



FBA Reading Radar

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WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

A Word From Our Reading Leaders

Through the FBA Reading Radar, we hope to inspire and empower every student to embrace the joys of reading.

Happy Reading!

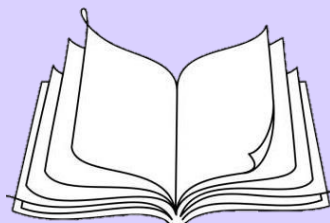
Miss Richardson & Miss Meredith

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!

Love is in the air, and what better way to celebrate the month of romance than with a collection of heart-warming and enchanting tales? In this edition, we're diving headfirst into the world of romance literature, where passion, intrigue, and happily-ever-afters await.

From timeless classics to contemporary gems, we've curated a selection that caters to every romantic inclination. So, prepare to be swept off your feet as we explore the boundless depths of the human heart through the pages of these captivating novels.

Whether you're a hopeless romantic or simply in need of a little escapism, let the power of storytelling transport you to worlds where love reigns supreme and every ending is a happily-ever-after.



FEBRUARY'S AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT



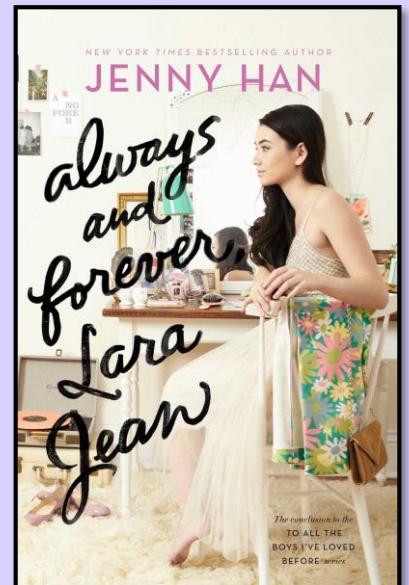
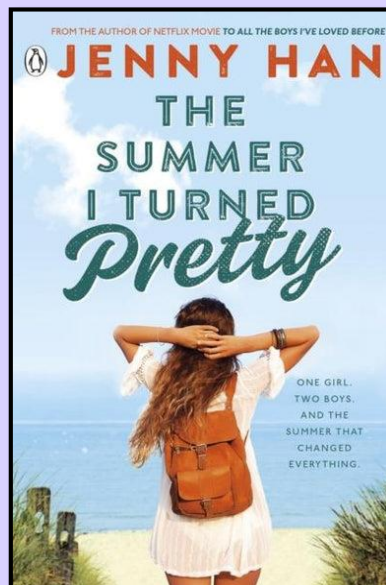
"You can't measure love
in time, but in the depth
of emotions it stirs
within you."

– *We'll Always Have
Summer*

For our February Author Spotlight, we're delighted to highlight Jenny Han, a gifted writer known for her enchanting and emotionally resonant teen fiction novels. Her novels effortlessly capture the complexities of teenage life, exploring themes of love, friendship, identity and self-acceptance.

From the beloved "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" series to "The Summer I Turned Pretty" trilogy and "Always and Forever, Lara Jean," Han's books are filled with relatable characters, heartfelt moments, and swoon-worthy romance. Her stories not only entertain but also inspire readers to embrace their true selves and pursue their dreams.

As we celebrate the month of love, Han's novels offer the perfect blend of romance and coming-of-age themes. Han's books are sure to leave you smiling and believing in the power of love.



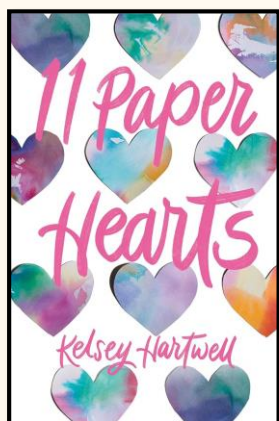
KEY STAGE 3 RECOMMENDED READS



WELL THAT WAS AWKWARD— RACHEL VAIL

Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything—and the reason is standing right there in front of her, all tall and weirdly good-looking: A.J.

But it turns out A.J. likes not Gracie but Gracie's beautiful best friend, Sienna. Obviously Gracie is happy for Sienna. Super happy! She helps Sienna compose the best texts, responding to A.J.'s surprisingly funny and appealing texts, just as if she were Sienna. Because Gracie is fine. Always! She's had lots of practice being the sidekick, second-best. It's all good. Well, almost all. She's trying.



11 PAPER HEARTS— KELSEY HARTWELL

Ella's life was picture perfect. She had a circle of close friends, a jam-packed social life and an amazing boyfriend. But then something completely unexpected happened: a car accident after a Valentine's Day dance. When Ella woke up in the hospital, she couldn't remember the accident... or anything about the weeks before it, including the reason she broke up with her boyfriend.

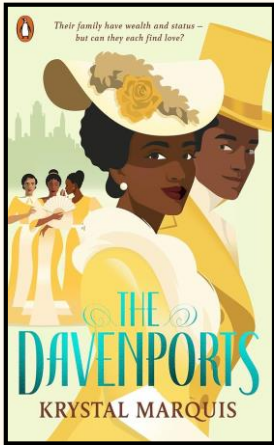
Now, a year later, she begins receiving paper hearts from a mysterious admirer who seems to have the answers she craves...

Do you have any recommendations?
Scan the QR Code and send them in!



KEY STAGE 4 RECOMMENDED READS

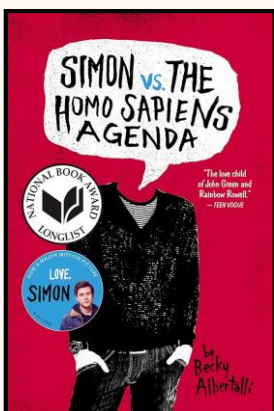
THE DAVENPORTS— KRYSTAL MARQUIS



The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth and status in a changing United States, their fortune made through the entrepreneurship of William Davenport, a formerly enslaved man who founded the Davenport Carriage Company years ago.

Olivia, the beautiful eldest Davenport daughter, is ready to do her duty and marry - until charismatic civil rights leader Washington DeWight sweeps into town and sparks fly. Her younger sister, Helen, is more interested in fixing cars than falling in love-unless it's with her sister's betrothed. Amy-Rose, childhood-friend-turned-maid to the Davenport sisters, dreams of opening her own business-and marrying the one man she could never be with. Olivia and Helen's brother, John. But Olivia's best friend, Ruby, also has her sights set on John Davenport, though she can't seem to keep his interest... until family pressure has her scheming to win his heart, just as someone else wins hers...

SIMON VS. THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA — BECKY ALBERTALLI



Straight people should have to come out too. And the more awkward it is, the better.

Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is - and what he's looking for. But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated. Because, for Simon, falling for Blue is a big deal ... It's a holy freaking huge awesome deal.

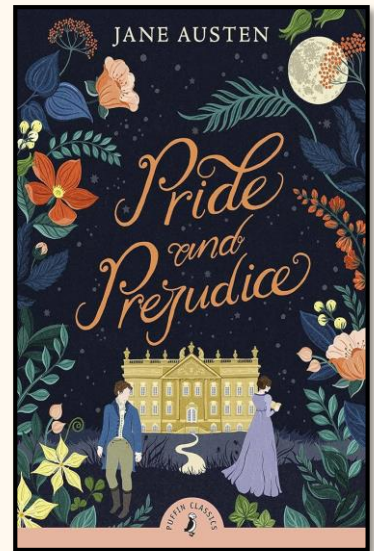
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BOOK OF THE MONTH!

For our February Book of the Month, we highly recommend "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. This timeless classic is the epitome of romance literature, with its richly drawn characters, sparkling wit, and unforgettable love story.

Set in early 19th-century England, "Pride and Prejudice" follows the spirited Elizabeth Bennet as she navigates the intricacies of society, family expectations, and matters of the heart. When the enigmatic Mr. Darcy enters her world, sparks fly, misunderstandings abound, and love blossoms in the most unexpected places.



Austen's sharp social commentary, delightful dialogue, and intricate plotting make "Pride and Prejudice" a joy to read time and time again. Its enduring popularity speaks to the universal themes of love, class, and personal growth that resonate with readers of all ages.

Whether you're a long-time fan of Jane Austen or discovering her work for the first time, "Pride and Prejudice" is a perfect choice for February, offering a charming escape into a world where romance reigns supreme. So, grab a copy, get cosy and prepare to be swept away by one of literature's most beloved love stories.

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book!"