

DECEMBER 2024: STUDENT BOOK OF THE MONTH...

The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas, A Musical Novel by Matt Lucas

Robin's review:

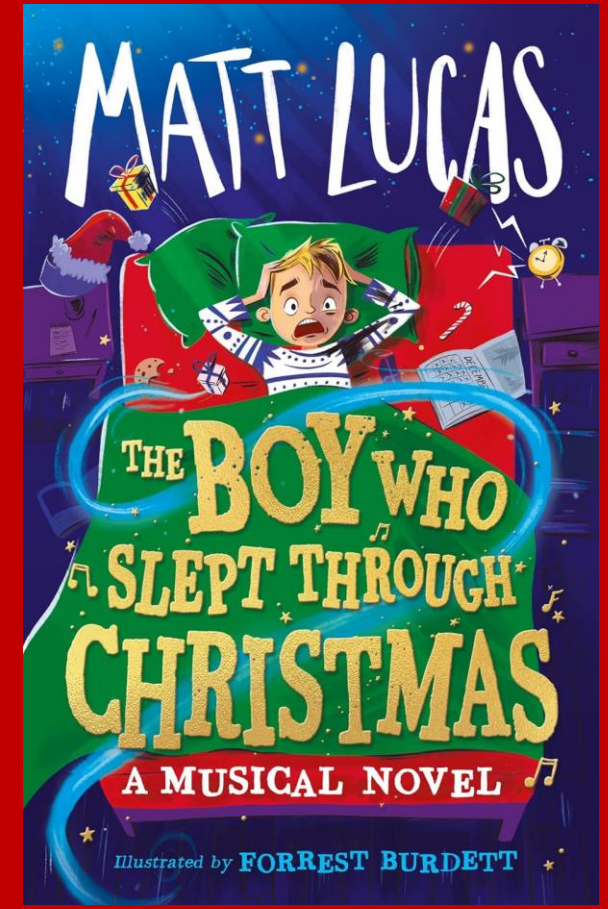
This book got better and better as the story went on. It made me feel **Christmassy!**

My favourite character was the Boy because I accidentally slept through Christmas once too...

Robin's rating... **6 out of 5 stars!!**



This book was chosen by... **Robin** from 8TAL!



January 2025:

Student Book of the Month

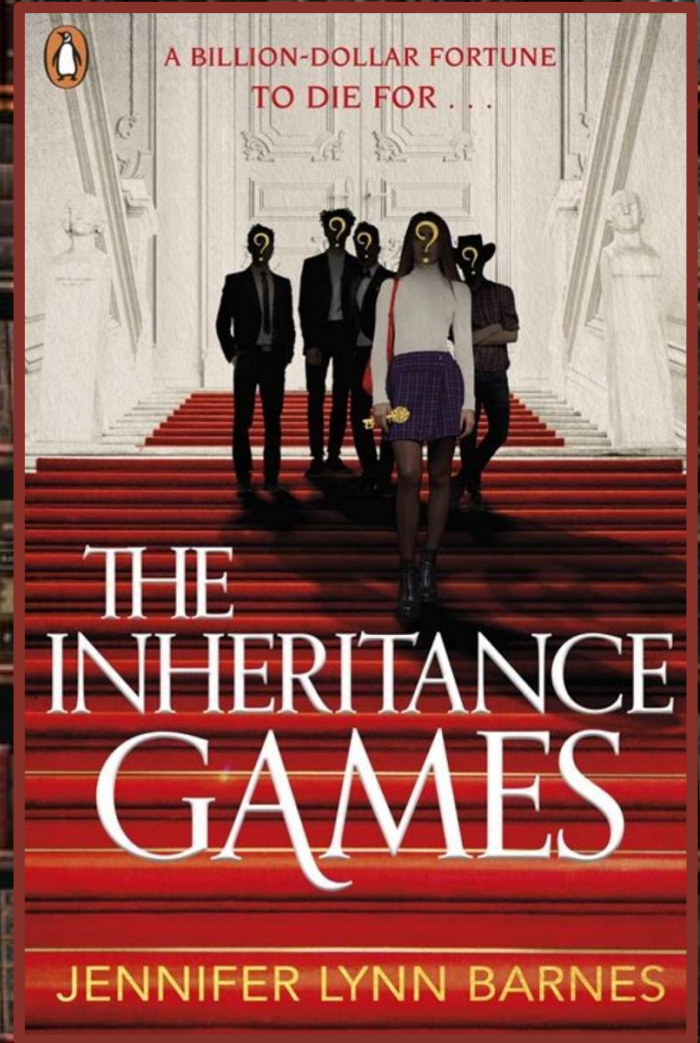
Chosen by Amrit from 9WCH

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. **A DEADLY GAME.** Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money. **WINNER TAKES ALL.** Soon she is caught in a deadly game that everyone in this strange family is playing. But just how far will they go to keep their fortune?

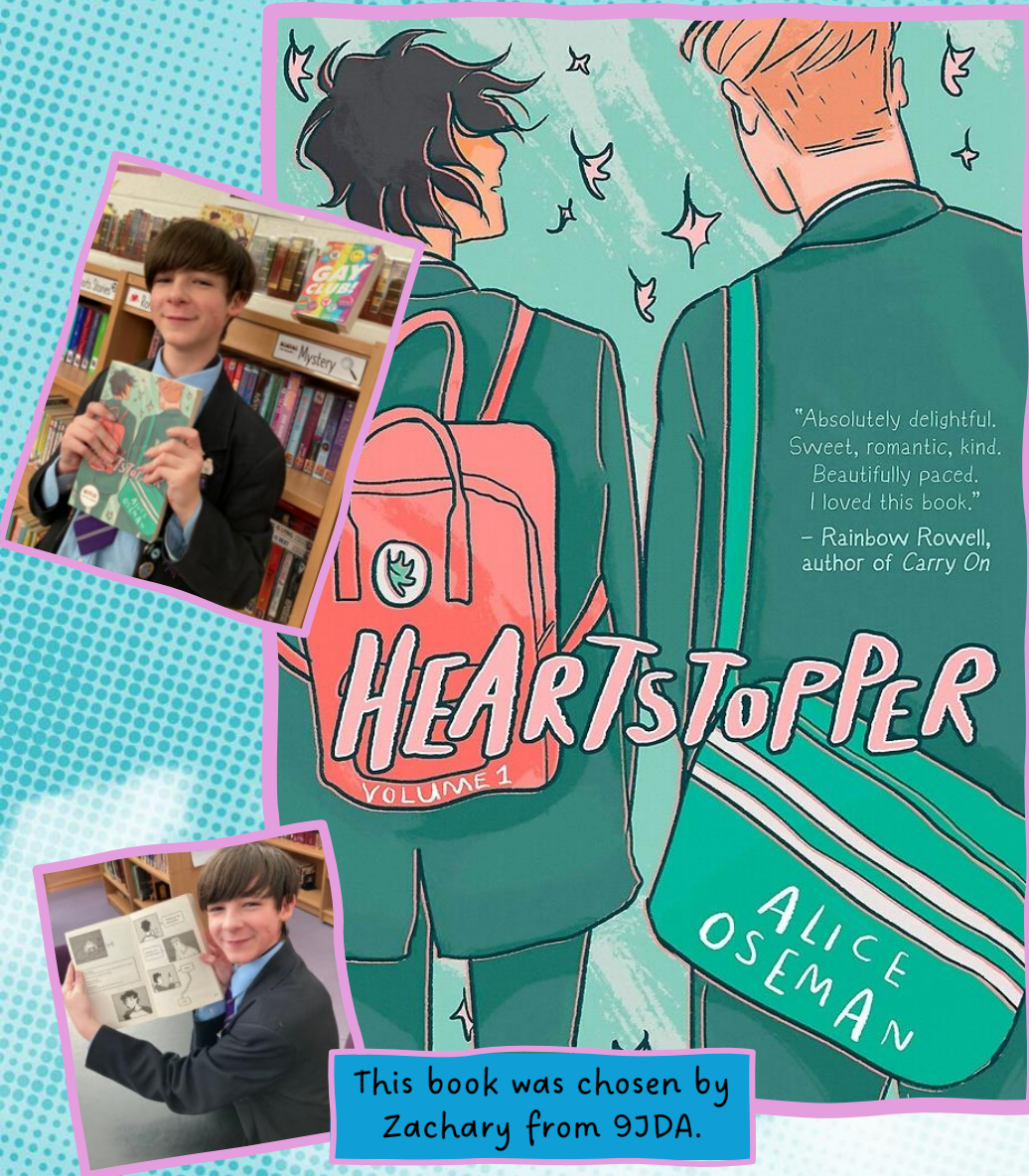
Amrit's AMAZING review:

The Inheritance Games is an absolutely thrilling story. There are so many unexpected plot twists to keep you on the edge of your seat. Avery, the main character, is very well developed and clever. The puzzles add an intriguing layer of mystery. It contains themes of family, trust and betrayal. Overall, it's a great book combining suspense and great story telling.



Amrit is an avid reader and visits the Arena library every day to read, catch up on homework, or socialize!

February 2025: Student Book of the Month



This book was chosen by
Zachary from 9JDA.

Heartstopper Series by Alice Oseman

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love.

Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met... until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance.

But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realises.

Zachary's brilliant review:

As of right now, I have read all the Heartstopper books. I have read Volumes 1-5. So, I am the masterful Heartstopper reviewer. Furthermore, I have watched all seasons.

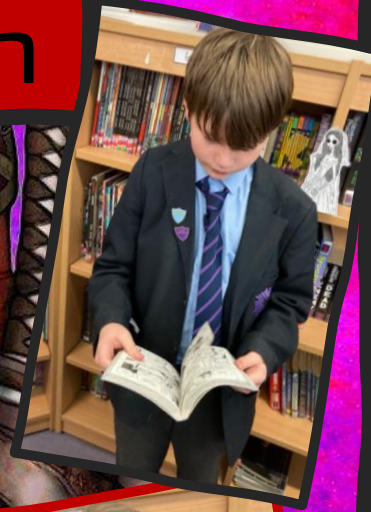
Heartstopper is an incredible graphic novel series with lots to offer, it discusses mental health, LGBTQ+ and many other things. However, Volume 3 and onwards are considered mature reads, and there are many triggering topics. Heartstopper touches base on many things within the LGBTQIA+ community. I recommend this series for the accurate representation of mental health and sexuality. Heartstopper can also help you along your journey of figuring out your sexuality, your gender identity and sexual orientation. Heartstopper may just be the book series that you need in your life!

March 2025

Student Book of the Month

This book was chosen
by Charles from 7LAM:

One of the reasons why I like this book is because it is full of humour. Especially Deadpool – he is so funny. I really love that it is set in Japan because I love Japan and really want to visit. I enjoy the way that other stories and manga are included like Venom (I really like Venom as well) and Demon Slayer. Another reason why I like this manga is the plot because Deadpool joins the Avengers Samurai Squad! I would recommend this book to teens that also like manga and Marvel because it has humour and fighting (which is why it is rated Mature).



Consent is needed from
parents before borrowing
from the library due to age
rating!



APRIL 2025: STUDENT BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE GIRL WHO SPEAKS BEAR BY SOPHIE ANDERSON

THIS BOOK WAS CHOSEN BY LILY-ANN FROM 7ASP.

Here is LILY-ANN'S BRILLIANT review:

FOUND ABANDONED IN A CAVE AS A BABY, YANKA SETS OUT ON A MISSION TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT HER PAST. THEY CALL HER YANKA THE BEAR. BUT NOT BECAUSE OF WHERE THEY FOUND HER... NOT MANY PEOPLE KNEW THAT. WHEN THE STRANGE WHISPERS AND LOOKS FINALLY GET TO HER, SHE FLEES TO THE WOODS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

FROM ICY RIVERS TO SMOULDERING MOUNTAINS, MEETING AN EVER-GROWING HERD OF EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY, YANKA FINDS HERSELF STANDING IN A TOUGH POSITION: FAMILY OR FRIENDS?

I LOVE READING THIS BOOK BECAUSE IT IS FULL OF TWISTS AND TURNS, UPS AND DOWNS, AND YANKA IS EITHER IN A LIFE OR DEATH OR IN A HAPPINESS OR SADNESS SITUATION. I ALSO LIKE HOW CHARACTERS FROM A PREVIOUS SOPHIE ANDERSON BOOK FEATURE IN THIS ONE.



May 2025:

Student Book of the Month

Broken Heart Club by Cathy Cassidy

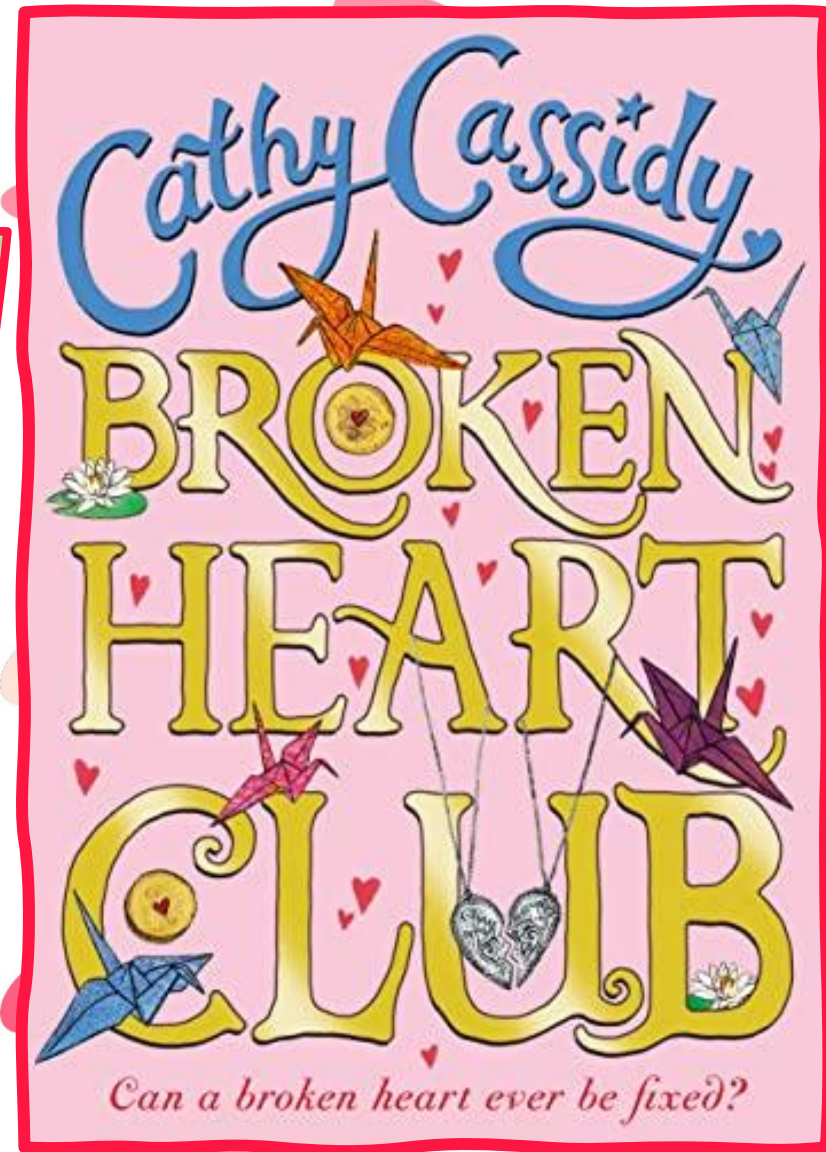
This book was chosen by Diarra from 8ARA.



Here is Diarra's thoughtful review:

This book is about 5 friends who knew each other from childhood: Hasmita, Eden, Andie, Ryan and Tasha (their names spell HEART). After secondary school, they went their different ways.

This book is my vibe. The cover, the story, everything! Although I didn't like that it had to do with grief and death, even though they are important topics to talk about. I would still definitely recommend this book, and I would give it 5 out of 5 stars!



June 2025: Student Book of the Month

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

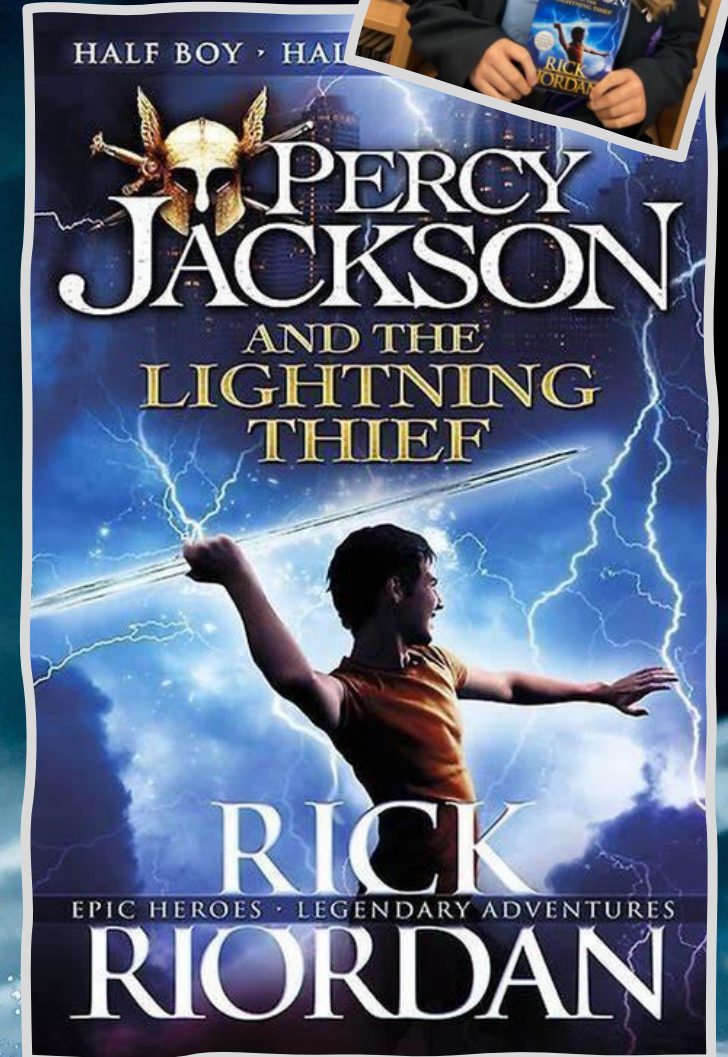
This book was chosen by Leah from 9JDA. Here is her electrifying review:

I like this book because it transports your mind to another place and it helps to take away your worries. My favourite part was when Ares left his shield at Hephaestus' fun fair. There was a trap set for Ares but the main character Percy and his love interest Annabeth got stuck in the trap instead. Annabeth had to tell Hephaestus that Percy was different from the other Gods to be freed.

My favourite characters were Percy and Annabeth.

I would definitely recommend this book because it is amazing! It shows that you can always tell the difference between good and evil. 5 stars!!!!

The whole Percy Jackson series is available in the Arena Library!



Available from the Arena
Library!

JULY 2025:

Student Book of the Month

The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

Ready to find out what happens?
Prepare to meet THE DANGER GANG!
Just remember... SHHHHH, it's a secret!

This book was chosen by Kayden from 7JKL.

Here is his thrilling review:

This book is about a gang of kids finding out about a mystery in their neighbourhood. My favourite part was when the Franky ate pizza with his family and then the thunder started! Franky Brown is my favourite character in this book because he is the hero.

I would recommend this book because it is scary and thrilling.
But be warned! There is a lot of scary green thunder...

