Set in Central India, Mowgli is raised by a pack of wolves. Along the way he encounters memorable characters such as the foreboding tiger Shere Kahn, Bagheera the panther and Baloo the bear. Including other stories such as that of Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, a heroic mongoose and Toomai, a young elephant handler, Kipling's fables remain as popular today as they ever were.



Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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Enjoy talking about books?



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If you would like to join, please contact us by email: orpington.library@gll.org

Meetings are once a month on a Monday from 5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-14 years

We look forward to seeing you!

Star Borrowers of March

Year 7

- Advika 7N
- Manasvi 7N
- Lehak 7N
- Jasveen 7W
- Emily Lu 7W
- Ramya 7W
- Elsie 7W

Year 8

- Naisha 8F
- Rosie 8G
- Saanvi 8G
- Anya 8N
- Eleanor 8N
- Greta 8P
- Manha 8P

Year 9

- Anvi 9F
- Dia 9F
- Kinjal 9G
- Tara 9G
- Mehr 9G
- Neevh 9N
- Amélie 9N
- Tazrian 9N
- Rebecca 9P

Year 10

- Elizabeth 9P
- Mariam 9P
- Amy 9S
- Janesha 9S
- Ananya 9W
- Tamara 9W
- Cameron 10N
- Senumi 10S
- Madeleine 10W

Year 12

- Valen 12P

Year 13

- Aahana 13G
- Sorena 13P
- Paula 13S
- Melody 13Q

Top 10 Books of This Month



On This Day... Virginia Woolf was born 28th March 1941

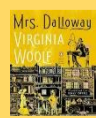
Virginia Woolf was an influential English writer born in 1882 who became one of the most important figures in modern literature, especially known for changing how novels are written by using experimental, non-linear storytelling and "stream of consciousness" to show characters' thoughts and feelings. She wrote famous novels like *Mrs. Dalloway* and *To the Lighthouse*, as well as essays such as *A Room of One's Own*, which explored women's roles in society and argued for equality and creative freedom. Growing up in London in a highly intellectual family, Woolf experienced several personal tragedies, including the deaths of her mother, sister, and father, which deeply affected her mental health and led to periods of depression throughout her life. She later became part of the Bloomsbury Group, a group of artists and thinkers who influenced her ideas about art, society, and politics, and she married Leonard Woolf, with whom she founded the Hogarth Press to publish innovative



Writing. Woolf constantly experimented with new ways of writing, focusing less on plot and more on capturing the inner thoughts and emotions of characters, often showing how people experience time, memory, and reality in complex ways. Her works also addressed big themes such as war, gender inequality, class, and the meaning of life, and she was strongly critical of the limited opportunities available to women, encouraging them to become independent and pursue education and careers. Despite her success, Woolf struggled with mental illness for much of her life, and in 1941, during the stress of World War II, she died by suicide. Today, she is remembered as a groundbreaking modernist writer whose creative style, powerful ideas, and focus on human consciousness changed literature and continue to influence writers and readers around the world.

Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf

Portrays the life of Clarissa Dalloway, the wife of a Member of Parliament, during a summer's day in London at the end of World War I. She is preparing for a party that evening. Her old lover, Peter, has returned from India. In another part of London, Warren Smith is suffering with shell-shock.



A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf

A Room of One's Own is an extended essay by Virginia Woolf. First published on the 24th of October, 1929, the essay was based on a series of lectures she delivered at Newnham College and Girton College, two women's colleges at Cambridge University in October 1928. While this extended essay in fact employs a fictional narrator and narrative to explore women both as writers and characters in fiction, the manuscript for the delivery of the series of lectures, titled *Women and Fiction*, and hence the essay, are considered nonfiction. The essay is seen as a feminist text, and is noted in its argument for both a literal and figurative space for women writers within a literary tradition dominated by patriarchy.



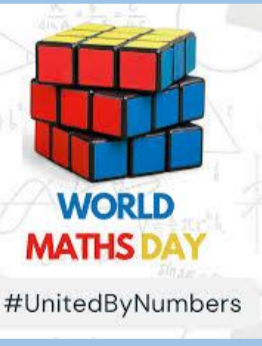
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

To the Lighthouse is the most autobiographical of Virginia Woolf's novels. It is based on her own early experiences, and while it touches on childhood and children's perceptions and desires, it is at its most trenchant when exploring adult relationships, marriage and the changing class-structure in the period spanning the Great War.



25th March is... World Maths Day!

World Maths Day, celebrated every year on March 25, is a global event that aims to make mathematics fun, engaging, and meaningful for students around the world, especially those between the ages of 4 and 16. It was first created in 2007 by 3P Learning to encourage young people to move beyond traditional classroom lessons and instead experience maths through interactive online games and competitions. On this day, students can compete in real time with others from different countries, solving arithmetic and problem-solving questions that help improve their speed, accuracy, and confidence, while also giving them the chance to win prizes or scholarships. Over the years, World Maths Day has grown enormously in popularity, attracting millions of participants from over 150 countries and even earning a Guinness World Record for being the largest online maths competition, showing just how widely maths can bring people together.



The event is part of a broader effort to show that maths is not just about exams or difficult formulas, but a useful and important skill that we use in everyday life, such as managing money, shopping, planning trips, or even playing games. It also connects to the long history of mathematics, going back to ancient thinkers like Pythagoras, whose ideas helped shape the subject, and continuing into the modern world with digital learning tools and global competitions. On World Maths Day, students and teachers can take part in a variety of activities, including joining online contests, solving puzzles, participating in "math-a-thons," or competing in events like the World Education Games, all of which are designed to make learning maths more enjoyable and interactive. Ultimately, the day is important because it helps students develop key problem-solving and critical thinking skills, builds their confidence in maths, and shows them that mathematics is not only essential for school success but also a valuable and practical skill for everyday life and future careers. To find out more on World Maths Day, click [here](https://www.worldmathsday.com).

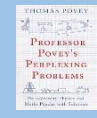
Secrets of Codes: Understanding the World of Hidden Messages by Paul Lunde

The Secrets of Codes brings it all together, from ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics to World War II's Enigma machines, to the samurai code of honour, to the brands and trademarks we encounter every day.



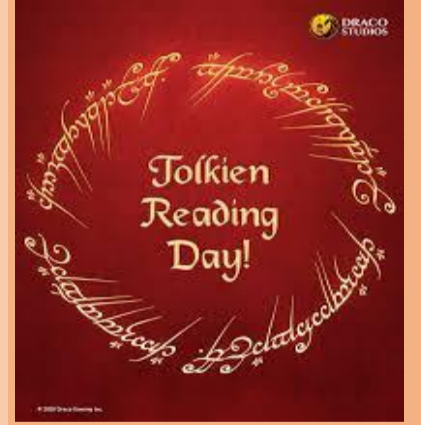
Professor Povey's Perplexing Problems: Pre-University Physics and Maths Puzzles by Thomas Povey

Thomas Povey shares 109 of his favourite problems in physics and maths. A tour de force of imagination and exposition, he guides us through uncompromisingly challenging territory that expands our minds and encourages a playful and exploratory approach to study. Whether you are an aspiring scientist or an old-hand, pitting yourself against these problems will test your ability to think, and inspire you with curiosity and enthusiasm for physics.



25th March is... Tolkien Reading Day!

Tolkien Reading Day, celebrated every March 25, is an important and exciting occasion for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien, the writer who created the rich fantasy world of Middle-earth. This day was established in 2003 by The Tolkien Society to encourage people, especially students and communities, to read Tolkien's works and appreciate his influence on literature. The date was specifically chosen because it marks the defeat of Sauron in *The Lord of the Rings*, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Tolkien first gained major popularity in the mid-20th century with the publication of *The Hobbit* and later *The Lord of the Rings*, which together helped define the modern fantasy genre and sold millions of copies worldwide. His work inspired a passionate fan culture that began as early as the 1960s, including fan clubs and conventions, and continues today through online communities, podcasts, and events. Tolkien was not only a storyteller but also a scholar and linguist who



worked on the Oxford English Dictionary and created detailed fictional languages like Quenya and Sindarin, adding depth and realism to his stories. His imagination influenced countless authors and shaped modern pop culture, including movies, video games, and merchandise. On Tolkien Reading Day, fans celebrate by rereading their favourite passages, discussing themes and characters, taking part in trivia, or watching film adaptations, sometimes even dressing up as characters. Overall, the day highlights Tolkien's legacy as a creator who built an entire fictional universe with its own history, languages, and mythology, giving readers a chance to escape into a magical world while also recognizing the importance of creativity and storytelling. To find out more, click [here](https://www.tolkienreadingday.com).

The Hobbit #0 by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of 13 dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on a journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...



The Fellowship of the Ring #1 by J.R.R. Tolkien

In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as his elderly cousin Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must leave his home and make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.

