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



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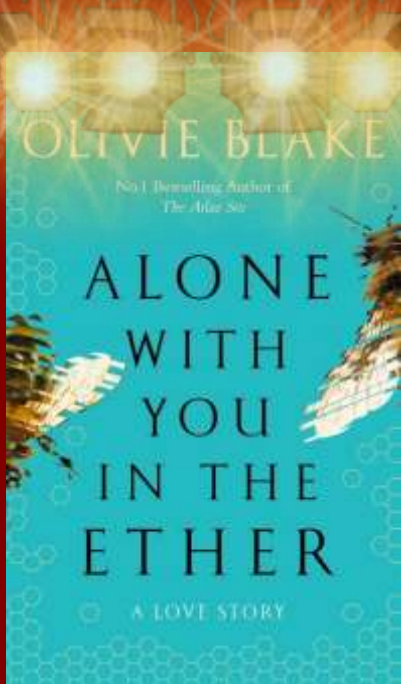
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### Wish List Spotlight:



**Alone With You in the Ether** by Olivie Blake

Chicago, sometime. Two people meet in the armory of the Art Institute by chance. Prior to their encounter, he is a doctoral student who manages his destructive thoughts with compulsive calculations about time travel; she is a bipolar counterfeiter artist undergoing court-ordered psychotherapy. After their meeting, those things do not change.

Everything else, however, is slightly different.

Both obsessive, eccentric personalities, Aldo Damiani and Charlotte Regan struggle to be without each other from the moment they meet. The truth - that he is a clinically depressed, anti-social theoretician and she is a manipulative liar with a history of self-sabotage - means the deeper they fall in love, the more troubling their reliance on each other becomes.

*"You only grow by coming to the end of something and by beginning something else."* – John Irving

NEW



**The Taylor TurboChaser** by David Baddiel

The Taylor TurboChaser is a road-trip rollercoaster... with a twist. At its heart is the unforgettable Amy Taylor. Amy loves cars, and dreams of being a driver. But there's a major catch: her slow old wheelchair with its broken wheel. When Amy finally gets a new electric one, it's exciting... at first. But standard engines only have so much power. And that's where Rahul comes in – Amy's best friend and genius inventor. Soon Rahul turns a wheelchair into... a supercar! And so, the Taylor TurboChaser is born. But when it all goes suddenly wrong Amy is going to have to hit the road – and drive...



**The Wonder Book of Geometry** by David Acheson

How can we be sure that Pythagoras's theorem is really true? Why is the 'angle in a semicircle' always 90 degrees? And how can tangents help determine the speed of a bullet? David Acheson takes the reader on a highly illustrated tour through the history of geometry, from ancient Greece to the present day. He emphasizes throughout elegant deduction and practical applications and argues that geometry can offer the quickest route to the whole spirit of mathematics at its best. Along the way, we encounter the quirky and the unexpected, meet the great personalities involved, and uncover some of the loveliest surprises in mathematics.

**Sword Art Online: Volumes 1 and 2** by Reki Kawahara and Tamako Nakamura

In the year 2022, gamers rejoice as Sword Art Online - a VRMMORPG (Virtual Reality Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game) like no other - debuts, allowing players to take full advantage of the ultimate in gaming technology: NerveGear, a system that allows users to completely immerse themselves in a wholly realistic gaming experience. But when the game goes live, the emotion of the players quickly turns to horror as they discover that, for all its amazing features, SAO is missing one of the most basic functions of any MMORPG - a log-out button. Now trapped in the virtual world of Aincrad, their bodies held captive by NerveGear in the real world, users are issued a chilling ultimatum: conquer all one hundred floors of Aincrad to regain your freedom. But in the warped world of SAO, "Game Over" means certain death - both virtual and real...

**The Fade Out, Act 1** by Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips (Recommended for Older Readers)

Brubaker and Phillips' newest hit series, *The Fade Out*, is an epic noir set in the world of noir itself, the backlots and bars of Hollywood at the end of its Golden Era. A movie stuck in endless reshoots, a writer damaged from the war and lost in the bottle, a dead movie star and the lookalike hired to replace her. Nothing is what it seems in the place where only lies are true. *The Fade Out* is Brubaker and Phillips' most ambitious project yet! (Collecting: *The Fade Out 1-4*)



**Ima Koi: Now I'm in Love: Volume 1** by Ayuko Hatta

After missing out on love and dating because she was too shy to confess her feelings, high school student Satomi blurts out how she feels the next time she gets a crush—and it's to her impossibly handsome schoolmate Yagyu! To her surprise, he agrees to date her. Now that Satomi's suddenly in a relationship, what next? Given how fast everything has happened, Satomi is still clueless about how dating is supposed to work. How will she forge ahead in her relationship with Yagyu?



**Fence: Volume 1** by C.S. Pacat and Johanna the Mad  
Nicholas Cox is determined to prove himself in the world of competitive fencing and earn his place alongside fencing legends like the dad he never knew, but things get more complicated when he's up against his golden-boy half-brother, as well as sullen fencing prodigy, Seiji Katayama. Nicholas, the illegitimate son of a retired fencing champion, is a scrappy fencing wunderkind, and dreams of getting the chance and the training to actually compete. After getting accepted to the prodigious Kings Row private school, Nicholas is thrust into a cut-throat world, and finds himself facing not only his golden-boy half-brother, but the unbeatable, mysterious Seiji Katayama...

**Fence: Volume 2** by C.S. Pacat and Johanna the Mad  
Nicholas isn't sure he's going to make the grade in the face of surly upperclassmen, nearly impossible odds, and his seemingly unstoppable roommate, the surly, sullen Seiji Katayama. It'll take more than sheer determination to overcome a challenge this big!

**Fence: Volume 3** by C.S. Pacat and Johanna the Mad  
Scrappy fencer Nicholas Cox comes to the end of his path to prove himself worthy of a father he never knew in the face of surly upperclassmen, nearly impossible odds, and the talent of his rival, sullen fencing prodigy, Seiji Katayama. Sparks fly white-hot on the pitch as Nicholas and Seiji finally face off once again in the halls of King's Row. It's a match that will change King's Row (and both of them!) forever and set the stage as the team journeys to face their bitter rivals and prove themselves once and for all.

**Fence: Volume 4** by C.S. Pacat and Johanna the Mad  
Just as Nicholas, Seiji and the fencing team at the prodigious Kings Row private school seem to be coming together, a deadly rival from their past stands in their way once more.

MacRobertson is the school that knocked Kings Row out of the State Championships last year - but unless Nicholas and Seiji can learn to work together as a team, their school is doomed once again! And maybe those two can learn to be something more than teammates too...

### February's MOST POPULAR BOOKS

<p>1 <b>Wuthering Heights</b> by Emily Brontë</p>	<p>2 <b>Catching Fire</b> by Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>3 <b>The Light in Everything</b> by Katya Balen</p>	<p>4 <b>One of Us is Lying</b> by Karen M. McManus</p>
<p>5 <b>Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters</b> by Rick Riordan</p>	<p>6 <b>The Song of Achilles</b> by Madeline Miller</p>	<p>7 <b>Mockingjay</b> by Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>8 <b>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</b> by Holly Jackson</p>

### STAR BORROWERS OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight star borrowers- those that have borrowed 5 or more books.

#### Year 7

Neevh 7N  
Aarya 7N  
Abigail 7N  
Amélie 7N  
Lea 7N  
Khushi 7N  
Anisah 7W  
Electra 7W  
Siddhi 7W  
Simran 7W

April 7F  
Tripti 7F  
Aarushi 7F  
Sophie 7G  
Meh 7G  
Rebecca 7P  
Elizabeth 7P  
Naomi 7P  
Hansikaa 7P

#### Year 8

Satara 8W  
Charlotte 8S  
Reika 8S  
Olivia 8S  
Tia 8S  
Seumi 8S  
Erin 8S  
Imaan 8F  
Avni 8F  
Rose 8F

Sara 8F  
Dhiviyaa 8G  
Liya 8G  
Aksha 8P

#### Year 9

Layla 9N  
Celia 9S  
Eunice 9S  
Eniola 9F  
Aashvi 9G  
Christine 9P  
Christina 9P

#### Year 10

Oluwatoni 10N  
Ariane 10N  
Kelechi 10W  
Finn 10F  
Kierujaa 10G  
Lizzy 10P

#### Year 11

Makitha 11N  
Sorena 11S  
Vyshally 11S  
Klementyna 11S

Julia 12S  
Niamh 12G  
Olivia 12H

#### Year 13

Nana 13N

#### Year 12

Lauren 12N  
Frances 12N  
Fran 12W

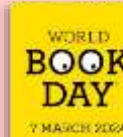
### London Underground Poem Archive Donated to Cambridge University Library

*Poems on the Underground* is a project that was started in 1986 to bring poetry to a wider audience by displaying poems on the London Underground, both at stations and on tube trains. The project features a range of contemporary and classic poems which are changed three times a year. This year, hundreds of posters and memorabilia items from the project have been donated to Cambridge University library. Judith Cherniak, one of the originators of the project said, "It is hugely gratifying to know that our archive is now housed and catalogued at one of the greatest libraries of the world, fully available to readers and researchers, to everyone interested in public space for the arts and in poets past and present - the most eloquent and enduring witnesses to their times." Click [here](#) to read the original BBC article by Helen Burchell & Sam Russell.

<p><b>This is Just to Say</b> by William Carlos Williams</p> <p>I have eaten the plums that were in the icebox and which you were probably saving for breakfast</p> <p>Forgive me they were delicious so sweet and so cold</p>	<p><b>Perseverance</b> by Martin Sorensen</p> <p>I shall look at the grass Till I obtain the degree Of Doctor of Grass.</p> <p>I shall look at the clouds Till I become a master Of Clouds.</p> <p>I will walk beside the smoke Till out of shame The smoke returns to the flame Of its beginning</p> <p>I shall walk beside all things Till all things Come to know me.</p>
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**Poems on the Underground** compiled by Gerard Benson

Here are favourite poems from around the world and through the ages, once more gathered together in their now familiar role as *Poems on the Underground*. Poetry of the greatest eloquence - by Shakespeare, Shelley, Seamus Heaney and Maya Angelou, and many more - journeys comfortably alongside comic verse and nursery rhymes. In eleven years nearly two hundred poems have made their *Underground* journey into a public place, and brought daily pleasure to travellers and commuters on the way.



This year World Book Day is on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Schools across the country will be celebrating by dressing up as characters from well-loved books, as well as taking part in a range of literary activities. Make sure to check the student notices as we get closer to the day to see what kind of activities we'll be holding in the library this year. You will all have been given a book token by your form tutor, which you can use to buy one of the £1 books below, or exchange at participating book shops for £1 off the price of any book. Some of this year's £1 books are by authors whose work is already featured in the library stock, including a new Onyeka story by Tolá Okogwu the author of *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun*, and an apocalyptic romance story by Faridah Abiké-Iyimidé, author of *Ace of Spades*.

### Our 2024 £1/£1.50 books



**Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun** by Tolá Okogwu

Onyeka has a lot of hair – the kind that makes strangers stop in the street. She's always felt uncomfortable with her flamboyant curls, until she makes an important discovery: she can control her hair with her mind! Her mother quickly whisks her off to the Academy of the Sun, a school in Nigeria where Solari – children with special powers – are trained. But Onyeka and her new friends at the Academy soon have to put their powers to the test as they find themselves embroiled in a momentous battle between truth and lies...

**Ace of Spades** by Faridah Abiké-Iyimidé

An incendiary and utterly compelling thriller with a shocking twist that delves deep into the heart of institutionalized racism, from an exceptional new YA voice. Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light. Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public. Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power. Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Teen Mental Wellness Day

Observed annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, World Teen Mental Wellness Day aims to raise awareness about the mental health issues teenagers come across, as well as educating about and destigmatising mental illness in teens. Mental health struggles are common in teenagers and are the cause of approximately 16% of disease and injuries found in young people aged 10-19. Unfortunately, some teenagers find that the stigma of mental illness can make it difficult to ask for help. If you find yourself struggling with your mental health and don't feel that you can have a conversation about it with someone you know, please consider clicking on the link below. Young Minds is a charity created specifically to assist young people with their mental health. The following link compiles the details of organisations that can help you if you are in crisis.

[Click here to access resources for urgent mental health support.](#)

**Self Care for the Real World** by Nadia Narain and Katie Narain Phillips

Wellness pioneers Nadia Narain and Katia Narain Phillips have spent decades helping others to feel their best. But it took them a bit longer to learn to care for themselves. Here they share the small, achievable steps they picked up on a lifetime's journey towards self-care, and how you can apply them to your life, wherever you are. Right now, you may be deep in the waves of life, being tossed around. Learning self-care is like building your own life boat, plank by plank. Once you've got your boat, you'll still be rocked by the same waves, but you'll have a feeling of safety, and a stability that means you can pick other people up on your way.

**Positively Teenage: A Positively Brilliant Guide to Teenage Wellbeing** by Nicola Morgan

Positively Teenage gives you tools to approach your teenage years with optimism and understanding and to develop real wellbeing for life. The media so often portray adolescence negatively but this book shows you how to approach these years far more positively so that you can really flourish and be in control. You'll find simple strategies to develop a positive attitude, growth mindset, self-understanding, determination and resilience and you'll see how those strengths will help you cope with any challenges, enjoy life and achieve your potential. Full of practical, proven strategies for physical and mental health, *Positively Teenage* will show you lots of ways to flourish physically and mentally - from doing things you enjoy to learning new skills; looking after your diet, exercise and attitude to being healthy online; getting great sleep to understanding your personality - allowing you to take control of many areas of your life. With these new strengths and skills, you can survive any storms and thrive on the challenges of your exciting life.

**Fighting Invisible Tigers: Stress Management for Teens** by Earl Hipp

Untempered stress among teens is approaching epidemic status. Prolonged and intense anxiety can feel like being stalked by a tiger, never knowing when it will strike. Helping adolescents cope with day-to-day stressors—like school, friendships, family, and social media—can help curb impulsivity and other risky behaviours. Now in its fourth edition, the revised and updated *Fighting Invisible Tigers* teaches teens proven techniques and stress management skills to face the rigors of growing up. Packed with useful information on how stress affects physical and emotional health, readers will learn: smart approaches to handle decision-making, easy steps toward greater assertiveness, relaxation and mindfulness exercises to focus their minds, time management skills to avoid feeling pressured, how to avoid online drama, positive self-talk techniques, and more! Getting rid of stress is impossible, but learning how to control the response to it can help teens develop healthier relationships, make better decisions, and outsmart those tigers.