

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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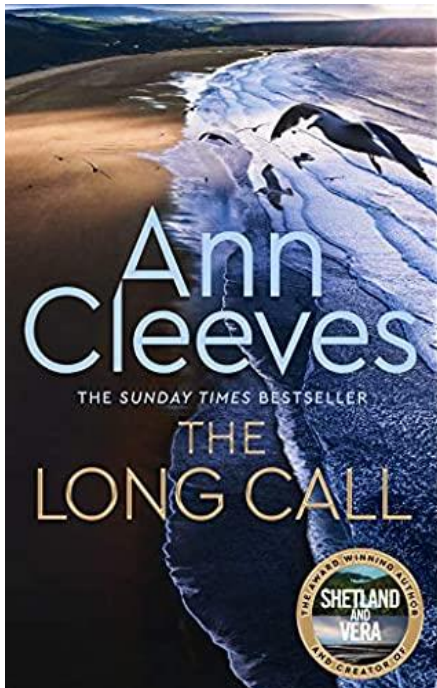
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together 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?

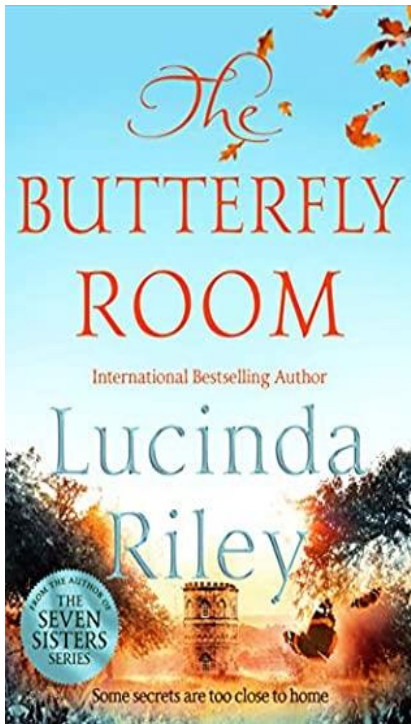
The Long Call **Ann Cleeves**



First in a brand-new series set in North Devon and featuring Detective Matthew Venn.

In this rural idyll, where two rivers meet, crime is always there waiting to rise from the water. Detective Matthew Venn stands outside the church as his father's funeral takes place. The day Matthew turned his back on the Evangelical community in which he grew up, he lost his family too. Now he's back, not just to mourn his father at a distance but to take charge of his first major case. A body has been found on the beach near to Matthews new home, a man with a tattoo of an Albatross on his neck, stabbed to death. Finding the killer is Venn's only focus, his team's investigation will take him straight back into the community he left behind and the deadly secrets that lurk there.

The Butterfly Room Lucinda Riley



Posy Montague is approaching her 70th birthday. Still living in her beautiful family home, Admiral House, set in the glorious Suffolk countryside where she spent her own idyllic childhood catching butterflies with her beloved father, and raised her own children.

Posy knows she must make an agonising decision. Despite the memories the households, and the exquisite garden she has spent 25 years creating, the house is crumbling around her, and Posy knows the time has come to sell it.

Then a face appears from the past - Freddie, her first love, who abandoned her and left her heartbroken 50 years ago.

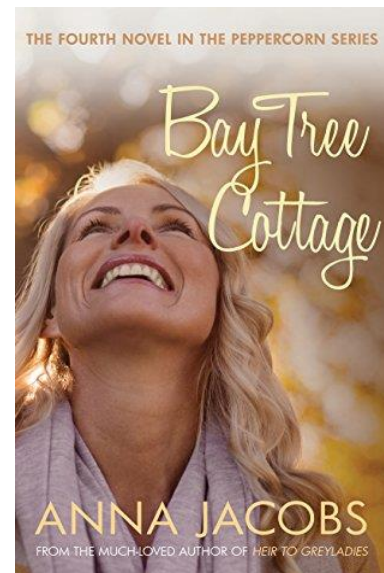
Already struggling to cope with her son Sam's inept business dealings, and the sudden reappearance of her younger son Nick after ten years in Australia, Posy is reluctant to trust in Freddie's renewed affection. And unbeknown to Posy, Freddie and Admiral House, have a devastating secret to reveal.

Bay Tree Cottage – Peppercorn Series Anna Jacobs

Saffron Lane the houses in are being filled with artists thanks to the efforts of Neil and Angus. Ginger doesn't win a place there, but gets a job running the small cafe/art gallery, taking refuge there from her abusive bully of a son.

When she meets Iain sparks fly between them, the first time she's felt attracted to anyone for years.

But will her son spoil it?



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: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

CONNECTIONS QUIZ

1. Hamlet was a Prince in this country
2. This country's longest river is the Vistula
3. This country's capital city is Prague
4. Their unofficial flower is the Edelweiss
5. Celine Dion won the Eurovision song contest representing them in 1988
6. The headquarters of Interpol are based here
7. Shared its name with a pirate radio station
8. The battle of Waterloo was fought here
9. Before the Euro their currency was the Guilder
10. What is the connection?

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

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

RUBBISH REVIEW ANSWERS

1. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
2. NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR
3. HARRY POTTER (ANY)
4. THE GREAT GATSBY
5. THE HANDMAID'S TALE
6. PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
7. THE CATCHER IN THE RYE
8. THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE
9. JANE EYRE
10. LORD OF THE FLIES

Recipes:

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

Smokey Beans on Toast

This recipe is so quick and easy to make 😊

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ small onion, sliced
- ½ small red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, halved
- 2 slices smoked streaky bacon, optional
- 227g can chopped tomatoes
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- 2 tsp red wine vinegar
- 210g can butterbeans or chickpeas, drained
- ½ tsp sugar
- 1 slice bread
- Parsley sprigs, finely chopped



Method:

- Heat the oil in a small pan
- Add the onion and pepper, bacon (optional) fry gently until soft, about 10-15 mins.
- Crush half the garlic and add this to the pan, along with the tomatoes, paprika, vinegar, beans, sugar and some seasoning.
- Bring to a simmer and cook for 10-15 mins or until slightly reduced and thickened.
- Toast the bread, rub with the remaining garlic and drizzle with a little oil.
- Spoon the beans over the toast,
- drizzle with a little more oil and scatter over the parsley
- Serve immediately

BOOK NEWS

<https://www.itv.com/news/2020-09-02/retailers-struggle-with-600-new-books-released-in-one-day>



[Retailers struggle with 600 new books released in one day | ITV News](https://www.itv.com/news/2020-09-02/retailers-struggle-with-600-new-books-released-in-one-day)

Almost 600 books are due to be published tomorrow causing a logistical nightmare for sellers after many releases were delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The nationwide lockdown saw many ...

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<https://www.express.co.uk/entertainment/books/1330293/winds-of-winter-release-date-george-rr-martin-tyrion-lannister-daenerys-targaryen-theory>



[Winds of Winter: George RR Martin teases bad move for Tyrion Lannister in new plot twist | Books | Entertainment | Express.co.uk](https://www.express.co.uk/entertainment/books/1330293/winds-of-winter-release-date-george-rr-martin-tyrion-lannister-daenerys-targaryen-theory)

Winds of Winter is the sixth and latest Game of Thrones book on its way to store shelves. George RR Martin has been announcing a number of updates over the course of the past few weeks, explaining ...

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<https://www.express.co.uk/entertainment/books/1328545/vera-stanhope-new-book-darkest-evening-ann-cleeves-author>

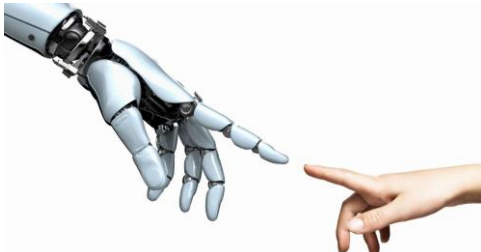


[Author Ann Cleeves reveals the inspiration behind her new book | Books | Entertainment | Express.co.uk](#)

Author Ann Cleeves reveals the inspiration behind her new book in the Vera Stanhope series Author Ann, 65, is the creator of the Vera and Shetland series.

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/the-best-recent-science-fiction-and-fantasy-review-roundup/ar-BB18JfXw?ocid=msedgntp>



[The best recent science fiction and fantasy – review roundup](#)

Carole Stivers's first novel was originally slated for British publication in May, but postponed because of the lockdown. The Mother Code (Hodder & Stoughton, £20.99) was written well before ...

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-53989685>



[Strictly Come Dancing: Bill Bailey and JJ Chalmers join line-up - BBC News](#)

Comedian Bill Bailey and Invictus medallist JJ Chalmers are the latest additions to the Strictly Come Dancing 2020 line-up. Bailey, a stand-up comedian, actor and musician is known for appearances ...

www.bbc.co.uk

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/im-a-celebrity-2020-lineup-21943912>



[I'm A Celebrity 2020 line-up:
Rumoured cast including Beverly
Callard and Eric Cantona](#)

Rumours for the I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! 2020 line-up have already begun, with Beverley Callard, Eric Cantona and Aj Pritchard among the signings

www.mirror.co.uk

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/david-tennant-appalled-intrigued-serial-22620080>



[David Tennant is dead ringer for
serial killer Dennis Nilsen in new ITV
drama - Daily Record](#)

The Doctor Who actor became more interested in playing the role when he realised how much he looked like the notorious murderer. David Tennant's interest in Dennis Nilsen was piqued because ...

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DES STARTS MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AT 9.00PM ON ITV.

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A Letter From Our Readers:

We received this lovely letter from one of our Home Delivery customers, Lilian Marshall.

“Dear staff,

Thank you for your interesting notes. It was good to have the library books delivered to me again. I have enjoyed Maeve Binchy and Bill Bryson books, also autobiography books.

I have The Sugar May and Peoples Friend delivered to me each week.

Keep up the good work and stay safe xx”

Thanks Lilian 😊

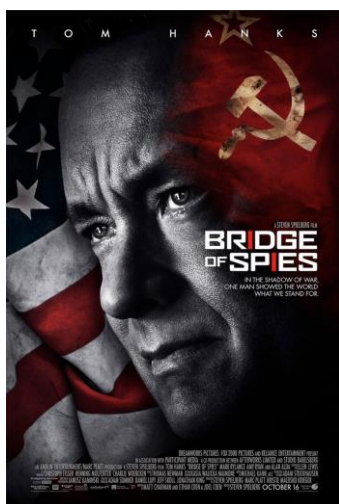
Films of the Week:

Monday: Platoon **10.05pm ITV4**

Oscar winning drama from Oliver Stone. A raw recruit is thrown into the thick of the Vietnam War along the Cambodian border, where he finds himself caught up in a lethal feud between two sergeants.

Tuesday: Heist **6.40pm Sony Movies (Freeview 32, Sky 321, Virgin 425, Freesat 302)**

A veteran criminal's charmed life comes to an abrupt end when he is caught on security camera. He is blackmailed by a dealer in stolen goods, who threatens to turn him over to the police if he does not carry out a gold robbery. Thriller from writer-director David Mamet, starring Gene Hackman.



Wednesday: Bridge of Spies **9pm More4**

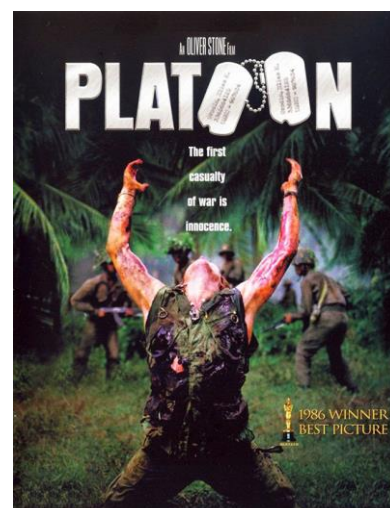
A lawyer in 1950s New York is hired to represent a Soviet spy in a showcase trial designed to demonstrate the fairness of the US justice system. In the face of public condemnation, he argues against the death penalty, a stance that years later leads to his involvement in an exchange of prisoners in East Germany. Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance star.

Thursday: Goldstone **10pm BBC4**

Detective Jay Swan's investigation of a young woman's disappearance causes friction in an Outback township under a mining company's sway. Local cop Josh Waters is growing used to looking the other way over everyday corruption, while Aboriginal elder Jimmy sees Jay has a deeper link to the territory.

Friday: Zodiac **10.45pm BBC1**

Fact-based crime thriller about the tortuous hunt for a mysterious serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and taunted the police and media with cryptic messages. Three men became obsessed with identifying the murderer after his reign of terror inexplicably stopped, but their fixation with the case took a heavy toll on their lives



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

Album of the Week:

Joy As An Act Of Resistance by Idles recommended by Joe

This punk band are probably the most important band in Britain at the moment. Their blistering commentary on British society won't be to everyone's taste, but they articulate intelligent lyrics with rage filled music that will certainly make you sit up and take notice.



Here are Idles performing a track from the album- 'Never Fight A Man With A Perm':

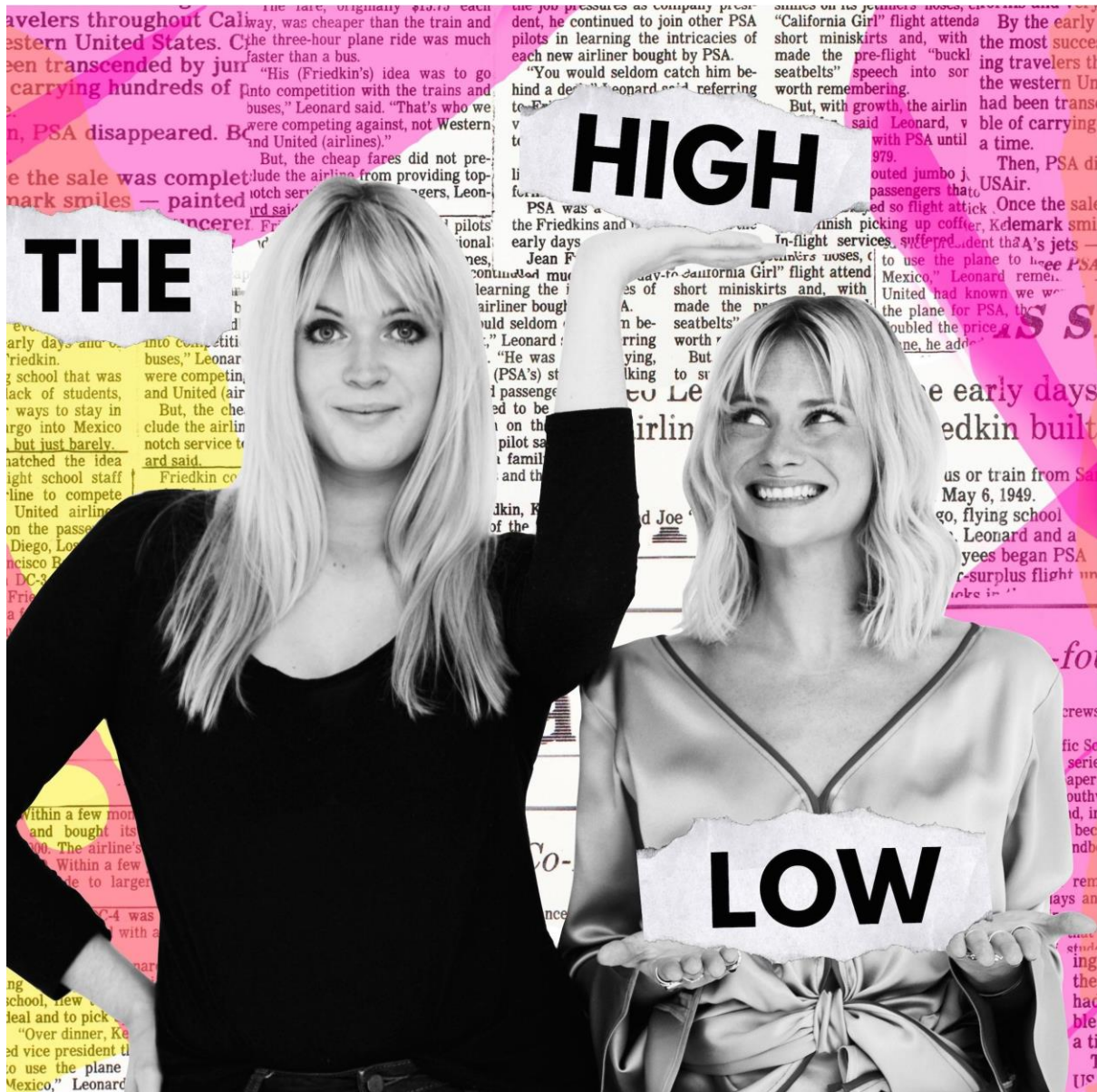
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUbLUxoBYQY>

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

Podcast of the Week:

The High Low

A weekly conversation between writers Dolly Alderton and Pandora Sykes, that covers highbrow and lowbrow culture.



Here is the link to 'The High Low':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-high-low/id1211338187?at=1000tXT>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. How many years were there between the release of Frozen & Frozen 2?
2. Which character was voiced by Keanu Reeves in 2019's Toy Story 4?
3. What is the Capital of the USA?
4. How many days are there in November?
5. What is the first name of Disney's founder?
6. What kind of animal was Baloo in the Jungle Book?
7. How many years are there in a Millennium?
8. Can you name the Two Houses of Parliament?
9. What animal was Robin Hood in the Disney movie?
10. What kind of animals does The Fairy Godmother turn into horses in Cinderella?

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. Dopey
2. George
3. Orangutan
4. Blue Peter
5. Scar
6. Margaret
7. Heart
8. Sodor
9. A Rat Cooking
10. Skye

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

This is a craft/game that I have seen on the internet and thought it is so simple and green that I wanted to share with you. Your children will be learning whilst playing

Number Game



What you'll need:

Old Socks
Paper plates
Felt tip Pen

What to do:

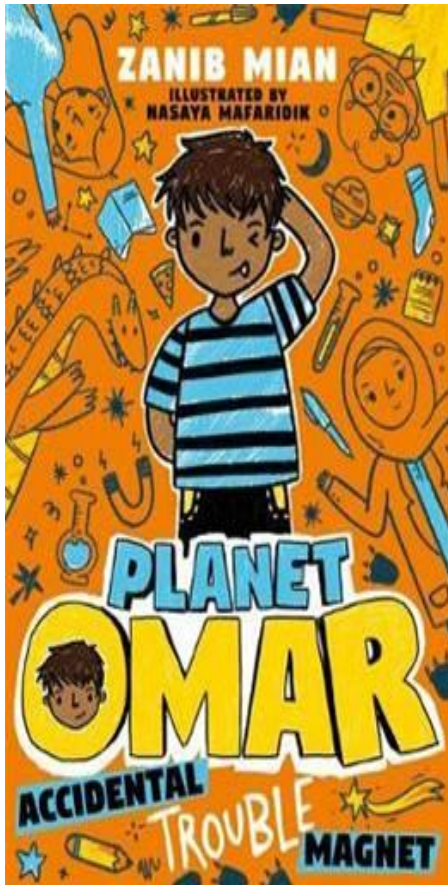
- Roll the socks into balls
- Write numbers onto the paper plates, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50
- Lay out the plates on the ground
- Take it in turns to throw the sock balls onto the plates
- Add up your scores. Who can score the most points?

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 a fun game.

Here's to crafting and giving green!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Planet OMAR by Zanib Mian



Omar has just moved into a new house with his family: sticky-fingered little brother Esa, snooty older sister Maryam and his scientist parents.

Going to a new school turns out to be okay, apart from the fact that class bully Daniel tells Omar that because he's a Muslim, he's going to be kicked out of the country and will have to go and live in Pakistan. Understandably worried, Omar asks his cousin if that's true, and both hope it isn't, because there's a distinct lack of good pizza there. Plus, there's mean Mrs Rogers next door who complains loudly about Omar's mum frying onions.

Yet when mean Mrs Rogers has an accident, Omar's family is there to help. And when Omar and bully Daniel get stranded on a school trip in London, Omar realises that Danny isn't so tough after all...

Planet Omar has all of the everyday life family drama and silly humour of Tom Gates and Sam Wu, and it's wonderful to read a funny book for kids featuring a Muslim family

Comments from Readers below:

I loved the book 😊(•'•'•)

I really like this book because it has my religion in it and I like when he goes to school with imagination dragon.

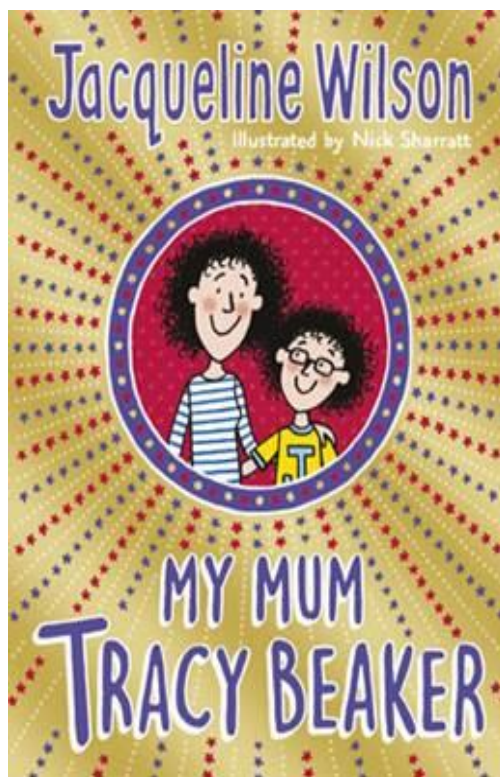
I think that Planet Omar is the perfect series for fans of the Boy at the Back of the class and fans of the Tom Gates series.

My Mum TRACY BEAKER by Jacqueline Wilson

The *Story of Tracy Beaker*, an award-winning novel about a troubled ten-year-old girl who lives in a children's home, was originally published to great acclaim in 1991. Now Tracy Beaker is a mum, and this marvellous tale, narrated by her daughter Jess, introduces the spirited character to a new generation of readers.

Tracy works hard to provide Jess with a loving, secure home and they transform their damp, pokey council flat into a palace, with brightly coloured walls and knick-knacks collected from charity shops.

When Tracy starts going out with rich and famous former footballer Sean Godfrey, Jess feels unsettled. She assumes it will fizzle out like Tracy's previous relationships, so is dismayed when her mum decides to marry Sean. They move into his enormous mansion, complete with swimming pool and housekeeper, leaving all that Jess knows and loves behind. Jess is torn: she wants her mum to be happy, but can she learn to like Sean?



Reader's comments below:

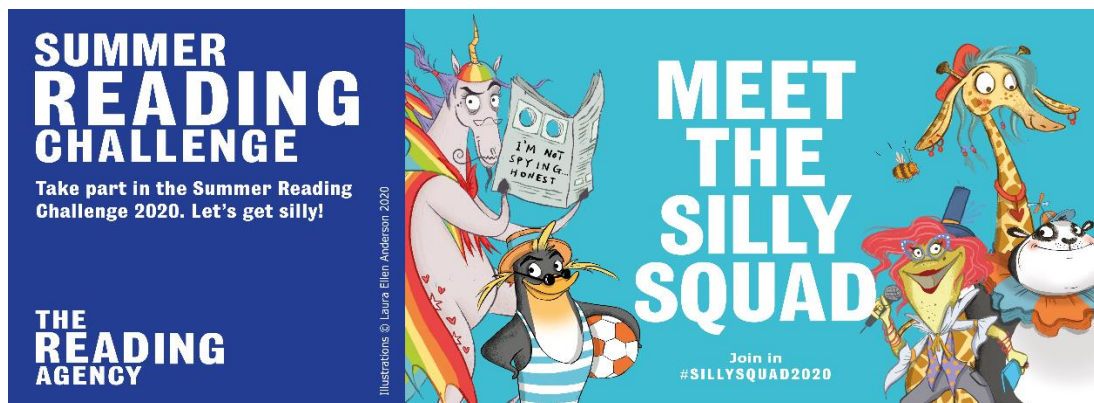
Amazing book. Simply loved it. Recommended for people of all ages Fantastic book!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is very good for people who are in foster care.

I loved it and I'm 15 I got it for Christmas because I kept asking and I can say that its touching and sweet. I would recommend to Tracy Beaker fans of all ages because it shows an insight into Tracy as an adult. 10/10 for sure xx

KEEP READING 😊

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