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✳ Library Newsletter ✳

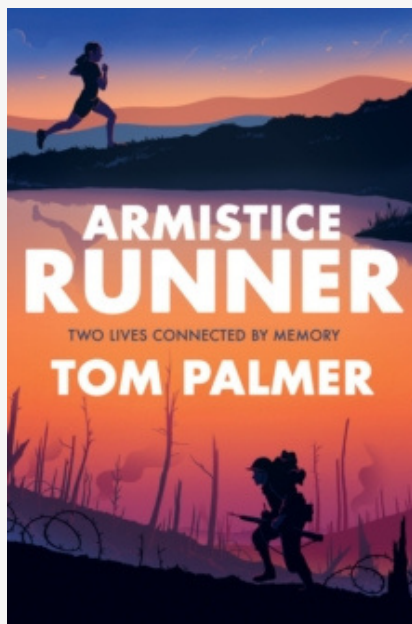


We believe reading matters.

Five Fun Facts About Reading

- Reading before bed helps improve sleep.
- Readers tend to have better writing skills.
- Reading expands your vocabulary naturally.
- Reading fiction boosts empathy.
- There are over 130 million published books in the world.

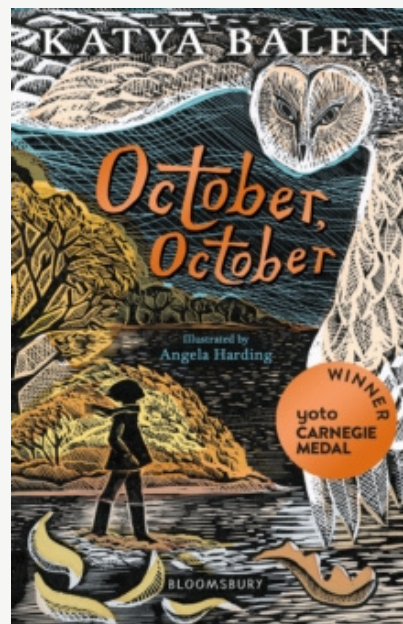
Recommended Read KS3



Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Ideal for reluctant teen readers in KS3, this is a gripping and tense account of Lily's life dealing with her gran, who suffers from Alzheimer's. At the same time as connecting with her great-great-grandfather's inspirational war journals.

Recommended Read KS4



October, October by Katya Balen

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends.

They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods.

The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back.

The year everything changes.

In a Reading slump?

It just takes the right kind of spark.

Here are some strategies that may work for you.

1. Lower the Bar (In the Best Way)

Sometimes you're not tired of reading—you're tired of effortful reading.

- **Pick something short (magazines, essays, graphic novels, poetry).**
- **Re-read an old favourite.**
- **Read a picture book, they're fun and easy to read.**

2. Switch Formats

A different format can flip a mental switch:

- **Audiobooks for walks, chores, or commutes.**
- **eBooks for low-pressure, late-night reading.**
- **Physical books if screens have been overwhelming.**

3. Read Something That Feels Like A Treat

Fast-paced, high-plot, or ultra-readable books can reboot momentum:

- **Thrillers.**
- **Cosy mysteries.**
- **Romance with snappy dialogue.**
- **Fantasy with quick worldbuilding.**

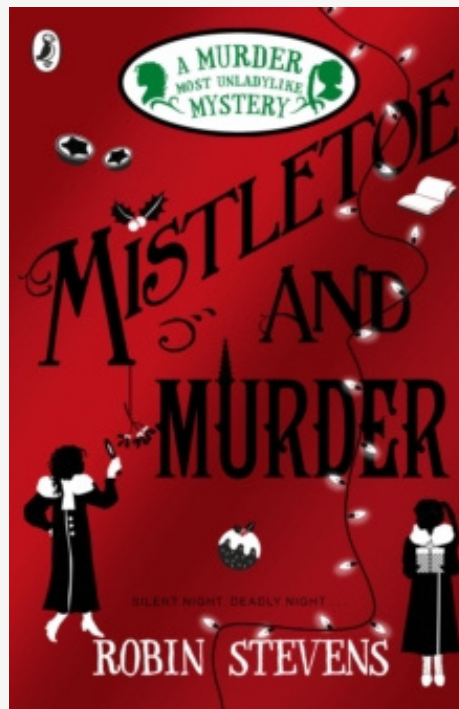
4. Try a Reading Challenge (But a Gentle One)

Choose something simple:

- **"Read 10 minutes a day"**
- **"Finish one book this month"**
- **A genre you never try**
- **A list with fun prompts ("a book with a blue cover")**

Don't aim for "important"—aim for fun.

Book of the Month.



Mistletoe and Murder by Robin Stevens

It's Christmas, and the snow is falling in Cambridge, where the detective duo Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are spending the festive period.

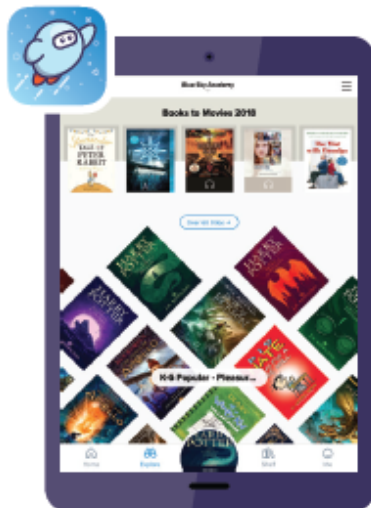
But Hazel's hopes of relaxing amongst the beautiful spires, cosy libraries and inviting tea-rooms are dashed by the danger lurking in the dark stairwells of Maudlin College.

Why read it?

A Perfect Festive Mystery

Classic Detective Story Feel

Fast-paced and Fun to Read



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