

BHS READS

Summer Reading Newsletter



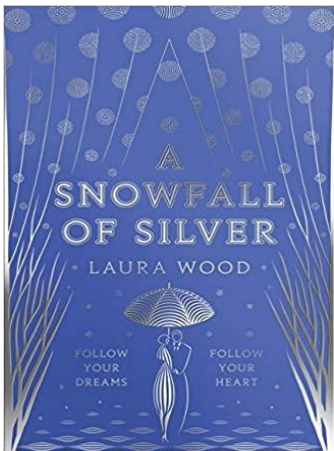
As the end of the academic year approaches, you and your child will no doubt be planning what to do over the summer. This academic year has been a difficult one for many of us and so this break from routine will provide opportunities for children to go out and do activities they haven't been able to for a while. In addition to these things, it would be beneficial for children to continue their reading.

Reading benefits many areas of education and life. In addition to the obvious benefits on reading comprehension and attainment, it also impacts upon:

- Vocabulary
- Understanding of grammar
- Spelling skill
- Writing attainment
- Attitudes to reading and writing
- Knowledge and understanding of the world and other people
- Achievement in other subjects, including maths
- Empathy and understanding of emotions
- Mental well being
- Development of our sense of 'self' and identity

We have carefully selected a range of texts that you may wish to enjoy this summer.

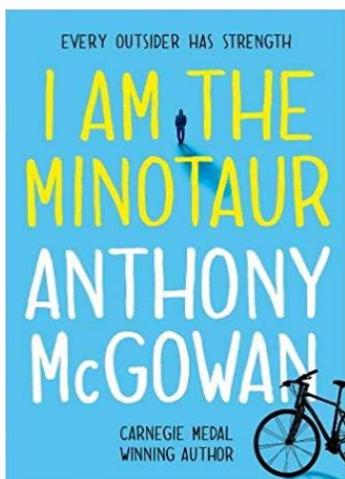
Staff Recommendation



A Snowfall of Silver was shortlisted for the YA Book Prize and has been reviewed by, Miss Deavall, a member of our staff reading group.

This is a must read for anyone who wants to run away and work with a theatre. The story follows a young lady called Freya, who runs away from a sleepy town in Cornwall to pursue her dream of becoming an actor in London. It has made me laugh out loud at the adventures of a touring theatre and what happens behind the scenes, as well as some moments of sadness. The overwhelming message reminded me of one of my favourite quotes "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." Overall, a heart-warming read.

Shorter Reads



Matthew wants to fit in, but it's hard when you're avoiding the bullies and trying to impress your dream girl, Ari. When Ari's bike is stolen, he tries to make a good impression by getting it back. Will it lead to trouble or will he learn that heroes are found in unlikely places?



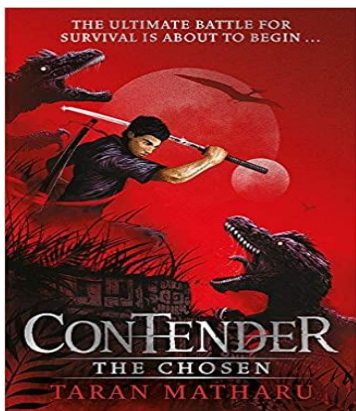
When his mum is sent back to prison, Al knows exactly who's to blame. Mr Brayker from downstairs has been making trouble for Al's mum ever since they moved in. Al is determined to get his revenge, but things don't turn out exactly as he'd imagined...

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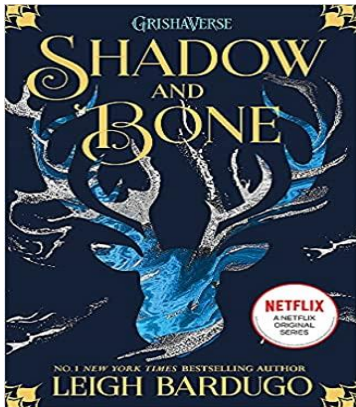
Longer Reads



In a world far from our own, where enemies come in many forms, the ultimate battle for survival is about to begin... An epic new trilogy from the bestselling author of the Summoner series.

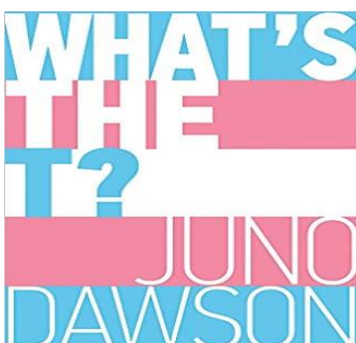


A lifetime ago, Lore Perseous left behind the brutal, opulent world of the Agon families – ancient Greek bloodlines that participate in a merciless game every seven years. A game that is about to begin again...

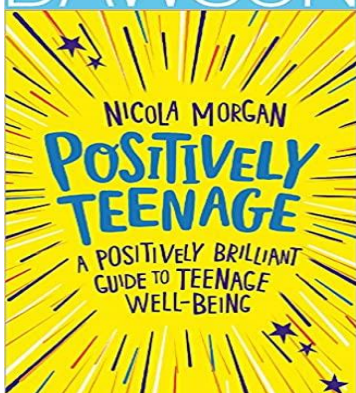


Summoner. Saint. Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold - a swathe of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed. Welcome to Ravka... a world of science and superstition where nothing is what it seems.

Non-Fiction



Discover what it means to be a young transgender and/or non-binary person in the twenty-first century in this frank and funny guide for 14+ teens. In What's the T?, Stonewall ambassador and bestselling trans author, Juno Dawson defines a myriad of labels and identities and offers uncensored advice on coming out, sex and relationships with her trademark humour and lightness of touch.



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.

Final Note

We hope that you have a wonderful summer. Happy reading!