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# 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.

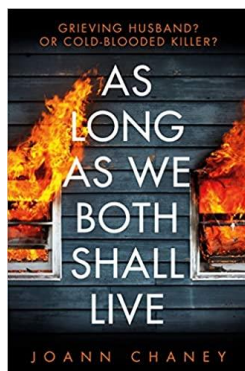
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

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?

### Book Review by Niamh, Library Member

#### As Long As We Both Shall Live By Joann Chaney



'My wife! I think she's dead!' Matt frantically calls to park rangers, explaining that he and his wife, Marie, were out hiking when she stumbled on a cliff edge and fell into the raging river below. They start a search but aren't hopeful: no one could have survived that fall. It's a tragic accident.

But when police discover Matt's first wife also died in suspicious circumstances – a fire in their family home – they have a lot more questions for him.

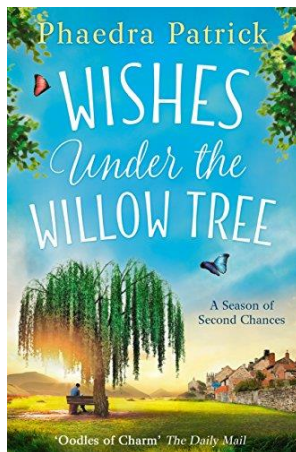
Is Matt a grieving husband, or has he just killed his second wife? Detectives Loren and Spengler dig into the couple's lives to see what they can unearth. And they find that love's got teeth, it's got claws, and once it hitches you to a person, it's tough to rip yourself free. So, what happens when you're done making it work?

As Long as We Both Shall Live had me well and truly hooked from the beginning. The first line is completely gripping. For me, sometimes crime thrillers can be a little bit hit or miss but personally, this was definitely a hit. There was a lot of back and forth between storylines which often felt a bit confusing at times and there are various storylines piled upon one

another. However, I did thoroughly enjoy this book. It is a fast-paced thriller jam packed with twist and turns you won't see coming. Layer after layer added to this story gives you an undeniable need to get to the end. If you are a fan of thrillers, I beg of you, go out and get this book because I promise you will love it as much as I do.

### **Review by Petal – Library Member**

#### **Wishes Under the Willow Tree by Phaedra Patrick**



A feel-good story that concentrates on relationships and family, this was a sweet book with likeable characters.

Benedict and Estelle's relationship has broken down. After years of trying for a child, tensions have reached breaking point and Estelle has moved out. When Benedict's teenage niece arrives on his doorstep, she devises project WEB, a plan to help him win Estelle back.

Although there are no surprises in the plot, it carries along at a nice pace and is good if you are in the mood for an easy read.

## **Lockdown Quiz:**

Lockdown Quiz – courtesy of: **Hilary, Library Assistant**

### **SUMMERTIME QUIZ**

1. Whose summer villa is at Castel Gandolfo?
2. What is used as the filling of a summer pudding?
3. In 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' what was done 'All on a summer's day'?
4. Which brothers wrote the song 'Summertime'?
5. Esther Summerson is the heroine of which novel by Charles Dickens?
6. Which song describes summer thus 'Those days of soda and pretzels and beer'?
7. Who had a hit record in 1961 with 'Summertime Blues'?
8. In which capital city in the Northern Hemisphere, the name of which is a local tribe, has almost 19 hours of daylight during the Summer Solstice?
9. The film 'Summersby' starred Richard Gere and which actress?
10. How is the singer La Donna Gaynes better known?

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

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

1. MARGARET THATCHER
2. WINSTON CHURCHILL
3. ROBERT WALPOLE
4. STANLEY BALDWIN
5. THERESA MAY
6. WILLIAM GLADSTONE
7. GORDON BROWN
8. TED HEATH
9. JAMES CALLAGHAN
10. TONY BLAIR



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<https://yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk/>

# Recipe of the Week:

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

## **Vegetable Curry**

**Provided by Lee, Digital Library Advisor**

**Serves 4**

### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons salt, for water
- 1lb of white potato, cut into cubes
- 1lb of sweet potato, cut into cubes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2-centimetre pieces ginger, minced
- Tin of diced tomato
- Tin of chickpeas, drained
- Tin of peas, drained
- Tin of coconut milk

You could also add some mangetout and baby sweetcorn

### Preparation

Place potatoes into a large pot and cover with well-salted water. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer, cover and let the potatoes cook until fork tender—about 12 minutes. Once cooked, drain the potatoes and set them aside.



Return the pot to the stove and add 1 tablespoon of oil. Add onion and garlic and sauté over medium heat until onion is tender and starts to turn translucent, about 3-5 minutes.



Add cumin, cayenne, curry powder, salt, pepper and ginger. Stir to combine before adding tomatoes, chickpeas, and peas.



Increase heat to medium-high and stir in the coconut milk. Bring to a simmer before adding the potatoes back to the pot. Reduce heat to low and cook everything together for 3-5 minutes before serving.



## MAYFLOWER 400 1620-2020

2020 marks the 400th year since the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World and celebrations will take place on both side of the Atlantic and in the Netherlands.

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/about/about-mayflower-400/>



[About Mayflower 400 | Mayflower 2020 events and celebrations | Mayflower - Mayflower 2020 Anniversary | Mayflower 400 | Mayflower](#)

About Mayflower 400 The year 2020 marks the 400 th anniversary of the historic voyage of the Mayflower ship from the UK to the 'New World' of America.. The anniversary will commemorate the legacy of the passengers and crew who undertook the epic journey inspired by an unquenchable desire for freedom; and for whom the voyage promised newfound liberty.

[www.mayflower400uk.org](http://www.mayflower400uk.org)

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2020-06-10/plymouth-will-bounce-back-in-2021-with-fresh-plans-for-mayflower-400-celebrations-say-organisers/>



[Plymouth will 'bounce back' in 2021 with fresh plans for Mayflower 400 celebrations, say organisers | West Country - ITV News](#)

Read the latest West Country stories, Plymouth will 'bounce back' in 2021 with fresh plans for Mayflower 400 celebrations, say organisers on ITV News, videos, stories and all the latest West ...

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



## UK TV PROGRAMMES

Many popular TV series which would have been starting up again soon are having to adapt their formats because of the recent pandemic.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/strictly-come-dancing-confirmed-to-return-this-year-with-a-shorter-series/ar-BB15VGEv?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



### ['Strictly Come Dancing' confirmed to return this year with a shorter series](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/strictly-come-dancing-confirmed-to-return-this-year-with-a-shorter-series/ar-BB15VGEv?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

It has now been confirmed that Strictly Come Dancing will go ahead this year but the series will be "slightly shorter" than usual. It comes amid ongoing speculation as to whether the show would be ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/strictly-come-dancing-confirmed-to-return-this-year-with-a-shorter-series/ar-BB15VGEv?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/other/itv-to-fill-x-factor-gap-with-celebrity-karaoke-show/ar-BB15WN0c?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



### [ITV to fill X Factor gap with celebrity karaoke show?](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/other/itv-to-fill-x-factor-gap-with-celebrity-karaoke-show/ar-BB15WN0c?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

ITV are looking to fill this year's 'X Factor' gap with a new celebrity karaoke show. The channel are not expected to air the talent show this year, but are said to be working on a new programme ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/other/itv-to-fill-x-factor-gap-with-celebrity-karaoke-show/ar-BB15WN0c?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsmanchester/amanda-holden-hints-at-britain-s-got-talent-s-groundbreaking-new-ways-to-film-live/ar-BB15XtR9?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



### [Amanda Holden hints at Britain's Got Talent's groundbreaking new ways to film live](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsmanchester/amanda-holden-hints-at-britain-s-got-talent-s-groundbreaking-new-ways-to-film-live/ar-BB15XtR9?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

Amanda Holden has hinted that Britain's Got Talent will be trailblazing new ways to broadcast to live audiences. The presenter told her Heart radio breakfast show that the talent programme will ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsmanchester/amanda-holden-hints-at-britain-s-got-talent-s-groundbreaking-new-ways-to-film-live/ar-BB15XtR9?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

The Aldeburgh Festival has been cancelled this year, but classical music fans can listen to some recommended recordings, or watch via BBC iPlayer, a complete performance of Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes, filmed on the beach at Aldeburgh.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/classical-home-listening-from-the-salon-to-storm-tossed-aldeburgh/ar-BB1629eu?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



#### [Classical home listening: from the salon to storm-tossed Aldeburgh](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/classical-home-listening-from-the-salon-to-storm-tossed-aldeburgh/ar-BB1629eu?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

. This week we enter the salon. Please don't leave. While not quite champing at the bit for CDs of music by Alfredo Piatti (1822-1901), a star of that 19th-century tradition, I was intrigued to ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/classical-home-listening-from-the-salon-to-storm-tossed-aldeburgh/ar-BB1629eu?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05x2wfg>



#### [BBC Four - Peter Grimes on Aldeburgh Beach](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05x2wfg)

A landmark open-air staging by Aldeburgh Music of Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes, on the very place and beach that inspired the opera. With the North Sea and sky as a dramatic backdrop and a ...

[www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05x2wfg)

As lockdown eases there may be those who are feeling anxious about venturing outside again. This link provides some advice.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/health/familyhealth/how-to-ease-your-post-lockdown-anxiety/vi-BB160uLD?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



#### [How to ease your post-lockdown anxiety](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/health/familyhealth/how-to-ease-your-post-lockdown-anxiety/vi-BB160uLD?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

For months we have been adjusting to life in lockdown, but over the coming weeks and months, lockdown restrictions are gradually going to ease. Great-grandmother with dementia reunited with family ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/health/familyhealth/how-to-ease-your-post-lockdown-anxiety/vi-BB160uLD?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)



## FLUTE THEATRE

### ONLINE VIEWING OF SHAKESPEARE FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newslondon/theatre-company-puts-shakespeare-online-for-people-with-autism/ar-BB166xVN?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



#### [Theatre company puts Shakespeare online for people with autism](#)

A London theatre company which adapts Shakespeare plays for people with autism is going online. Flute Theatre is performing Pericles for families and small groups by appointment on Zoom until July 18.

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

<https://flutetheatre.co.uk/>

#### [Flute Theatre](#)

Flute is a true ensemble: a group of pioneering actors led by Kelly Hunter, pushing the boundaries of Shakespeare performance for audiences across the world including those with autism.

[flutetheatre.co.uk](http://flutetheatre.co.uk)

## BRITISH BOOK AWARDS

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/books/british-book-awards-candice-carty-williams-becomes-first-black-british-woman-to-win-book-of-the-year-prize/ar-BB167rE1?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>

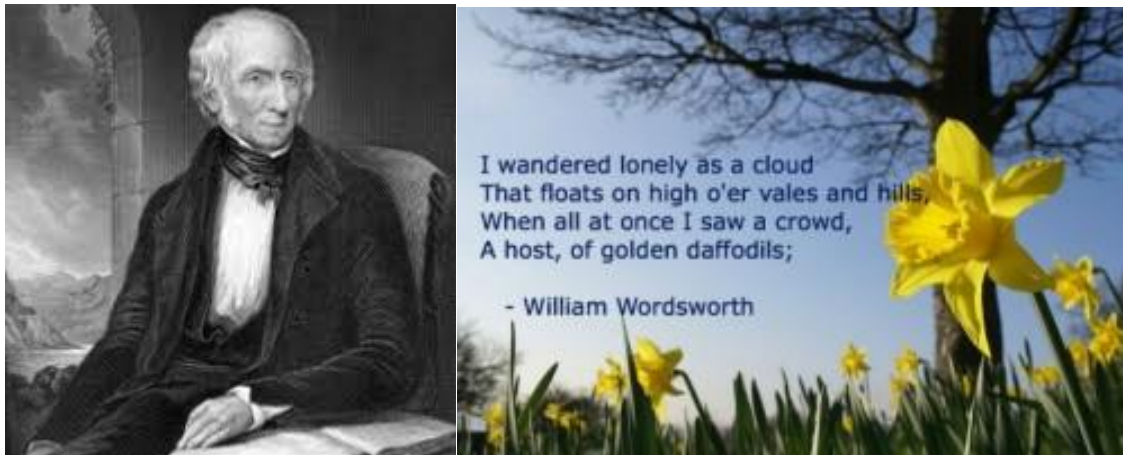


#### [British Book Awards: Candice Carty-Williams becomes first black British woman to win Book of the Year prize - msn.com](#)

Candice Carty-Williams has become the first black British woman to win Book of the Year at the British Book Awards. Carty-Williams won the award for Queenie, her debut novel, which has become a ...

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

## WILLIAM WORDSWORTH 1770-1850



The 7th April was the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth and events to celebrate this will continue until the end of the year.

<https://wordsworth250.org/>

### [Wordsworth 250 | A Year-Long Celebration of William Wordsworth's Birth](https://wordsworth250.org/)

7th April 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of the poet William Wordsworth (1770 – 1850). Wordsworth was one of the greatest and most representative poets of the age of Romanticism, the revolutionary period whose ideas and values – democracy, the rights of the individual, our relationship with nature, the power of the human mind – define the modern world.

[wordsworth250.org](https://wordsworth250.org/)

<https://wordsworth.org.uk/blog/2020/06/03/the-women-in-william-wordsworths-life/>



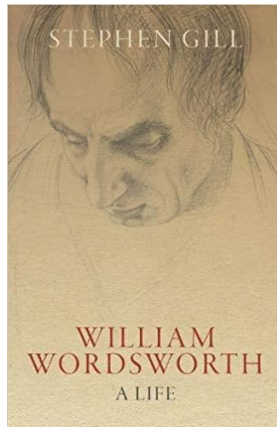
### [The women in William Wordsworth's life - Wordsworth - Grasmere](https://wordsworth.org.uk/blog/2020/06/03/the-women-in-william-wordsworths-life/)

A silhouette of Mary Wordsworth (left) and portrait of Dora Wordsworth (right); map of the area around Grasmere, from the 1950s. In the Poems on the Naming of Places (mostly written in 1800), Wordsworth ascribed different places in the local landscape to the people he was most fond of.

[wordsworth.org.uk](https://wordsworth.org.uk)

And Stephen Gill's biography of the poet has just been revised and updated to commemorate the event. A review of the book is shown below.

<https://wordsworth.org.uk/blog/2020/04/14/book-review-wordsworth-a-life-by-stephen-gill/>



## **CRIME and THRILLER WRITERS AND THEIR CHARACTERS**

Crime and thriller fiction has always been one the most popular genres of writing and a recent interview with Lee Child reveals how he feels about his main character Jack Reacher. This is followed by a link in which other writers describe their own relationships with their creations.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/lee-child-on-jack-reacher-i-don-t-like-him-that-much/ar-BB161S32?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



### [Lee Child on Jack Reacher: 'I don't like him that much'](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/lee-child-on-jack-reacher-i-don-t-like-him-that-much/ar-BB161S32?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

Jack Reacher has millions of fans all over the world, but his creator, Lee Child, has revealed he doesn't "like Reacher that much" and originally planned to end his bestselling thriller series by having his character "bleed out on some filthy motel bathroom floor". Child said he had a motto about his 6ft 5in former US army military policeman: "I need to like him less than you're going to like him." His 24 novels about Reacher – a wandering loner...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/lee-child-on-jack-reacher-i-don-t-like-him-that-much/ar-BB161S32?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/me-and-my-detective-by-lee-child-attica-locke-sara-paretsky-jo-nesbo-and-more/ar-BB161Q1r?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



[Me and my detective by Lee Child, Attica Locke, Sara Paretsky, Jo Nesbø and more](#)

"I've been doing it 24 years now and I couldn't do it any more," says Lee Child as he hands over the reins of his Jack Reacher series to his brother Andrew Grant. He's not the first to ...

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

## RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEENAGERS

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/young-adult-books-roundup-review/ar-BB168LjJ?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



[Young adult books roundup – review](#)

It wouldn't be summer without a sun-drenched coming-of-age story, so beautifully realised in Meg Rosoff's seductive and elegant *The Great Godden* (Bloomsbury). In an almost implausibly golden ...

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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:



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## Podcast of the Week:

### **James Acaster's Perfect Sounds**

James Acaster tries to convince comedians that 2016 is the greatest year for music, ever. For James, 2016 is the greatest year for music of all time. Following a breakup James set out to rekindle his love for music by buying hundreds of new and niche releases from 2016. He invites a new comedian for each episode and tries to convince them of his point of view.



Here is the link to Perfect Sounds:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p089rfmk>

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## Album of the Week:

### **Performance Space Number One by Psycho Comedy recommended by Joe**

A brilliant debut from this Liverpool band, it's hard to put into words what listening to this record in full is like. It's an exhilarating attack on the senses. The sound is an amalgamation of Iggy and the Stooges, The Fall, David Lynch, Lee Majors, John Cooper Clarke...and yet you've probably heard nothing quite like it or them before.





Here is the music video for the 'Pick Me Up':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYIX0TGSYLs>

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)

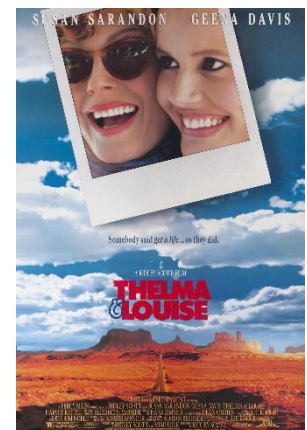
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## Films of the Week:

**Monday: Thelma & Louise**

**9pm Channel 5**

Two world-weary friends flee their dull lives for a weekend road trip. However, after killing a would-be rapist in self-defence, they make a fateful decision to run from the law, sparking a chain of events destined to end in tragedy. Starring Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon.



**Tuesday: Ex Machina**

**11.15pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)**



A computer programmer is given the opportunity to spend a week at the remote home of his boss, a hi-tech genius. It turns out to be an elaborate experiment, in which he must test



the world's first truly artificial intelligence. Oscar Isaac, Alicia Vikander and Domhnall Gleeson star.

**Wednesday: A Most Violent Year**

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

New York City during the winter of 1981 is a dangerous place to be, but one immigrant is determined to expand his business and support his family. Thriller starring Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain and David

Olyelowo.

**Thursday: The History Boys**

**10.40pm BBC4**

Eight unruly grammar school boys preparing to take their Oxbridge entrance exams are exposed to the contrasting teaching styles of two very different schoolmasters. Comedy drama adapted from Alan Bennett's play. Starring Richard Griffiths.

**Friday: Shirley Valentine**

**10pm Channel 5**

A Liverpudlian housewife is trapped in a humdrum existence and a dull marriage. Fed up, she decides to go on an unheard-of holiday by herself to a Greek island, where she starts to enjoy life again. Comedy, adapted from Willy Russell's stage play, starring Pauline Collins and Tom Conti.

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)

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# Something for the Kids:

If you've missed Joe Wicks exercising in the morning you can catch up with him here

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos>

He's keeping kids fit and healthy and lots of the parents are joining in too, looks like lots of fun.

## Craft Time

### Cotton ball rainbow craft

What you'll need: -

Cotton balls

Construction paper in the colours of the rainbow

White paper

Glue

Scissors



- Draw 2 cloud shapes on your white paper and cut out
- Cut strips of paper in the rainbow colours



- Glue the strips of paper to the back of one of the cloud shapes
- Glue your second cloud shape to the back to cover where you've just glued



- Generously cover one of your clouds with glue and put the cotton balls on
- Once dry, you can do the other side (if you wish)
- You could glue some thread to hang up, makes a beautiful decoration



## Sites to Try

Here is a link of book recommendations for parents and their children.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/the-best-books-for-frazzled-parents-and-their-children/ar-BB161Up2?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



### [The best books for frazzled parents - and their children](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/the-best-books-for-frazzled-parents-and-their-children/ar-BB161Up2?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

Books offering support to parents have come on in leaps and bounds since the days when Gina Ford and Supernanny-style discipline reigned supreme. My go-to book for practical advice is The Book You ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com)

## QUIZ TIME

1. What number is on Lightning McQueen in the Cars movie?
2. What is a flying dinosaur called?
3. How many days in a fortnight?
4. Who sings 'Can't Stop The Feeling'?
5. How many letters are in the alphabet?
6. What is the teacher's name in Peppa Pig?
7. How many minutes in an hour?
8. In the fairy story who met 3 bears?
9. What is Postman Pat's black and white cat called?
10. In the book series Hairy Maclary, who has a very low tum?

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

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:

1. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
2. Rio
3. Shrek forever after
4. Hotel Transylvania
5. Pixels
6. Inside out
7. Mr Peabody and Sherman
8. Minions
9. Cinderella
10. Toy story 4

## Book Recommendation/Review

### The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Anderson



When Kay is cursed by a magic mirror, he can no longer perceive goodness in anything - not his best friend Gerda, nor the roses in the garden. One wintry evening, he is kidnapped by the wicked Snow Queen and swept away to live for ever in her kingdom of ice.

Friendless and shoe-less, Gerda must travel through inhospitable lands, with only crows to guide her and bandits for company, in order to find her beloved friend. And when she gets there, how will she melt the ice in his heart?

Reviewed by Tanish age 8

This is a story of a boy named Kay and a girl called Grenda. Kay was kidnapped by a wicked Snow Queen and she takes Kay to her ice castle in the far north. Brenda came to rescue Kay and had lots of exciting adventures on the way and met lots of interesting people.

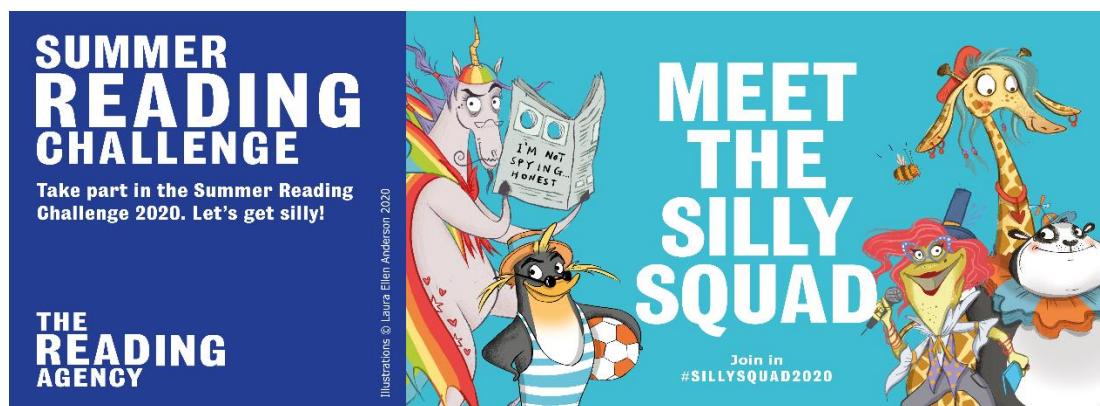
I really enjoyed this book and it took me two days to read it. I would tell my friends that I read The Snow Queen and say it was a good book.

## DON'T FORGET

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is "**Silly Squad**" - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

Sign up for the Challenge at [sillysquad.org.uk](https://sillysquad.org.uk). The site is free to access and will feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. It is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal.

**Challenge starts on Friday 5 June 2020 and will run until September**



Keep Reading 😊

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