



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Welcome to our SPH termly reading recommendations newsletter!

Each term, we'll recommend books from variety genres and styles to inspire your reading. You can also explore our curated reading list's that are aimed at specific years groups.

The English Department

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. Meggie must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever.

About the Author

Cornelia Funke is a multiple award-winning German illustrator and storyteller, who writes fantasy for all ages of readers. Amongst her best known books is the Inkheart trilogy. Many of Cornelia's titles are published all over the world and translated into more than 30 languages. She has two children, two birds and a very old dog and lives in Los Angeles, California.



Fantasy - Adventure - Young Adult



Horror-Thiller

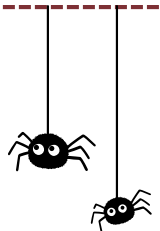
Fear Files: Hide and Seek by Christopher Edge

Nobody knows who started the Darkive. It's a database filled with first-hand accounts of strange, unexplained experiences. Ghosts; paranormal entities; weird anomalies. Each one is stored with a bank of evidence to prove the story. Are you ready to dive in?

Adam didn't think his camping trip with his best friend, Sol, could get any worse. Stumbling upon an abandoned ghost town, they find themselves playing a strange game of hide and seek. But who or what is trying to find them? And can Adam stay one step ahead?

About the Author

Christopher Edge is an award-winning children's author whose books have been translated into more than twenty languages. He grew up in Manchester, where he spent most of his childhood in the local library dreaming up stories, but now lives in Gloucestershire where he spends most of his time in the local library dreaming up stories.



Even More Terrible Tudors by Terry Deary

Takes you back for another look at the mad Tudor monarchs and their suffering subjects, who just could not help losing their heads. Read on for information about the good times and the gory from the great goose fairs to the painful punishments and trickery of the ruthless royal family.

About the Author

A former actor, theatre-director and drama teacher, Deary says he began writing when he was 29. Most famously, he is one of the authors of the Horrible Histories series of books popular among children for their disgusting details, gory information and humorous pictures and among adults for getting children interested in history. Books in the series have been widely translated into other languages and imitated.



Historical-Humour



Horror - Mystery

The Vampire of Whitby by Yvette Fielding

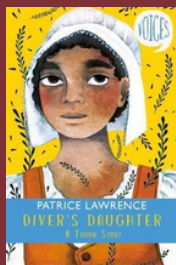
When a young archaeologist disappears during a dig at Whitby Abbey, so begins a terrifying and sinister chain of events. As an eerie fog settles over the town and more disappearances are reported, young ghost hunters Eve, Clovis and Tom find themselves involved in a terrifying case. Could it be that the ghost of Vlad the Impaler has come to the seaside town? And can they stop the rise of his demonic vampire army?

About the Author

Yvette Fielding is an English broadcaster, producer and actress. She is best known for being the presenter of the TV shows Blue Peter, Most Haunted, Most Haunted Live!, and Ghosthunting With...



Black History Month



Eve Cartright is a young black girl growing up with her mum in London in the late 16th century. Life is tough, Eve is almost always hungry, and they always seem to be just one step away from gruesome poverty, despite her hard-working mum's best efforts.



These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history: from the Roman Africans who guarded Hadrian's Wall right up to the present day. This new children's version of the bestseller Black and British by award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga is illustrated with maps, photos and portraits

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