

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

Hi All

While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together this little newsletter with lots of bits and bobs in such as recipes, book recommendations, and we've even included a quiz to help ease the boredom.

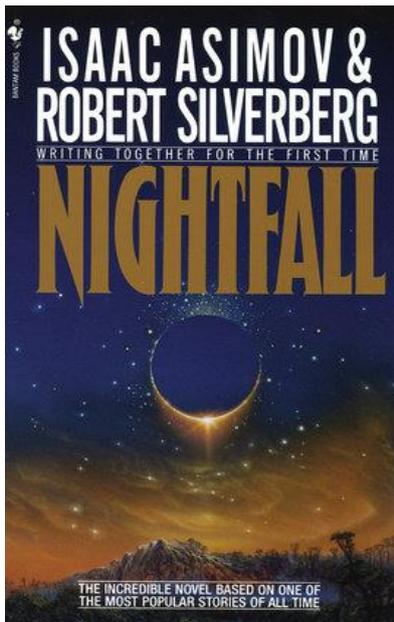
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

What are people reading?

Review by Rob Duffy a Library Member

Nightfall –Isaac Asimov & Robert Silverberg



Nightfall is a Science Fiction novel and was my first library download loan.

Nightfall had its origins back in 1941 as an **Isaac Asimov** (the Foundation trilogy, the 3 Laws of Robotics) short story and assumed inhabitants live on a world where there is no true darkness due to having SIX suns! (Such a system actually exists near to Earth and can be viewed in the winter night sky in the constellation of Gemini-the star Castor).

However, along comes the prediction of a very rare total eclipse of one of their suns by a large, formerly remote, body; inconveniently, when the other five are below the horizon! How will society react?

The storyline was taken further by Asimov and fellow SF veteran writer, **Robert Silverberg**, in 1990. The central theme of the first part of the book follows the short story, even to, mostly, having the same characters and set up, including religious fundamentalists, keen to see society fail. However, the development is more detailed.

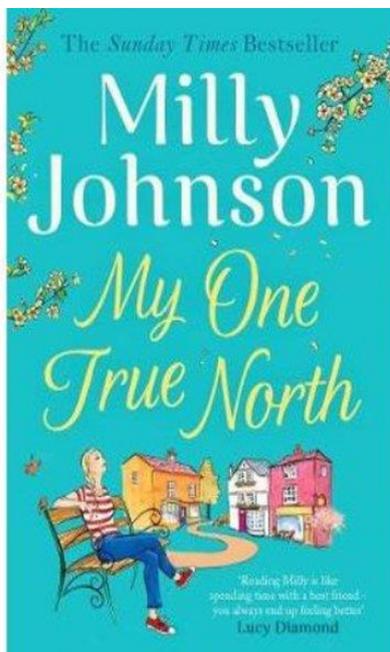
Particularly, the introduction of a strong female character and the important archaeological evidence which she brings to light that every 2,000 years major conflagrations have set back civilization. The archaeologists and astronomers share evidence that leads to the conclusion that the very rare total solar eclipse coincides with these historical events. What has happened? The conclusion is that unhinged by darkness, inhabitants became mass arsonists to comfort themselves during the hours without light.

The above cannot persuade the civil authorities to take counter measures- cynical journalists do not help- and the eclipse inevitably occurs, followed by cataclysm.

The second part of the book relates the fallout of the destruction of civilization, as various individuals seek to survive and the role of the sinister 'Apostles' is revealed.

The reader might think, surely any advanced society can cope with a few hours of darkness without becoming unhinged. And that's where the 'shock' comes in at the end of the first part of the book to explain not just the arson but the total breakdown of society.

Despite the ingenious, shock astronomical "double whammy", I struggled with the description of induced mass insanity, but most people will find echoes in the story of the current predicament. Nightfall is basically a detective story in the first part and a "will they make it?" thriller in the second. It ends with another twist but an overall optimistic note- which we all need.



Review by A Library Member

My One True North by Milly Johnson

I am reading book called My One True North by Milly Johnson, it's brilliant. Two different characters up to now, sure the ending will be brilliant. I have read and really enjoyed other books by the same author, she doesn't let me down.

Laurie and Pete should never have met. But fate has pushed them together for a reason.

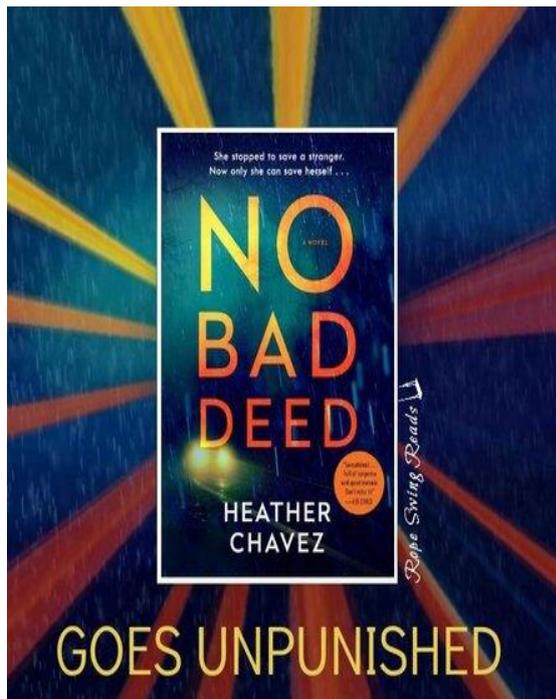
Six months ago, on the same night, Laurie and Pete both lost their partners. Struggling to manage their grief, they join the same counselling group – and meet each other.

From their sadness, Pete and Laurie find happiness growing and they sense a fresh new beginning. Except, the more they talk, the more they begin to spot the strange parallels in their stories. Then Pete discovers a truth that changes everything.

My One True North is a story of friendship and what love means, of secrets uncovered, teashops on corners and the Northern Lights.

Review by A Knowsley Resident No Bad Deed by Heather Chavez

This is my favourite Lockdown read so far. This is from an author that I've not read or heard of before. I picked it up just before lockdown and am very glad that I did. I would recommend this book and author. I can't wait for her next book.



Driving home one rainy night, Cassie Larkin sees a man attacking a woman on the side of the road and makes a split-second decision that will throw her sedate suburban life into chaos. Against all reason and advice, she gets out of her car to help

She saves the woman, but while she helps the victim, the attacker steals her car. Now he has her name. Her address. And he knows about her children.

The next day – Halloween - her husband disappears while trick or treating with their six-year-old daughter. Are these disturbing events a coincidence or the beginning of a horrifying nightmare?

As she desperately searches for answers, Cassie discovers that nothing is as random as it seems,

and that she is more than willing to fight – to go to the most terrifying extremes – to save her family and her marriage.

I hope these snippets help, if you'd like to tell us what you're reading we'd love to hear from you, and also if you've read any of the books recommended and what you thought of them. Please email yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk and we'll post your book recommendations.

Quiz:

1. In which film did Cliff Richard drive a red double-decker bus?
2. Where is the TV programme Home and Away set?
3. Which Shakespeare play features King Leontes of Sicilia?
4. Which song was hit for The Kinks in the autumn of 1967?
5. Who played Bud Flanagan alongside Leslie Crowther's Chesney Allen in the stage production of Underneath the Arches?
6. Which song taken from the album War of the Worlds was a hit for Justin Hayward?
7. What is the nickname of the South African Rugby Union team?
8. What's the full name of the Vampire slaying girl portrayed by Sarah Michelle Geller?
9. Which now deceased women sang the first song on Top of The Pops?
10. What is the connection?

I'll add the answers next week, good luck!

The answers to last week's teaser are as follows:

1. It (The dancing clown in Stephen King's novel)
2. Jackson Pollock
3. A priest
4. The Once and Future King
5. Cornelius Ryan
6. The Venus de Milo
7. Five answers: a. Keith, b. Sandro, c. Francisco, d. Marc, e. Hans
8. The Three Musketeers
9. Mycroft
10. James Clavell

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When I look back on 2020, audiobooks may not be the first thing I remember, but they will occupy a prominent place in the list of crutches that propped me up in this strange and perturbing year.

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[Lockdown hobby that has proved powerful tool for families, and it's free](https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/study-reveals-shock-impact-lockdown-22412443?_ga=2.171875304.975627236.1596269245-932799097.1484748317)

The coronavirus lockdown has left us all with a lot of extra time on our hands, but a new survey by Very found that reading has been a huge comfort to many people in the UK

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<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jul/31/edinburgh-book-festival-brings-online-signings-adapts-coronavirus-pandemic>

[Edinburgh book festival sets up online signings as it adapts to pandemic | Edinburgh international book festival | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jul/31/edinburgh-book-festival-brings-online-signings-adapts-coronavirus-pandemic)

Fans will have chance to join one-to-one signings with writers such as Ian Rankin and Ali Smith It is the bane of the book festival: a long, slow queue to get a book signed by a favourite author ...

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<https://www.list.co.uk/article/107210-all-the-major-uk-book-awards-2020/>



[All the major UK book awards 2020 | The List](#)

Shortlist announcements, judging panels, winners and prize money: everything you need to know about the UK's major book prizes. We all know the saying 'you shouldn't judge a book by its cover'.

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[Poetry and pretence: the phoney Native American who fooled Bloomsbury set](#)

He hoodwinked his lover Siegfried Sassoon into believing he was a Native American and convinced Virginia Woolf he would be one of the greatest poets of the 20th century. Now, Canadian war poet ...

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<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jul/24/childrens-books-roundup-the-best-new-picture-books-and-novels>

[Children's books roundup – the best new picture books and novels | Books | The Guardian](#)

A Dickensian orphanage, a rip-roaring secret agent caper, hunting for monsters and the best new YA novels Imogen Russell Williams Homeschool may be out for the summer, but there's new reading ...

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VIEWING NEWS

<http://britishperioddramas.com/news/david-tennant-dennis-nilsen-itv-drama-series-des/>



[David Tennant will play real-life serial killer in new '80s drama 'Des' - British Period Dramas - British Period Dramas - British period drama TV series news](#)

ITV has announced details of a new true crime drama series. Des will follow the arrest and trial of serial killer Dennis Nilsen in the early 1980s.. Based on Brian Masters' book Killing for Company, the three-part mini-series will dramatise one of the most infamous cases in UK criminal history.. The story will be told through the prism of three men – Dennis Nilsen, played by David Tennant ...

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Recipe's of the Week:

I'd like to share some easy to follow and lovely to eat recipes from family, friends and colleagues.

These are both from: **Aimee**

Easy Carrot Cake

I love carrot cake and this recipe is so quick and easy to make.

What you'll need: **For the cake**

Greased proof paper

150ml sunflower oil

180g self-raising flour

1tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 carrots, grated

110g soft brown sugar

2 eggs

90g golden sugar

For the topping:

100g cream cheese

50g butter

250g icing sugar

½ tsp cinnamon



- Line a loaf tin with greased proof paper
- Put everything in a bowl (except sunflower oil)
- mix until combined
- Add oil and mix again
- Pour into loaf tin
- Bake at 180 (gas mark 4) for 30-40 minutes
- Leave to cool in tin for 30 minutes then tip out
- Cream together butter and cream cheese
- Slowly sieve in the icing sugar
- add the cinnamon
- Spread on top of your cake, cut to desired size.

Spicy Fish Bake – with Courgettes

Serves 2 hungry people with no other accompaniment or 3-4 as a very light supper

- 2 large courgettes or 3 small
- 15 cherry tomatoes halved
- Bunch of asparagus (trimmed)
- 1 yellow pepper, de-seeded and cut into strips
- 1 clove garlic – crushed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Handful of chopped parsley
- 2 lemons quartered
- 4 fillets white fish (Any)
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried chilli flakes crushed or 1/2 small red chilli – seeds removed
- 4 tablespoons breadcrumbs, I just crumble up some hard/crust of bread
- Zest of a Lemon



Preheat oven 200C/400F/Gas 6

Cut courgettes in strips place in bottom of an ovenproof dish, add cherry tomatoes, asparagus and yellow pepper

Mix the olive oil, garlic, parsley and salt & pepper

pour or spoon over veg.

Place fish fillets on top

In a small pan add olive oil, garlic, chilli flakes and a little more parsley, then add breadcrumbs.

Fry for 1-2 minutes, then finally add lemon zest

Sprinkle breadcrumb mix over fish fillets.

Place lemon quarters around fish

Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes

Serve, squeeze baked lemon quarters over fish

ENJOY 😊

Whilst we're **staying safe** some of us are having a break from reading by listening to music, watching TV and a whole host of other activities. Here are some recommendations:

Podcast of the Week:

No Such Thing As A Fish

A podcast from the QI offices in which the writers of the hit BBC show huddle around a microphone and discuss the best things they've found out this week. Hosted by Dan Schreiber, with James Harkin, Andrew Hunter Murray and Anna Ptaszynski.



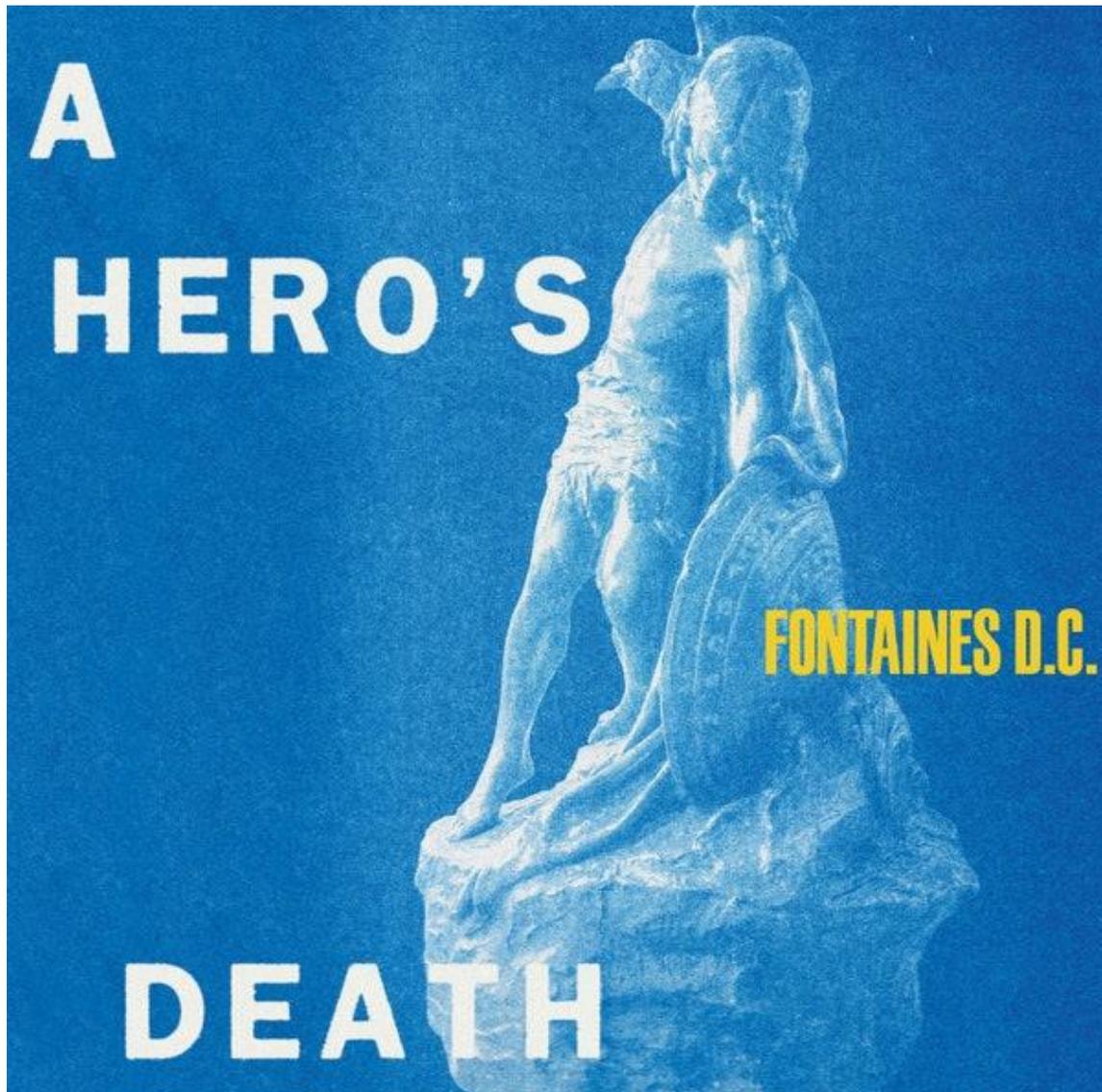
Here is the link to 'No Such Thing As A Fish'

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/no-such-thing-as-a-fish/id840986946>

Album of the Week:

A Hero's Death by Fontaines D.C. recommended by Joe

A lot of bands struggle with their second album, but Fontaines D.C. decided not to follow the crowd and have produced an album that cements their place as one of the most important young bands around today.



Here they are performing a special lockdown version of the title track:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5M1BPUvkBXg>

If you'd like to share your thoughts on this album, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

Films of the Week:

Monday: Roman J. Israel, Esq

11.25pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

Denzel Washington plays an eccentric but brilliant civil rights lawyer whose life and career take a surprising turn after his law partner dies. Colin Farrell co-stars.



Tuesday: I Saw The Light

9pm Sony Movies (Freeview 32, Freesat 302, Sky 321, Virgin 425)

Biopic of country and blues legend Hank William, starring Tom Hiddleston as the performer whose short life was marked by towering heights and dizzying lows.

Wednesday: Her

1.55am Channel 4

Oddball romance from Spike Jonze. Joaquin Phoenix tops the cast as the loner who falls for his computer's operating system (voiced by Scarlett Johansson).



Thursday: The Damned United

9pm BBC4

An excellent biopic of football manager Brian Clough, based on the book by David Peace. Michael Sheen stars.

Friday: American Gangster

10.45 ITV

Inspired by real events in the 1970s, this stars Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, a Harlem gangster who rose to the top of the criminal food chain in Manhattan. Russell Crowe is the detective leading a task force to trap him.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on any of the films, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. How many days are in June?
2. What is a female Swan called?
3. Which ocean is frozen most of the year?
4. Which word can go before Ache, Brush and Paste to make three other words?
5. What magical item does Aladdin use to fly on?
6. What is the name of Peter Pan's pirate enemy?
7. What is the fiery liquid that flows from a Volcano?
8. In "Finding Nemo", what is Nemo's dad called?
9. What type of bird is a Pintail?
10. What do Tadpoles turn into?

QUIZ ANSWERS

How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten! The answers are below for you to check

1. Marvellous
2. J
3. 8
4. Liverpool
5. Dragon
6. Beatles
7. Happy Birthday
8. Yolk
9. 5
10. Boris Johnson

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

Keep Reading 😊

CRAFT TIME

Key Wind Chime

Gifts, especially those created by kids, don't have to cost a lot of money. In fact, the perfect materials for a thoughtful gift may be sitting in your recycling bin. Giving old items new life is not only green, it's a lot of fun. It is so cool to take something destined for the bin and turn it into something beautiful and useful. It would make a lovely gift for anyone who has a garden or balcony.



You'll need:

- at least 5 old keys
- a piece of drift wood or stick
- string
- optional: acrylic paint



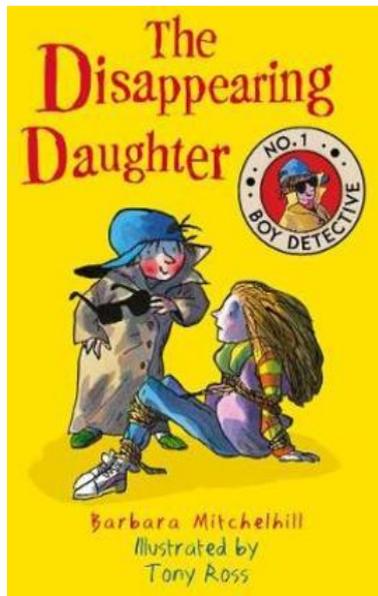
1. Optional: Paint your keys and stick.
2. Choose a few coordinating colours, paint the keys and stick.
3. Give the keys two coats of paint if needed, let the first side dry before turning and painting the other side.
4. Tie a piece of string to either end of the stick so that you have a way to hang it.
5. Tie a piece of string to each key.
6. Tie the keys to the stick making sure that they are close enough to each other that they will chime when the wind blows them.
7. Hang
8. Enjoy!

I hope this project inspires a little crafty recycling in your home. I'm sure you and your little ones will love turning rubbish into treasure. And whoever receives your thoughtful handy work is sure to be pleased as punch. I know they make me smile every time I see them in my garden.

Here's to crafting and giving green!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Disappearing Daughter – Barbara Mitchelhill

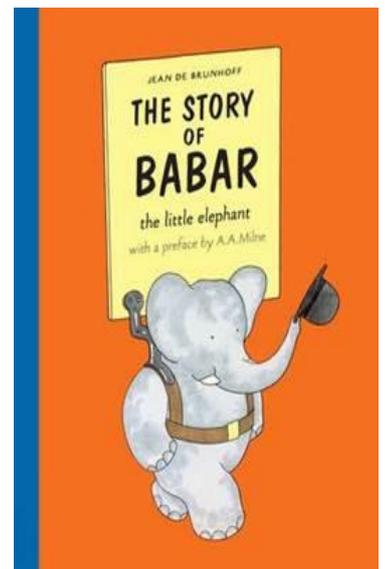


Damian Drooth, the one of a kind, clean-up-the world hero, has arrived. Criminals beware - and be very afraid! In his first case, Damian finds himself in the glamorous world of filmmaking. But it turns out to be a den of deceit. Damian needs all his mind-boggling skills to keep himself out of trouble and to rescue Trixibelle, the daughter of a crazy, mega-rich director. Packed with rib-tickling pictures from Tony Ross, this is perfect for newly confident young readers of 6 and up!

The Story Of Barba by Jean Du Brunhoff

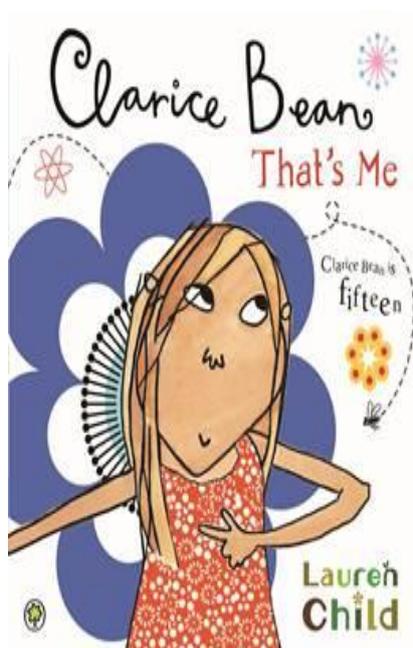
' In the great forest, a little elephant was born. His name was Babar...'

First published in the 1930s, this charming French classic tells the story of what happens to baby elephant Babar as he grows up. When his mother is shot by cruel hunters, a grief-stricken Babar leaves the forest and wanders to a nearby town. There, he is taken under the wing of a rich old lady, who dresses him elegantly. He learns mathematics and to drive a car - and even sleeps in a bed. But before long, he misses his fellow elephants, and soon he returns to the jungle, where he is crowned king of the elephants and marries his queen, Celeste.



Clarice Bean, That's Me by Lauren Child

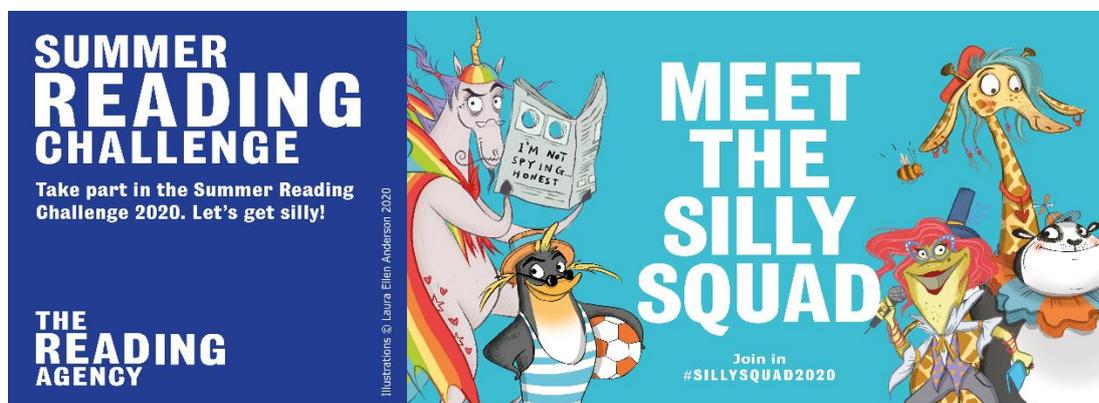
'This book is about me, Clarice Bean. It's a very funny book and all of the pages have pictures, mostly of me. There are some annoying bits when my little brother barges in on pages 8 and 9, so you might want to miss them out ...'



In the chaotic Bean household, Clarice - an engaging and quirkily original heroine - has difficulty finding any peace. Certainly, there is none in her bedroom, which she has to share with her younger brother Minal (who likes to hang upside down until he turns purple), and where all her things are crammed into the tiniest of spaces. Meanwhile her boy-mad older sister and other brother Kurt (struggling with his perplexing adolescence), have rooms of their own to go to. Even the grown-ups have their bolt-holes: Dad gets to escape to the

office, Granddad to his comfy chair and Mum to the bathroom. Only when Clarice openly rebels does she finally succeed in getting the peace and quiet she really wants.

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