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Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss Henry

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### Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

# Do you enjoy reading? Enjoy talking about books?



## Would you like to join the Younger Teens Reading **Group at Orpington Library?**

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! BETTER



### Hobbit Day- 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

National Hobbit Day is celebrated on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to honour the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, two of the most beloved characters from J.R.R. Tolkien's stories. J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy bring the magical world of Middle-Earth to life, with characters like Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, who were born in the Shire during the Third Age—Bilbo in 2890 and Frodo in 2968. Hobbits are small, shy, and love peace and quiet, but they also show incredible bravery and a love for adventure. These unique qualities have made Hobbits favourites among readers for generations. Tolkien saw them as a separate race, like Elves or Dwarfs, which is why "Hobbit" is always capitalised. This fall, pick up one of Tolkien's books and journey with Frodo and Bilbo—you might discover that



### The Hobbit 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 Two Towers #2 by J.R.R. Tolkien

Frodo and the Companions of the Ring have been beset by danger during their quest to prevent the Ruling Ring from falling into the hands of the Dark Lord by destroying it in the Cracks of Doom. They have lost the wizard, Gandalf, in the battle with an evil spirit in the Mines of Moria; and at the Falls of Rauros, Boromir, seduced by the power of the Ring, tried to seize it by force. While Frodo and Sam made their escape the rest of the company were attacked by Orcs. Now they continue their journey alone down the great River Anduin - alone, that is, save for the mysterious creeping figure that follows wherever they go.



## "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

### Q and A by Vikas Swarup

m takes us on an amazing review of his own history - from the day he was found as a baby in the clothes donation box of a Delhi church to his employment by a faded Bollywood star to his adventure with a security-crazed Australian army colonel to his career as an overly creative tour guide at the Taj Mahal. Vikas Swarup's Q & A is a beguiling blend of high comedy, drama, and romance that reveals how we know what we know - not just about trivia, but about life itself. Cutting across humanity in all its squalor and glory, Vikas Swarup presents a kaleidoscopic vision of the struggle between good and evil - and what happens when one boy has no other choice in life but to survive.



12-year-old Natalie is furious when her mum, Ffion, loses her factory job for sticking up for workers' rights. Now they must leave their home and go to stay at her uncle's farm. The last thing Natty wants is to buddy up with her know-it-all cousin, Nerys. Natty gets on better with her older cousin Huw, even though he's returned from the front line of WWI and his mood can be unpredictable. Instead, Natty finds herself making friends with two convalescing soldiers with very different conditions. Maybe spending time with them will give her a way to help Huw? One of the soldiers, Johnny, is suffering with amnesia and Natty is determined to help him discover his identity. Before she knows it, Natty is drawn into a mystery where the answers to who Johnny truly is lay closer to home than she could have ever imagined.

#### **Hunger Stone by Kat Dunn** ended for older readers)

Lenore is the wife of steel magnate Henry, but ten years into their marriage, the relationship has soured and no child has arrived to fill the distance growing between them. Henry's ambitions take them out of London and to the imposing Nethershaw manor in the countryside, where Henry aims to host a hunt with society's finest. Lenore keeps a terrible secret from the last time her husband hunted, and though they never speak of it, it haunts their marriage to this day. The preparations for the event take a turn when a carriage accident near their remote home brings the mysterious Carmilla into Lenore's life. Carmilla who is weak and pale during the day but vibrant at night; Carmilla who stirs up a hunger deep within Lenore. Soon girls from local villages begin to fall sick before being consumed by a bloody hunger

#### The Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingallis Wilder

Meet Laura Ingalls, the little girl who would grow up to write the Little House books. Pa Ingalls decides to sell the little log house, and the family sets out for Indian country! They travel from Wisconsin to Kansas, and there, finally, Pa builds their little house on the prairie. Sometimes farm life is difficult, even dangerous, but Laura and her family are kept busy and are happy with the promise of their new life on the prairie.



#### Watch Over Me by Nina LaCour

Mila is used to being alone. Maybe that's why she said yes to the opportunity: living in this remote place, among the flowers and the fog and the crash of waves far below. But she hadn't known about the ghosts. Newly graduated from high school, Mila has aged out of the foster care system. So when she's offered a job and a place to stay at a farm on an isolated part of the Northern California Coast, she immediately accepts. Maybe she will finally find a new home, a real home. The farm is a refuge but also haunted by the past traumas its young residents have come to escape. And Mila's own terrible memories are starting to rise to the surface.

#### Potkin and Stubbs #1 by Sophie Green

Lil Potkin lives in bleak Peligan City. Her mum works in City Hall and is rarely at home, so aspiring journalist Lil has all the time she needs to explore the city in her bright yellow raincoat, investigating unsolved stories. One rainy evening Lil meets a sad-looking boy sitting by himself in the bus station and buys him a hot chocolate. That night Lil wakes to find him in her bedroom. He doesn't want to admit to being a ghost, but when he finally remembers his name (Nedly ... possibly) he explains that he needs Lil's help to find out what happened to him after he disappeared from his orphanage a year gao. So Lil and Nedly - aka Potkin and Stubbs - team up to solve their mystery, and they call in the reluctant help of once-famous detective Abe Mandrel. He agrees to help them with the Stubbs case if they help him find the criminal who escaped justice and cost him his career. Except - Mandrel thinks it's only Lil he's working with. And Lil realises she is the only person in the whole of Peligan City who can see Nedly. Which can come in handy when trying to solve crime.

### I Got This by Cara Mailey

Being small. Erin has big challenges - especially when starting her new secondary school - but she also has big dreams too. When an amazing opportunity comes by to take part in a megafamous pop group's upcoming music video, Erin is certain she's perfect for it. But making an audition video for the competition is proving far more difficult than Erin expected; it's almost like her best friend is trying to ruin her chances! Erin comes to learn that sometimes it's just not enough to believe in yourself - the people you rely on have to believe in you, too.

#### The House of Sleep by Jonathan Coe

Sarah is a narcoleptic who has dreams so vivid she mistakes them for real events; Robert has had his life changed for ever by the misunderstandings arising from her condition; Terry, the insomniac, spends his wakeful nights fuelling his obsession with movies; and the increasingly unstable Dr Gregory Dudden sees sleep as a life-shortening disease which must be eradicated. A group of students sharing a house - they fall in and out of love, they drift apart. Yet a decade ater they are drawn back together by a series of coincidences involving their obsession with sleep and each other.

### **Star Borrowers of the Month**

### **Year 7:**

Erin B. 7F Sia C. 7F Chandani D. 7F Grace P. 7F Arpita S. 7F Shinaya J. 7G Advika D. 7N Manasvi M. 7N Prisha S. 7N Grace Gu 7P Sanya N. 7P Anaya T. 7P Asmi B. 7S Emma L. 7S Sahasra L. 7S Zariah Y. 7S Khadijah B. 7W Jasveen B. 7W Diya J. 7W Erika K. 7W Emily Lu 7W Prishni M. 7W Sridharshini P. 7W Yasmin S. 7W

Elsie Yi 7W

### <u> Year 8:</u> Aadya D. 8F

Magathy T. 8F Rosie D. 8G Shreya S. 8G Anya B.M. 8N Hashikha C. 8N Myrah M. 8N Zara V. 8N Cynthia V. 8N Ishita A. 8P Nyra K. 8P Bade B. 8S Elana B. 8S Shreya J. 8S Kayley K. 8S Saava R. 8W Avisha R. 8W Deetya R. 8W Bhavya 8W Wenjun Z. 8W

### Year 9:

Dia M. 9F Neevh 9N Florence I. 9N Sophia B. 9P Elizabeth B. 9P

### **Year 10:**

Avni 10F Sara S. 10F Maya M. 10N Diyansa 10S Erin D. 10S Charlotte Li 10S Reika Lim 10S Nmesoma O. 10S Aamna S. 10S Tia S.P. 10S Senumi 10S Erin W. 10S

## **Year 11:**

Debbi C. 11P

### **Year 13:**

Zahra A. 13B Vyshally R. 13B Medha V. 13F Kartik S. 13P Archaya S. 13P Aadam N. 13S

### On This Day We Remember Wilkie Collins 8 January 1824- 23 September 1889

Wilkie Collins was a famous English writer in the 1800s known for creating exciting and suspenseful stories. Born in London in 1824, he was the son of a painter and began writing while still in school. He became close friends with Charles Dickens, who helped shape his writing style. Collins is best known for his mystery and detective novels, especially *The Woman in White* and *The* Moonstone. The Woman in White is a dramatic story involving secrets, a mysterious woman, and a villainous plot, while The Moonstone is considered one of the first modern detective novels, full of twists and multiple suspects. Collins was known for his clever plots, strong characters, and for using his stories to talk about serious issues like unfair marriage laws and animal cruelty.



### The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins

The Moonstone, a yellow diamond looted from an Indian temple and believed to bring bad luck to its owner, is bequeathed to Rachel Verinder on her eighteenth birthday. That very night the priceless stone is stolen again and when Sergeant Cuff is brought in to investigate the crime, he soon realizes that no one in Rachel's household is above suspicion.

#### The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins (recommended for older readers)

Wilkie Collins' novel took the fashionable world by storm on its appearance in 1860 when everything from dances to dresses was named after the 'woman in white'. Its continuing power to fascinate stems in part from a distinctive blend of melodrama, comedy and realism; and in part from the power of its story. Yet The Woman in White is more than just a classic thriller, and contemporary critics have found in it a feminist parable for our times.



### World Migrant and Refugees Day



World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed each year on September 26 or the last Sunday of September to honour people who have been forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution, or hardship. It's a day to recognize their courage and raise awareness about the challenges they face in starting over in new countries. This tradition began in 1914, when Pope Pius X called for prayers and support for Italian migrants. Since then, it has grown into a global event supported by the United Nations. Many migrants leave in search of safety, education, or better job opportunities but often face struggles like poor living conditions and limited resources. This day encourages people to show compassion, support, and understanding for migrants and refugees around the world.

#### The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under

Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. It is a dangerous plan, but their only chance. In fear, she goes out - and witnesses the horror of landmines, the brutality of the Taliban, and the desperation of a country trying to



### International Migration: A Very Short Introduction by Khalid Koser

This Very Short Introduction looks at the global phenomenon of human migration--both legal and illegal-revealing how migration presents opportunities that must be taken advantage of in light of the current economic climate. The author debunks myths such as the claim that migrants take jobs away from local workers, or that they take advantage of health care systems. He reveals why society as we now know it could not function without them.



