



## READING FOR PLEASURE SPECIAL

This edition has a bit of everything - reviews, book talks, a look at student reading preferences and their thoughts on what other students should be reading.



Ethan talks about **ONE PIECE**

**Ethan (year 10) says:**

One Piece is the first set of Manga that I've ever read (there are many volumes) and I did it in double-quick time! Look at every single page and you'll always see a character laughing or with a gaping expression - you won't see anyone with their mouths closed!

Monkey D. Luffy is the main protagonist - he has special powers. A really exciting storyline and carefully planned out. Funny, goofy and tense!



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**Booktalk!**

Cody wanted to talk about his love of reading books on World War Two. He has a passion for the subject and reads as much as he can around the period when he is in the library. He is always happy to share his knowledge of the topic with others.

This is what he had to say:

What I like to read  
by Cody (year 7)



1. How many books have you read about WW2?

❖ I have read about 10 books, quite a few at home.

2. Name the books that you've read since you started at LNS in September.

❖ Dog Fight/ Resistance by Craig Simpson  
The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier  
Horrible History WW2 by Terry Deary  
The D-Day Companion by Duncan Anderson

3. Why do you like WW2?

❖ I find the events interesting. I don't like the atrocities that were committed, I think that it is my strong point as a subject.  
I like history (fiction and non-fiction).

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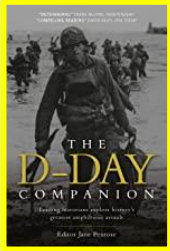
## Booktalk!

(Continued)

Cody - year 7

4. Which non-fiction books have you read lately?

- ❖ I have been reading a library book called **D-Day Companion**. It's really good for looking for information about events following D-Day. I also like to read about the North African Theatre of War, anything covering the period 1939 – 1945.



5. Do you have a favourite fictional character?

- ❖ Yes - he is called Finn Gunnensen. He is the main character in a book called **Dog Fight** by Craig Simpson. Finn is a brave boy who does thrilling and dangerous things.

6. Are there parts of the story that you remember in particular?

- ❖ There is an actual dogfight, Finn and Loki fly a plane and Loki is performing corkscrews (twists and turns), ferocious special manoeuvres to be saved from a hailstorm of bullets. Very exciting!!



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## BOOK REVIEW 1

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Frankie (year 10) reviews  
*The Loneliest Girl in the  
Universe* by Lauren James

The title interested me straight away, I wondered why the author would want to write a book about a lonely girl. The book from the start is very slow and can take time to get into but if you devote precious time into reading you

can really start to get into the book and it really does get exciting. The book has a female protagonist. Personally I never read science-fiction books, so this was a first for me, but I really enjoyed it after getting into the story.

Romy Silvers (the name of the girl) is the only surviving crew member and she is travelling around in a space ship. She is 16 years old. Sadly her parents died, she is the first ever space-born baby. Her role after her parents dying is to become space commander. She watches TV in space, which helps to stop her from feeling totally isolated and she keeps a space log, she also communicates with another space traveller.

The aim of the book is really to show what being lonely can do to a person. I think that being on her own drives Romy a bit crazy. The story also makes you realise that being on your own can make you exposed to dangers.



# WHAT IS MANWHA?

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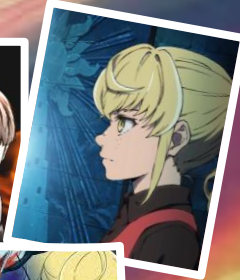


### Bogdan (year 10) explains...

I was looking through my manga online and the manwha titles popped up – I decided to read some and found that I really like them. Manwha is the Korean equivalent of manga, which is from Japan. I prefer manwha because it is like a graphic novel, it doesn't have as many speech bubbles.

My favourite book is called The Beginning After The End by Fuyuki23 and TurtleMe, I like the stories because they have a lot of fighting, adventure and action. There are lots of superheroes (male and female), fighting masters with magic, there are also plenty of plot twists which I like.

The stories go on for many, many chapters (one per week), I am on chapter 133! (which is the latest) at the time of writing. I would recommend manwha to students who like to watch anime. I do a lot of reading on my phone, the stories can also be uploaded on computer – go to [www.manga4life.com](http://www.manga4life.com). There's no need to log on, there'll be a list of titles available to select or there is a search bar if there is a specific title that someone wants to look for.





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## Reading Day Regulars

The library's **Reading Only** days provide an opportunity for students to catch up on their reading (guided/AR/RFP) in a quiet space. All students are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime and after school from 3:00pm to 3:30pm.



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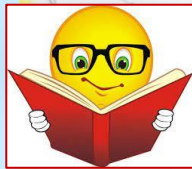


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## BOOK REVIEW 2

D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer  
Review by Aiden - year 7



This is a

Bookbuzz

book!

The main characters are Jack, Jack's dad, Angie (his mum) and Finn, the dog. The story is about Jack and his dad who is an army reserve, he is about to go to war.

There is a lot of fighting in the book and some really gruesome parts, like the paragliders who jump out of planes, some of them died. There could have been more positive things like soldiers escaping war or meeting their families at the end of the story.

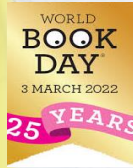
There was a happy ending for some of the main characters at the end, which was nice. I would like to say that I really enjoyed this book.

## Other books by Tom Palmer





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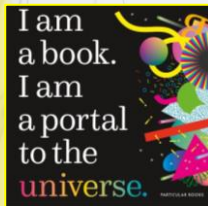
## World Book Day 2022

**The WBD books below are in the library, ready to be taken away. All that's needed is a WBD voucher in exchange for a book of your choice, which is yours to keep for free!**



Vouchers are valid until the end of March. You may be able to get some books after the Easter holidays - please speak to Mrs. Suter (librarian) for more details.

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**I am a book. I am a portal to the Universe.**

**Winner** of The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2021



This book, written by Stefanie Posavec and Miriam Quick, has been described as an abstract and artistic collaboration between art, science and data. A tool to help young readers discover the science hidden in

every day life. Our core judging panel voted for another book (Inventors) to be their winner. Cody sums up why, he says:

"It is a book that is factual and key to learning about famous scientists past and present. It is appealing and fun..."

The shortlisted books are on display in the library.





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## Library news in brief

### Library donations

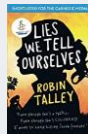
*Thank You!*



A huge shoutout to Ms. Henry for donating copies of The **i** newspaper to the library. You do this almost on a daily basis and it is very much appreciated.

There is now a significant backfile which students can refer to if they want to read small, manageable articles about domestic or world events. The **i** nicely complements our other newspaper titles (The Times and The Metro) – thanks very much!!

Thanks also to Ms. Schuil for kindly donating a great set of LGBT-themed books to the library. The titles below tie in with LGBT History Month, which is celebrated annually in February. There are novels written by award-winning authors, such as Juno Dawson and Robin Talley; the donation also includes books from Alice Oseman's popular Heartstopper series. These writers have hugely impacted this fiction genre and provided great insight into the struggles and challenges experienced by LGBT teens. A much-needed and welcome addition to our library collection.



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## Library news in brief

### Books returned to library after 50 year loan (well almost)...

It is hard to believe that the books pictured – The Heart of the Matter and The Confidential Agent (by Graham Greene) and The Lost Girl (by D.H. Lawrence) - have found their way back to the library after 49 years. All the books included date labels - one from Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) and two with London County Council (LCC) stamps - still intact!



The earliest recorded return date in the books go back even further - to 1963 (a staggering 59 years!!).

One could only hazard a guess that the reader couldn't part with the books, after reading such great stories or their guilty conscience might have got the better of them! The books were returned anonymously, so the borrower couldn't be thanked for keeping the books in such good condition nor could they be assured that there would be no fines to pay!

All library books returned, however long overdue, are always gratefully received...

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Do you have any  
favourite books  
which have got you  
through lockdown?

## Lockdown Favourites:



There was a fantastic response to this question, which was posed in last term's newsletter - here are some book titles below, recommended by students, to chase away the lockdown/Covid blues...



The Art of War by  
Niccolo Machiavelli  
War and Peace by  
Leo Tolstoy  
Das Kapital by  
Karl Marx

"Anon" - year 10

Skulduggery Pleasant by  
Derek Landy

ZOM B (series) by  
Darren Shan

Watchmen (GN) by  
Alan Moore

Baxter - year 10

Harry Potter (series) by  
J.K. Rowling

Alex Rider (series) by  
Anthony Horowitz

D-Day Dog by  
Tom Palmer

George - year 7

Salem's Lot by  
Stephen King

Batman (GN) by  
Scott Snyder

JLA Compendium (GN)  
by Grant Morrison

Luca - year 11

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## Lockdown - book favourites Student recommendations

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**Manhwa comics (digital)**  
Bogdan – year 10

**The Book of Five Rings by  
Miyamoto Musashi**  
Joseph – year 9

**Maze Runner (series) by  
James Dashner**  
Aiden – year 7

**The World's Worst Children by  
David Walliams**  
Ralfs – year 7

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)  
by Jeff Kinney**  
Danyal – year 7

**Metatropolis (Audible)**  
Isa – year 10



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#BOOKTOK  
made me read it

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Are you looking for a good teen or YA read?...

### Why not try Book Tok for some reading inspiration?!!

If you have a  **TikTok** account simply type **#Book Tok** to access the latest book reviews, recommendations and memes on video. At the time of writing, the hashtag #Book Tok has had well over 40 billion views.

Check out the videos for the following books, read them and see if you agree with the hype...

- We Were Liars by E. Lockhart
- They Both Die At The End by Adam Silvera
- Scythe by Neal Shusterman



The library is a “bubble-free” zone again, it’s open to all year groups. Have a look below to see new changes to the library timetable



#### LNS Library – Opening Times

Mon 8:30am - 4:00pm  
Tues 8:30am - 4:00pm  
(Reading only: lunchtime)  
Weds 8:30am - 4:00pm  
Thurs 8:30am - 4:00pm  
(Reading only: lunchtime)  
Fri 8:30am - 4:00pm