



FBA Reading Radar

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WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

A Word From Our Reading Leaders

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a great start to this academic year and that you read plenty of books over the summer! A special welcome to all of our new students in Year 7 too!

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

FBA Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the FBA Summer Reading Challenge. If you have not already given your booklet to your form tutor, please do this **before 30th September**. Miss Richardson and Miss Meredith are in the process of organising awards and don't want to miss anyone out!



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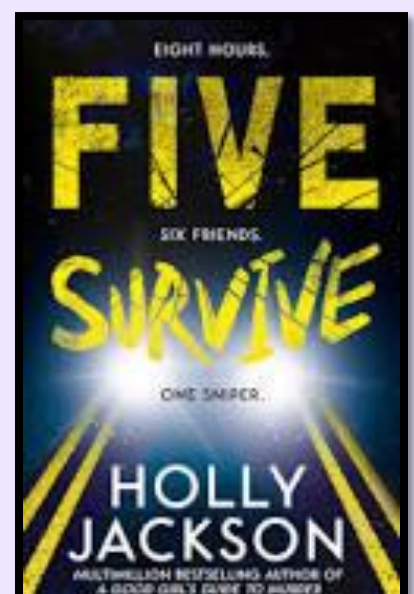
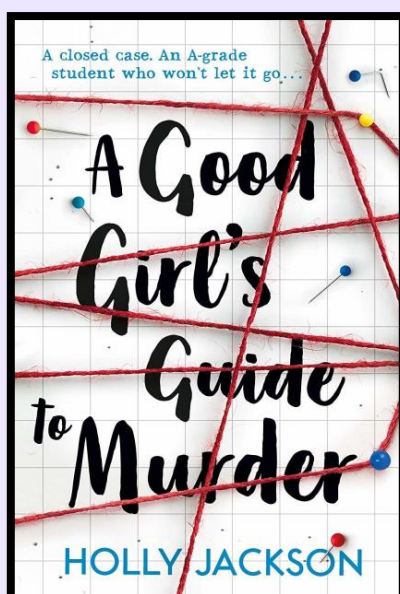


SEPTEMBER'S AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

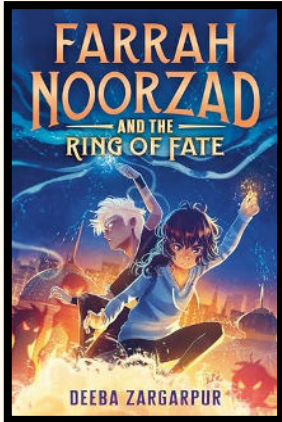


Holly Jackson is the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling series 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder', an international sensation with millions of copies sold worldwide as well as the #1 New York Times bestseller and instant classic, 'Five Survive', and her most recent novel, 'The Reappearance of Rachel Price'. She graduated from the University of Nottingham, where she studied literary linguistics and creative writing, with a master's degree in English. She enjoys playing video games and watching true-crime documentaries so she can pretend to be a detective. She lives in London.

We recommend Holly's books for Year 9 and above, due to some of the mature content and themes in her stories.



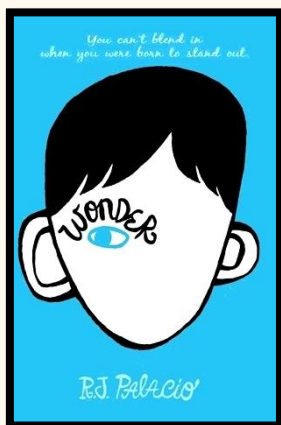
KEY STAGE 3 RECOMMENDED READS



FARRAH NOORZAD AND THE RING OF FATE — DEEBA ZARGARPUR

Farrah sees her father just one day every year—her birthday. But this year, her wish to bring them closer goes wildly awry when Farrah discovers she is a half-jinn...and her father is one of the seven great jinn kings. Her wish traps her father inside a legendary ring, and the other six jinn kings will follow unless Farrah can rectify her mistake.

Pursued by menacing shadow jinn, Farrah's quest takes her to a floating mountain range. Joined by Idris, the jinn boy whom she inadvertently freed from the ring, and her newly discovered half-brother, Yaseen, Farrah must find a way to navigate the mysteries and dangers of her new world in order to save her father and face the most devious jinn lord of all.



WONDER — R.J. PALACIO

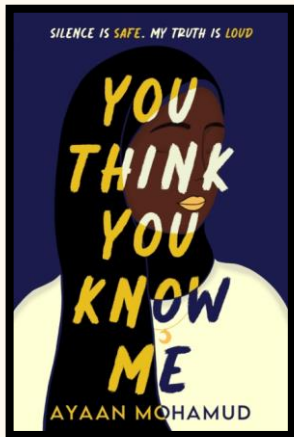
August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid, but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. 'Wonder', begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. A modern classic!

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



KEY STAGE 4 RECOMMENDED READS

YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME – AYAAN MOHAMUD



Hanan has always been good and quiet. She accepts her role as her school's perfect Muslim poster girl. She ignores the racist bullies.

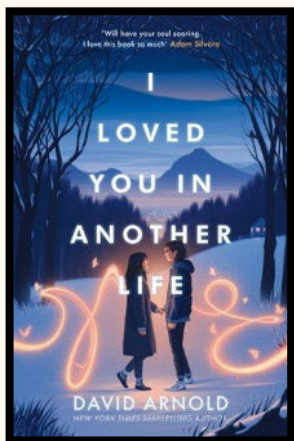
"A closed mouth is gold - it helps you get home in one piece."

Then her friend is murdered and every Muslim is to blame.

"The world is angry at us again."

How can she stay silent while her family is ripped apart? It's time for Hanan to stop being the quiet, good girl. It's time for her to stand up and shout.

I LOVED YOU IN ANOTHER LIFE – DAVID ARNOLD



Evan Taft has plans. Take a gap year in Alaska, make sure his brother and single mother are taken care of, and continue therapy to process his father's departure. But after his mum's unexpected cancer diagnosis, and as Evan's plans begin to fade, he hears something - a song no one else can hear, the voice of a mysterious singer ...

Shosh Bell has dreams. A high-school theatre legend, she's headed to performing arts college in LA, a star on the rise. But when a drunk driver takes her sister's life, that star fades to black. All that remains is a void - and a soft voice singing in her ear ...

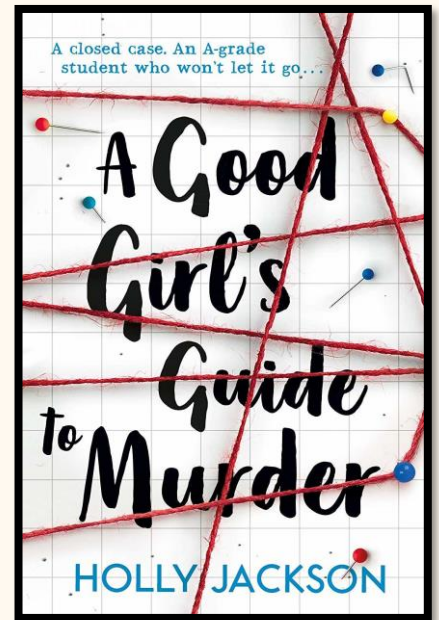
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BOOK OF THE MONTH!

This month, we're thrilled to spotlight 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson, an intriguing blend of mystery and young adult fiction that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. Perfect for fans of thrillers and whodunits, this novel crafts a captivating narrative that is both thought provoking and engaging.

In the quiet town of Little Kilton, a shocking murder case has left a dark shadow over the community. Five years ago, high school student Andie Bell was killed, and her boyfriend, Sal Singh, was the prime suspect. Although Sal took his own life shortly after, many believe he was innocent. Enter Pip Fitz-Amobi, a determined and resourceful schoolgirl who decides to conduct her own investigation for her final project. As she digs deeper into the case, Pip uncovers unsettling truths that challenge everything she thought she knew.



Jackson masterfully blends suspense with a rich narrative, exploring themes of truth, justice and the impact of rumours. Immerse yourself in a story that challenges perceptions and reveals the complexity of human nature. Join Pip as she unravels the truth in a town that's been hiding it for far too long...

Content Warning: Before diving into this thrilling novel, we want to provide a content warning for parents. This book includes discussions of murder and suicide, references to mental health issues and elements of bullying. Parental discretion is advised for younger readers, as the content may be more suitable for mature teens.