



# Christmas Reading Times 2024





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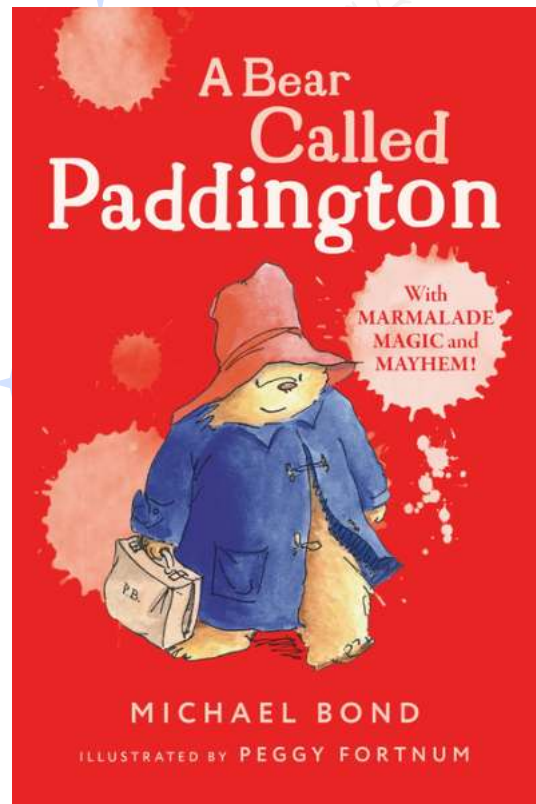
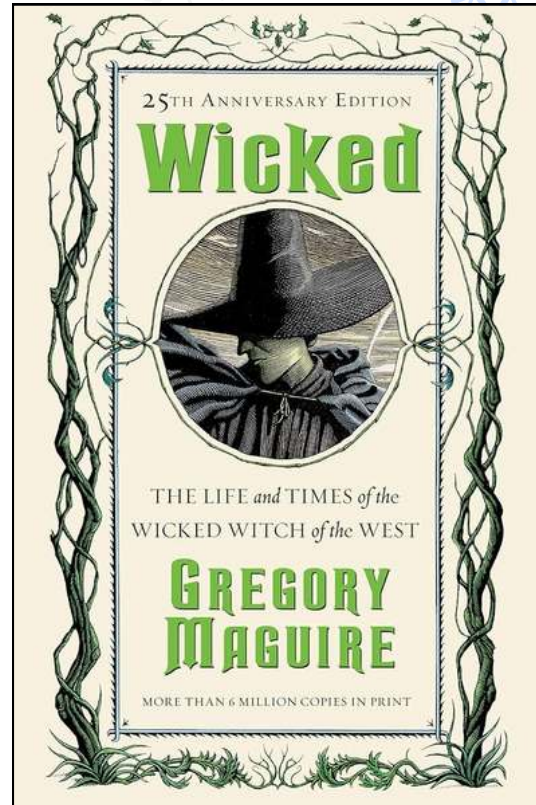
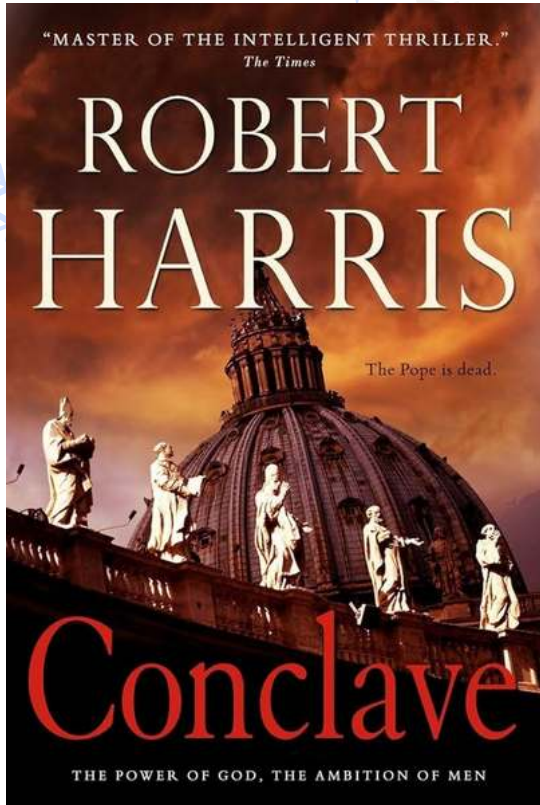
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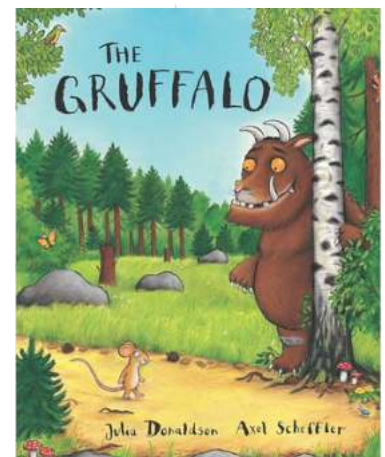
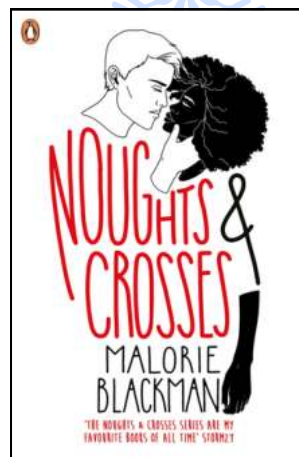
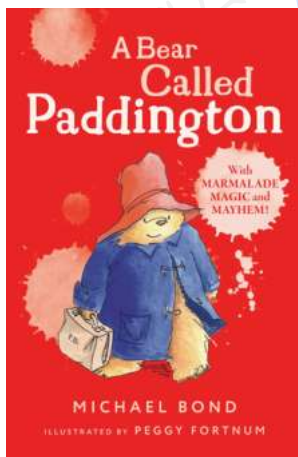
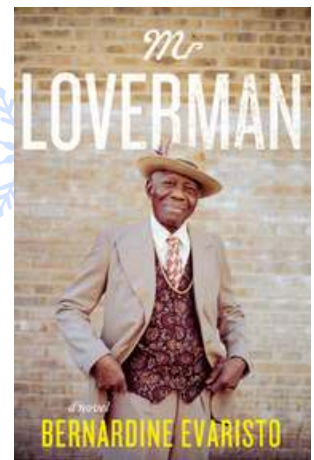
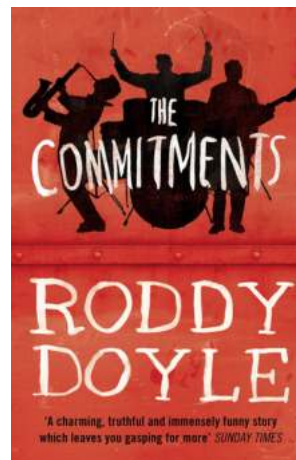
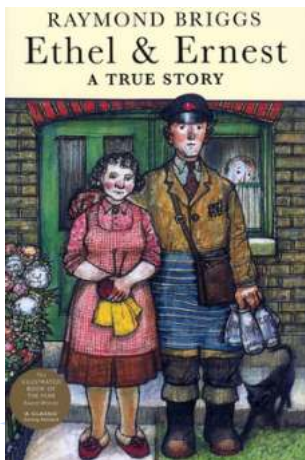
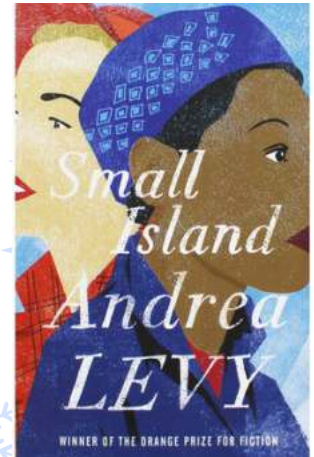
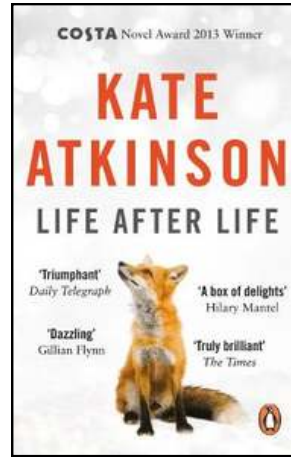
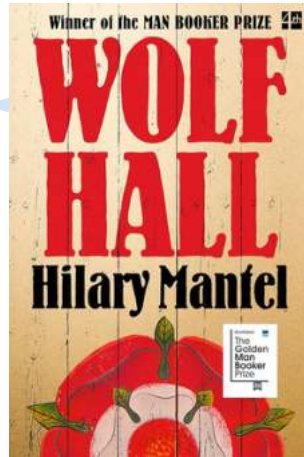
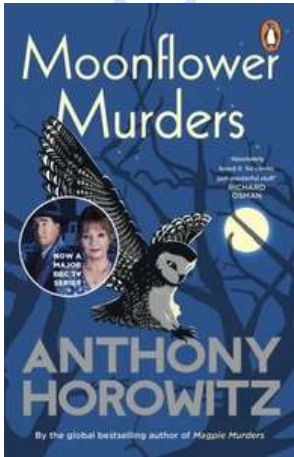


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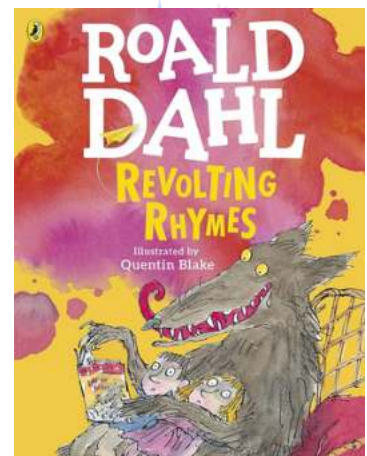
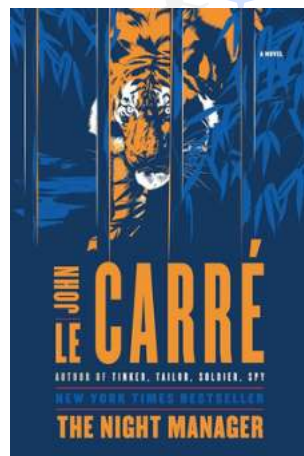
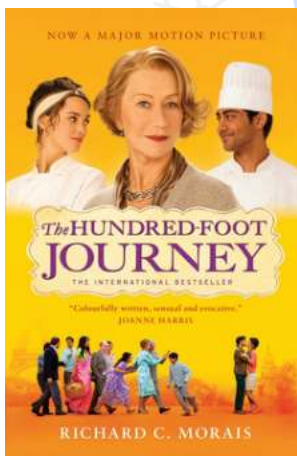
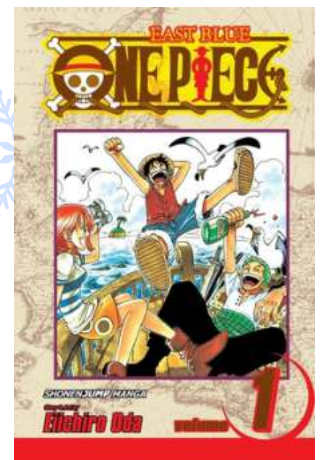
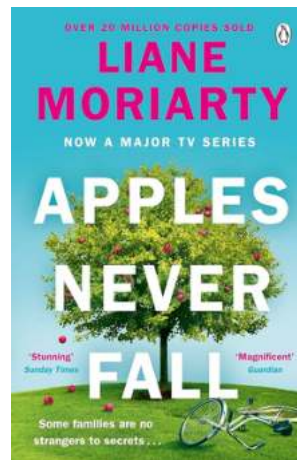
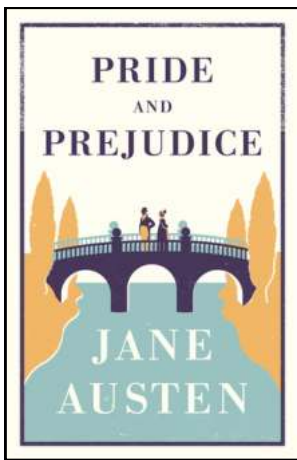
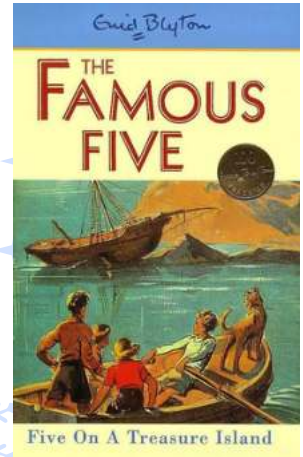
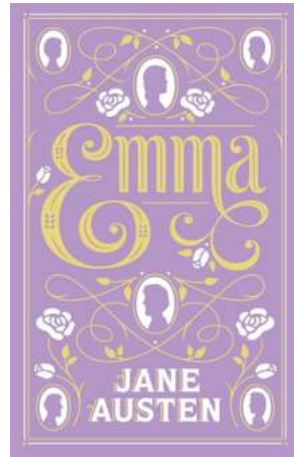
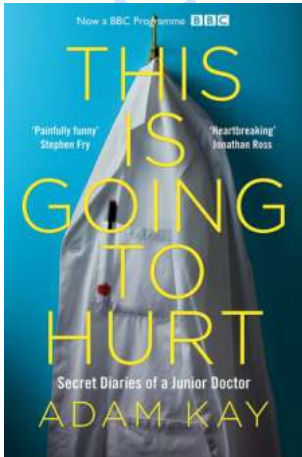


# Highlights iPlayer





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## Saturday 7th December

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

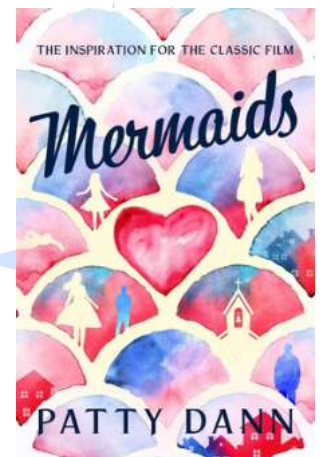
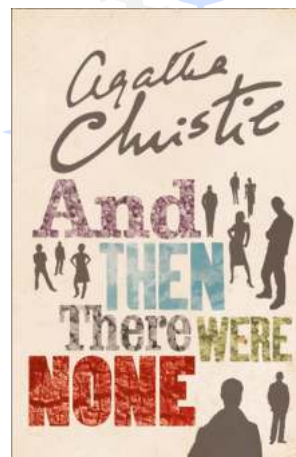
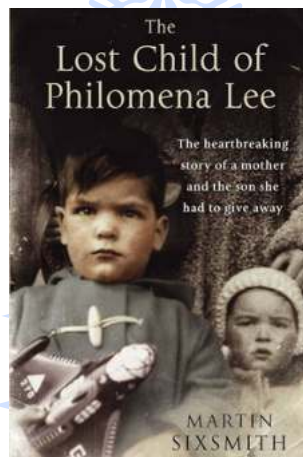
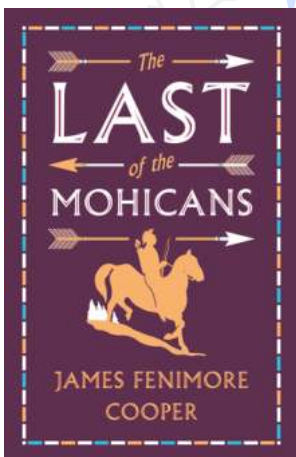
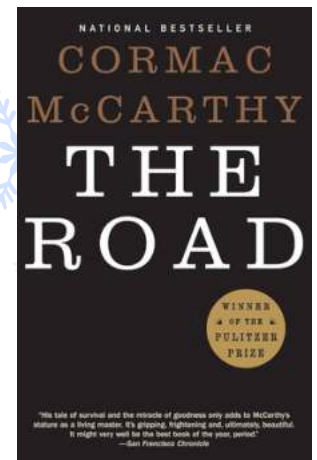
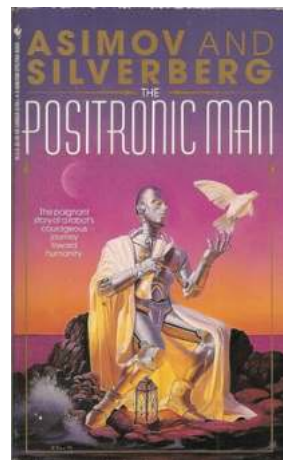
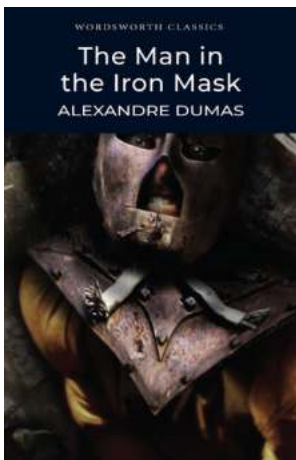
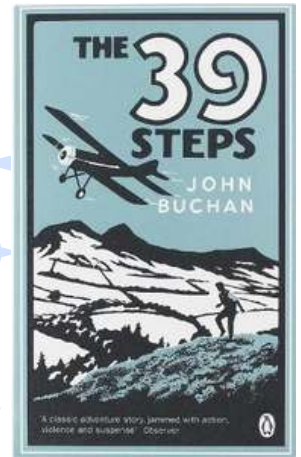
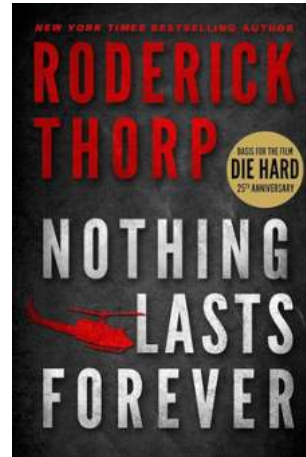
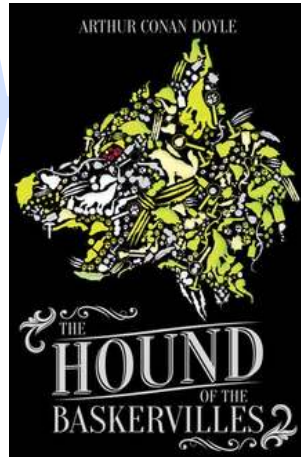
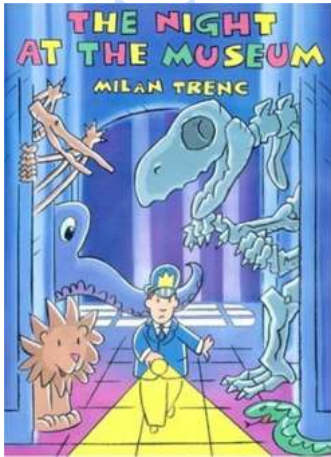
## Sunday 8th December

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



# Featured books

## 7th - 13th December





## Sunday 8th December

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

## Monday 9th December

3.00pm	Legend	<b>The 39 Steps</b> <i>Based on the book by John Buchan</i>	U
9.00pm	BBC3	<b>Captain Phillips</b> <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	<b>Ben-Hur</b> <i>Based on the book by Lew Wallace</i>	12
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## Wednesday 11th December

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





## Thursday 12th December

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

## Friday 13th December

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

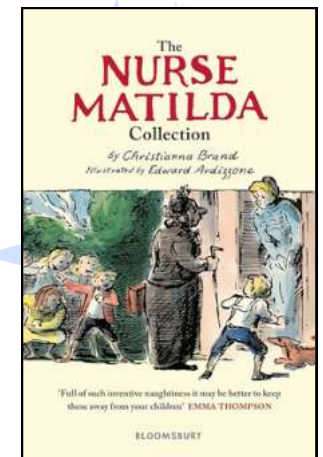
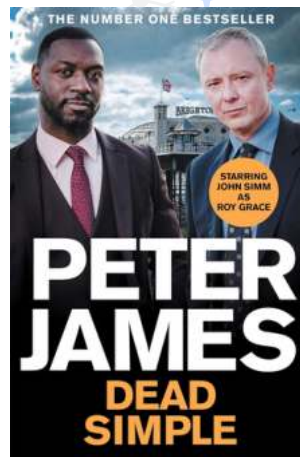
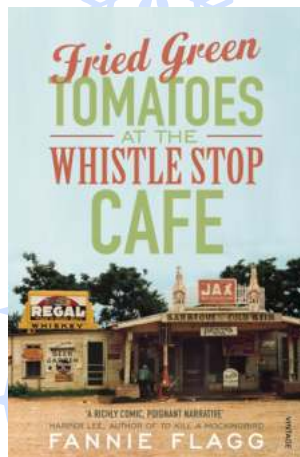
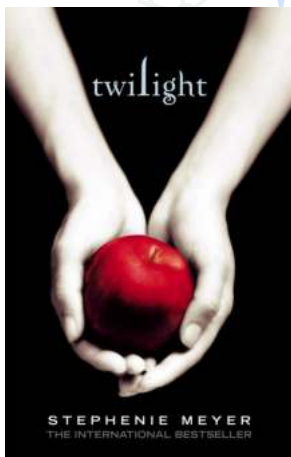
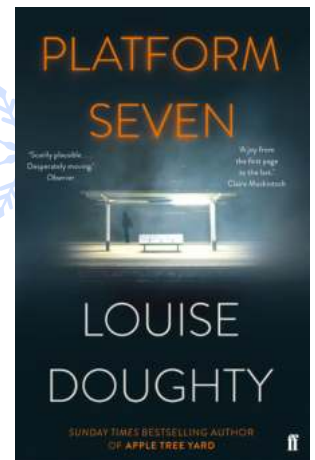
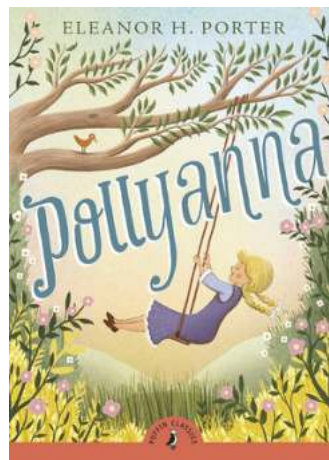
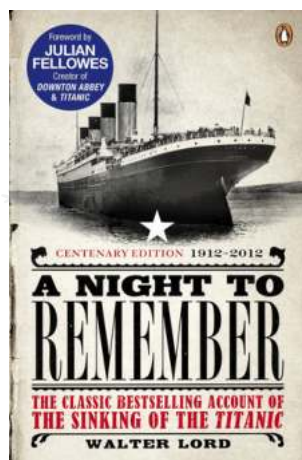
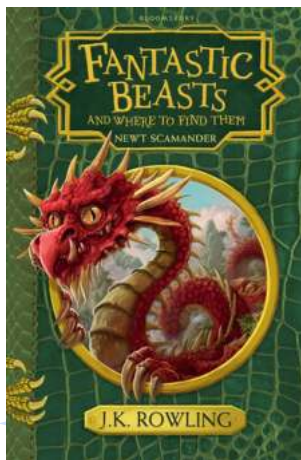
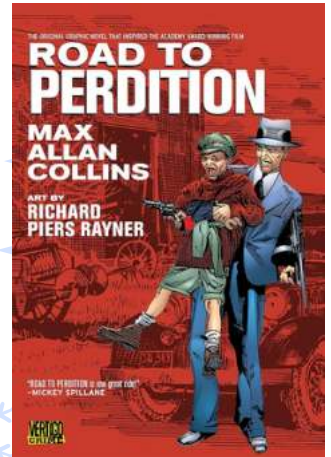
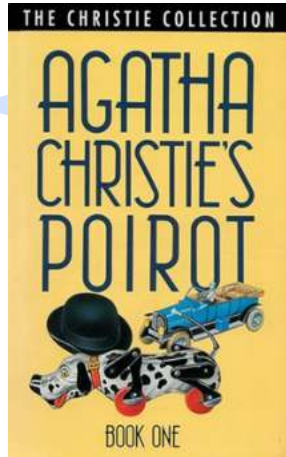
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12.30am	BBC1	<b>My Week with Marilyn</b> <i>Based on The Prince, the Showgirl and Me by Colin Clark</i>	15
10.40am	E4	<b>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul</b> <i>Based on the book by Jeff Kinney</i>	U
11.00am	Film4	<b>Ice Cold in Alex</b> <i>Based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



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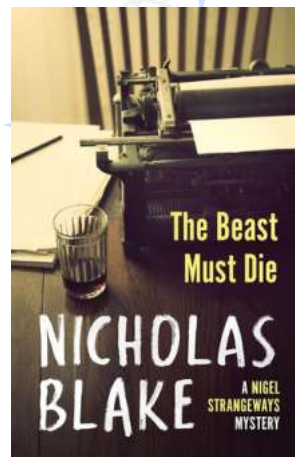
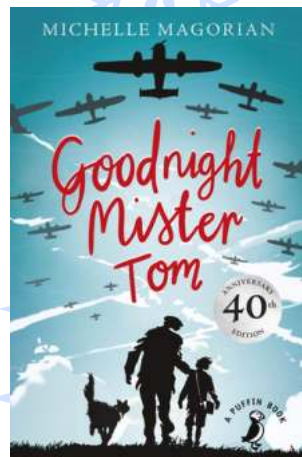
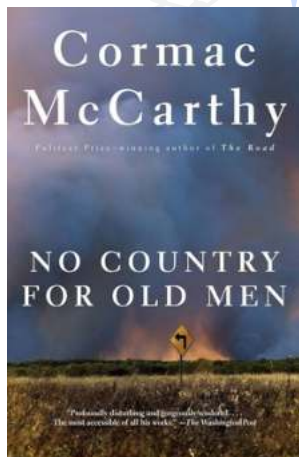
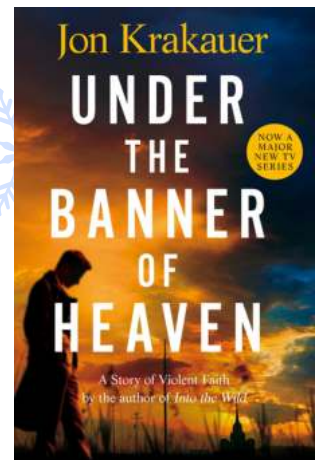
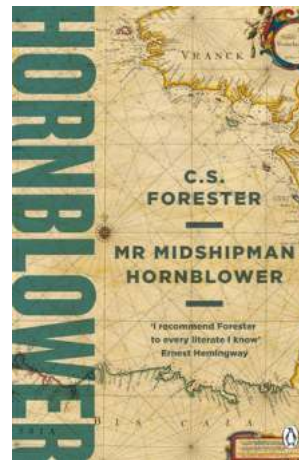
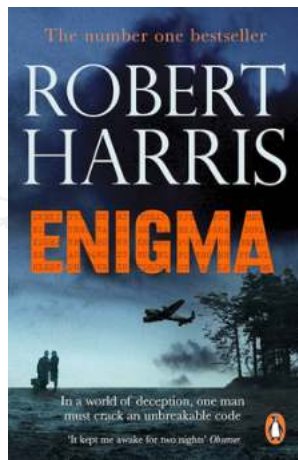
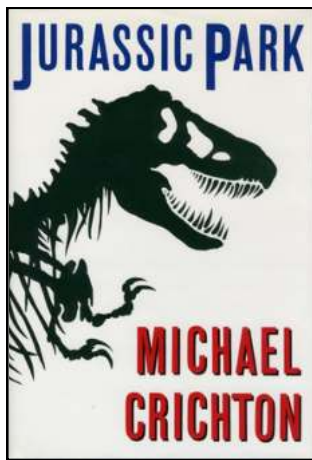
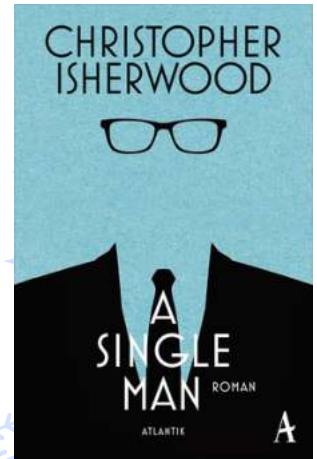
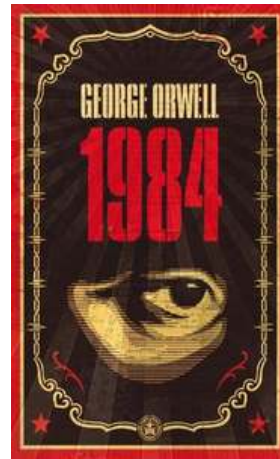
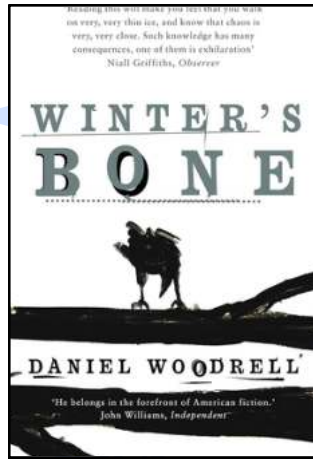
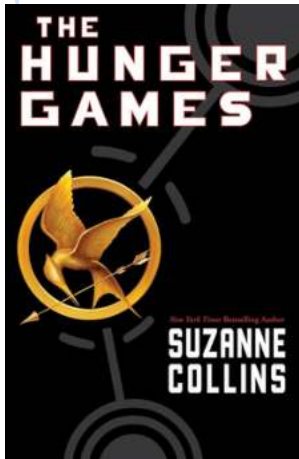
# ITVX





# Highlights

# ITVX





## Saturday 14th December

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

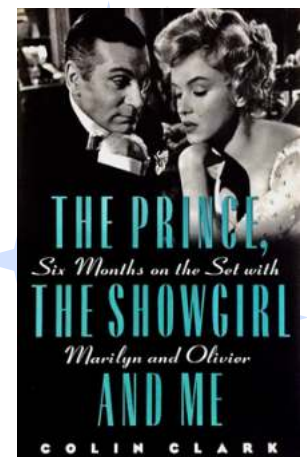
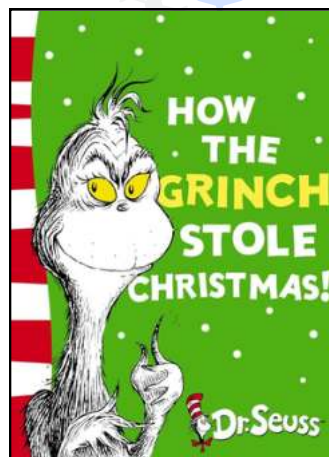
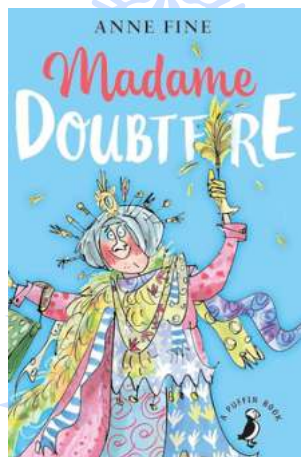
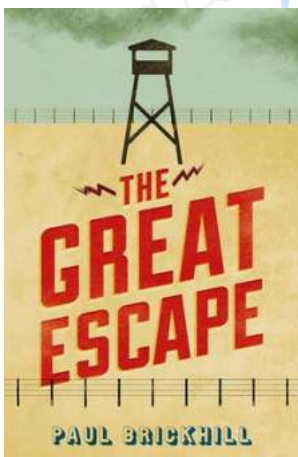
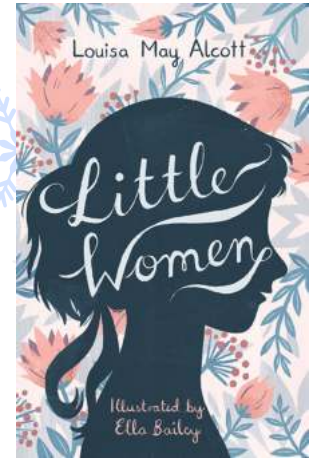
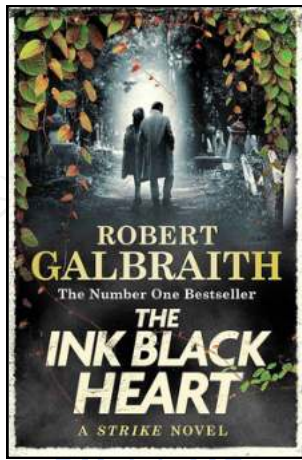
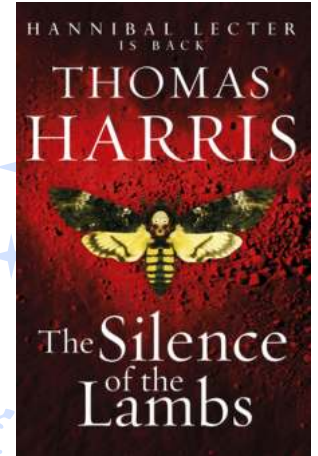
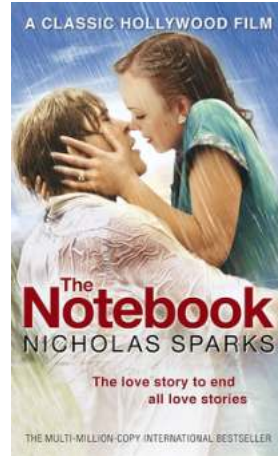
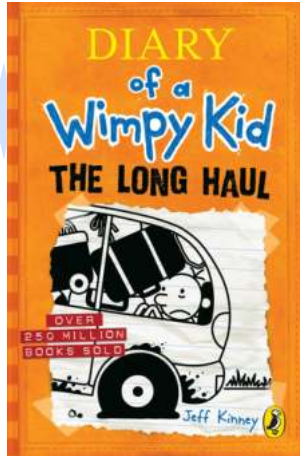
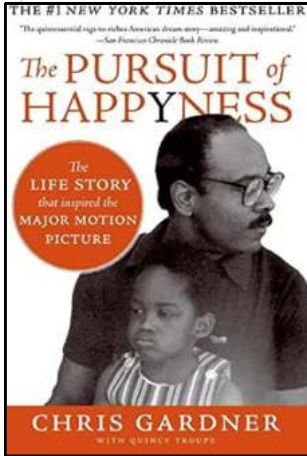
## Sunday 15th December

12.50pm	Film4	<b>The Adventures of Tintin</b> <i>Based on the series by Hergé</i>	PG
1.35pm	E4	<b>The Kid Who Would be King</b> <i>Based on Arthurian legend</i>	PG
5.05pm	BBC2	<b>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</b> <i>Based on These Foolish Things by Deborah Moggach</i>	12
5.50pm	Channel 4	<b>The Day After Tomorrow</b> <i>Based on The Global Coming Superstorm by Art Bell and Whitley Strieber</i>	12
8.00pm	ITV2	<b>No Time to Die</b> <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12
10.05pm	5 Action	<b>We Were Soldiers</b> <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	<b>The 39 Steps</b> <i>Based on the book by John Buchan</i>	U
4.25pm	Film4	<b>Goodbye Christopher Robin</b> <i>Based on the Winnie the Pooh series by A. A. Milne</i>	PG
5.25pm	Sky Arts	<b>Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles</b> <i>Based on the book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	PG
6.35pm	Film4	<b>Little Women</b> <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	U
9.00pm	BBC1	<b>Strike</b> [part 1 of 4] <i>Based on The Ink Black Heart by Robert Galbraith</i>	TV

## Tuesday 17th December

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

## Wednesday 18th December

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



## Thursday 19th December

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

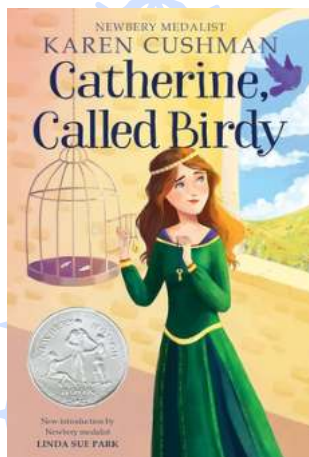
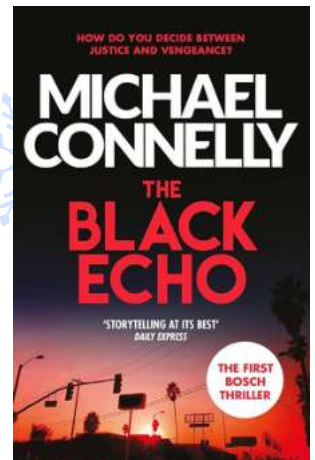
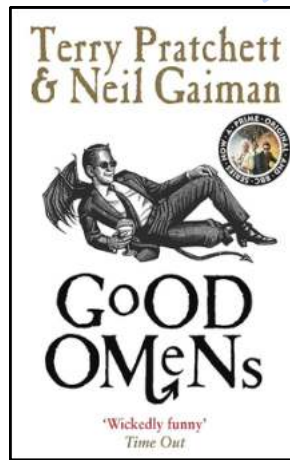
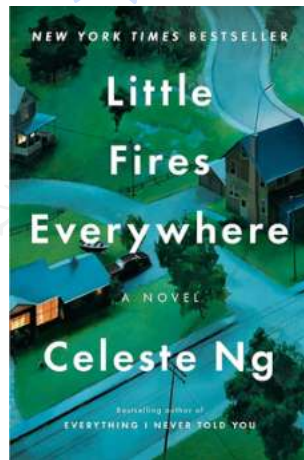
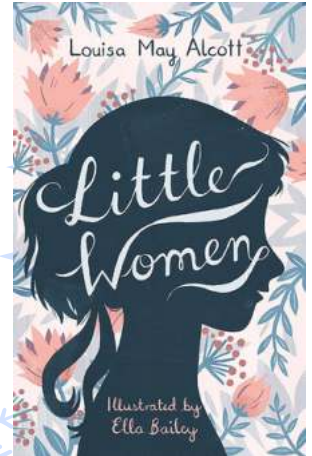
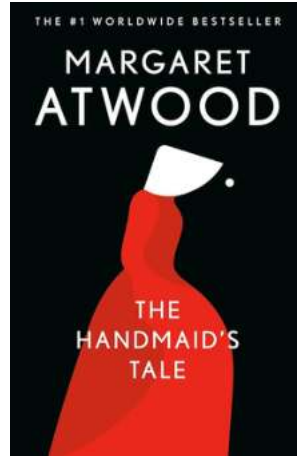
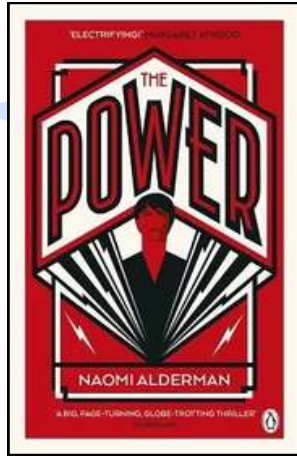
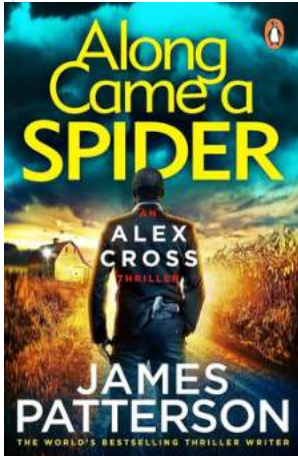
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4.15pm	Film4	<b>Wonder</b> <i>Based on the book by R. J. Palacio</i>	PG
8.00pm	ITV2	<b>No Time to Die</b> <i>Based on the James Bond series by Ian Fleming</i>	12
8.00pm	ITVBe	<b>The Notebook</b> <i>Based on the book by Nicholas Sparks</i>	12
9.00pm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

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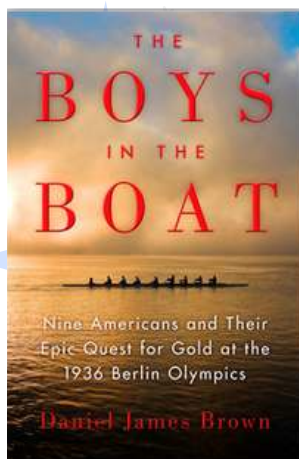
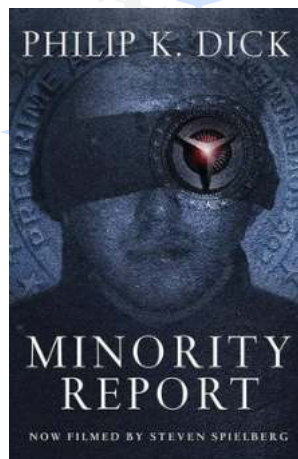
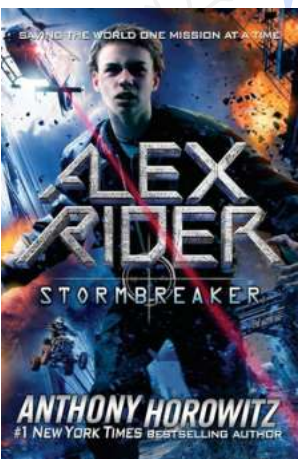
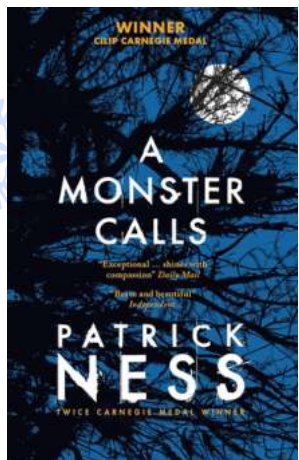
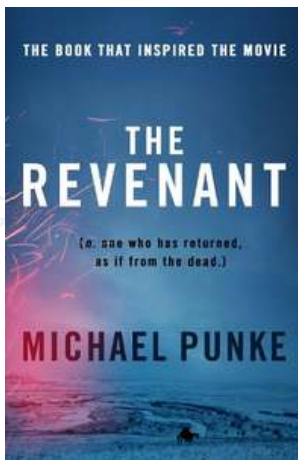
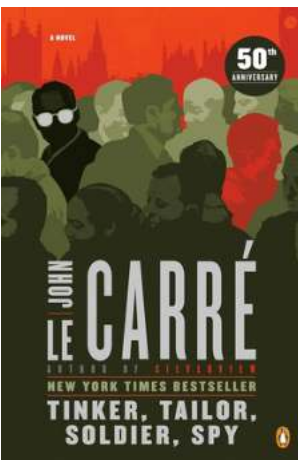
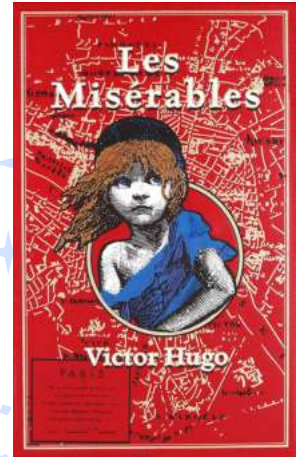
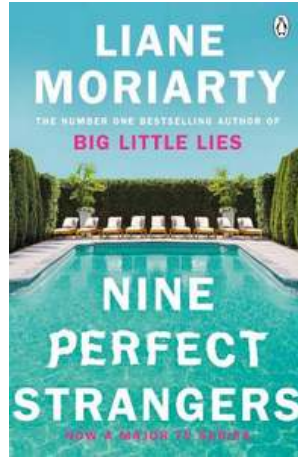
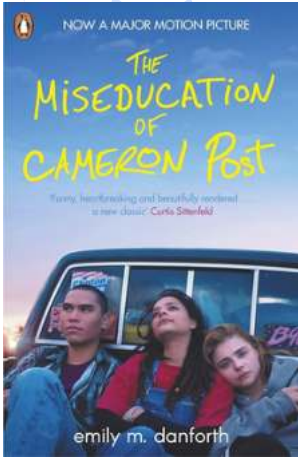
12.10am	Channel 4	<b>Sleepy Hollow</b> <i>Based on the book by Washington Irving</i>	15
9.15am	BBC2	<b>The Bishop's Wife</b> <i>Based on the book by Robert Nathan</i>	U
12.55pm	E4	<b>The Kid Who Would Be King</b> <i>Based on Arthurian legend</i>	PG

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

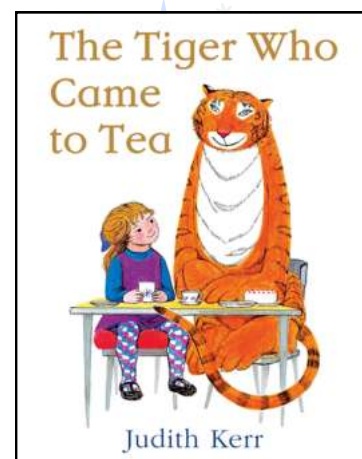
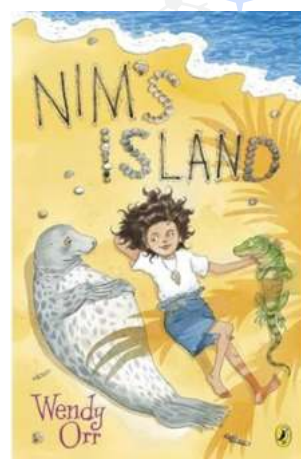
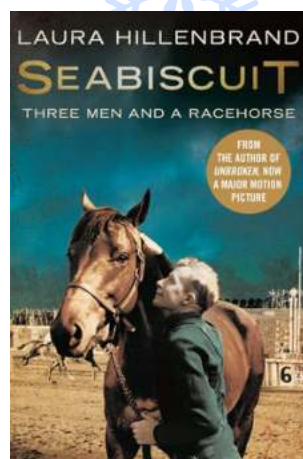
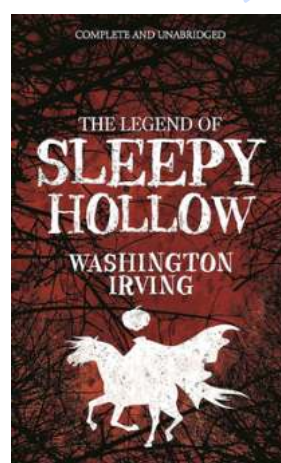
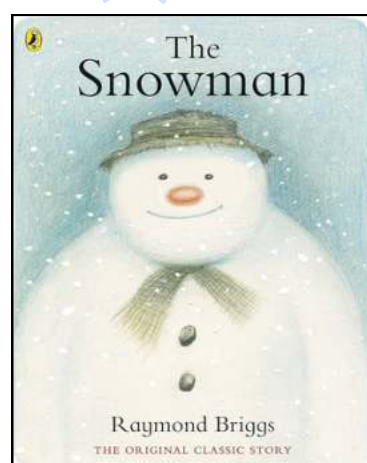
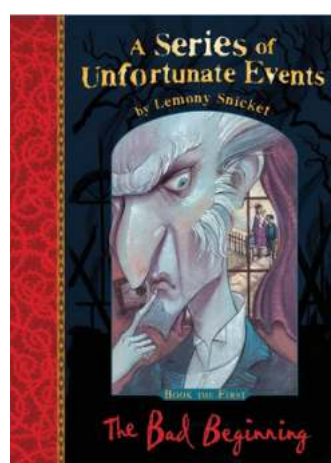
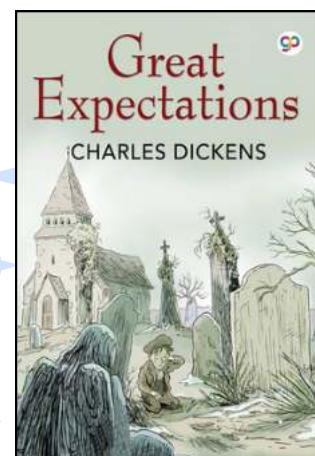
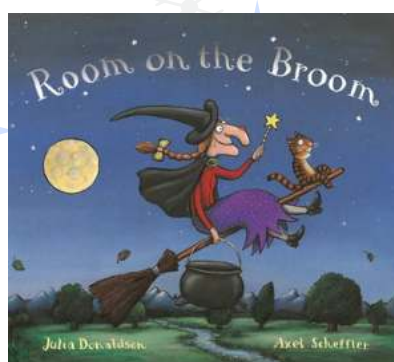
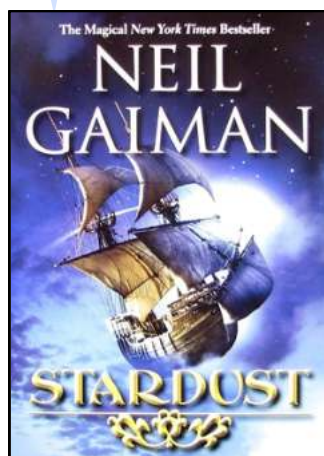
## Sunday 22nd December

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



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## Sunday 22nd December

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

## Monday 23rd December

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

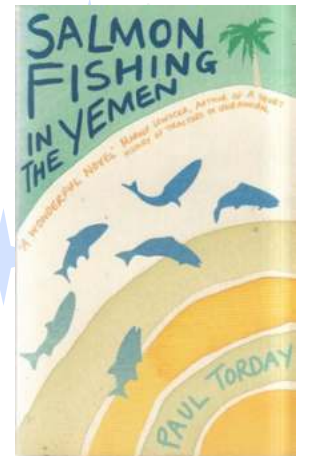
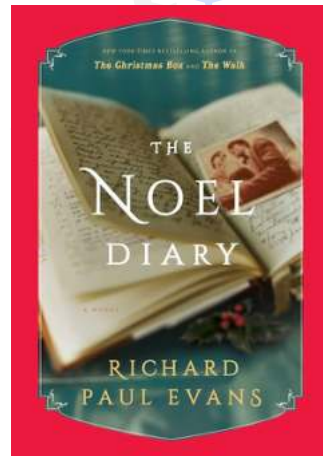
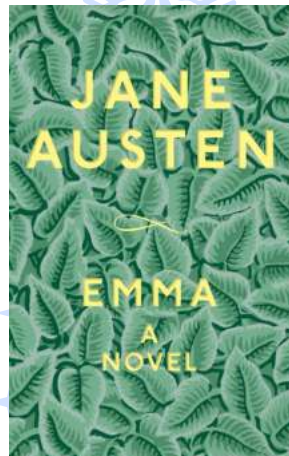
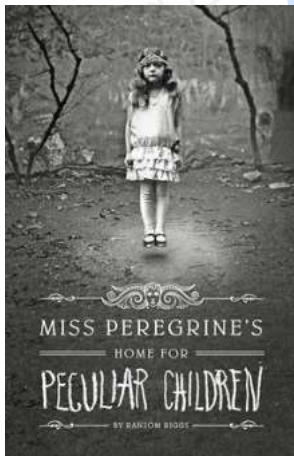
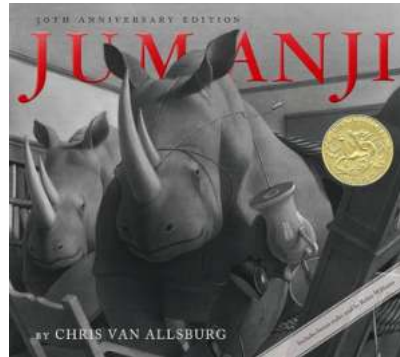
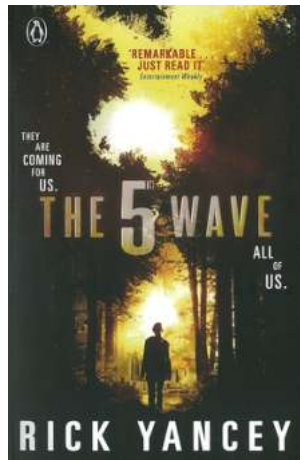
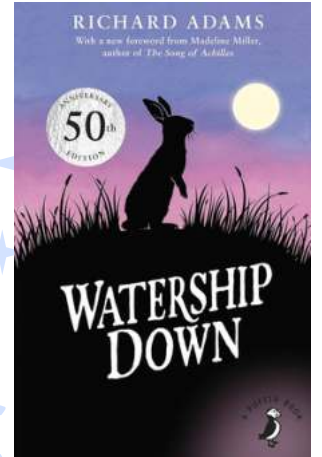
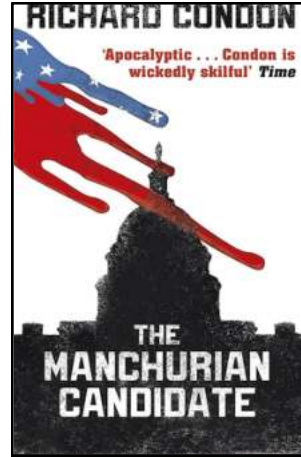


## Tuesday 24th December

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

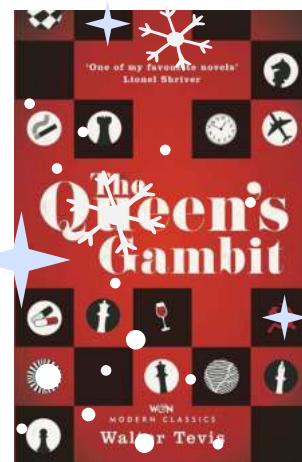
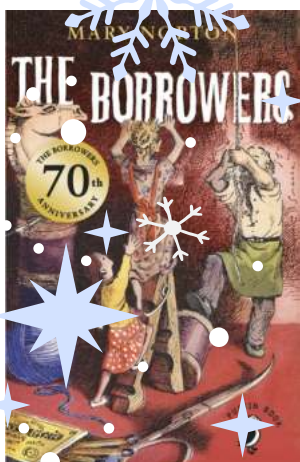
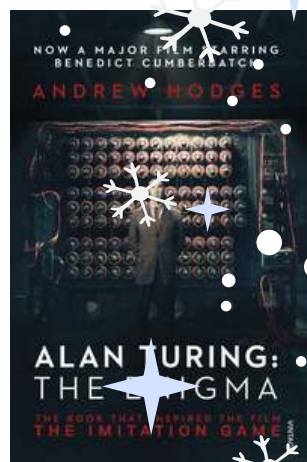
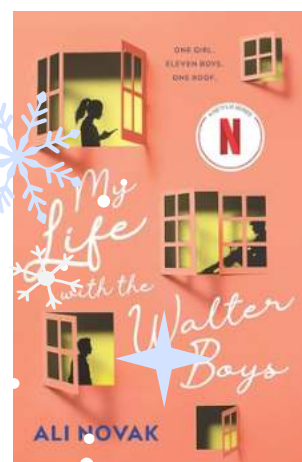
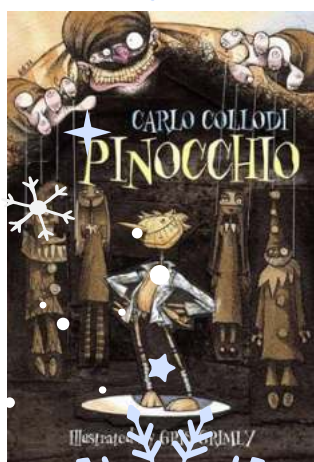
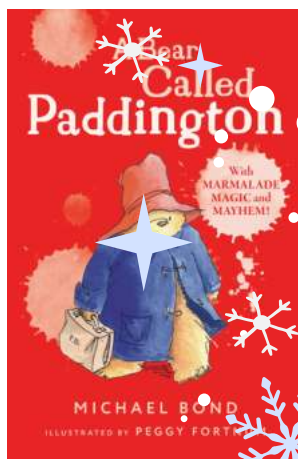
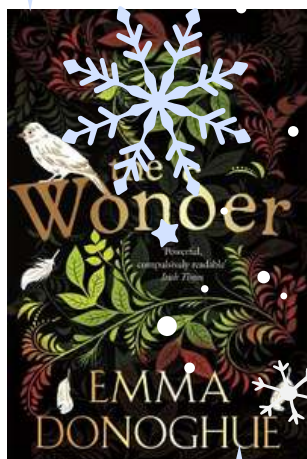


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4.35pm	Channel 5	<b>Catch Me If You Can</b> <i>Based on the book by Frank Abagnale and Stan Redding</i>	12
4.45pm	Channel 4	<b>Mog's Christmas</b> <i>Based on the book by Judith Kerr</i>	U
4.45pm	More4	<b>The Guns of Navarone</b> <i>Based on the book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

## Wednesday 25th December

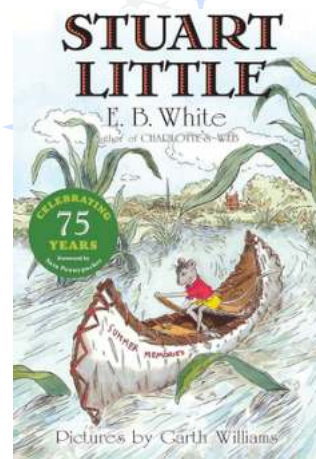
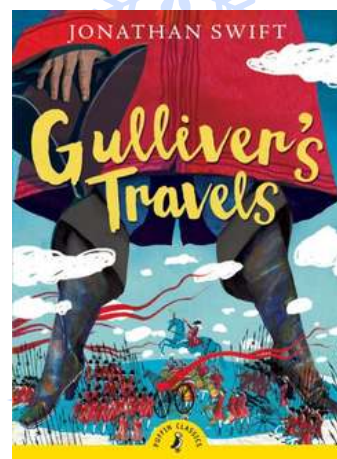
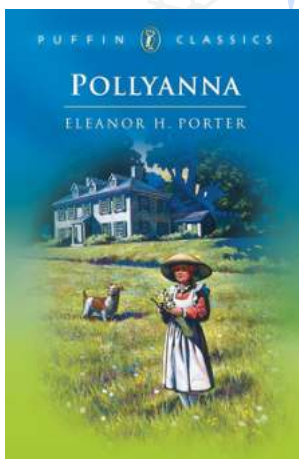
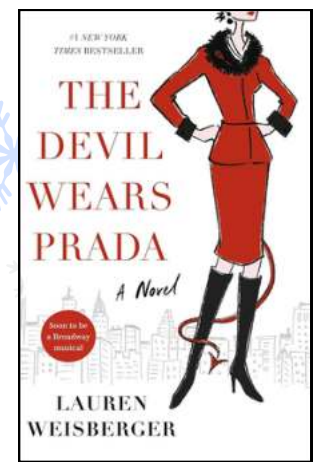
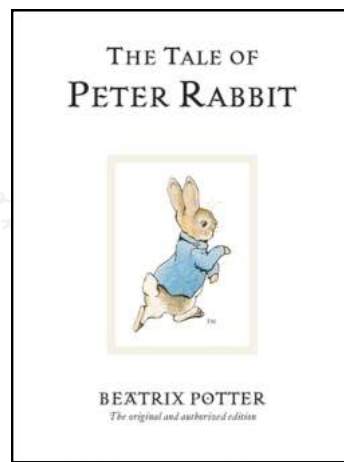
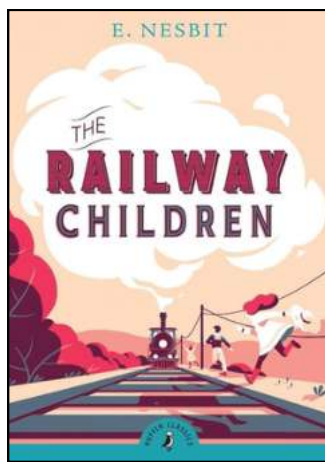
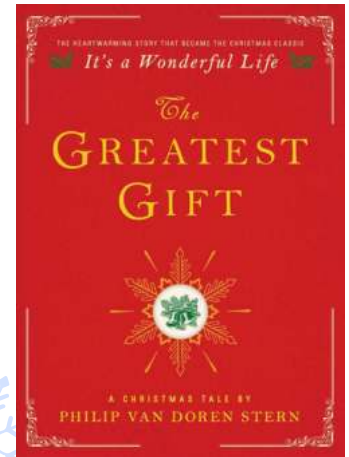
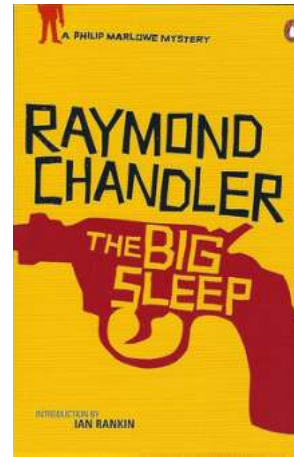
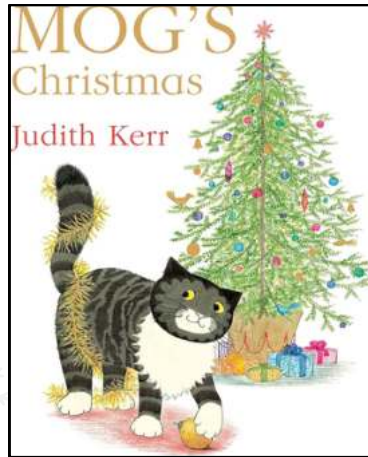
1.35am	Film4	<b>Stand By Me</b> <i>Based on The Body by Stephen King</i>	15
6.15am	Channel 4	<b>The Bear</b> <i>Based on the book by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
6.45am	Channel 4	<b>The Snowman and the Snowdog</b> <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
7.10am	BBC2	<b>The Gruffalo &amp;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





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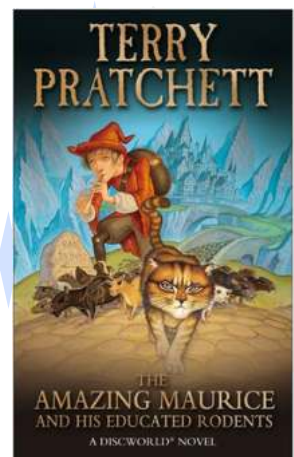
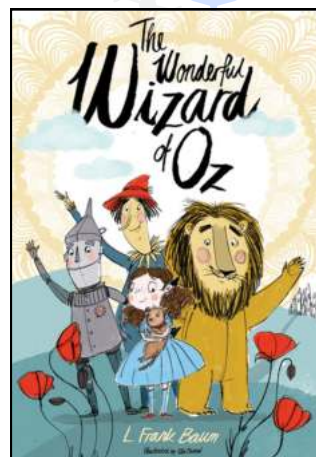
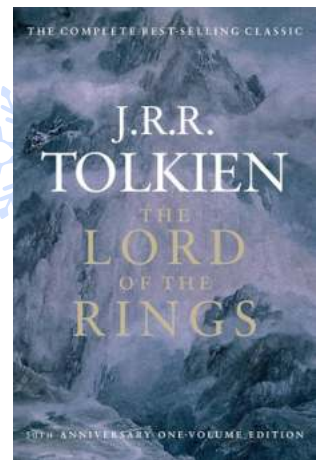
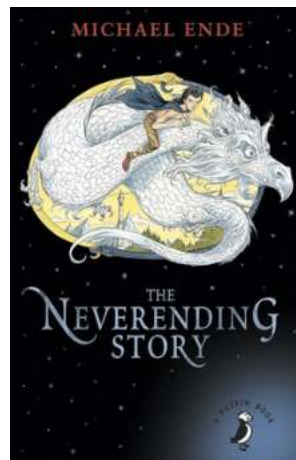
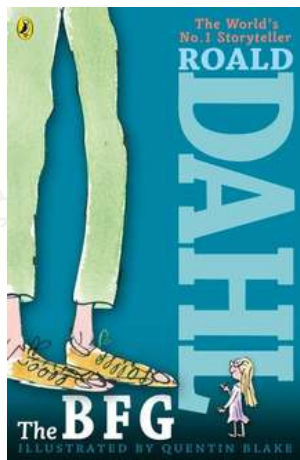
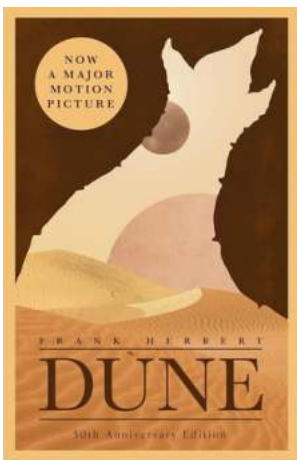
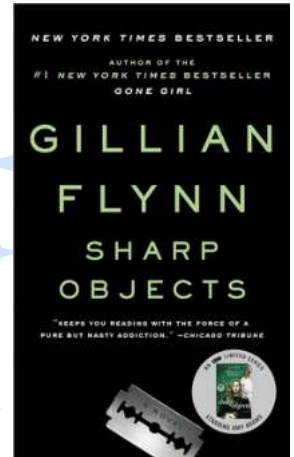
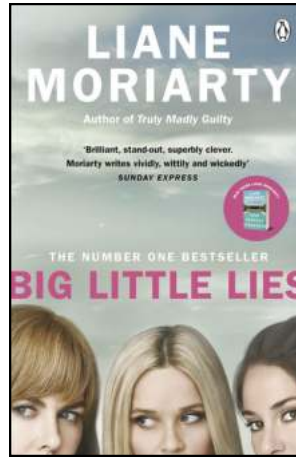
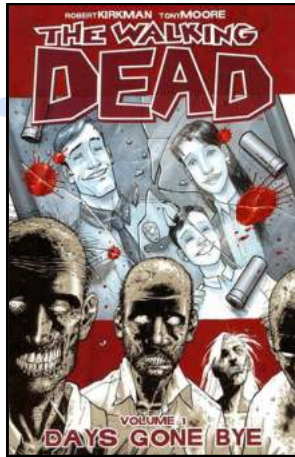
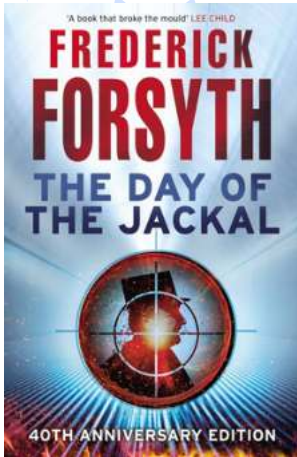
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12.25pm	ITV3	<b>It's a Wonderful Life</b> <i>Based on The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern</i>	U
12.55pm	Channel 4	<b>The Snowman and the Snowdog</b> <i>Based on characters from The Snowman by Raymond Briggs</i>	U
2.05pm	ITV2	<b>How the Grinch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



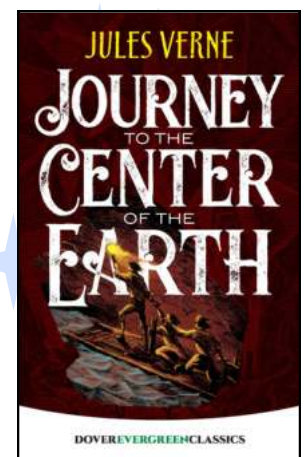
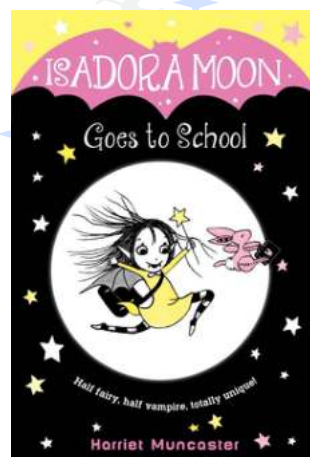
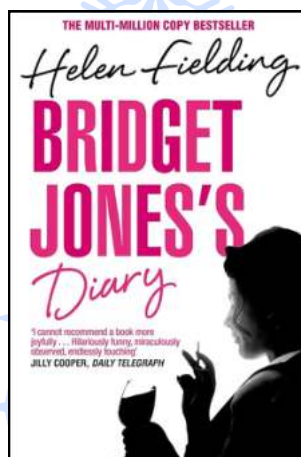
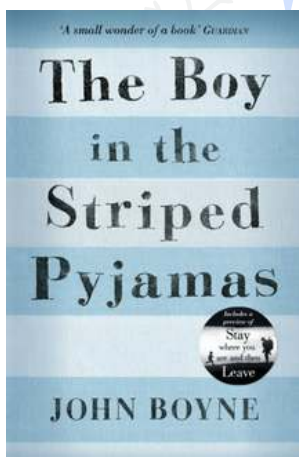
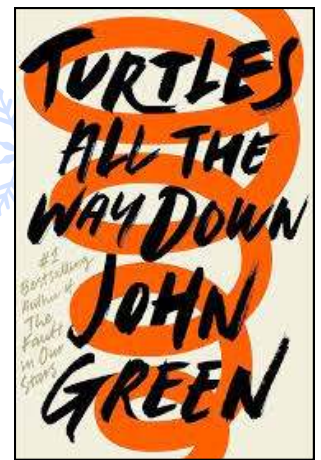
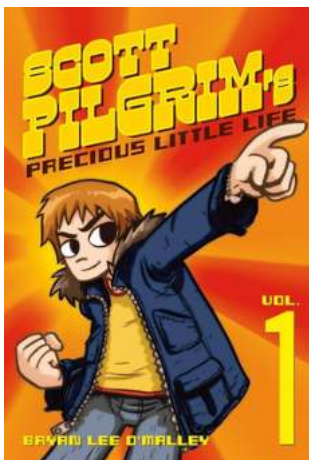
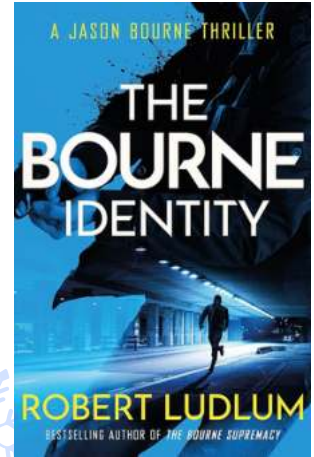
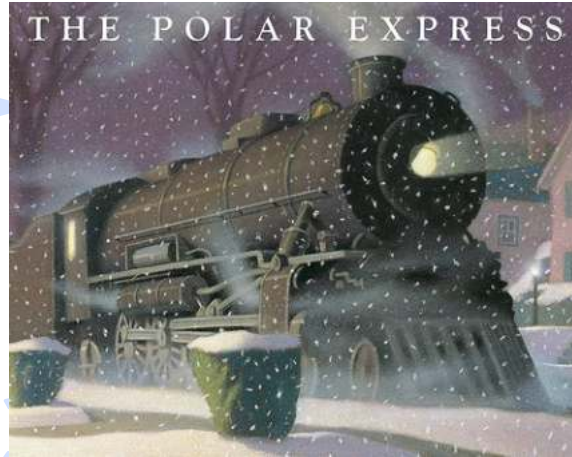
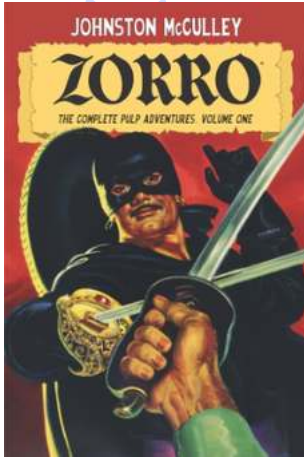
# Thursday 26th December

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

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

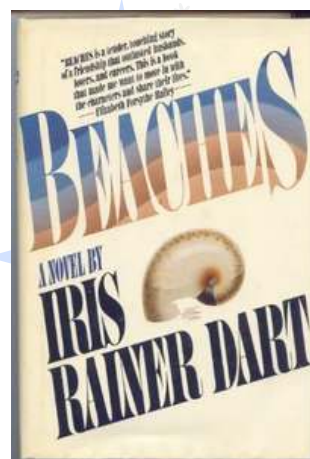
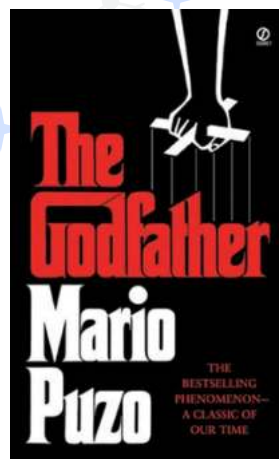
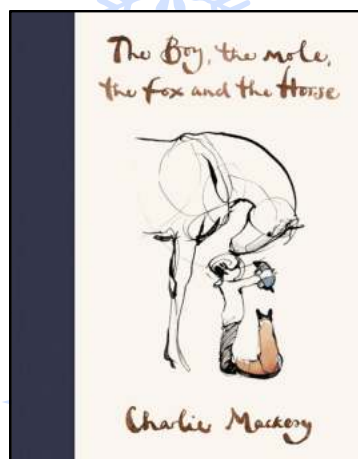
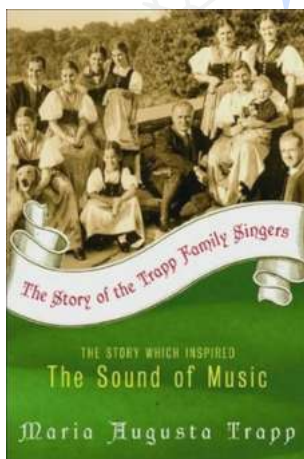
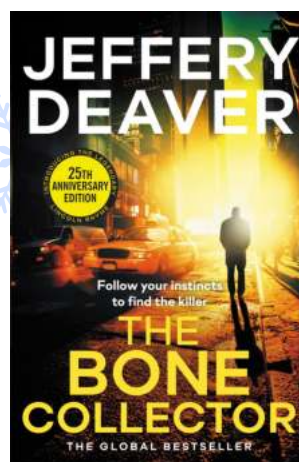
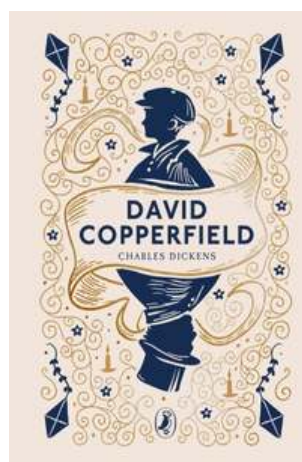
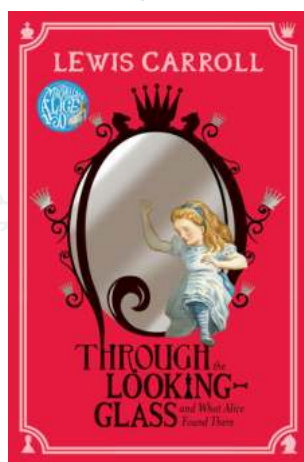
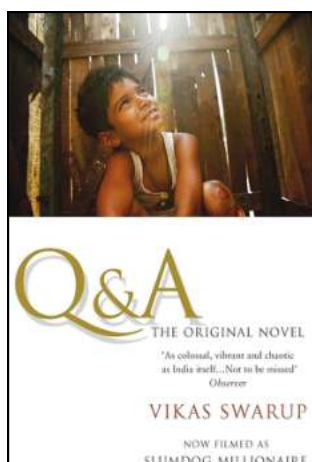
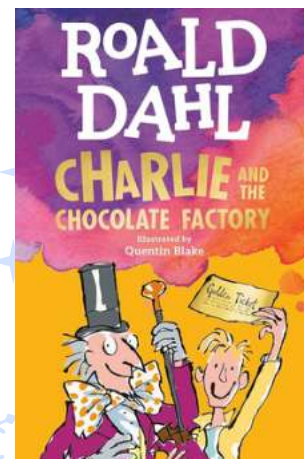
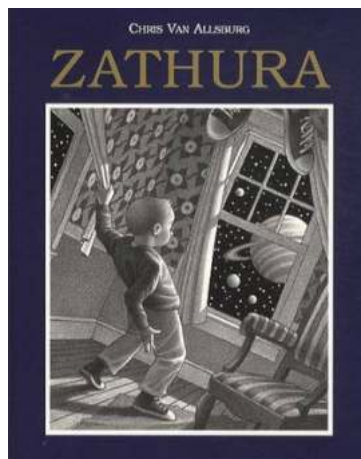
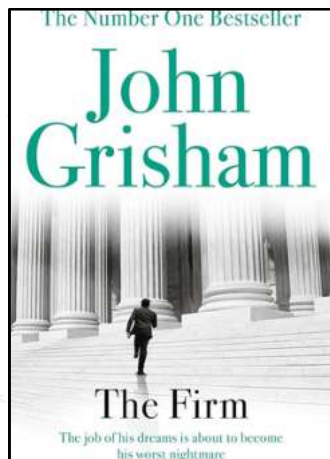
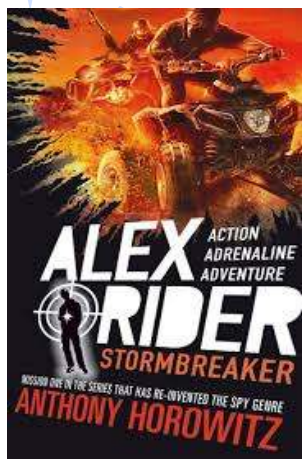
## Friday 27th December

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



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## Friday 27th December

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

## Saturday 28th December

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





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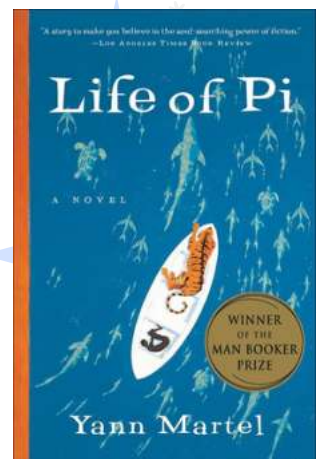
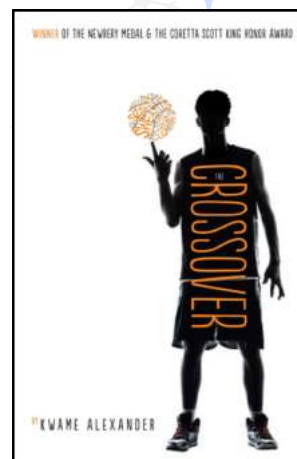
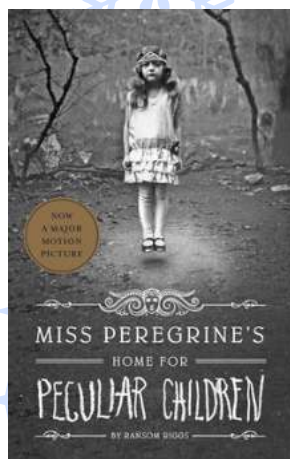
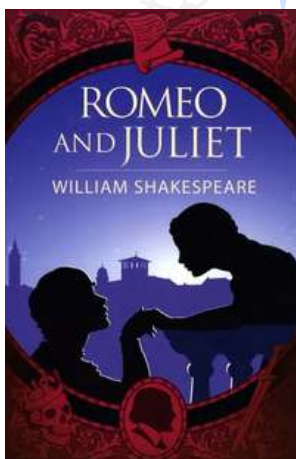
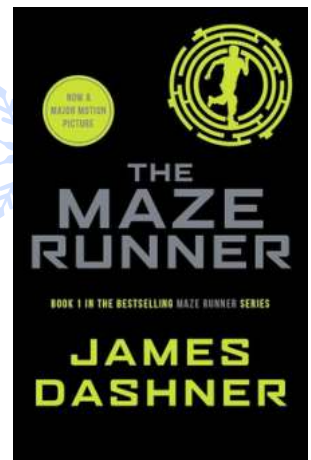
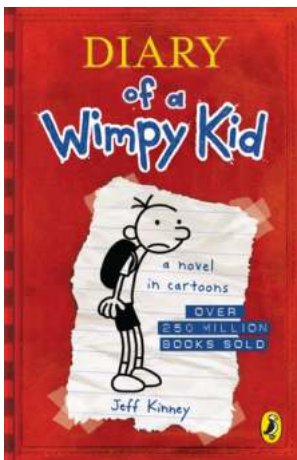
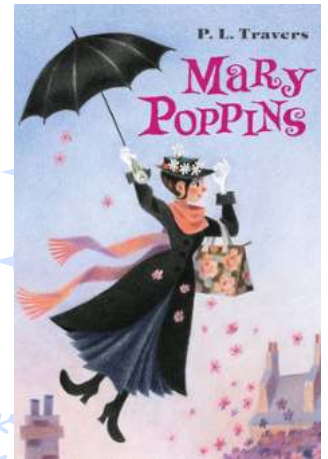
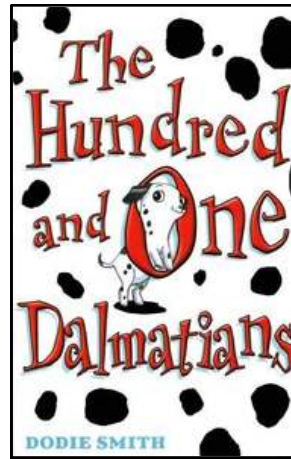
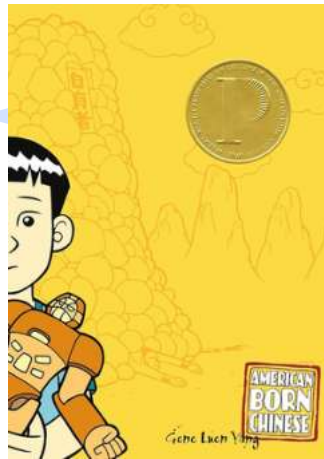
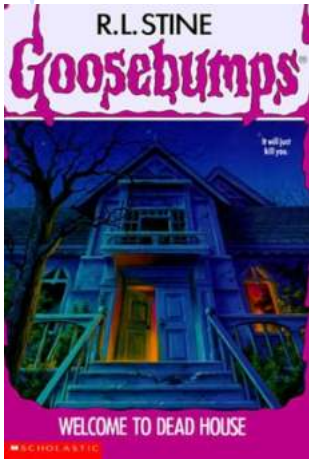
9.00pm	Great Movies	<b>Sleeping With the Enemy</b> <i>Based on the book by Nancy Price</i>	15
9.45pm	Channel 4	<b>The Godfather</b> <i>Based on the book by Mario Puzo</i>	15
11.20pm	Film4	<b>The Bone Collector</b> <i>Based on the book by Jeffrey Deaver</i>	15
11.35pm	BBC4	<b>Much Ado About Nothing</b>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

## Sunday 29th December

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

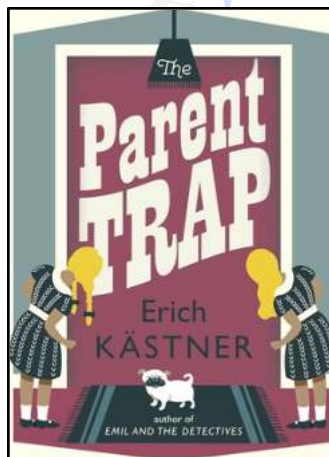
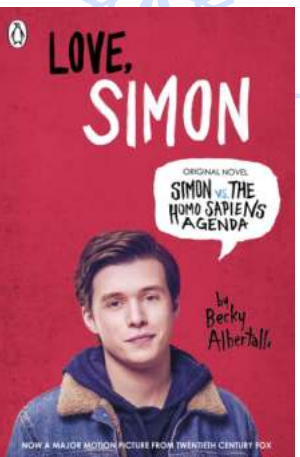
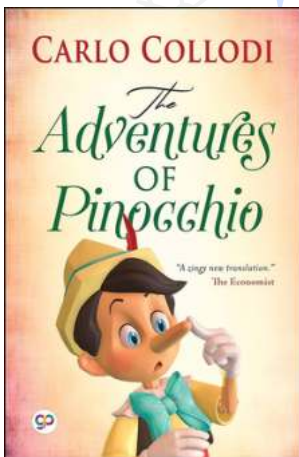
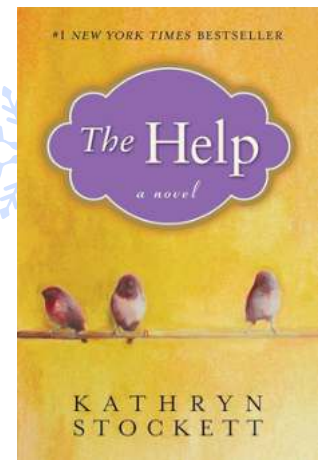
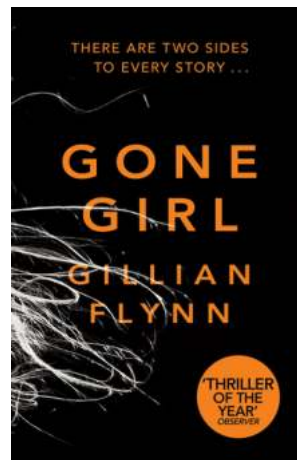
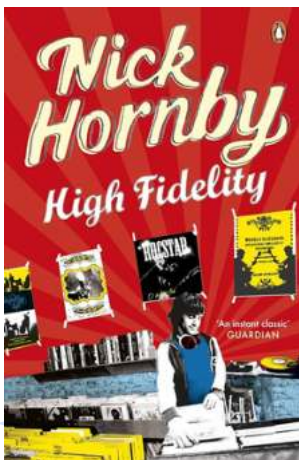
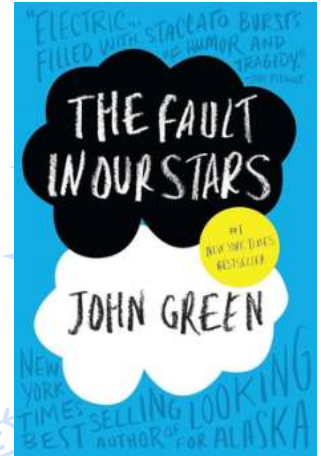
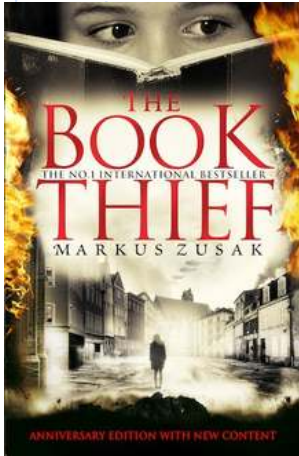


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## Sunday 29th December

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



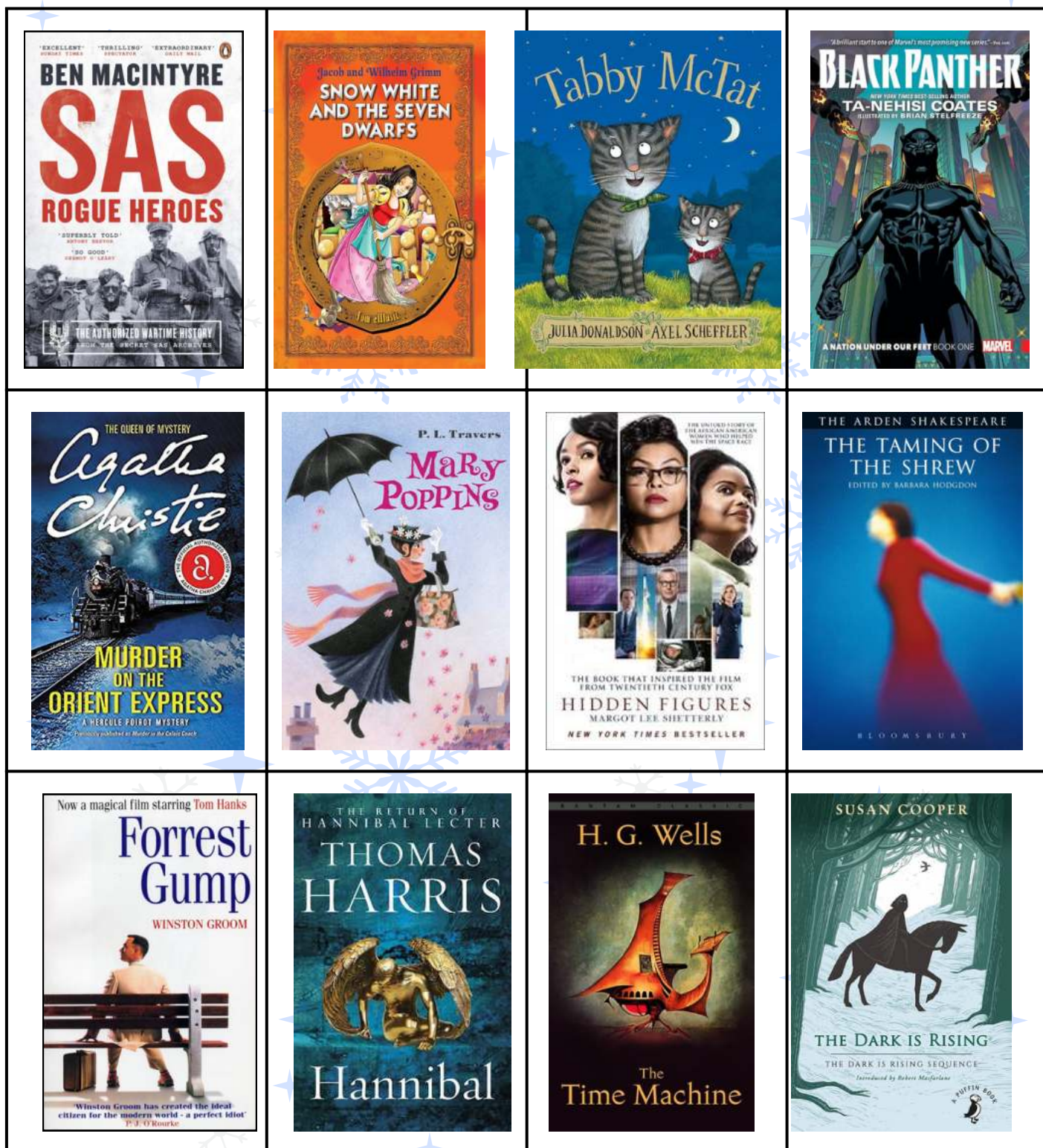
## Monday 30th December

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



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## 30th December - 1st January





## Tuesday 31st December

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

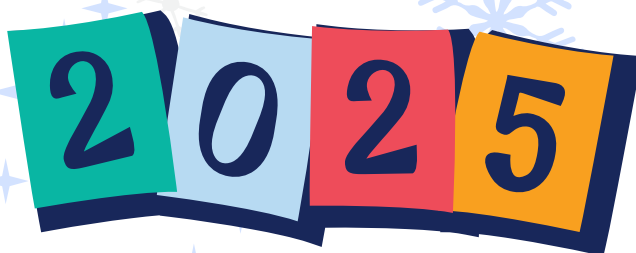
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8.15am	ITV1	<b>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</b> <i>Based on the book by Ian Fleming</i>	U
9.55am	Channel 4	<b>Little Women</b> <i>Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott</i>	U
11.50am	Great Movies	<b>The Horse Whisperer</b> <i>Based on the book by Nicholas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



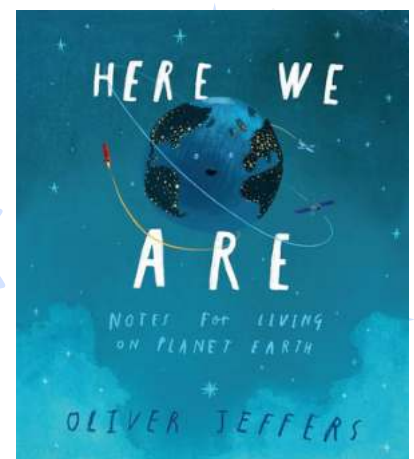
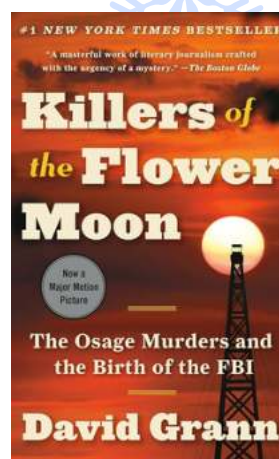
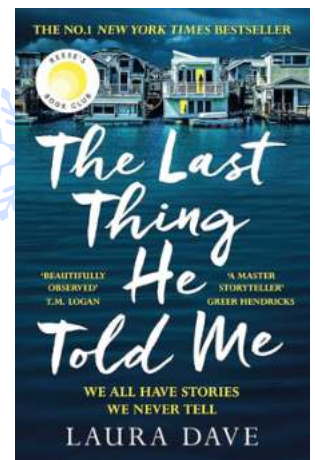
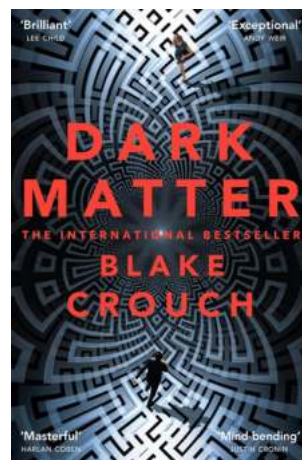
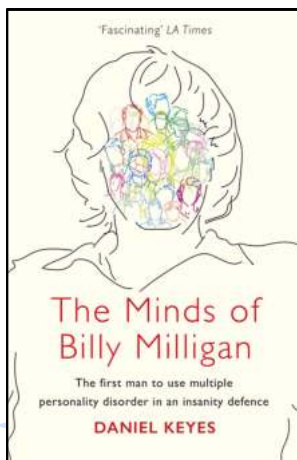
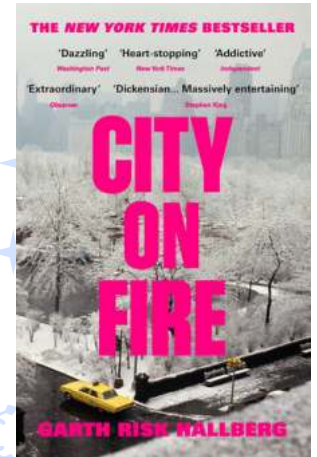
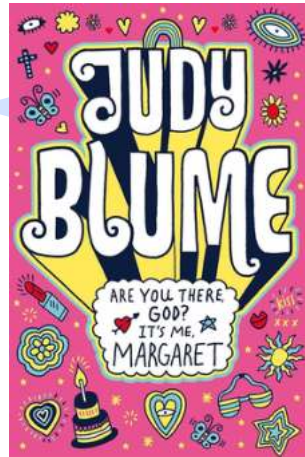
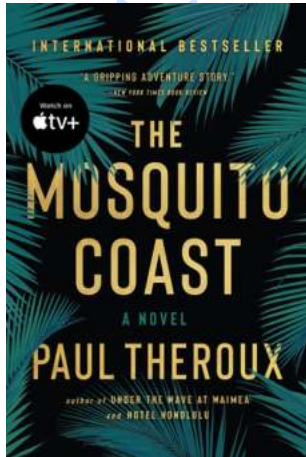
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12.20pm	Channel 4	<b>Lawrence of Arabia</b> <i>Based on Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T. E. Lawrence</i>	PG
12.25pm	Channel 5	<b>The Legend of Zorro</b> <i>Based on the short stories by Johnston McCulley</i>	PG
12.55pm	E4	<b>Peter Rabbit</b> <i>Based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





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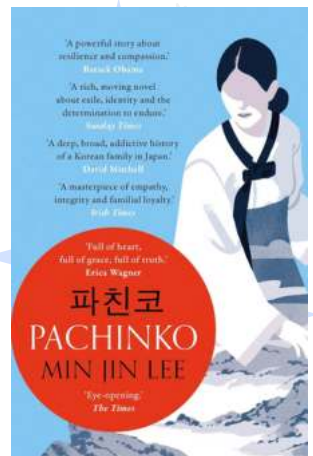
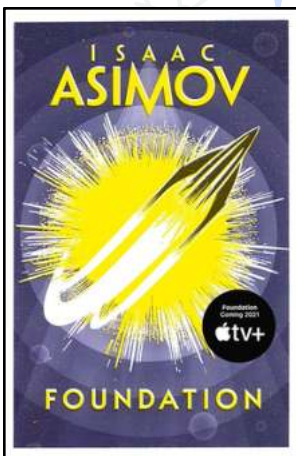
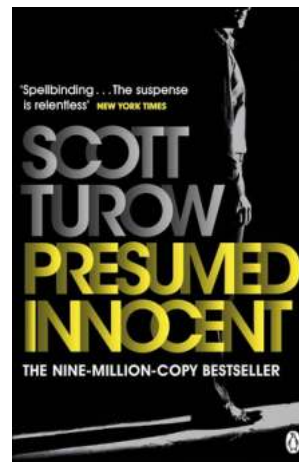
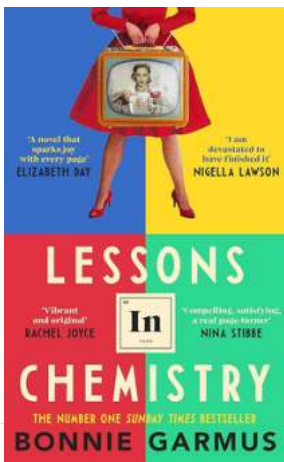
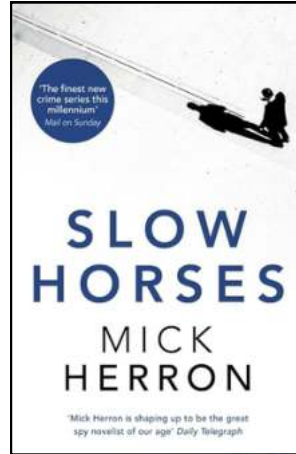
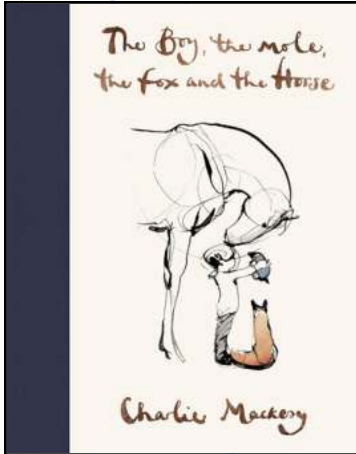






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# What I read at Christmas



## **Moominland in Midwinter by Tove Jansson**

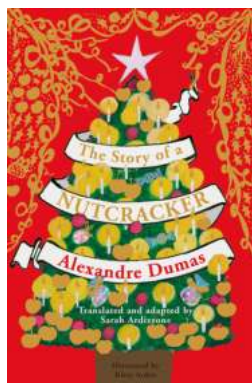
Moomintroll wakes from hibernation to find the rest of his family still asleep and has to adjust to a strange new world as the valley is lost beneath the snow. This has stayed with me since childhood and I return to it most years around this time. It portrays perfectly how the long nights of winter can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

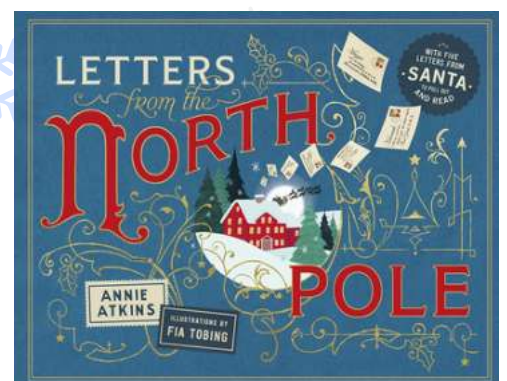
I always read a version of The Nutcracker around Christmas! I love seeing how different people interpret that classic holiday magic. My favourite is the Alexandre Dumas version, but I'm well acquainted with modern retellings too.

*Kitty Shaw, Fulham School*

## **Letters From the North Pole by Annie Atkins**

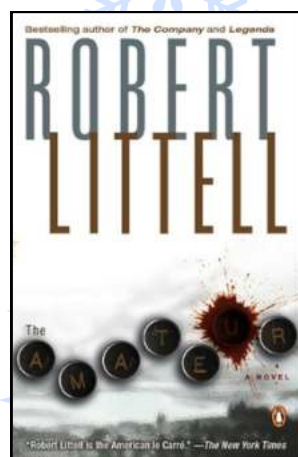
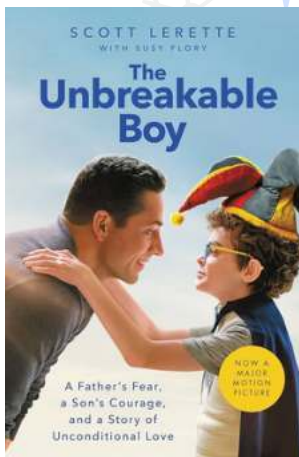
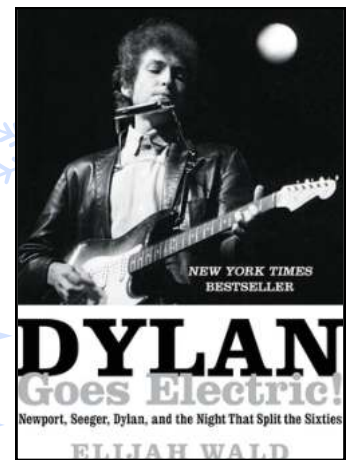
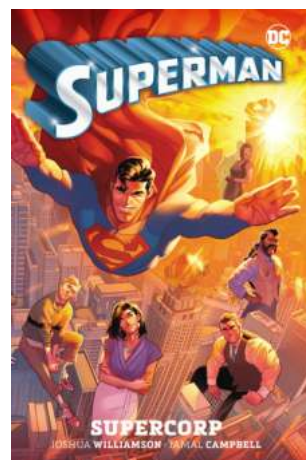
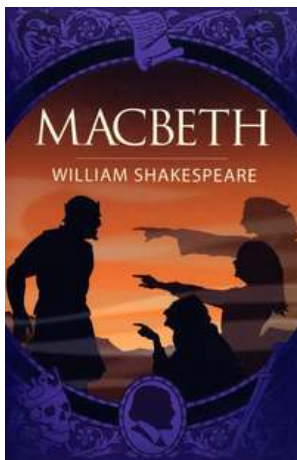
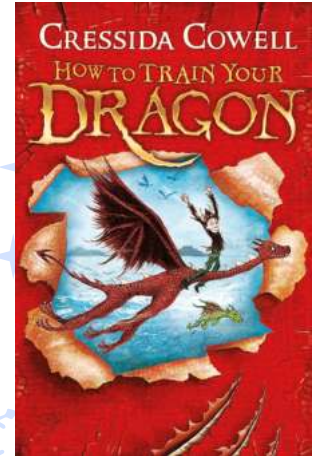
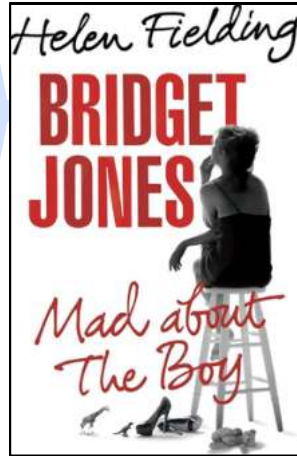
This book is stunning both inside and out with gorgeous illustrations within. It includes not one but five letters from Santa to take out and read along; it reminds me of the Jolly Postman and is a book to be treasured.

*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>