



Christmas Reading Times 2024





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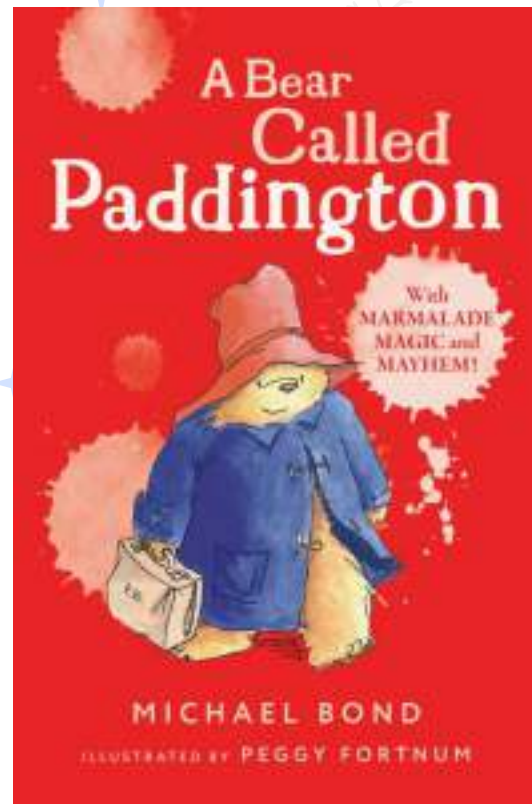
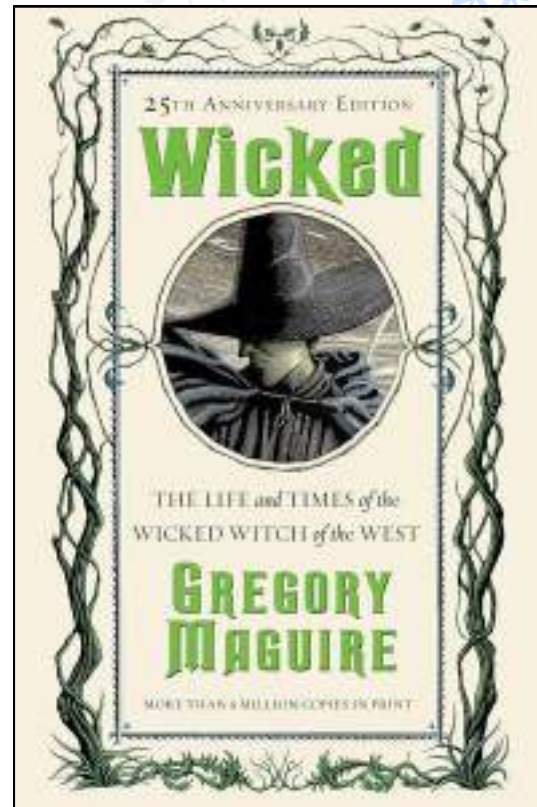
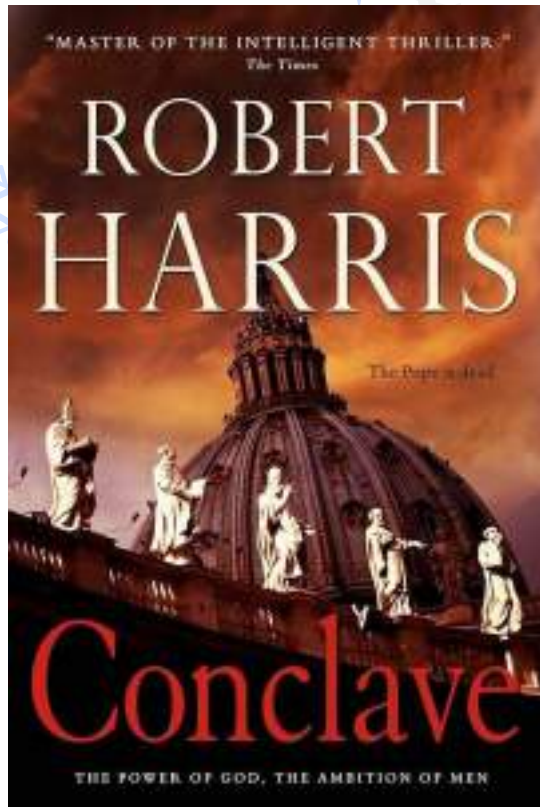
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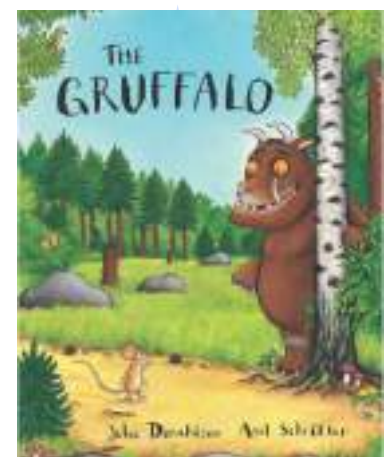
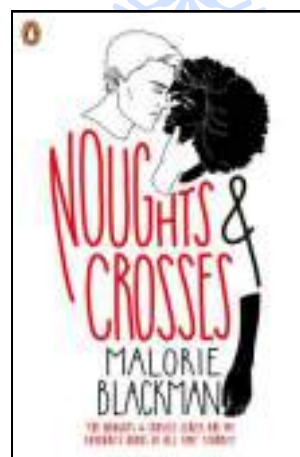
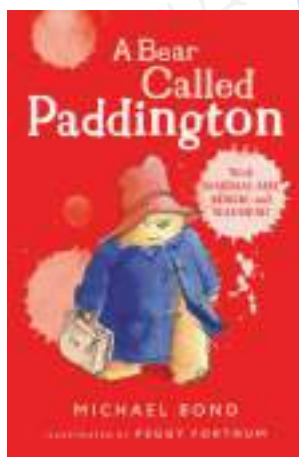
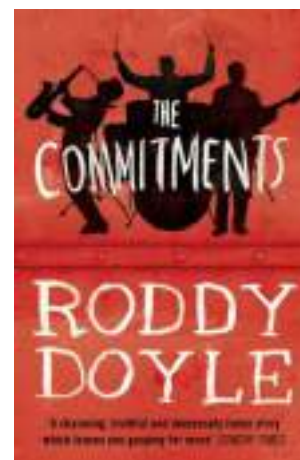
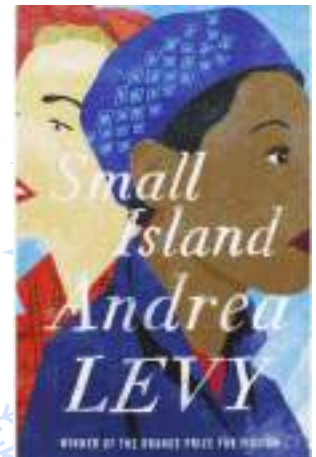
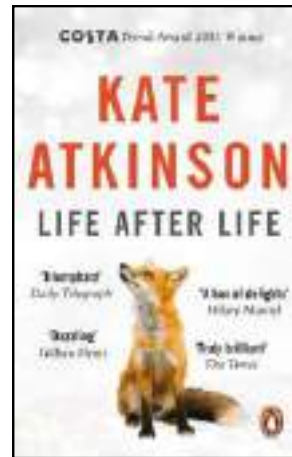
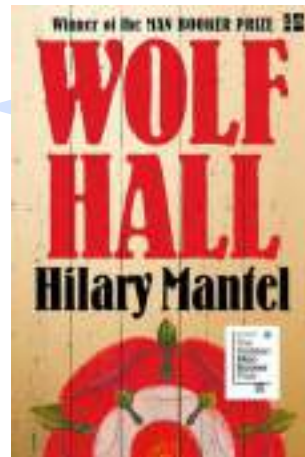
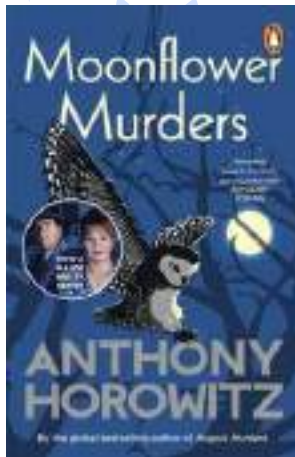
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In cinemas this Christmas

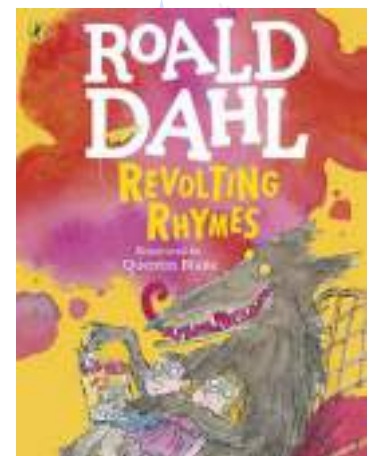
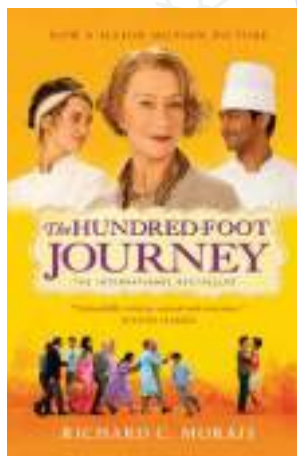
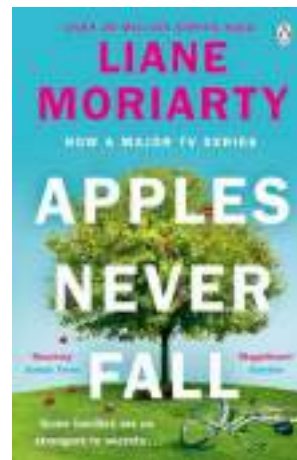
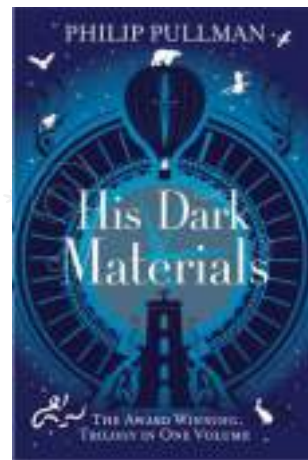
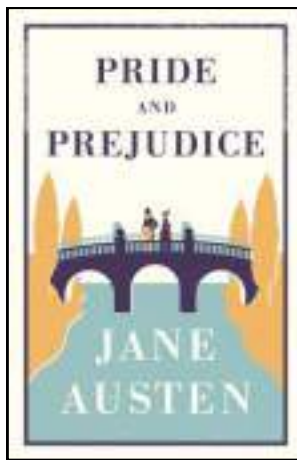
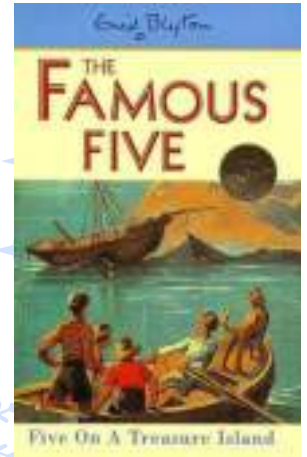
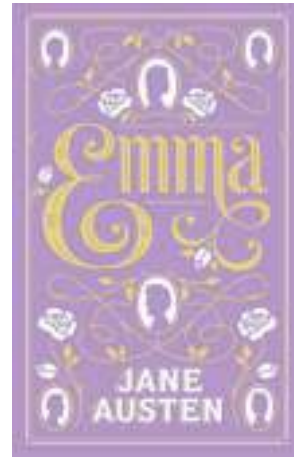
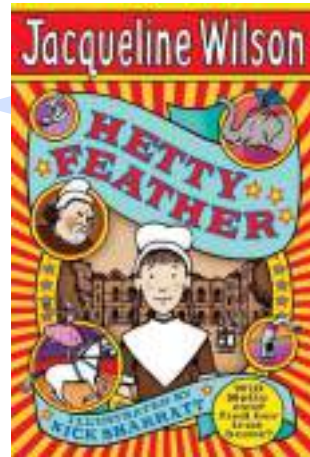


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Saturday 7th December

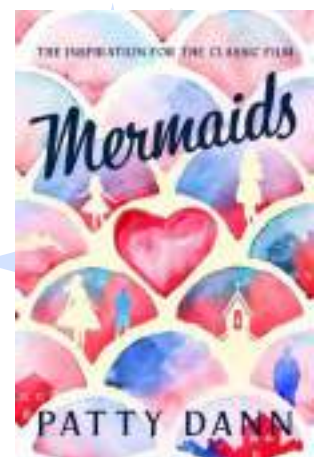
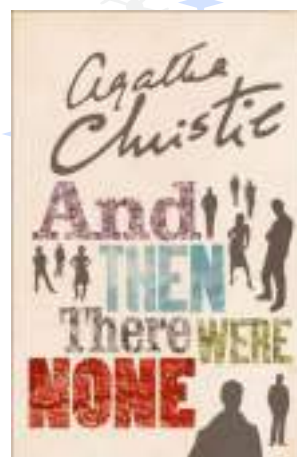
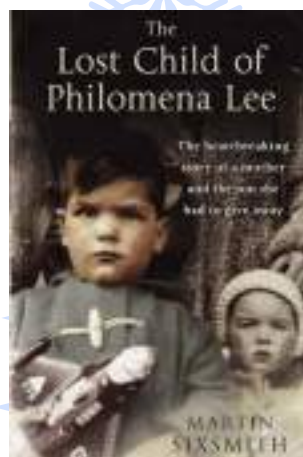
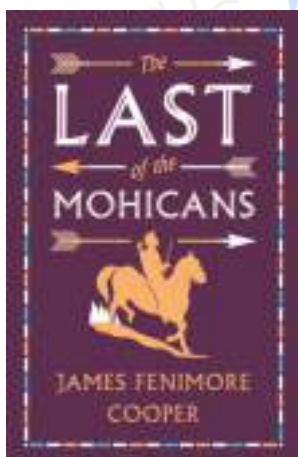
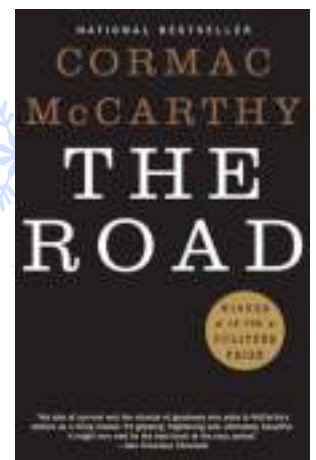
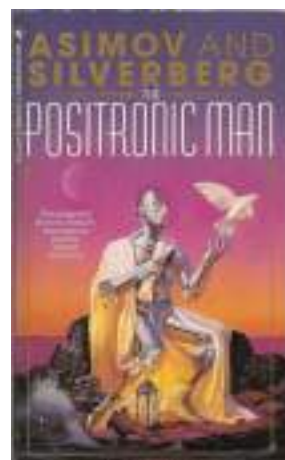
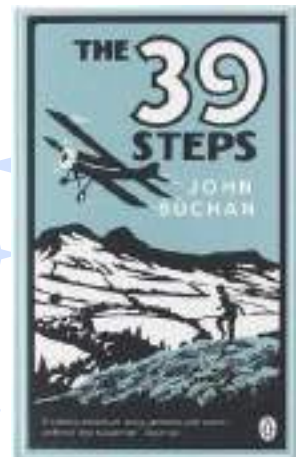
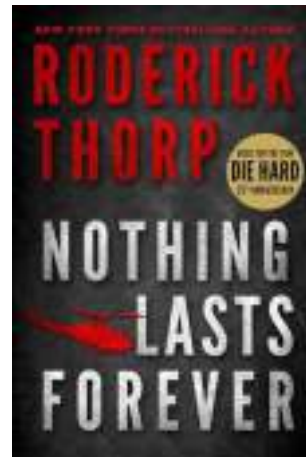
1.00pm	Sky Arts	And Then There Were None <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	PG
2.00pm	ITV1	A View to a Kill <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG
3.15pm	BBC2	Henry V <i>Based on the play by William Shakespeare</i>	PG
4.15pm	5Star	The Secret Garden <i>Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>	U
6.15pm	5Star	The Man in the Iron Mask <i>Based on the book by Alexandre Dumas</i>	12
6.50pm	ITVBe	Father of the Bride <i>Based on the book by Edward Streeter</i>	PG
8.00pm	BBC3	Spider-Man: No Way Home <i>Based on the Marvel comics</i>	12
9.00pm	ITVBe	Mermaids <i>Based on the book by Patty Dann</i>	15
9.00pm	Film4	Die Hard <i>Based on Nothing Lasts Forever by Roderick Thorp</i>	15

Sunday 8th December

1.00pm	BBC2	The Cruel Sea <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Monsarrat</i>	PG
2.30pm	Rewind TV	The 39 Steps <i>Based on the book by John Buchan</i>	U
2.40pm	Film4	A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	PG
2.40pm	Great Movies	Bicentennial Man <i>Based on The Positronic Man by Isaac Asimov and Robert Silverberg</i>	PG
3.10pm	BBC1	Night at the Museum <i>Based on the book by Milan Trenc</i>	PG
3.20pm	ITV1	You Only Live Twice <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG

Featured books

7th - 13th December





Sunday 8th December

6.55pm	E4	Scrooged <i>Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens</i>	12
8.05pm	ITV4	Diamonds Are Forever <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG
9.00pm	Sky Arts	The Hound of the Baskervilles <i>Based on the book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	PG
10.00pm	Channel 4	Nightmare Alley <i>Based on the book by William Lindsay Gresham</i>	12
10.25pm	ITV4	The Silence of the Lambs <i>Based on the book by Thomas Harris</i>	15
10.55pm	Great Movies	The Road <i>Based on the book by Cormac McCarthy</i>	15
11.45pm	BBC2	A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	PG

Monday 9th December

3.00pm	Legend	The 39 Steps <i>Based on the book by John Buchan</i>	U
9.00pm	BBC3	Captain Phillips <i>Based on A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea by Captain Richard Phillips and Stephan Talty</i>	12

Tuesday 10th December

6.35pm	Film4	Ben-Hur <i>Based on the book by Lew Wallace</i>	12
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Wednesday 11th December

7.00pm	BBC3	Night at the Museum <i>Based on the book by Milan Trenc</i>	PG
10.45pm	ITV1	A View to a Kill <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG



Thursday 12th December

12.40pm	Film4	The Colditz Story <i>Based on the book by Pat Reid</i>	U
1.00pm	Legend	The Last of the Mohicans <i>Based on the book by James Fenimore Cooper</i>	PG
4.40pm	Film4	A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the the book by Charles Dickens</i>	PG
6.45pm	Film4	I, Robot <i>Based on the short stories by Isaac Asimov</i>	12
9.40pm	BBC4	Philomena <i>Based on The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith</i>	12

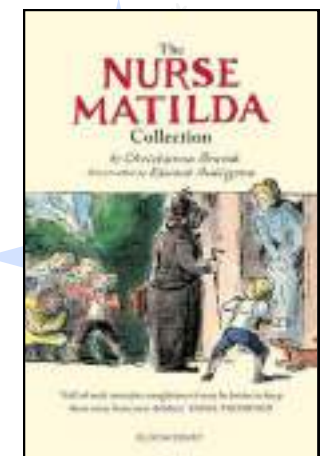
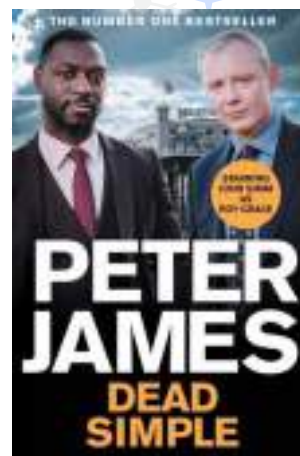
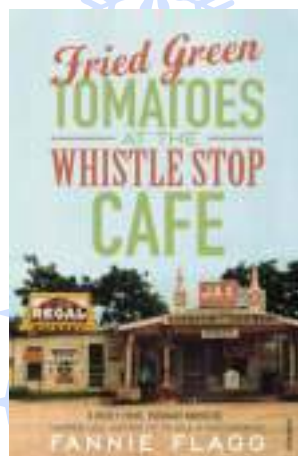
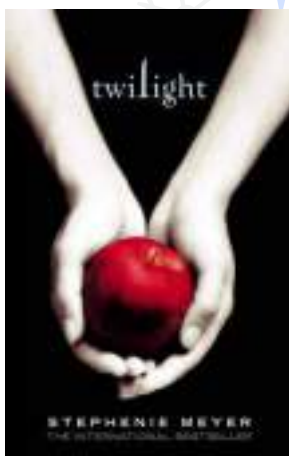
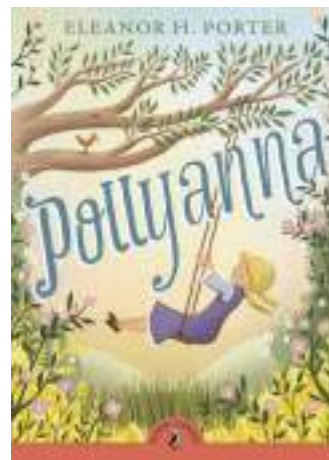
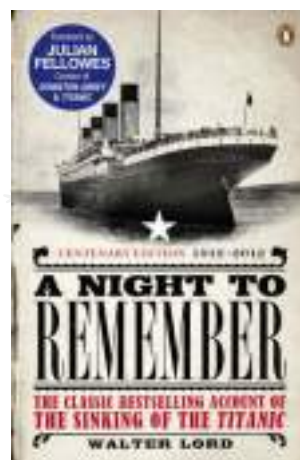
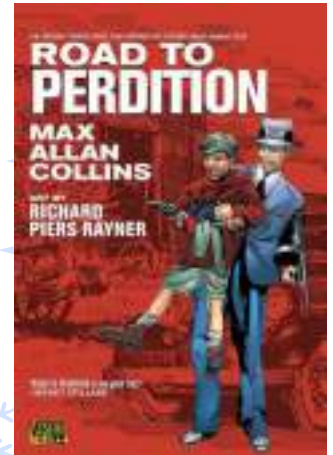
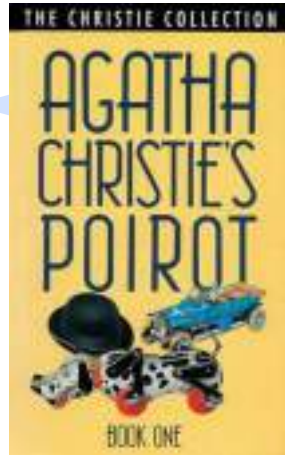
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12.05am	BBC4	The Importance of Being Earnest <i>Based on the play by Oscar Wilde</i>	12A
8.00pm	ITVBe	Mermaids <i>Based on the book by Patty Dann</i>	15
10.45pm	ITV1	You Only Live Twice <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG

Saturday 14th December

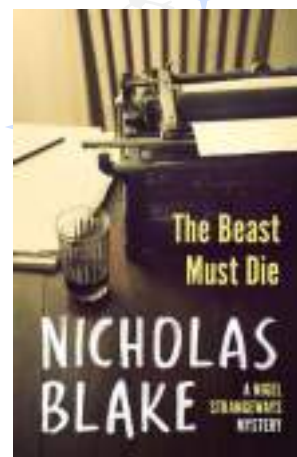
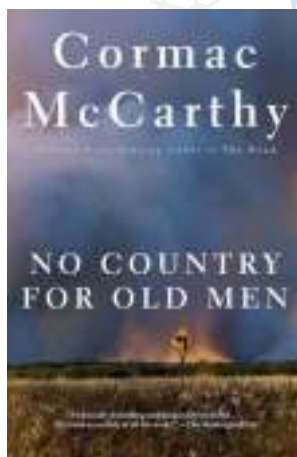
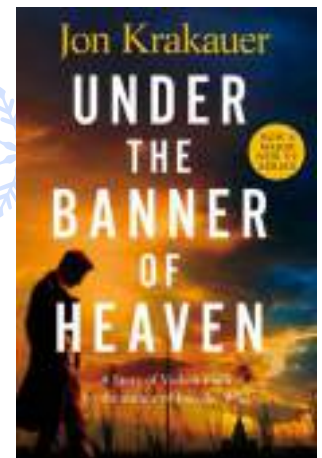
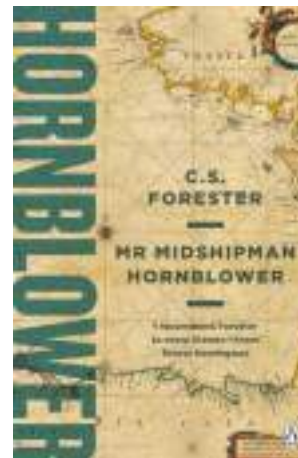
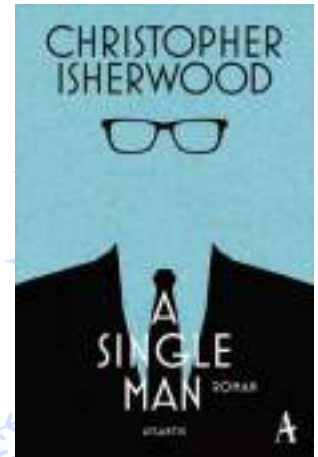
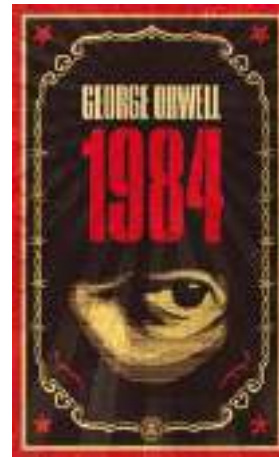
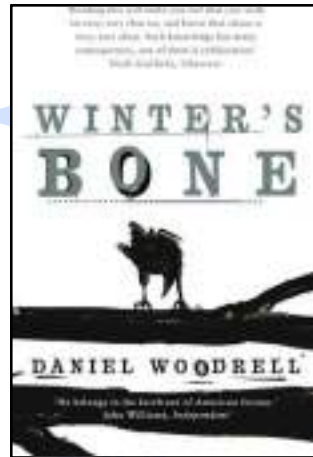
12.30am	BBC1	My Week with Marilyn <i>Based on The Prince, the Showgirl and Me by Colin Clark</i>	15
10.40am	E4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul <i>Based on the book by Jeff Kinney</i>	U
11.00am	Film4	Ice Cold in Alex <i>Based on the book by Christopher Landon</i>	PG
1.40pm	Film4	The Pursuit of Happyness <i>Based on the book by Chris Gardner</i>	12
3.25pm	BBC2	The Train <i>Loosely based on Le Front de l'art by Rose Valland</i>	15

Highlights ITVX





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Saturday 14th December

4.25pm	ITV2	The Grinch <i>Based on The Grinch Who Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss</i>	U
5.40pm	E4	Scrooged <i>Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens</i>	12
6.35pm	ITV4	Diamonds Are Forever <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG
6.40pm	Film4	Ben-Hur <i>Based on the book by Lew Wallace</i>	12
9.00pm	Film4	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit <i>Based on the Jack Ryan series by Tom Clancy</i>	12
9.00pm	ITVBe	The Notebook <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Sparks</i>	12
9.35pm	Channel 4	The Green Mile <i>Based on the book by Stephen King</i>	18
10.30pm	ITV4	The Silence of the Lambs <i>Based on the book by Thomas Harris</i>	15
11.10pm	Film4	Man on Fire <i>Based on the book by A. J. Quinnell</i>	18

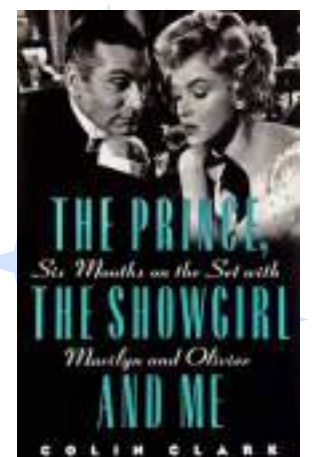
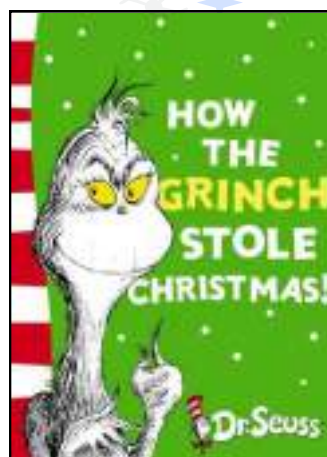
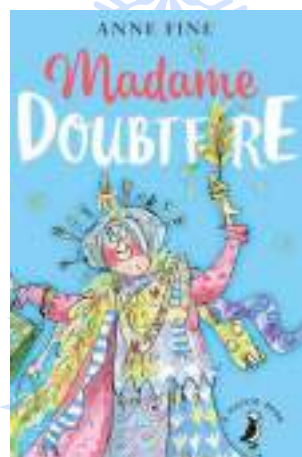
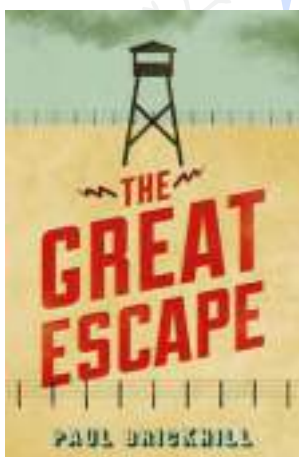
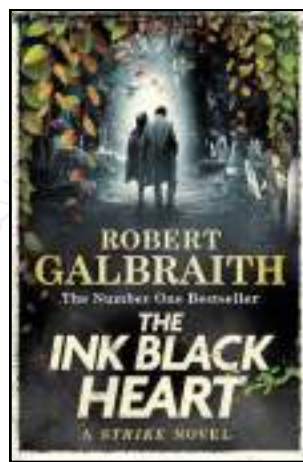
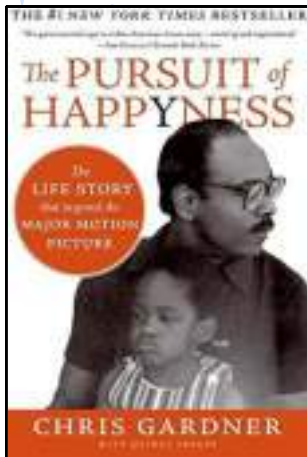
Sunday 15th December

12.50pm	Film4	The Adventures of Tintin <i>Based on the series by Hergé</i>	PG
1.35pm	E4	The Kid Who Would be King <i>Based on Arthurian legend</i>	PG
5.05pm	BBC2	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel <i>Based on These Foolish Things by Deborah Moggach</i>	12
5.50pm	Channel 4	The Day After Tomorrow <i>Based on The Global Coming Superstorm by Art Bell and Whitley Strieber</i>	12
8.00pm	ITV2	No Time to Die <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12
10.05pm	5 Action	We Were Soldiers <i>Based on We Were Soldiers Once... and Young by Lt General Hal Moore and Joseph L. Galloway</i>	15



Featured books

14th - 20th December





Monday 16th December

2.30pm	BBC2	The 39 Steps <i>Based on the book by John Buchan</i>	U
4.25pm	Film4	Goodbye Christopher Robin <i>Based on the Winnie the Pooh series by A. A. Milne</i>	PG
5.25pm	Sky Arts	Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles <i>Based on the book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	PG
6.35pm	Film4	Little Women <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	U
9.00pm	BBC1	Strike [part 1 of 4] <i>Based on The Ink Black Heart by Robert Galbraith</i>	TV

Tuesday 17th December

3.05pm	Film4	The Mask of Zorro <i>Based on the Zorro short stories by Johnston McCulley</i>	PG
9.00pm	BBC1	Strike [part 2 of 4] <i>Based on The Ink Black Heart by Robert Galbraith</i>	TV

Wednesday 18th December

4.10pm	Film4	The Legend of Zorro <i>Based on the Zorro short stories by Johnston McCulley</i>	PG
4.15pm	ITV2	The Grinch <i>Based on How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss</i>	U
6.45pm	Film4	I, Robot <i>Based on the short stories by Isaac Asimov</i>	12
11.50pm	Film4	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit <i>Based on the Jack Ryan series by Tom Clancy</i>	12



Thursday 19th December

1.45pm	BBC2	Fiddler on the Roof <i>Based on Tevye and His Daughters stories by Sholem Aleichem</i>	U
3.25pm	Film4	Mrs Doubtfire <i>Based on Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine</i>	12
8.00pm	BBC4	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel <i>Based on These Foolish Things by Deborah Moggach</i>	12
10.55pm	Film4	The Last of the Mohicans <i>Based on the book by James Fenimore Cooper</i>	15

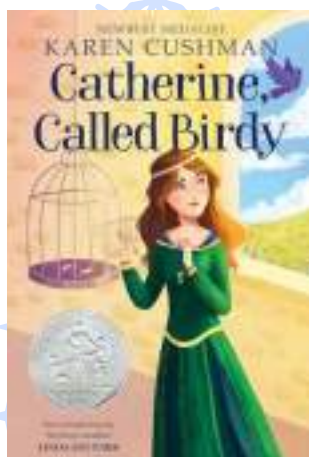
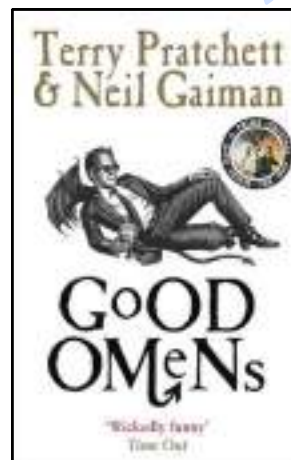
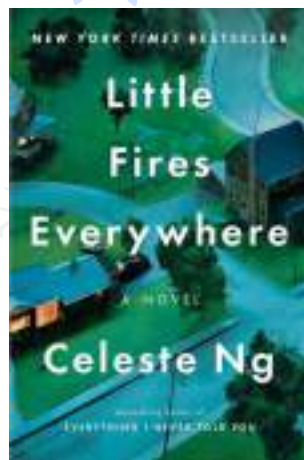
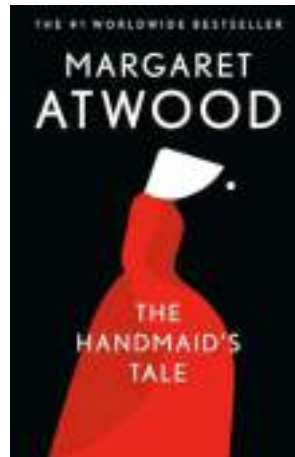
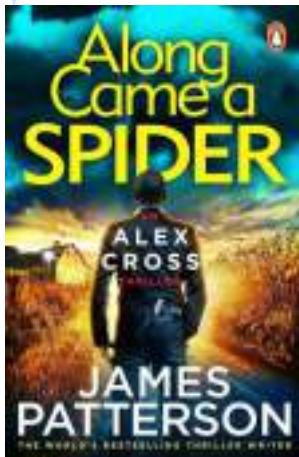
Friday 20th December

12.45pm	Film4	The Great Escape <i>Based on the book by Paul Brickhill</i>	PG
4.15pm	Film4	Wonder <i>Based on the book by R. J. Palacio</i>	PG
8.00pm	ITV2	No Time to Die <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12
8.00pm	ITVBe	The Notebook <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Sparks</i>	12
9.00pm	Great Movies	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo <i>Based on the book by Stieg Larsson</i>	18
11.05pm	ITV1	Die Another Day <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12

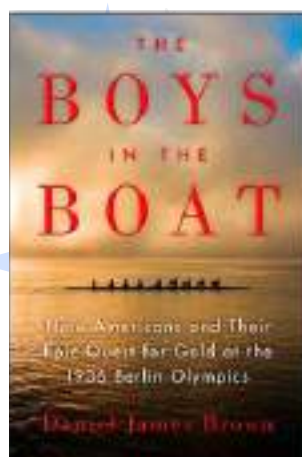
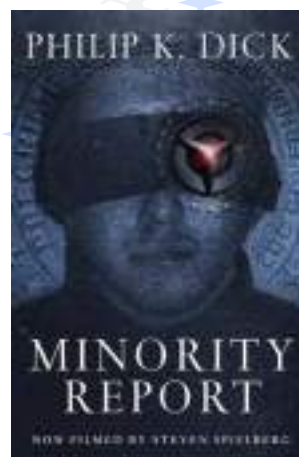
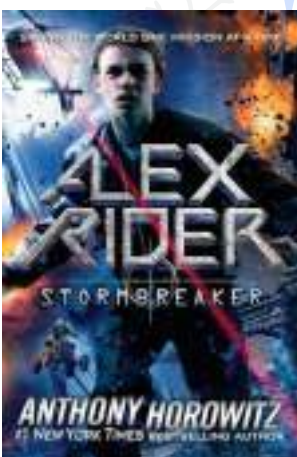
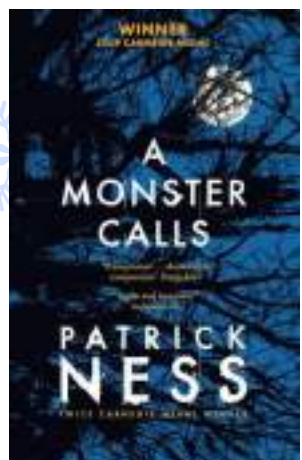
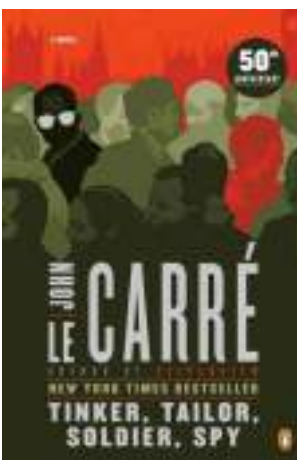
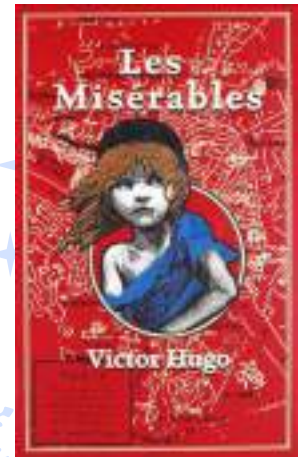
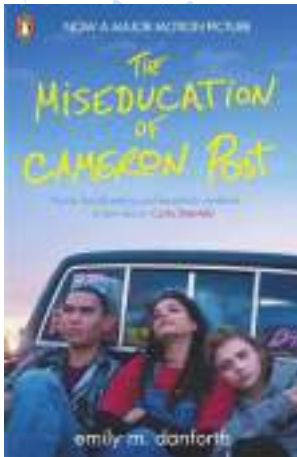
Saturday 21st December

12.10am	Channel 4	Sleepy Hollow <i>Based on the book by Washington Irving</i>	15
9.15am	BBC2	The Bishop's Wife <i>Based on the book by Robert Nathan</i>	U
12.55pm	E4	The Kid Who Would Be King <i>Based on Arthurian legend</i>	PG

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Saturday 21st December

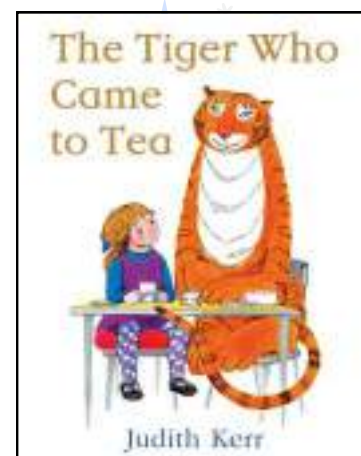
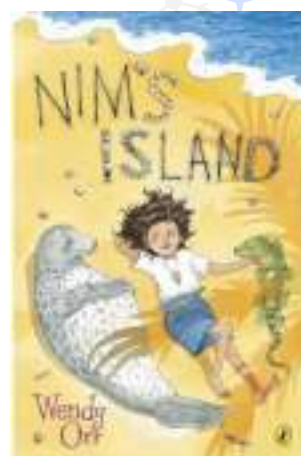
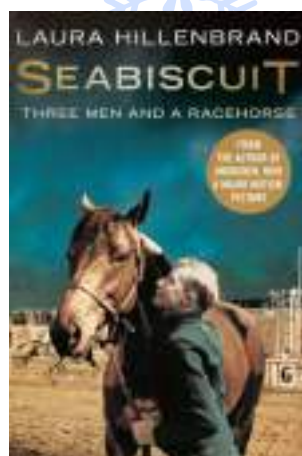
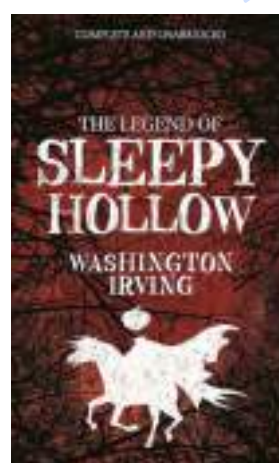
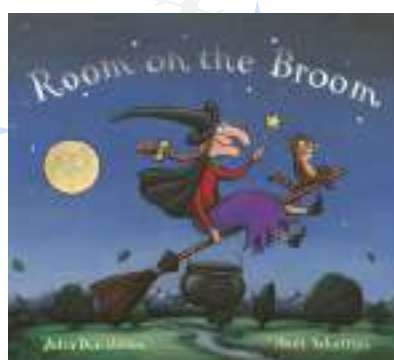
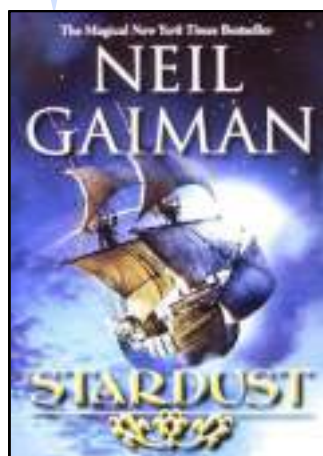
1.35pm	Channel 4	Scrooged <i>Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens</i>	PG
2.15pm	ITV1	On Her Majesty's Secret Service <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	PG
3.30pm	Channel 4	Stardust <i>Based on the book by Neil Gaiman</i>	PG
11.15pm	BBC4	Jane Eyre <i>Based on the book by Charlotte Brontë</i>	PG

Sunday 22nd December

10.35am	BBC1	The Primrose Railway Children <i>Based on the book by Jacqueline Wilson</i>	TV
10.45am	Channel 5	Scrooge: A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	U
12.30pm	Channel 4	A Series of Unfortunate Events <i>Based on the series by Lemony Snicket</i>	PG
12.50pm	Channel 5	Stuart Little <i>Based on the book by E. B. White</i>	U
2.30pm	Channel 4	The Snowman <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
2.30pm	Channel 5	Hook <i>Based on Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie</i>	U
3.35pm	BBC1	Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb <i>Based on characters from Night at the Museum by Milan Trenc</i>	PG
4.40pm	ITV2	How the Grinch Stole Christmas <i>Based on the book by Dr Seuss</i>	PG
4.45pm	E4	We Bought a Zoo <i>Based on the book by Benjamin Mee</i>	PG
5.10pm	Channel 4	The Snowman and the Snowdog <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
6.05pm	Great Movies	Seabiscuit <i>Based on the book by Laura Hillenbrand</i>	PG

Featured books

21st - 24th December





Sunday 22nd December

6.35pm	Legend	Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon <i>Inspired by books by Jules Verne</i>	PG
6.45pm	Film4	Zathura: A Space Adventure <i>Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg</i>	PG
7.45pm	BBC4	A Christmas Carol: The Read <i>A reading of the book by Charles Dickens</i>	TV
9.00pm	Channel 4	Die Hard <i>Based on Nothing Lasts Forever by Roderick Thorp</i>	15
11.35pm	Channel 4	Patriot Games <i>Based on the book by Tom Clancy</i>	15

Monday 23rd December

9.00am	BBC1	Room on the Broom <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
9.25am	BBC1	The Gruffalo <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
11.05am	BBC2	Meet Me in St Louis <i>Based on short stories by Sally Benson</i>	U
12.20pm	Sky Arts	Sherlock Holmes and the Spider Woman <i>Based on the Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	U
2.50pm	ITV1	The Grinch <i>Based on How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss</i>	U
4.35pm	ITV2	Peter Pan <i>Based on the book by J. M. Barrie</i>	PG
5.10pm	Channel 5	A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	PG
9.00pm	BBC1	Strike [part 3 of 4] <i>Based on The Ink Black Heart by Robert Galbraith</i>	TV
9.00pm	Channel 4	Bullet Train <i>Based on the book by Kōtarō Isaka</i>	15
11.35pm	Channel 4	Clear and Present Danger <i>Based on the book by Tom Clancy</i>	12

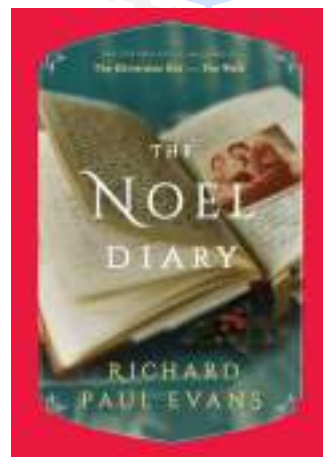
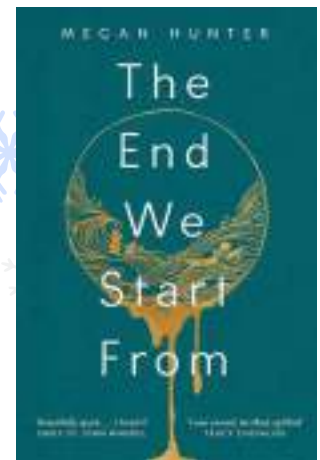
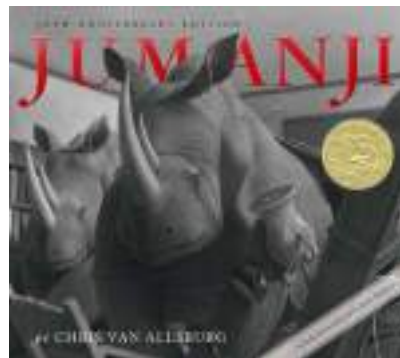
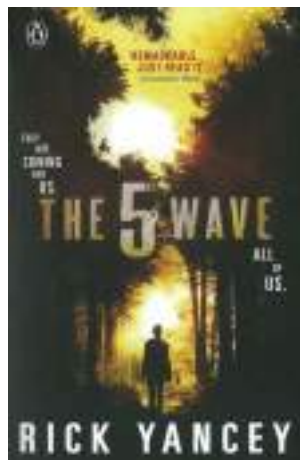
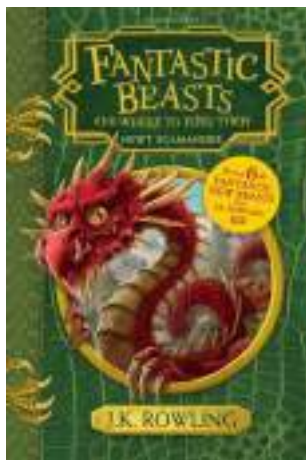
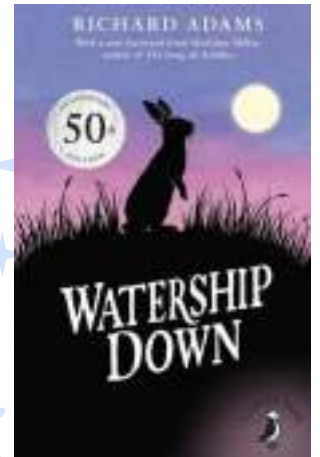


Tuesday 24th December

7.25am	Channel 4	The Tiger Who Came to Tea <i>Based on the book by Judith Kerr</i>	U
7.50am	Channel 4	The Snowman <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
8.20am	Channel 4	Father Christmas <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
8.55am	Channel 4	The Snowman and the Snowdog <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
9.30am	Channel 5	Scrooge: A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	U
9.50am	BBC2	Great Expectations <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	PG
11.00am	Film4	Gulliver's Travels <i>Based on the book by Jonathan Swift</i>	PG
11.20am	BBC1	Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway <i>Based on the Peter Rabbit stories by Beatrix Potter</i>	U
12.05pm	5Star	The Secret Garden <i>Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>	U
12.40pm	Film4	The Cat in the Hat <i>Based on the book by Dr Seuss</i>	PG
1.50pm	BBC1	Stick Man <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
2.00pm	Channel 5	The Man in the Iron Mask <i>Based on the book by Alexandre Dumas</i>	12
2.10pm	Channel 4	A Christmas Carol <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	U
2.15pm	Film4	The Adventures of Tintin <i>Based on the series by Hergé</i>	U
2.15pm	5Star	Nim's Island <i>Based on the book by Wendy Orr</i>	U
2.30pm	ITV1	It's a Wonderful Life <i>Based on The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern</i>	U
3.15pm	ITV4	Spartacus <i>Based on the book by Howard Fast</i>	PG

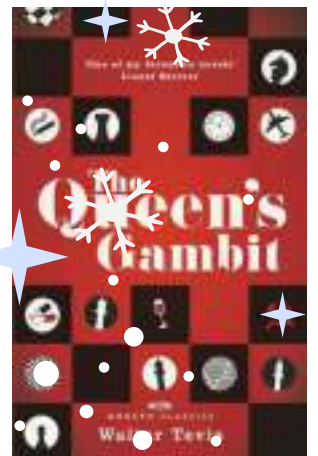
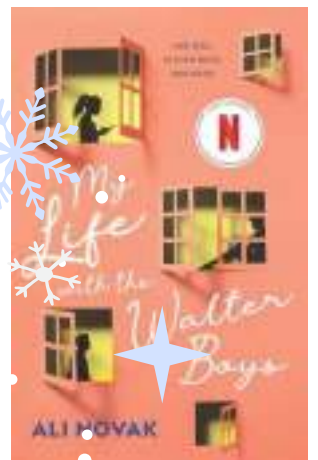
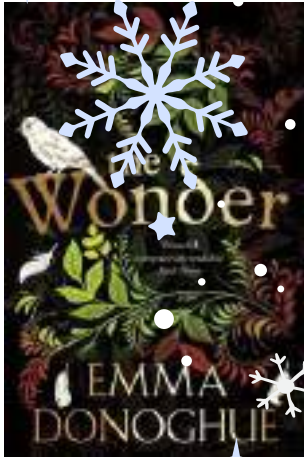


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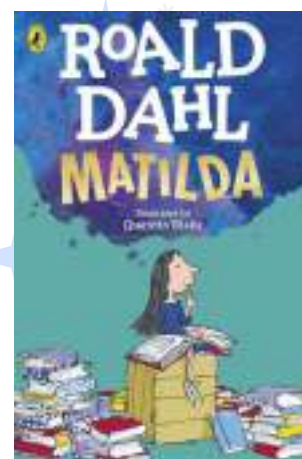
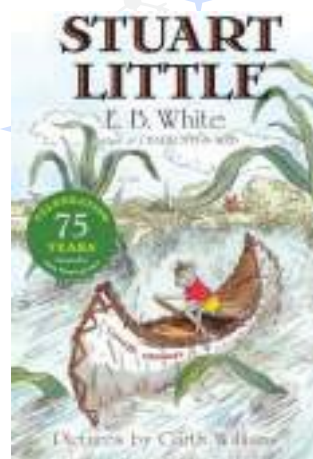
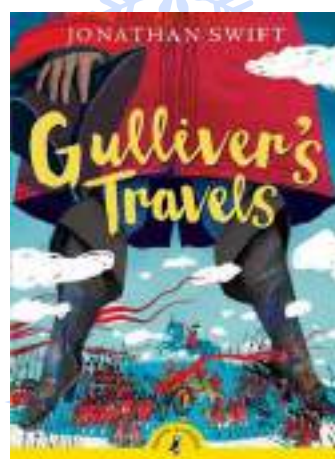
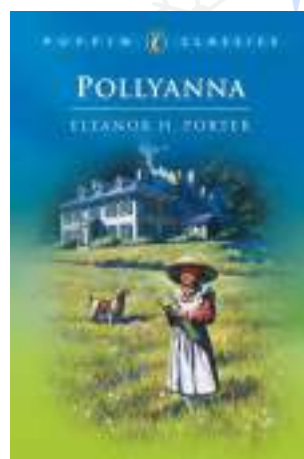
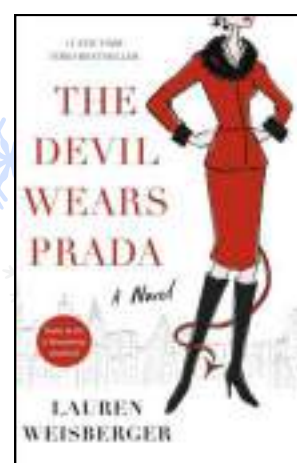
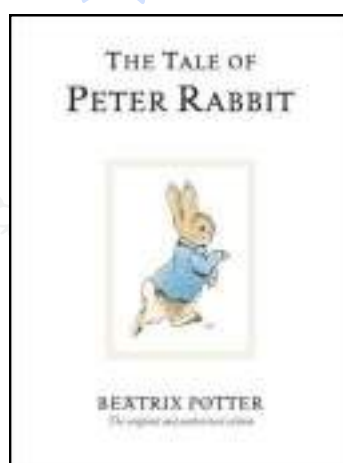
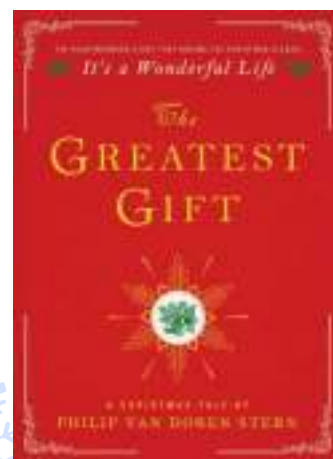
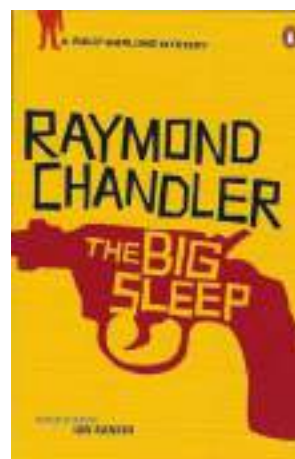
4.15pm	Channel 4	The Snowman <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
4.35pm	Channel 5	Catch Me If You Can <i>Based on the book by Frank Abagnale and Stan Redding</i>	12
4.45pm	Channel 4	Mog's Christmas <i>Based on the book by Judith Kerr</i>	U
4.45pm	More4	The Guns of Navarone <i>Based on the book by Alistair MacLean</i>	PG
5.20pm	Channel 4	The Snowman and the Snowdog <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
9.00pm	Legend	L.A. Confidential <i>Based on the book by James Ellroy</i>	18
9.15pm	BBC1	Strike [part 4 of 4] <i>Based on The Ink Black Heart by Robert Galbraith</i>	TV

Wednesday 25th December

1.35am	Film4	Stand By Me <i>Based on The Body by Stephen King</i>	15
6.15am	Channel 4	The Bear <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
6.45am	Channel 4	The Snowman and the Snowdog <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
7.10am	BBC2	The Gruffalo & Me <i>Documentary about Julia Donaldson</i>	TV
7.10am	Channel 4	The Tiger Who Came to Tea <i>Based on the book by Judith Kerr</i>	U
9.20am	BBC1	Superworm <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
9.50am	BBC1	The Gruffalo's Child <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
10.50am	ITV2	Peter Pan <i>Based on the book by J. M. Barrie</i>	PG

Featured books

25th - 26th December





Wednesday 25th December

11.50am	Channel 4	The Snowman <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
11.50am	Talking Pictures	The Railway Children <i>Based on the book by Edith Nesbit</i>	PG
12.25pm	Channel 4	Mog's Christmas <i>Based on the book by Judith Kerr</i>	U
12.25pm	ITV3	It's a Wonderful Life <i>Based on The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern</i>	U
12.55pm	Channel 4	The Snowman and the Snowdog <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
2.05pm	ITV2	How the Grinch Stole Christmas <i>Based on the book by Dr Seuss</i>	PG
2.35pm	BBC1	Tiddler <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
3.10pm	Channel 5	The Railway Children Return <i>Based on characters from The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit</i>	PG
4.00pm	ITV4	The Sea Wolves <i>Based on Boarding Party by James Leasor</i>	PG
4.10pm	ITV2	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG
4.45pm	Film4	The Devil Wears Prada <i>Based on the book by Laura Weisberger</i>	PG
4.55pm	5Star	From Time to Time <i>Based on The Chimneys of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston</i>	PG
5.50pm	More4	The Bridge On the River Kwai <i>Based on The Bridge Over the River Kwai by Pierre Boulle</i>	PG
7.10pm	E4	Peter Rabbit <i>Based on characters from the stories by Beatrix Potter</i>	PG
7.40pm	BBC3	Shrek <i>Based on the book by William Steig</i>	U
8.00pm	BBC1	Call the Midwife [part 1 of 2] <i>Based on the books by Jennifer Worth</i>	TV
10.20pm	BBC2	The Lady in the Van <i>Based on the book by Alan Bennett</i>	12

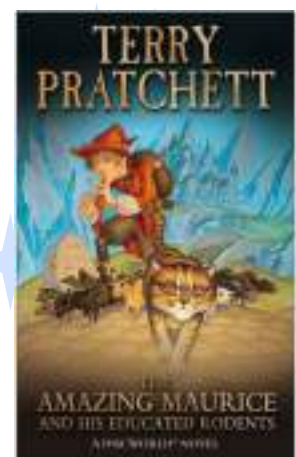
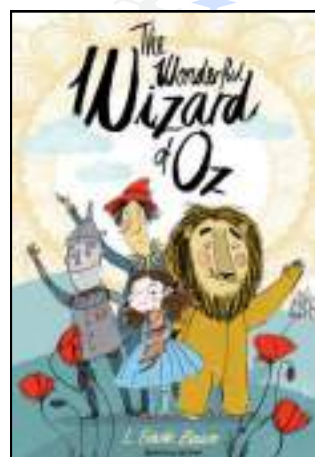
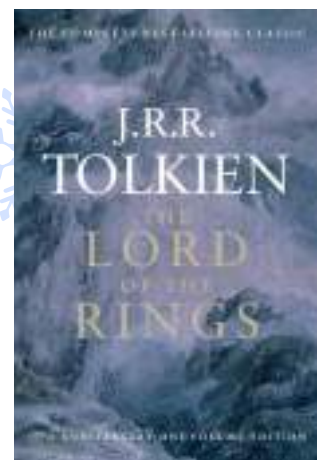
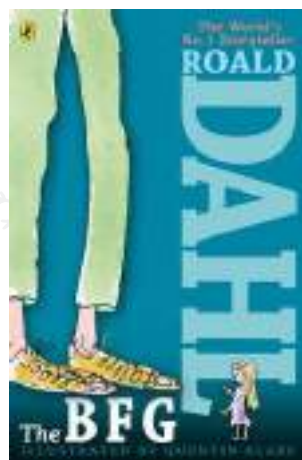
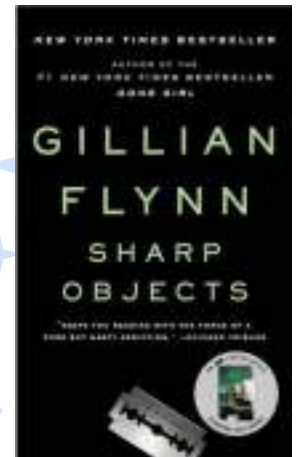
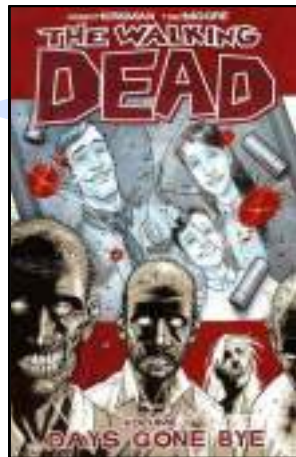
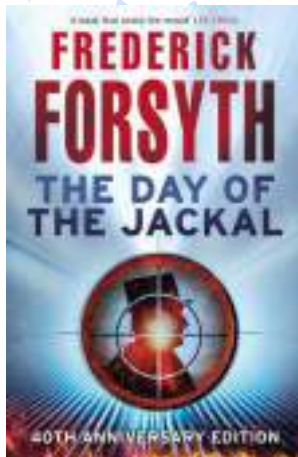


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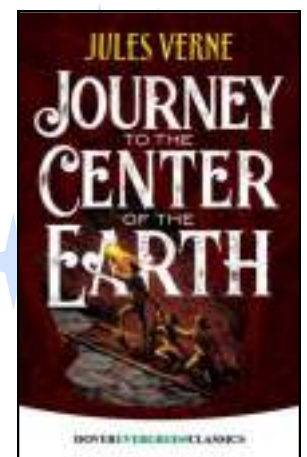
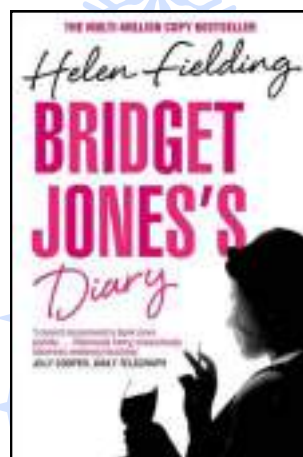
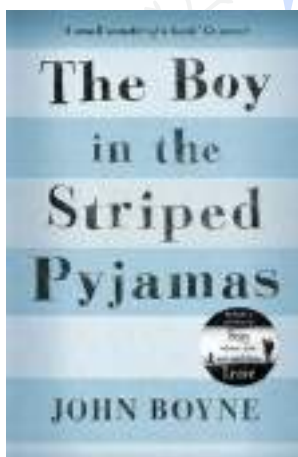
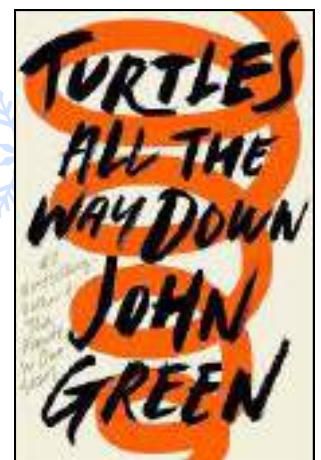
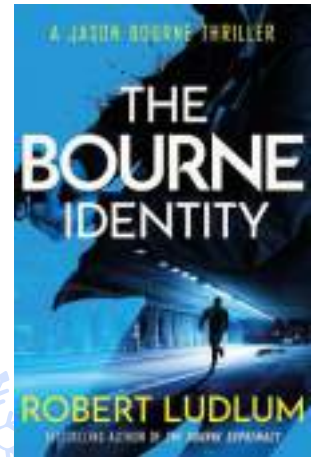
12.00am	BBC2	The Duchess <i>Based on Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman</i>	12
9.00am	BBC1	The Snail and the Whale <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
9.25am	BBC1	Zog <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
10.55am	BBC2	The Big Sleep <i>Based on the book by Raymond Chandler</i>	PG
11.00am	Film4	Mrs Doubtfire <i>Based on Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine</i>	12
11.20am	BBC1	How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World <i>Based on the series by Cressida Cowell</i>	PG
12.10pm	Channel 5	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers <i>Based on The Sobbin' Women by Stephen Vincent Benét</i>	U
12.15pm	Talking Pictures	Pollyanna <i>Based on the book by Eleanor H. Porter</i>	TV
12.20pm	ITV2	The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader <i>Based on the book by C. S. Lewis</i>	PG
1.25pm	BBC1	Tiddler <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
1.50pm	BBC1	Paddington <i>Based on the Paddington books by Michael Bond</i>	PG
2.30pm	ITV2	Matilda <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG
2.50pm	5Star	Stuart Little <i>Based on the book by E. B. White</i>	U
2.50pm	Great Movies	The Horse Whisperer <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Evans</i>	PG
3.15pm	BBC1	Beauty and the Beast <i>Based on the story by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont</i>	PG
5.25pm	More4	Little Women <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	U
5.40pm	BBC1	Matilda the Musical <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG

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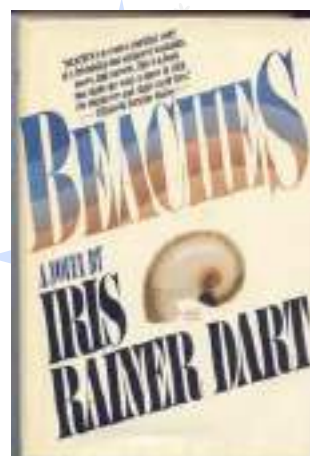
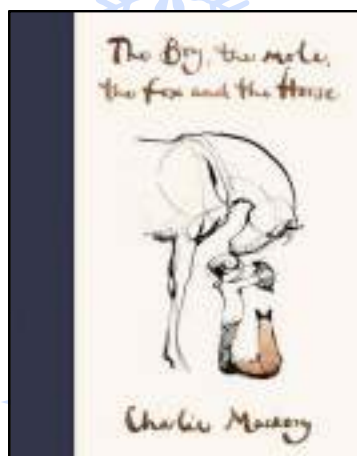
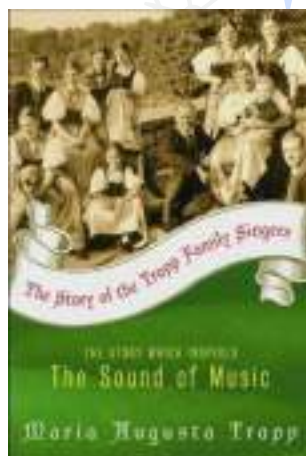
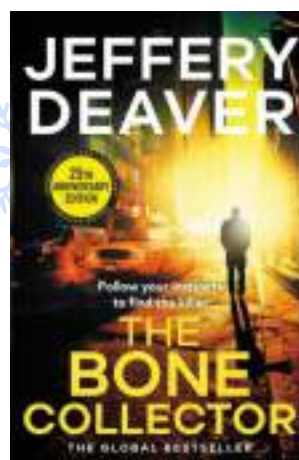
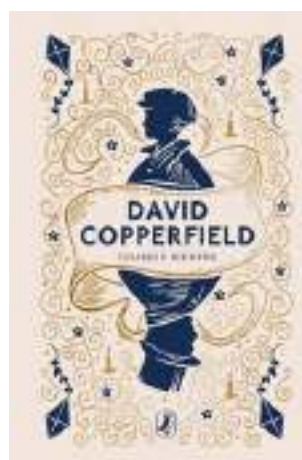
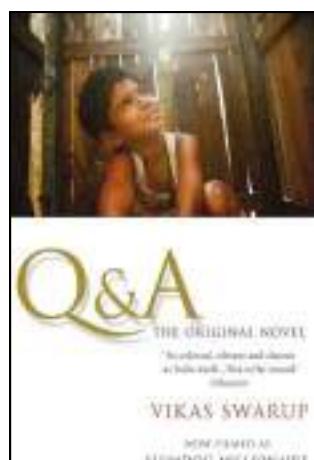
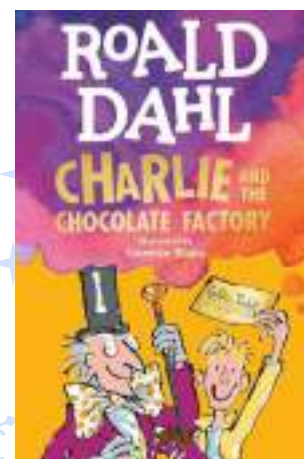
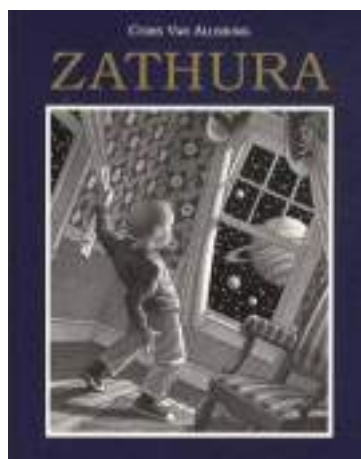
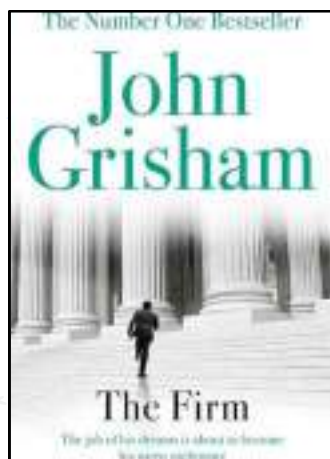
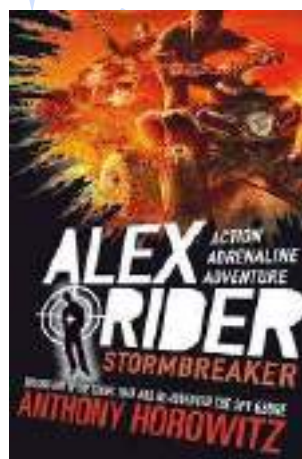
7.30pm	BBC1	Call the Midwife [part 2 of 2] <i>Based on the series by Jennifer Worth</i>	TV
9.00pm	ITV2	Wonder Woman <i>Based on characters from DC Comics</i>	12
9.00pm	Great Movies	Forrest Gump <i>Based on the book by Winston Groom</i>	12

Friday 27th December

9.40am	Great Movies	Bicentennial Man <i>Based on The Positronic Man by Isaac Asimov</i>	PG
10.30am	BBC1	Zog and the Flying Doctors <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
10.55am	BBC1	The Highway Rat <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
11.25am	Channel 4	Oliver! <i>Based on Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens</i>	U
11.35am	Channel 5	Operation: Daybreak <i>Based on Seven Men at Daybreak by Alan Burgess</i>	15
1.05pm	Sky Arts	42nd Street <i>Based on the book by Bradford Ropes</i>	U
1.35pm	BBC2	West Side Story <i>Based on Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare</i>	PG
2.00pm	Channel 5	Hook <i>Based on Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie</i>	U
2.30pm	BBC1	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse <i>Based on the book by Charlie Mackesy</i>	U
2.45pm	Film4	Zathura: A Space Adventure <i>Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg</i>	PG
3.00pm	BBC1	Alice Through the Looking Glass <i>Based on the book by Lewis Carroll</i>	PG
3.30pm	ITV1	Jurassic Park <i>Based on the book by Michael Crichton</i>	PG

Featured books

27th - 29th December





Friday 27th December

3.40pm	Channel 4	The Hunt for Red October <i>Based on the book by Tom Clancy</i>	PG
4.00pm	BBC2	Beaches <i>Based on the book by Iris Rainer Dart</i>	12
4.45pm	BBC1	Ant-Man <i>Based on characters from Marvel comics</i>	12
4.50pm	Film4	Scrooged <i>Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens</i>	12
6.45pm	Channel 4	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle <i>Based on characters from Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg</i>	12

Saturday 28th December

12.35pm	5Star	Miss Potter <i>Based on the author Beatrix Potter</i>	PG
1.15pm	BBC1	The Smeds and the Smoos <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
1.50pm	BBC2	Death on the Nile <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	PG
2.25pm	5Star	The Secret Garden <i>Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>	U
3.30pm	Great Movies	Seabiscuit <i>Based on the book by Laura Hillenbrand</i>	PG
4.05pm	BBC2	Evil Under the Sun <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	PG
4.35pm	5Star	Nim's Island <i>Based on the book by Wendy Orr</i>	U
4.50pm	ITV2	Nanny McPhee <i>Based on the Nurse Matilda series by Christianna Brand</i>	U
8.00pm	ITV1	Spectre <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12
8.15pm	BBC4	David Copperfield [part 1 of 4] <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	TV



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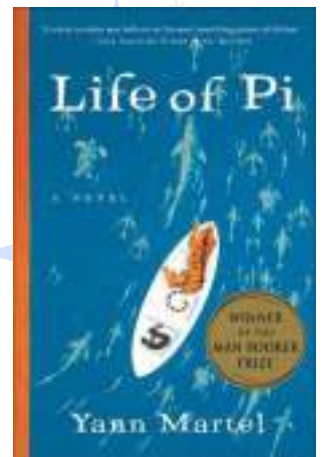
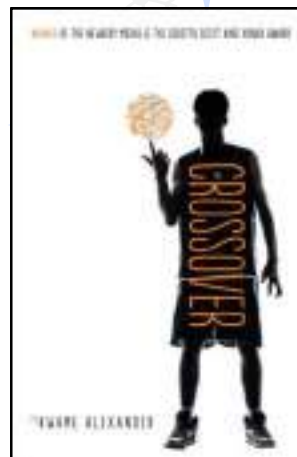
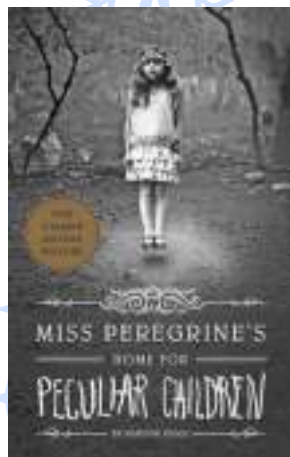
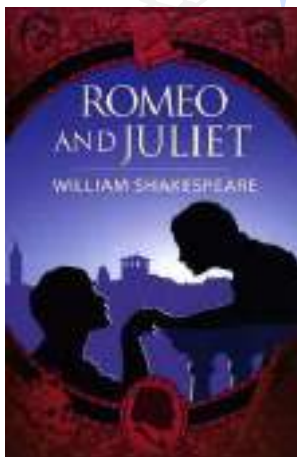
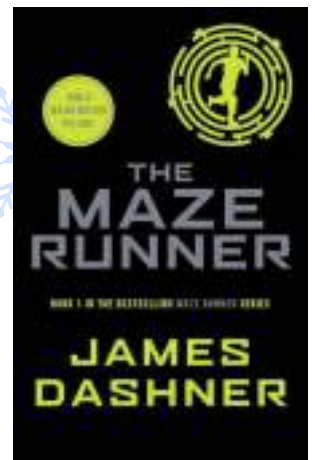
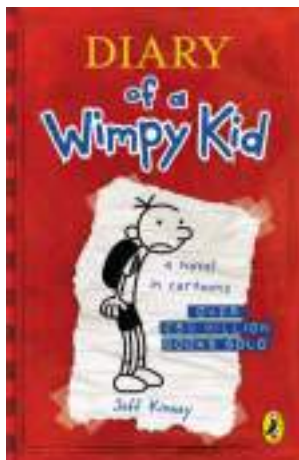
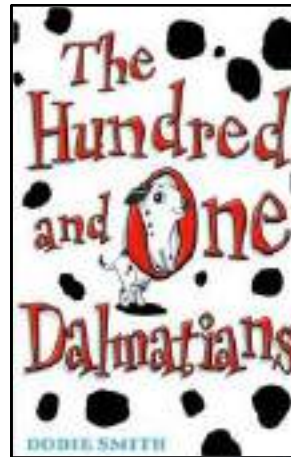
9.00pm	Great Movies	Sleeping With the Enemy <i>Based on the book by Nancy Price</i>	15
9.45pm	Channel 4	The Godfather <i>Based on the book by Mario Puzo</i>	15
11.20pm	Film4	The Bone Collector <i>Based on the book by Jeffrey Deaver</i>	15
11.35pm	BBC4	Much Ado About Nothing <i>Based on the play by William Shakespeare</i>	TV

Sunday 29th December

10.45am	Channel 5	Catch Me If You Can <i>Based on the book by Frank Abagnele and Stan Redding</i>	12
11.55am	Great Movies	Little Women <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	12
12.55pm	BBC2	Witness for the Prosecution <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	U
1.05pm	ITV1	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang <i>Based on the book by Ian Fleming</i>	U
1.30pm	Channel 5	The Firm <i>Based on the book by John Grisham</i>	15
2.45pm	BBC2	The Mirror Crack'd <i>Based on The Mirror Cracked From Side to Side by Agatha Christie</i>	12A
2.50pm	Film4	Gulliver's Travels <i>Based on the book by Jonathan Swift</i>	PG
3.45pm	BBC1	The Sound of Music <i>Based on The Story of the Trapp Family Singers by Maria von Trapp</i>	U
4.30pm	Film4	Stormbreaker <i>Based on the book by Anthony Horowitz</i>	PG
5.45pm	ITV2	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG
6.20pm	Film4	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World <i>Based on the Aubrey-Maturin series by Patrick O'Brian</i>	12

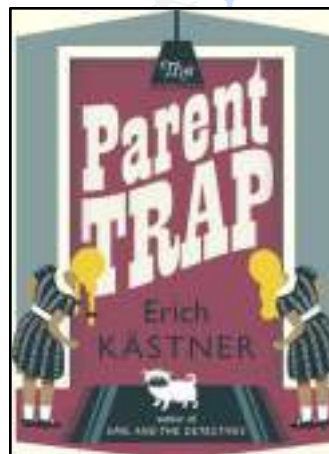
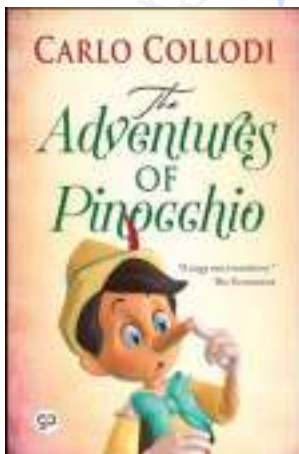
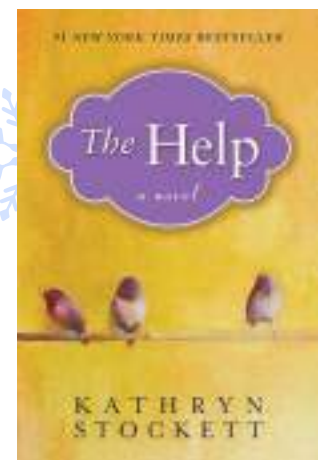
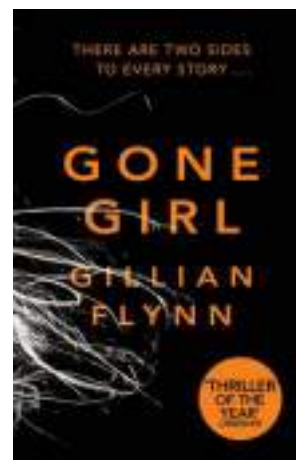
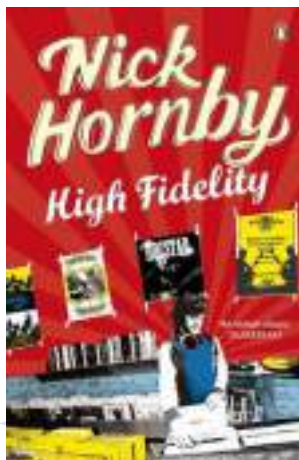
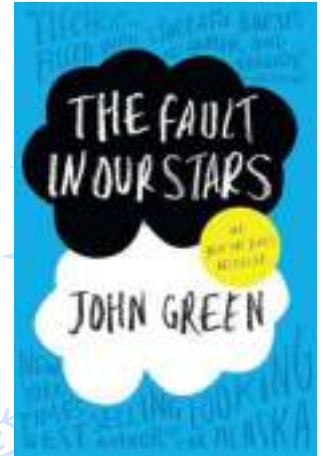


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Sunday 29th December

7.15pm	BBC4	David Copperfield [part 2 of 4] <i>Based on the book by Charles Dickens</i>	TV
10.00pm	Channel 5	Hannibal <i>Based on the book by Thomas Harris</i>	18
11.55pm	Channel 4	Slumdog Millionaire <i>Based on Q & A by Vikas Swarup</i>	15



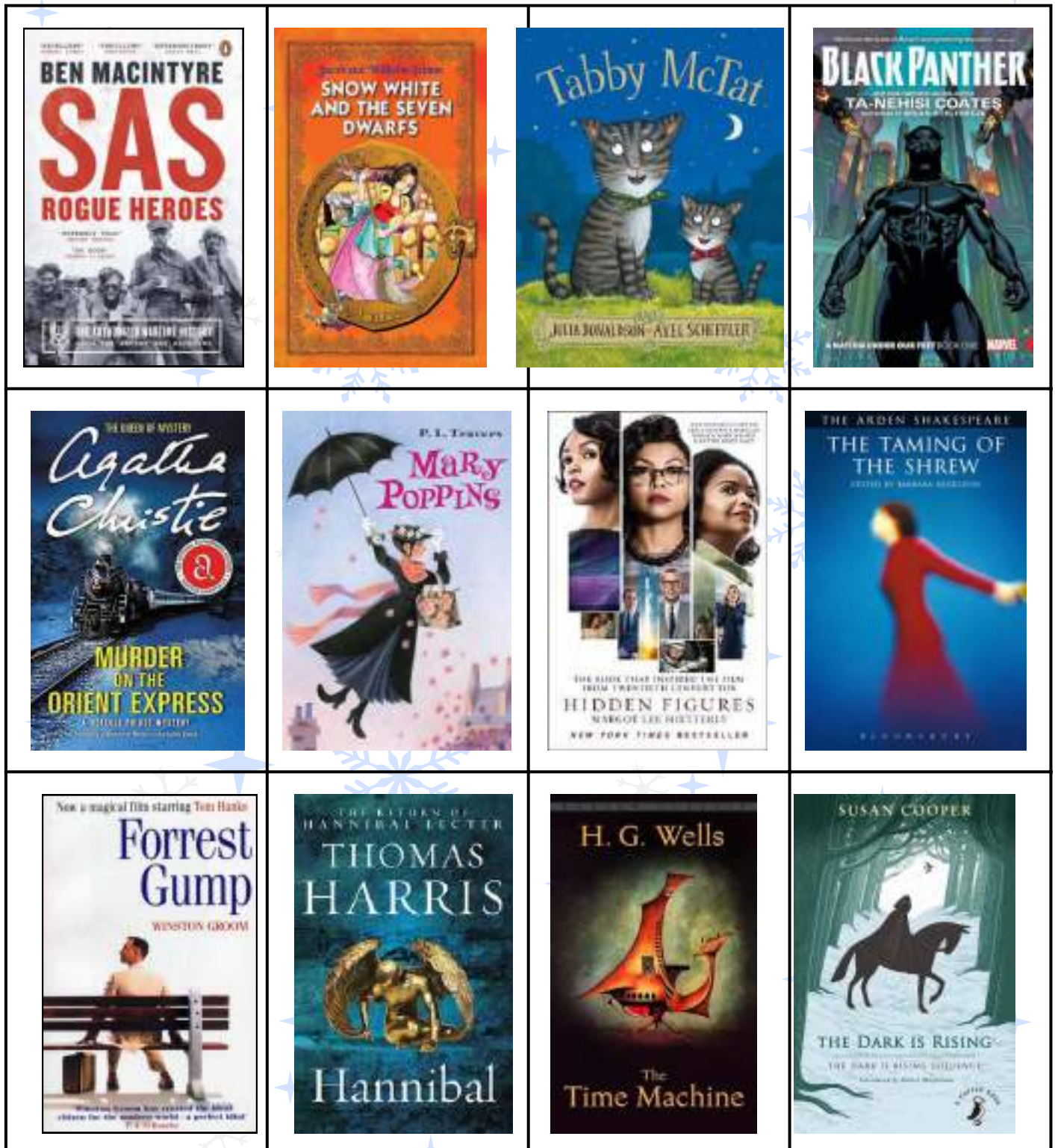
Monday 30th December

11.00am	Film4	The Cat in the Hat <i>Based on the book by Dr Seuss</i>	PG
11.55am	Channel 5	The Railway Children Return <i>Based on The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit</i>	12A
2.30pm	Film4	The Seeker: The Dark is Rising <i>Based on The Dark is Rising series by Susan Cooper</i>	12
3.10pm	ITV4	Spartacus <i>Based on the book by Howard Fast</i>	PG
3.20pm	BBC2	Murder on the Orient Express <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	PG
5.10pm	Channel 4	Hidden Figures <i>Based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly</i>	PG
6.50pm	Film4	The Devil Wears Prada <i>Based on the book by Laura Weisberger</i>	PG
8.00pm	More4	Murder on the Orient Express <i>Based on the book by Agatha Christie</i>	12
9.00pm	5Action	Total Recall <i>Based on the short story We Can Remember It For You Wholesale by Philip K. Dick</i>	15



Featured books

30th December - 1st January





Tuesday 31st December

12.05pm	Channel 5	The Time Machine <i>Based on the book by H. G. Wells</i>	PG
12.25pm	5Star	Mirror Mirror <i>Based on the Snow White by the Brothers Grimm</i>	PG
1.05pm	BBC1	The Railway Children <i>Based on the book by Edith Nesbit</i>	U
2.00pm	Channel 5	Sherlock Holmes <i>Based on the Sherlock Holmes books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	12
2.05pm	Channel 4	The Guns of Navarone <i>Based on the book by Alistair MacLean</i>	PG
2.35pm	5Star	Ella Enchanted <i>Based on Cinderella by Charles Perrault</i>	PG
2.50pm	BBC1	The Witches <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG
4.30pm	Channel 5	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows <i>Based on the Sherlock Holmes books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	12
5.45pm	ITV2	The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader <i>Based on the book by C. S. Lewis</i>	U
7.10pm	Film4	10 Things I Hate About You <i>Based on The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare</i>	12
8.00pm	BBC1	Black Panther <i>Based on characters from Marvel Comics</i>	12
8.45pm	ITV1	No Time To Die <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12

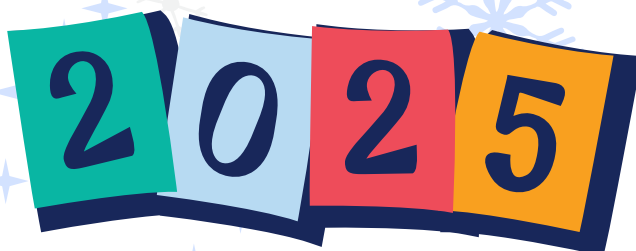
Wednesday 1st January

8.15am	ITV1	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang <i>Based on the book by Ian Fleming</i>	U
9.55am	Channel 4	Little Women <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	U
11.50am	Great Movies	The Horse Whisperer <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Evans</i>	12A



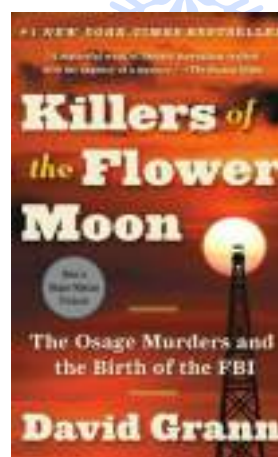
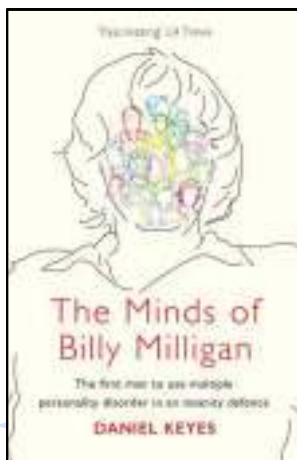
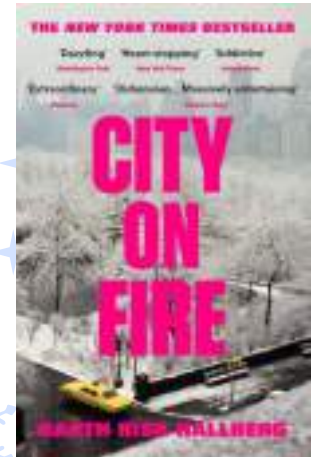
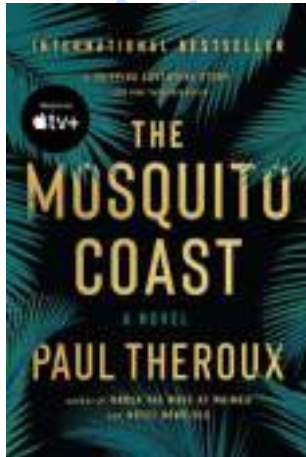
Wednesday 1st January

12.20pm	Channel 4	Lawrence of Arabia <i>Based on Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T. E. Lawrence</i>	PG
12.25pm	Channel 5	The Legend of Zorro <i>Based on the short stories by Johnston McCulley</i>	PG
12.55pm	E4	Peter Rabbit <i>Based on the Peter Rabbit books by Beatrix Potter</i>	PG
1.30pm	BBC1	Tabby McTat <i>Based on the book by Julia Donaldson</i>	U
2.25pm	ITV2	Jumanji <i>Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg</i>	PG
3.10pm	BBC2	The Man Who Would Be King <i>Based on the short story by Rudyard Kipling</i>	PG
3.15pm	BBC1	Mary Poppins <i>Based on the Mary Poppins series by P. L. Travers</i>	PG
4.30pm	5 Star	Stuart Little <i>Based on the book by E. B. White</i>	U
5.15pm	ITV2	Matilda <i>Based on the book by Roald Dahl</i>	PG
5.50pm	Great Movies	Forrest Gump <i>Based on the book by Winston Groom</i>	12
8.00pm	More4	The Hunt for Red October <i>Based on the book by Tom Clancy</i>	PG
9.00pm	BBC1	SAS Rogue Heroes <i>Based on the book by Ben Macintyre</i>	TV



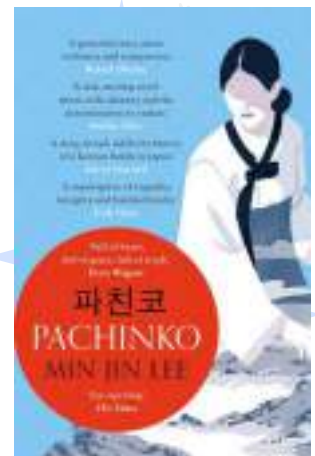
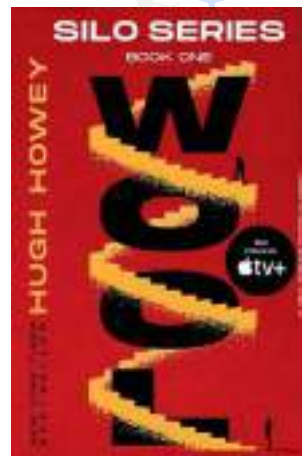
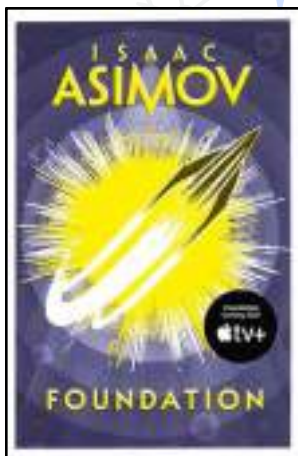
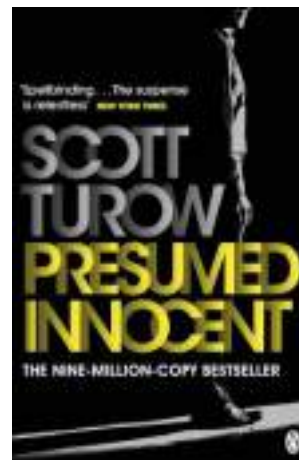
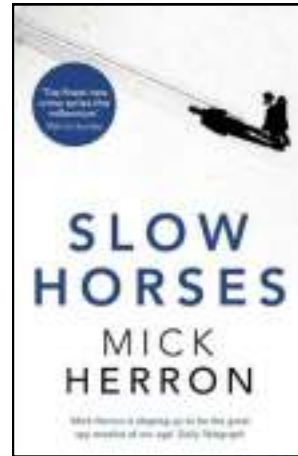
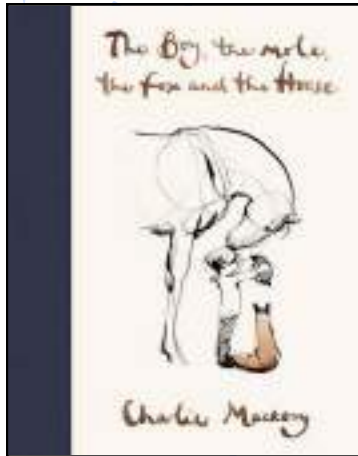


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What I read at Christmas



Moominland in Midwinter by Tove Jansson

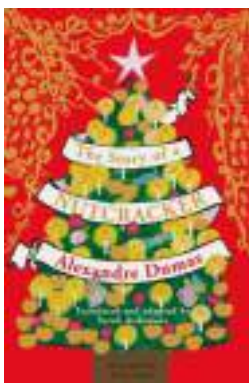
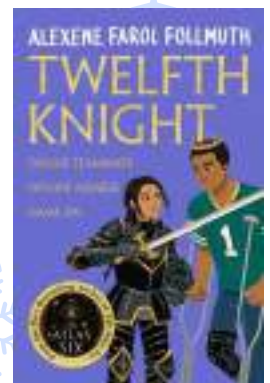
Moomintroll wakes from hibernation to find the rest of his family still asleep and has to adjust to a strange new world as the valley is lost beneath the snow. This has stayed with me since childhood and I return to it most years around this time. It portrays perfectly how the long nights of winter can seem endless.

Nicola Mansell, Aldercar High School

Twelfth Knight by Alexene Farol Follmuth

Viola Reyes and Jack 'Duke' Orsino are teammates in the online role-playing game 'Twelfth Knight'. Offline they are mortal enemies and Viola has been keeping her true identity a secret from Jack, but something is about to change... Game on! A cute and cosy read, perfect for the Christmas holidays.

Miss L Kinsella, St John Bosco Arts College



The Story of a Nutcracker by Alexandre Dumas

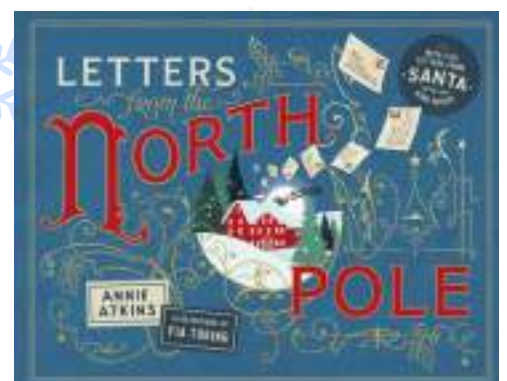
I always read a version of The Nutcracker around Christmas! I love seeing how different people interpret that classic holiday magic. My favourite is the Alexandre Dumas version, but I'm well acquainted with modern retellings too.

Kitty Shaw, Fulham School

Letters From the North Pole by Annie Atkins

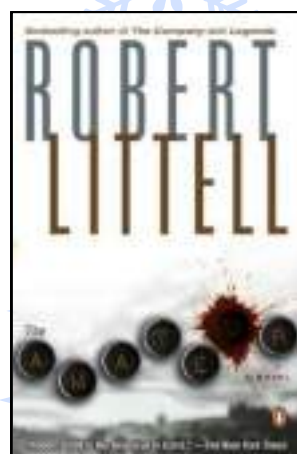
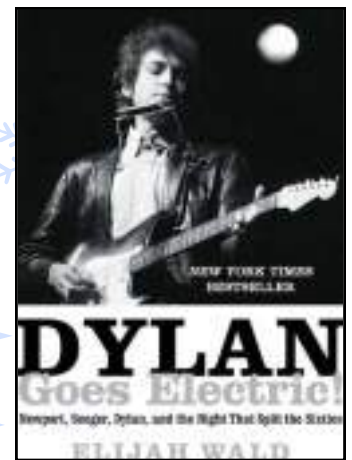
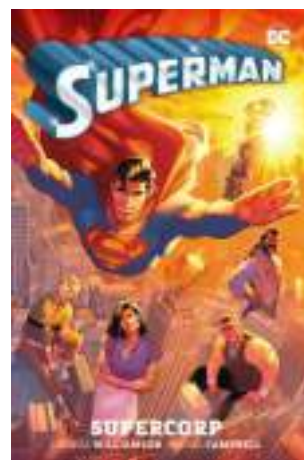
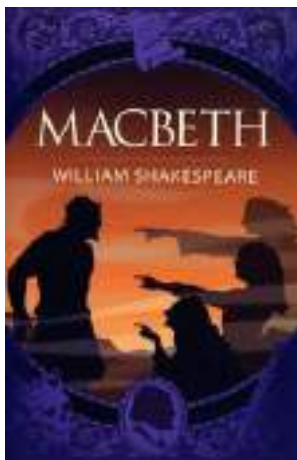
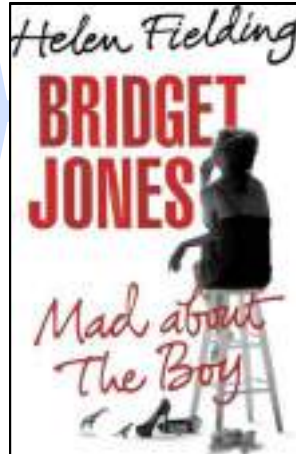
This book is stunning both inside and out with gorgeous illustrations within. It includes not one but five letters from Santa to take out and read along; it reminds me of the Jolly Postman and is a book to be treasured.

*Bev Humphrey, School Library Association
Digital Content & Virtual Training Specialist*





In cinemas in 2025





Christmas TV Bingo

Cross off when you see each of these things on TV over Christmas!

 <p>someone who doesn't like Christmas</p>	 <p>a snowman</p>	 <p>Christmas lights</p>	 <p>a snow globe</p>
 <p>North Pole</p>	 <p>a Christmas tree</p>	 <p>reindeer</p>	 <p>a Christmas jumper</p>
 <p>elf</p>	 <p>magic</p>	 <p>a birth</p>	 <p>hot chocolate</p>
 <p>snow</p>	 <p>Santa</p>	 <p>kiss under the mistletoe</p>	 <p>carollers</p>
 <p>a card or letter</p>	 <p>Christmas baking</p>	 <p>sleigh bells</p>	 <p>fireplace</p>