

# Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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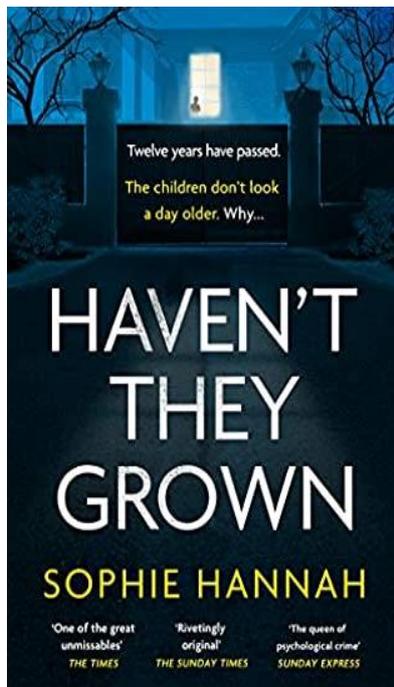
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together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

### Haven't They Grown by Sophie Hannah



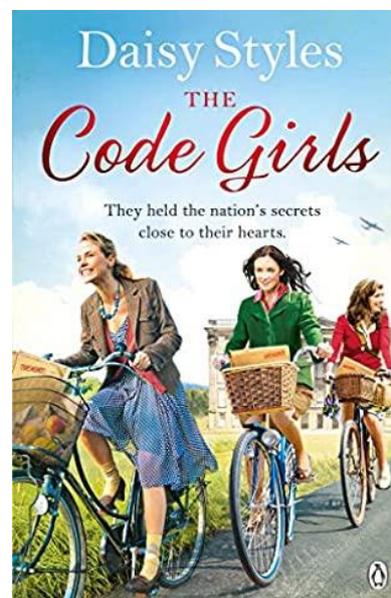
**All Beth** has to do is drive her son to his under-14s away match, watch him play, and bring him home. Just because she knows that her former best friend lives near the football ground, that doesn't mean she has to drive past her house and try to catch a glimpse of her. Why would Beth do that, and risk dredging up painful memories? She hasn't seen Flora Braid for 12 years. But she can't resist. She parks outside Flora's house and watches from across the road as Flora and her children, Thomas and Emily, step out of the car. Except - there's something terribly wrong. Flora looks the same, only older - just as Beth would have expected. It's the children that are the problem. 12 years ago, Thomas and Emily Braid were five and three years old. Today, they look precisely as they did then. They are still five and three - but they haven't changed at all. They are no taller, no older. Why haven't they grown?

## **The Code Girls** by Daisy Styles

**It's 1945** and the country has been turned upside down.

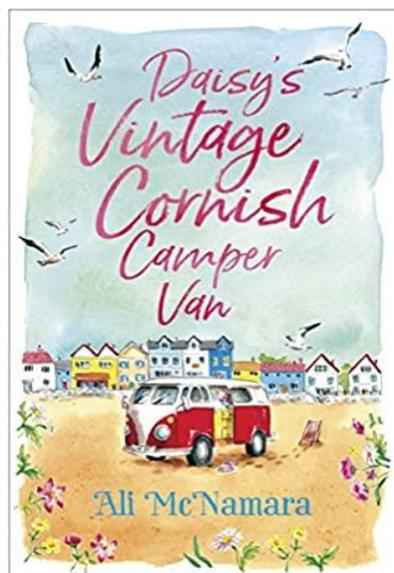
For the aristocratic Somervilles this means being pushed unceremoniously into the upstairs floors of their grand home as it is taken over by the armed forces.

But for newcomers Ava, Maudie and Bella this is a chance for something more. The girls move into Walsingham Hall, each ready and willing to do their part for the war effort, and soon become firm friends. But Lord Edward Somerville seems like he is hiding something sinister. And although he may be clever, he might have met his match in Maudie and the girls.



## **Daisy's Vintage Cornish Camper Van**

by Ali McNamara



**When Ana** inherits a broken-down camper van from her best friend, she takes the chance for a quick trip to Cornwall - some sea air and fish and chips on the beach is just the tonic she needs.

But St Felix has bigger plans for Ana. She discovers a series of unsent postcards, dating back to the 1950s, hidden in the upholstery of the van. Ana knows that it's a sign: she'll make sure that the messages reach the person that they were meant for.

And as the broken-down van is restored to gleaming health, so Ana begins to find her way back to happiness

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk) and we'll post your book recommendations.

## Do you know anyone who would benefit from Home Delivery Library Service?

Do you know anyone who doesn't want, or is unable, to venture out at the moment?  
They may struggle to carry books or find it difficult to get to their local library?

Just pass on our number and ask them to give us a call on 0151 443 3738

We will deliver 5 books per month to their door.

**We're here to help 😊**



## Feedback: From Lilian Marshall

"Dear Staff

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

I have Sugar May and People's Friend delivered to me each week.

Keep up the good work and stay safe xx"

Thanks Lilian 😊

## **Quiz:** provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

1. Which country is Aesop's Fables believed to originate from?
2. What is the novel Frankenstein's alternative name?
3. Which Emily Brontë novel is the inspiration for a Kate Bush song?
4. The Hunger Games young adult series was written by which author?
5. Fifty Shades of Grey by E L James was originally fan fiction based on which popular supernatural book series?
6. George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four was published in which year?
7. What is the name of the pig in EB White's Charlotte's Web?
8. How many novels did Roald Dahl write?
9. Name all three books in Phillip Pullman's His Dark Materials series.
10. What is the name of the publication for which William Boot works in Evelyn Waugh's Scoop?

**I'll add the answers next month, good luck!**

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

### **QUIZ ANSWERS:**

Beijing

New Delhi

Tokyo

Manila

Moscow

### **BRAINTEASER ANSWER:**

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

# Recipes:

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

## Cheese and Ham Omelette

Try this classic omelette for brunch or serve with lots of green salad for a quick and satisfying dinner.

### Ingredients

- 3 free-range eggs
- 10g/½oz unsalted butter
- 30g/1oz cheddar, preferably Montgomery cheddar
- 1 thick slice ham, finely chopped
- salt and freshly ground black pepper



### Method

1. Gently beat the eggs together in a mixing bowl and season, to taste, with salt and pepper.
2. Heat the butter in a frying pan until foaming. Pour in the eggs and cook for a few seconds, until the bottom of the omelette is lightly set. Push the set parts of the omelette into the uncooked centre of the omelette. Cook again, until the omelette has set further, then push those set parts into the centre of the omelette again. Repeat the process until the eggs have just set but the omelette is still soft in the centre.
3. Put the cheese and three-quarters of the ham in the centre of the omelette and cook until the cheese has melted.
4. Increase the heat to high and cook the omelette for a further 30 seconds, or until it browns on the bottom.
5. Fold the omelette in half, then remove the pan from the heat and tilt it slightly to move the omelette to the edge of the pan. Slide the omelette onto a serving plate, then shape it into a neat roll. Sprinkle over the remaining ham.

**Enjoy!**

## Books & Entertainment:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/books-summer-most-read-coronavirus-hilary-mantel-erik-larson-a9703326.html>



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Fact and fiction: 2020's strange summer in books. From tales of pandemics to tomes about race, our literature choices over these bizarre few months have been anything but boring, writes ...

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Hilary Mantel will not win the Booker Prize for the final part of her Thomas Cromwell trilogy having won it twice with the first two parts.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/hilary-mantel-i-am-disappointed-but-freed-by-booker-decision/ar-BB19qdUR?ocid=msedgntp>



[Hilary Mantel: I am 'disappointed but freed' by Booker decision](#)

Two-time Booker prize winner Hilary Mantel has said that she is “disappointed” but “freed” after not making this year’s shortlist, congratulating the six authors now in competition for ...

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### MARIO PUZO CENTENARY

The 15th October marks 100 years since the birth of American author Mario Puzo, who is most famous for The Godfather,

and the subsequent award-winning movies.

Here is a link to a biography of the creator of the Corleones.

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0701374/bio>



### [Mario Puzo - Biography - IMDb](#)

Mario Puzo was born October 15, 1920, in "Hell's Kitchen" on Manhattan's (NY) West Side and, following military service in World War II, attended New York's New School for Social Research and Columbia University.

[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/when-comfort-reading-wont-cut-it-books-to-restore-hope-in-humanity/ar-BB19unEo>



### [When comfort reading won't cut it: books to restore hope in humanity](#)

The most hopeful thing about books is that they exist. Is it not a miracle to look at a shelf and see the vast range of human experience laid out before us? How remarkable that someone picked up a ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/not-the-booker-hamnet-by-maggie-ofarrell-a-moving-portrayal-of-grief/ar-BB19uSH9?ocid=msedgntp>



### [Not the Booker: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell - a moving portrayal of grief](#)

It takes a brave writer to put words in William Shakespeare's mouth. In Hamnet, Maggie O'Farrell almost gets away with it. Her eighth novel – which has already won this year's Women's prize for fiction – is named for Shakespeare's son, who died aged 11 in 1596 of a mystery illness, though plenty of scholars

have suggested that he succumbed to bubonic plague. O'Farrell goes to town on this theory, indulging in a long digressive chapter detailing...

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## **US - FROM THE NOVEL BY DAVID NICHOLLS**

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/us-how-does-the-bbc-series-differ-from-david-nicholls-book/ar-BB19uw3y>



[Us: How does the BBC series differ from David Nicholls' book?](#)

Viewers have been praising the BBC for its adaptation of David Nicholls' Us. The four-part mini series, which is available to stream as a box set on BBC iPlayer, has been popular with viewers ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/paul-mccartney-and-ed-sheeran-gigs-to-be-shown-for-teenage-cancer-trust-unseen/ar-BB19uxDA>



[Paul McCartney and Ed Sheeran gigs to be shown for Teenage Cancer Trust Unseen](#)

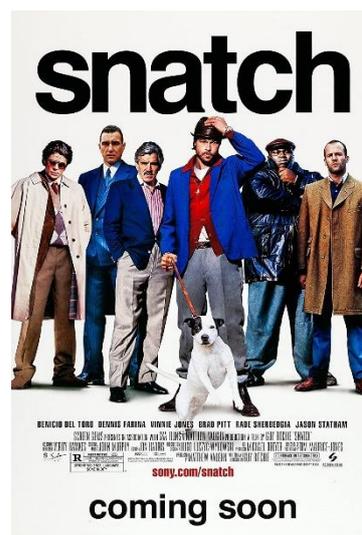
Music's biggest stars, including Sir Paul McCartney and Ed Sheeran, have offered up unseen footage from their Teenage Cancer Trust gigs to raise money for the charity.

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## Films of the Week:

### Monday: Snatch 11pm Channel 5

An unlicensed boxing promoter and his dim-witted sidekick convince an Irish gypsy to step in for their injured fighter, but find themselves drawn into a match-fixing racket. Meanwhile, the loot from a diamond heist goes missing, leading to a bloody conflict between Russian gangsters and a Jewish mob. Jason Statham, Brad Pitt and Stephen Graham star.



### Tuesday: The Family 11.30pm Film4

A gangster testifies against his partners in crime, before he and his family are relocated to rural France under the witness protection program. Despite their FBI handler's efforts to keep them under control, they soon return to their criminal ways- while the mobsters they betrayed are soon on their trail. Comedy with Robert DeNiro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones.

### Wednesday: In Bruges 11pm Film4

Two hitmen are ordered to lie low in Belgium after an assignment goes tragically wrong. Trying to pass themselves off as ordinary tourists in the medieval city of Bruges, the bickering duo get caught up in a string of surreal misadventures- and then they learn the real and sinister reason why their unstable boss sent them there in the first place. Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson star.



### Thursday: Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri 9pm Film4

Grieving mother Mildred Hayes has suffered an unimaginable personal loss, and hatches an idea that drags the residents of Ebbing, Missouri into a maelstrom of revenge. She pressures Sheriff Willoughby and his forces into continuing the investigation into her daughter's murder. It becomes an obsession that has dramatic repercussions for all of the locals. Frances McDormand, Sam Rockwell and Woody Harrelson star.

### Friday: Layer Cake 9pm Film4

A London cocaine dealer is all set to leave the criminal world behind and start a new life abroad. However, his plans are thwarted when he is asked to track down a gangster's drug-addicted daughter and locate a stolen shipment of Ecstasy. Crime thriller starring Daniel Craig, Michael Gambon and Sienna Miller.

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

# Album of the Week:

## Shore by Fleet Foxes recommended by Joe

Fleet Foxes refine their tight folk-rock roots on this, their fourth album, and craft another beautiful, reflective album that shows the band are happy to hold onto their sound but not afraid to cover new ground and themes.



Here are Fleet Foxes with 'Shore':

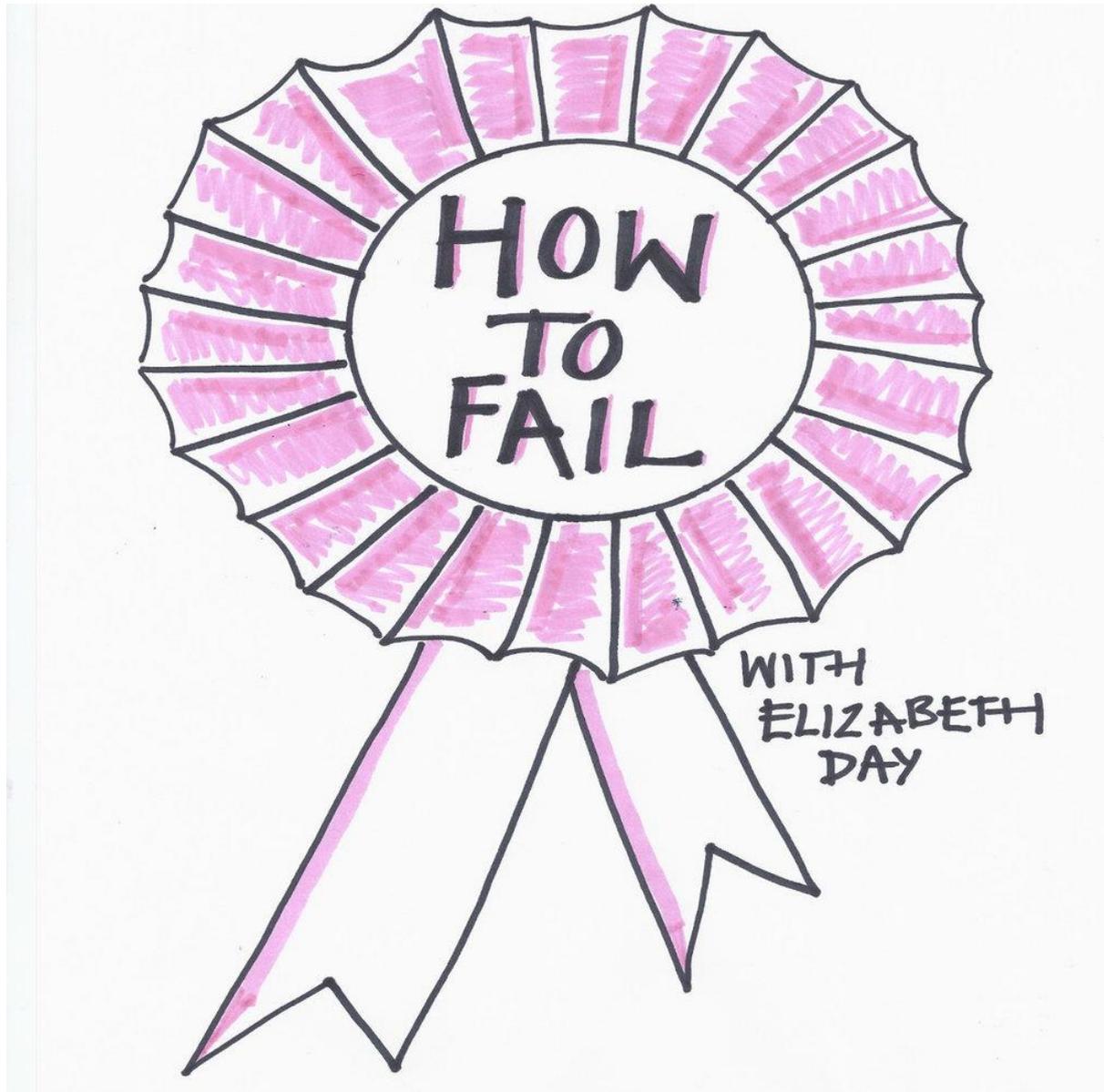
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Jrh1IRv6Pw>

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

## Podcast of the Week:

### How to Fail with Elizabeth Day

How To Fail With Elizabeth Day is a podcast that celebrates the things that haven't gone right. Every week, a new interviewee explores what their failures taught them about how to succeed better.



Here is the link to 'How to Fail with Elizabeth Day':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/how-to-fail-with-elizabeth-day/id1407451189?at=1000ltXT>

# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. What colours are the five Olympic rings?
2. What is the smallest city in the UK?
3. What is the tenth letter of the alphabet?
4. Who is the nation's PE teacher?
5. What is closer to the earth, the moon or the sun?
6. What is the chemical formula for water?
7. A group of which species is known as a parliament?
8. Who sang 'shotgun'?
9. What is Elsa's song called in the first 'Frozen' film?
10. What historic wall runs along the border between England and Scotland?

## 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. Jack
2. A Mouse
3. Tokyo
4. Eight
5. 1945
6. Leonardo Da Vinci
7. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
8. A carpet
9. Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria
10. Great Barrier Reef

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

# CRAFT TIME

This is a craft that I have seen on the internet and thought it is so simple that I wanted to share with you.

With Halloween just a few weeks away, why not try making your very own DIY Monster corner bookmarks!

Click on the link below and follow the step by step guide to make your own, your books will never look better!

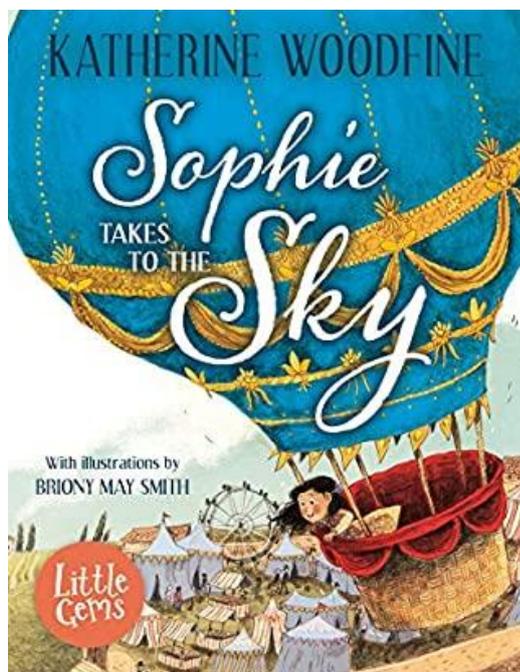


<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/diy-corner-bookmarks/>

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Sophie Takes to the Sky

by Katherine Woodfine

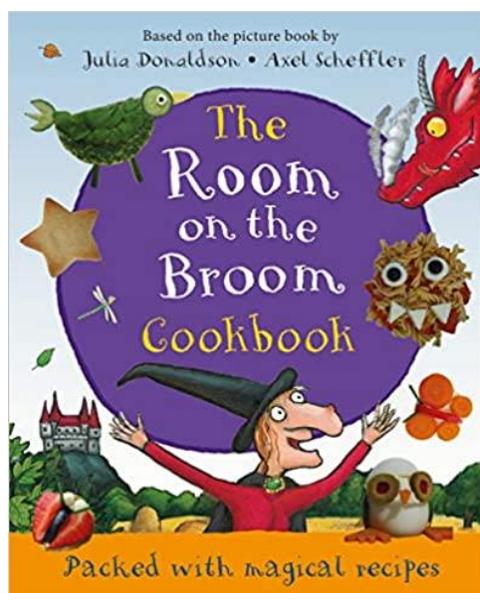


Scaredy-Cat Sophie is afraid of everything! So when a balloonist comes to the town fair, Sophie is left behind while everyone else goes to watch him fly in his marvellous balloon. She's far too frightened of the crowds, the commotion and even riding in a horse-drawn carriage. But Sophie longs to watch the hot-air balloon sail across the blue sky. If she could just be brave enough to face her fears, who knows where her journey might take her..

A touching tale for young readers of learning to overcome anxiety and follow your dreams.

## The Room on a Broom Cook Book

Based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler



Make your own cheese wands, creepy crawly crackers, roasted dragon or even witch and chips. With twenty-four recipes specially designed for adults to use with children, easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions and lots of hints and tips on what to do next, The Room on the Broom Cookbook is a great way to inspire an interest in cooking and baking. Perfect for holidays, rainy days.



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