



## **LNS Library** Newsletter















Carnegie readers met in smaller groups, over split lunch breaks, to read and discuss books on this year's shortlist. Deciding on a winner for the coveted Shadowers' Choice Award proved to be a difficult task. The most popular title with older students was Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock's **Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town.** 

Tsunami Girl, by Julian Sedgwick, caught the eye of the younger students, many of whom were drawn to the manga that was interspersed throughout the story. Long Way Down, the graphic novel version, by Jason Reynolds (shortlisted for Greenaway), was added to the list as a bonus read.











## Carnegie Book Review

Everyone Dies in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock

Written by John (year 10)







The start of the book is interesting, enough to hook you in for the rest of it. The different characters being introduced little by little makes you want to read on. In every single chapter there is always one character who mentions or knows someone else, this mystery character will be mentioned in the next chapter.

If you are planning on reading this book, you have to have somewhat of a good memory as throughout the book characters who have already been mentioned are mentioned again, which makes the plot better. The characters in this book are so believable, you'd think that they are real people.

There are sensitive topics like sexual assault, but all are mentioned briefly. Commonly, in this book you'll see swear words mostly after reading half of the book.

This book and how the structure of it is, is truly amazing and enticing. My favourite character in this book is Ben (he gets introduced in chapter 3 or 4). It shows how troubled he is in finding love or falling in love with the wrong person. What I don't like about this book is that it ends inexplicably. When you finish it you want to know more; also, the chapters are too short and it makes you feel as if it needs to be longer. But overall, the book is great for older students.







## Carnegie Book Review

Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick

Written by Anas (year 10)







Tsunami Girl is a wonderful book about a young girl (Yuki) who leaves England to live in Japan with her grandfather, who is a manga artist. She also likes to draw manga and she has a big imagination.

Her manga story is part of the book, she makes up a character called Half Wave. He can control the sea and you see how this links to events in the main story. Something bad happens when the tsunami comes and it is very sad. The story shows how Yuki copes with her life after the tsunami.

I would give this book a 4 star rating out of 5, the story is based on a true tsunami and this makes the book interesting. The book has a unique mix of manga and fiction, which made me want to read it.





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## Carnegie Book Review

Punching The Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam Written by Oliver (year 7)





Punching The Air tells the story of someone who goes to prison, but he doesn't think he should be there. After reading this book I had mixed emotions for Amal (the main character), this was because he threw the first punch in a fight that he had, so it couldn't be seen as self-defence.

We are told that he doesn't throw the last punch, which makes me feel on his side. He is very angry at the beginning, he becomes an artist and starts to write poetry in prison.

I think that this book was written very well, and because it was written in verse everything was very clear and the author kind of just tells us what is happening. I really liked this and found it easy to read.

This book to me was very unique, it was the first book that I have read in verse. I usually read normal fiction books. This is the main reason that I picked this book, I would say that it is a decent and easy-going book-I would give it 7/10.

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## Carnegie Announcement



Winner: Katya Balen

Carnegie Medal

Shadowers' Choice Award



Students will continue to read as many Carnegie books as they can throughout the summer and will discuss their absolute favourite Carnegie book at the Worthy Winner? book chat session next term.

## Windrush Day - June 22nd



The whole week was given over to doing

"Windrush – related" activities such as playing dominoes, which is a national pastime in Jamaica, played with passion!

The social benefits were very obvious, it was nice to see some students showing others how to play the game. It will be interesting to see if it becomes as popular as chess at games club. Wordsearches and crosswords were also made available for those who were up for a challenge.



## Windrush reading

Several books are available in the library for students who would like to find out more about this subject.

These include:









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## Library News

LNS Library receives 100 free copies of The Novice by Taran Matharu!!



**Fiction Genre** 



The Novice is the first novel in Taran Matharu's Summoner series and follows the story of Fletcher, an apprentice blacksmith, who discovers that he has the ability to summon creatures from other worlds. He travels to Adept Military Academy, to seek training as a battlemage and soon finds himself caught up in a battle with dark forces and some scary orcs!



## A great read if you like...

Lots of magic, action and adventure in stories!



This book has been translated into 15 languages and has sold over one million copies in English!!

Similar to Northern Lights, LOTR, Eragon, Scavengers





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Accelerated Word Count Update

Congratulations to the year 7 students below, who have read over 100k words!

**George Francis 7W2S** 

661, 117

**Archie Hill 7W1S** 

195,067

**Danny Wilkinson 7W1P** 

Jeremy Naranji 7W1S

190,858

**Kel Ffrench 7W1S** 

157, 329

121,759

## Find a quiet corner...



WHO: Sam - Year 7

WHEN: Reading Only Day

(Tues/Thurs)

WHAT: Diversity by Veronica Roth

on my audiobook

WHY: I like to listen to stories on my phone - I find it relaxing.



**REGISTER FOR A FREE ACCOUNT** 



**Sync** is a free summer audiobook program for teens 13+, that offers two free, thematically paired audiobooks over the summer holidays. Just sign up and download a title which arrives each week via the Sora app. Click here for more details.



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## Empathy Day June 9th



"Here's the cool thing - when you read, you imagine what someone else thinks, feels, does, is. We become more empathetic and ultimately that makes us become more human..."

**Kwame Alexander** 

Here are some reading suggestions taken from 2022's Empathy reading collection.





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## Booktalk

These books come highly recommended by Yasmin (year 13)

GEND by Marie Lu

### Fiction Genre - Dystopian

This book has all the features of a dystopian novel, but it contains little twists. I would say that it is like the Hunger Games mixed with a dollop of Romeo and Juliet. North America is divided into two warring countries, rich and poor are fighting against each other. There is plenty of action, the story is continuously gripping. It is

character-driven you see how they constantly develop in response to the unexpected events that unfold. It's a great way to get into dystopian fiction if you haven't read any books in the genre.

This book in 3 words: Gripping, action-packed, intriguing



### Fiction Genre - Manga

out of sticky situations...

The plot to this story, which has many volumes, is bizarre! Mum is an assassin, Dad is a spy, their adopted daughter is a telepath. They are a fake family and the daughter is the only person who is aware that the others have special powers. It is a must-read, because it provides a good escape from reality, it's also a lot of fun – things always seem to go wrong it's great to see how the family get themselves

This series in 3 words: Entertaining, dramatic, surprising





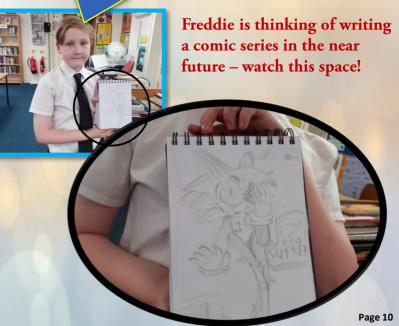


of Mobius The Realm 0000 – created by awesome storyteller and illustrator Freddie (year 7)

## He tells us more...

"...In this picture, Thade, also known as Cilus (The Harbinger of Death), is travelling through Dimension One. He has just realised that his life is dictated by the Great Author Of The Unknown. He will have to fight villain after villain, even if he does defeat Mephilis The Dark (who is the main villain). His battle is never-ending.

I also write stories about characters that readers have already heard about in fantasy fiction e.g. in Pokemon and Minecraft..."





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## Summer Reading

## **Recommended titles**

Please speak to Mrs. Suter (librarian) if you would like to borrow one of these books from the library to read over the holidays.













Joseph Coelho is the new Children's Laureate. He will be a voice for children and their reading for the

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next 2 years. He has vowed to "celebrate
the power of poetry." He has also
expressed his belief that every child should
imagine themselves as writers, illustrators

and poets. Previous laureates have included Malorie Blackman, Jacqueline Wilson and Cressida Cowell – he is in very good company! Joseph's book, Overheard in a Tower Block, is in the poetry section of the library and is available for loan.





## Coming to a public library near to you!



If you do not have a library membership, just join online at:

www.lambeth.gov.uk/jointhelibrary and contact the library you wish to collect your library card from.

Alternatively, call 020 7926 0750 or email libraries@lambeth.gov.uk and you will be enrolled.

Join in a range of activities and events across Lambeth libraries, including storytelling, author talks, quizzes, workshops and more.

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